

A Special Meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Village of Albion was held Wednesday, April 20, 2016 at 7:00 PM, at the Village Hall, 35 East Bank Street, Albion, New York to hold a Public Hearing.

Present were Mayor Dean A London, Trustees Eileen S Banker, Stanley Farone, Mattea Navarra, Pete Sidari and Attorney John C Gavenda. There were 28 residents present.

Mayor London opened the meeting with the pledge of allegiance at 7:00 PM

### **PUBLIC HEARING**

Mayor London opened the Public Hearing at 7:00 PM to hear comments regarding putting a Santa statue and house in the Village parking area on North Main Street.

There were several residents present who were for and against the project. Items discussed:

Where to place it – Main Street parking lot where house was torn down; Swan Library-now privately owned; corner of Ingersoll Street and West Bank Street-vacant land that is off the beaten path; Waterman Park

Main Street Parking Lot – Too much asphalt would be ugly. Back when the Village purchased the property, the house was torn down to increase parking. The parking plan that was done does have some green space, with new lighting

Enforcing the two hour parking downtown

Doing the Santa statue first and if draws people downtown, then do the house. Should have a plan in place to operate it before it is built. Shouldn't be something that is going to compete against other businesses already downtown

Funding – Majority feel that the Village shouldn't fund the project. Funds should come from public appeal and service clubs. Mayor's understanding when Mr Derwick was in, the Village wouldn't have to fund it, the funds would come from donations, possibly grants. What would be the Village's cost down the road

Will need to get permission from Charlie Howard's granddaughter

Need something to draw people downtown. Need a vision, do something different

Can it legally be placed on Village land? Attorney Gavenda would need to check into that

Maybe look at forming an Art Committee

### **CLOSED PUBLIC HEARING**

Moved by Trustee Sidari and seconded by Trustee Banker that in as much as everyone who wished to speak regarding putting a Santa statue and house in the Village parking area on North Main Street were heard, the Public Hearing closed at 7:57 PM.

CARRIED

5 Ayes

0 Nays

### **MEETING ADJOURNED**

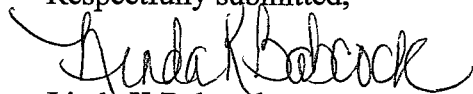
Moved by Trustee Sidari and second by Trustee Farone that there being no further business, meeting is hereby adjourned at 8:00 PM.

CARRIED

5 Ayes

0 Nays

Respectfully submitted,



Linda K Babcock,  
Clerk-Treasurer