

**Baldwin Civic Association
General Body Meeting
May 13, 2021
Via zoom**

The meeting opened at 7:37 by President Darien Ward.

Officer Reports

- Recording Sec:
 - Adoption of Meeting Minutes: suspended.

- Corresponding Sec:
 - May Email Newsletter.

- Treasurer Report:
 - Updates: Steve Greenfield reported \$20391.56 in between two accounts. He is working on the “Freestyle Funraisers” and hoping different members can raise between \$100 to \$200 each. First event coming up on the 27th is by Kevin Cain from Lithology for a beer tasting in the garden.

- President/Vice President Report
 - Presentation of School Budget: Dr. Cahmi, Dr. Robinson and the School Board presented the school budget to the general body.
 - Jason Vitale Scholarship: Darien reported this will be posted on the website. It’s \$300 for a high school senior going to college. Rob will upload the application with a due date of May 30th.
 - DRI Announcement Lt. Governor: Darien spoke about the different projects to be funded through the DRI. Rob reported that the DRI information is on the website. The announcement was made by the Lieutenant Governor and all the people who will receive an award were present at the Baldwin train station where the announcement was made.

Standing and Adhoc Committee Reports

- Economic Development:
 - Committee Updates: Willy reported that the committee did not meet this month but they are honing in on bicycle routes for the community, specifically north/south along Grand Avenue. More to come.
 - Advisory Board @Shubert: Willy reported that the first meeting of the Business Advisory Board is collaborating with businesses for high school students to intern with.
 - BCC and BCA Meeting: Willy reported that he attended a meeting and the discussion was mostly on the DRI projects and to solidify the BCA collaboration. Since the funding just came out, they should be meeting again and possibly support those that could not get funding and to collaborate on future opportunities. More to come on that.

- Government Liaison:
 - Updates: Darien reported that Karen had reached out to Councilman Carini’s office about the project on Grand on the northside.
 - Bay Conveyance Project: Karen attended the first meeting into the Cedar Creek Outpour to the ocean. It is a 33 month long project that will affect Baldwin.

- Beautification:
 - Committee Updates: Vice President Kim Malone reported that Matt & Elyssa are planning to create a calendar to split up the responsibilities for the Community Garden and the Beautification. Planting in planters starts next week.
- Fundraising:
 - Schedule of “Funraising” Events: Jessie sent the new flyer but it needs a few changes. Flyer has space for four events. Steve is looking to do a craft fair in the summer. Jessie spoke about a non-profit website where you can donate. She will look into it.
- Membership/Website:
 - Committee Updates: Rob reported 61 paid members with more subscribing. He is working on an email to go out to remind people to pay their dues. The BCA needs many voices to speak up.
- Quality of Life:
 - QOL Poll: Officer Bilello representing the First Precinct’s POP Unit spoke to the members about different events in Baldwin. He said there has been a rise in larcenies and grand larcenies. People are being scammed through unemployment. Police are still getting COVID calls. The Officer gave the telephone number of 516-573-6170 if anyone would like to speak with him. Darien brought up the issue of drag racing and if there could be a person in the precinct who could look into that. Claudia asked about the incident in the Harbor and the Officer stated he would get the information to Rodney who will disseminate it.
 - Rodney reported he is trying to strengthen the relationship with the First Precinct. Any complaints he gets he calls the precinct. The precinct is aware of what is going on on Lydia Place and off Seaman Avenue. Rodney received the results from the poll and will be focusing on those quality-of-life issues.

New Business

- Announcements:
 - Darien announced that the last meeting is in June. There are none for July and August. We start up again in September.
 - Kim reported that she along with Rodney and Willy had a meeting with the Long Island Nets. They are interested in participating with Baldwin.
 - Grand Baldwin Festival is scheduled for Saturday, October 16th in the parking lot behind the Library from 12 to 4:30. They are looking at ways to reconfigure booths for social distancing, revising vendor forms and maybe the Nets would like to sponsor.
 - Johnathan from Legislator Mule’s office announced a Districtwide mailer is going out with a few events such as the History of Baldwin on May 22nd and in June as well. Any questions, contact him.

Motion by Rob to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Claudia. Meeting adjourned at 9:11.

Next General Body Meeting will be Thursday, June 10th.