

Village of Webster
Village Board Meeting
March 27, 2014

Webster Community Meeting Hall
29 South Avenue
Webster, NY 14580

Present: Mayor Cahill, Trustee Balcaen, Trustee Byerts, Trustee Ippolito Jr., Trustee Lancy, and Attorney Don White

Public Comments

Kevin Florack – 24 Southwick Drive- Questioned the Board if the Sewage Treatment Plant becomes its own entity would there be a fee charged to residents in the future? Mayor Cahill responded, in this budget sewer treatment expenditures have been separated out with the possibility of the Sewage Treatment Plant becoming its own entity. A fee or utility charge could be a separate line item on the tax bill as it is in every other municipality in Monroe County. Mayor Cahill said this is still in the analytical stage but this may be the future direction.

Richard Walter- 20 Elm Street- Commented to the Board that the condition of the Village Hall meeting room his group rented over the weekend and the entrance to the building were not as clean and well kept as it should have been. Mayor Cahill apologized for the condition of the room and building.

Peter Elder- 58 Dunning Avenue- Commented to the Board that the water department line on the agenda should not have been taken off the agenda because the Board is still transferring funds and assets from the water department to the general fund.

Eric Reynolds- 64 Kircher Park- Questioned the Board about the budget allotted for the Historic Preservation Commission. Mayor Cahill said \$500 is in the budget for the Historic Preservation Commission. Reynolds also said the sewage treatment cost is covered in Village Taxes. If a separate sewer fee or utility fee is charged on the tax bill that could be considered a raise in taxes. Mayor Cahill said extracting from the overall tax base the expenditures from the sewer treatment plant and billing it out could derive income for the sewer plant. For example certain properties such as not-for-profit companies that would not necessarily pay for sewer services because they don't receive a tax bill could now be billed for those services as a utility charge.

Village Board Business

Motion Trustee Lancy and Seconded by Trustee Balcaen to approve the Village Board Minutes of March 13, 2014, and Village Board Workshop minutes of March 19, 2014, all were in favor and carried.

Motion Trustee Ippolito Jr. and Seconded by Trustee Byerts after personal review of claims by Trustee Ippolito Jr. and Trustee Balcaen to accept claims totaling: General - \$43,177.55, Water - \$12,884.70, Trust and Agency - \$4,125.08 and Prepaid Warrants \$688.43, all were in favor and carried.

Motion Trustee Ippolito Jr. and Seconded by Trustee Balcaen to authorize the Public Hearing on the Preliminary Budget on April 10, 2014 at 7:45 pm, all were in favor and carried.

Attorney

Don White, Attorney, discussed with the Board the importance of General Code and their involvement in updating the Village code books. He suggested a workshop in order to review the updates.

Office

Motion Trustee Ippolito Jr. and Seconded by Trustee Byerts to approve the Budget transfers below, all were in favor and carried.

From:	01-04-4010-401 Physicals/Licenses	\$1,300.00
	01-02-1920-401 NYCOM	\$ 200.00
	01-08-8989-401 Cable 12	\$ 750.00
	01-02-1620-418 Electrical Maintenance	\$ 500.00
	01-07-7550-404 Halloween in the Village	\$ 400.00
To:	01-05-5142-401 Operation/Maintenance of Equipment	\$1,400.00
	01-05-5142-402 Plow Parts/Snow Blower	\$1,750.00

Reason: Increasing repairs needed on snow removal equipment

Motion Trustee Lancy and Seconded by Trustee Balcaen to approve the February 2014 Financial Statements for General (01) and Water (02), all were in favor and carried.

Motion Trustee Balcaen and Seconded by Trustee Ippolito Jr. to refund Mr. Walter's group for the rental of the Village Hall meeting room which was not in satisfactory condition, all were in favor and carried.

Code Enforcement

Will Barham, Code Enforcement Officer and Building Inspector, reviewed with the Board the building report for February 2014. He discussed complaints and violations. He reported that the Village Fire Department held a fundraiser in order to help relocate an exhaust vent in a restaurant kitchen located at 5 West Main Street. The quotes to move the exhaust vent located too close to the adjacent building were between five and seven thousand dollars. The donation amounted to \$3100.00.

Department of Public Works

Superintendent, Jake Swingly, reviewed with the Board and the public that Route 250, North Avenue, South Avenue, East Main and West Main Streets are all New York State Roads. He said because of the harsh winter the conditions of these roads are terrible and urged everyone to call 1-800-Pothole for State assistance on these roads.

Call In

No phone calls were received.

Executive Session

Motion Trustee Ippolito Jr. and Seconded by Trustee Byerts to enter into Executive session at 8:22 pm for a personnel issue, all were in favor and carried.

Motion Trustee Byerts and Seconded by Trustee Lancy to exit from Executive session at 8:50 pm, all were in favor and carried.

Adjournment

Motion Trustee Balcaen and Seconded by Trustee Ippolito Jr. to adjourn the meeting at 8:53 pm, all were in favor and carried.

Josette Amalfi, Village Clerk

John J. Cahill, Mayor