

Village of Webster
Village Board Meeting
August 14, 2014

Webster Community Meeting Hall
29 South Avenue
Webster, NY 14580

Present: Mayor Cahill, Trustee Byerts, Trustee Lancy
Absent: Trustee Balcaen, Trustee Ippolito Jr.

Presentation – Tom Pellet represented the Webster Museum and Historical Society. The organizations theme is to collect, preserve, catalogue and display items of local historical interests pertaining to Webster. The museum is located at 18 Lapham Park.

Public Comments

Peter Elder - 59 Dunning Avenue- Commented to the Board regarding the language change in Board Policy 2-6 Meeting Conduct. Mr. Elder said the language change in the policy related to removing a disruptive audience member from a meeting does not matter because it is a legislative power that the Board already has. Mr. Elder said the public has a right to speak and make comment to the Board. He also asked if a guarded cross walk sign could be replaced at the intersection of Lapham Park and East Main Street.

Jodee Biller - 85 Dunning Avenue – Commented to the Board regarding speeding on Dunning Avenue and also the proposed stop sign at the intersection of Dunning Avenue and Park Avenue. Mrs. Biller said she would like a white line painted on the road at the crosswalk to indicate where a car should stop for the crosswalk. Mrs. Biller said her son was hit by a car recently on Dunning Avenue and a helmet saved his life. She commented that cars park adjacent to each other on both sides of the street and this makes it hard to cross the street because the line of vision is impaired at the crosswalk. She would prefer no parking on the Village streets but realizes that is not an option. She said stop signs at the intersections at both Elm Street and Park Avenue would help break the flow of speeding traffic.

Lynn Barton - 50 Elm Street- Commented to the Board regarding stop signs and speed bumps. Mrs. Barton said there are many children on bikes and motorized scooters and they need to pay attention to motorist. She said she does not feel that stop signs or speed bumps would halt the speeding.

John Dewolf - 725 Krieger Road - Commented to the Board regarding speeding on Dunning Avenue and requested that the Webster Police increase their patrol in the area and issue more speeding tickets.

Village Board Business

Motion to approve minutes is tabled until August 28, 2014 Village Board meeting because Trustee Lancy would have to abstain as she was absent on July 24, 2014 and there would not be a quorum.

Motion Trustee Byerts and Seconded by Trustee Lancy to approve claims and warrants totaling: General - \$93,948.89 and Trust and Agency - \$1,750.05, all were in favor and carried.

Motion Trustee Lancy and Seconded by Trustee Byerts to approve authorization for Josette Amalfi, Village Clerk and Carol Moranz, Deputy to attend training at NYCOM Conference in September at a cost not to exceed \$1615.00 (this includes class at \$260.00 per employee and accommodations for three nights at \$1095.00), all were in favor and carried.

Motion Trustee Byerts and Seconded by Trustee Lancy to approve Krystina Lizak, Treasurer and Josette Amalfi, Village Clerk to attend training class for Governmental Accounting Classes (Basic) on October 7-9, 2014 and (Advanced) on October 28-30, 2014, at a cost not to exceed of \$170.00 per employee, all were in favor and carried.

Motion Trustee Lancy and Seconded by Trustee Byerts to approve a change in date of the Village Board Meeting from Thursday, September 11, 2014 to Wednesday, September 10, 2014 because of a conflict with the 9/11 Memorial Service Ceremony also held on Thursday, at 7:00 p.m. at the Gazebo on North Avenue, all were in favor and carried.

Motion Trustee Byerts and Seconded by Trustee Lancy to approve amending Board Policy 2-6 Meeting Conduct Policy as amended effective August 14, 2014, all were in favor and carried.

Mayor Cahill said we have discussed parking on Village streets during the summer months in a workshop and at a Village Board Meeting. Most Villages in the County allow on street parking in the summer and so does the Town of Webster. There are positives and negatives and I would like to open the floor to anyone who would like to comment about summer parking on Village streets.

Lynn Barton – 50 Elm Street- Commented to the Board that she is pleased that between the hours of 2AM and 6AM the Webster Police patrol the Village streets and look for illegally parked vehicles. She said if open parking is allowed maybe the Police will not have a reason to monitor our streets anymore. She also made comment that the street sweeper would not be able to do its job if cars are parked in the way. Mrs. Barton does not believe summer parking in the Village without restriction should be allowed.

Richard Walter- 20 Elm Street- Commented to the Board that he agrees with Mrs. Barton. He said in areas where there is overnight parking the cars stay parked in the same place for days and that becomes a problem. Mr. Walter does not believe parking should be unrestricted in the summer months.

Mayor Cahill said summer parking should be allowed because people visit from out of town and they need to park. He said unrestricted summer street parking would not cause a significant problem and violations will always occur. He continued and said the street sweeper will eventually clean the entire street and made reference to the sweepers in the City of Rochester. He also said the issue of parking would not be voted on in this meeting because Trustee Ippolito and Trustee Balcaen both being absent would need to comment on the topic also.

Trustee Byerts said people should stagger parking on the street and not park in front of a house if there is a car already parked across the street. He said the overnight parking issue will not affect what happens during the day. He referred to information from Fairport Village Code because they have a lot of curb streets. They have restrictive parking during the months of November 1 through April 1 and during the summer they have no restrictions. He suggested before we have the meeting about the stop sign perhaps information could be collected from the Police related to monitoring the volume of traffic flow and speed in the area. Mayor Cahill said he would contact Lt. Joseph Rieger regarding the device to ask if it could be installed.

Richard Walter offered the suggestion of painting crosswalks at the intersection. He said anything visible that makes you more aware of what is going on.

Jake Swingly, Superintendent of Public Works read aloud from the Manual of Uniform Traffic Control Devices (MUTCD) and said the job of a stop sign is not to control speed it is to assign the right of way in the intersection. Swingly said something should be done and agrees that cross walks are good but a stop sign will give people a false sense of security because people do not stop. Swingly does not believe in speed bumps because people tend to go faster between the bumps. Swingly said an engineering study should be done to decide if a stop sign is warranted.

Attorney White suggested lowering the speed limit to 25mph from the 30mph.

Mayor Cahill said a message that was left on his answering machine from Mr. and Mrs. Winters of 20 Dunning Avenue. They do not want a stop sign or speed bumps. They feel the speed limit should be lowered to 25mph.

Mayor Cahill said there is not one answer to this issue. We have many great suggestions. We will start with the traffic device. We as parents should talk to our kids about being safe when crossing the street no matter if they are walking or on motorized bikes.

Jake Swingly also added that Mr. White of 147 Dunning Avenue voiced his opinion regarding the stop signs. Swingly said that Mr. White does not want stop signs but he is in favor of speed bumps.

Attorney

Mayor Cahill said he received a copy of a letter that Attorney White sent to Mrs. McCoy. The Village had an issue regarding the purchase of two properties. Stokes Acupuncture is the Business that made the purchase on North Avenue near the on ramp at 104. The Stokes invested a significant amount of money with improvements to the building and the properties. It is quiet beautiful now. At the time the Stokes purchased these two properties a lien had been passed to taxes from the previous owner. This was not disclosed by the seller and the buyer discovered it when the tax bill came out. The Board decided to go after the previous owner for the payment in small claims court because she was the one who actually owed the debt. Two weeks ago the Village won the judgment in Macedon Court, which is where the previous owner lives now. The Village Attorney sent a letter to this person requesting contact in 10 days in order to settle this bill. Mayor Cahill said he was not sure if contact would be made from this person but this was the next legal step to acquire the money owed to the Village. Mayor Cahill said when the Board made this decision and passed a resolution to take this action we

knew there would be legal fees from our Attorney to collect the debt. Mayor Cahill said ultimately the Board made the right decision.

Office

The comp and overtime report for July 2014 was reviewed and discussed.

Department of Public Works

Jake Swingly, Superintendent of Public Works reviewed with the Board the progress on the Meadow Drive gutter project and the Baker Street sidewalk project. Swingly said the east side of Meadow Drive is done and the crew will start the west side next week. The sidewalk project is almost complete. Swingly said at the Open House for Village Days some equipment will be on display like the street sweeper, a dump truck, a back-hoe, and the bobcat. The Open House will be held on Saturday from 10AM until 4PM.

Call In

No Phone Calls.

Adjournment

Motion Trustee Lancy and Seconded by Trustee Byerts to adjourn the meeting at 8:56 pm, all were in favor and carried.

Josette Amalfi, Village Clerk

John J. Cahill, Mayor