

Village of Webster
Village Board Meeting
November 14, 2013

Webster Community Meeting Hall
29 South Avenue
Webster, NY 14580

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

Public Comment

Mayor Cahill reviewed with the public the outcome of the lawsuit related to the transition to Monroe County Water. The Judge issued his opinion today and the Village had won the case. The Mayor also informed the public that the defense of the lawsuit was over \$7,000 dollars.

Fred Holley – 23 Pontiac Street – Discussed the upcoming benefit for Walter Kowalski who was a former Village Trustee, Fireman member of the Knights of Columbus. He invited the public to attend and show their support.

Donna Rickard – 68 Lapham Park – Discussed the Morgan Project and expressed her concerns on who would benefit with the rezoning necessary for the projects. She was concerned on the impacts on the school district and the lack of green space in the area for children to play. Concerned the Village was becoming the rental Village of Monroe County.

Peter Elder – 59 Dunning Avenue – Discussed with the Board the Monroe Water Contract they was signed by the Village of Spencerport in 2002. He felt they negotiated a great deal and were not as lucky. Village of Spencerport was reimbursed for Capital improvements prior to the switch over and they will be receiving for the next 40 years cell revenue off the towers.

Mayor Cahill – Commented to Peter Elder he was cherry picking details from the contract and not looking at the Counties outlay for improvements on our system in comparison to the Village of Spencerport.

Eric Reynolds – 64 Kircher Park – Discussed with the Board how maintaining the revenue from the towers for 40 years in comparison to 3 years would have been a better negotiation for the Village. Mr. Reynolds also questioned the recent flushing of the water lines in the Village and asked if Monroe County Water Authority assisted in the flushing and would they be requesting labor reimbursement.

Mayor Cahill commented they would not be seeking reimbursement they wanted to review the process we have in place for flushing the lines.

Rick Walter – 20 Elm Street - Questioned the Board if they would be doing a Village news letter and where was the Village section that normally appears on the back of the Town Times.

Mayor Cahill commented the Village had missed the deadline date for placing information in section.

Village Board Business

Motion Trustee Byerts and Seconded by Trustee Ippolito Jr. to approve the Village Board minutes of October 26, 2013, all were in favor, motion carried.

Motion Trustee Balcaen and Seconded by Trustee Ippolito Jr. after personal review of claims by Trustee Balcaen and Trustee Lancy to accept claims totaling: General - \$22,052.46, Water - \$16,049.41, Trust and Agency- \$5,197.11, Prepaid - \$22,532.83 and a reimbursement of \$46.96, all were in favor, motion carried.

Mayor Cahill discussed with the public the North Avenue Project presented by Morgan Management. The suggested amenities by the developer were the renovation of the Baggage Depot building into eight car parking garage and restroom facilities at Schantz Park.

Trustee Lancy discussed the Baggage Depot building would have kiosk attached for the public to review maps of the trail and include historic information related to the history of the Village. Trustee Balcaen felt he would like to see an amenity which included lighting, sidewalk repair or green space. Trustee Byerts suggested receiving assistance with the pocket park with signage a shelter with a bench and crosswalks for pedestrians. Superintendent Swingly suggested they talk to the developer about updating the lighting at the Band shell. Also it was suggested upgrades to the Community Meeting room.

Carl Lauer – Preservation committee commented the baggage depot restoration into a garage was accepted by the committee because they did not want to lose the building completely and he felt if too many amenities were requested they might.

Attorney

Attorney White informed the Board that he had received survey maps from Alice Dunn related to the Robb Cemetery which included a legal description of the property and he would be drafting the quick claim deed and they should be able to finalize in the next few weeks.

Office

Village Clerk, Dorothea Ciccarelli reviewed the Comp. Time and Overtime Analysis for October 2013 with the Village Board. The overtime was reduced but they did have an increase the overall comp time balances.

Motion Trustee Ippolito Jr. and Seconded by Trustee Byerts to approve the Certificate of Village Surrender for unpaid property taxes, all were in favor and carried.

Motion Trustee Byerts and Seconded by Trustee Lancy to Approve the Amended Payroll and Maintenance of Leave Records Policy, all were in favor and carried.

Motion Trustee Lancy and Seconded by Trustee Byerts and all were in favor to approve the following budget transfers:

From:

01-09-9060-800	Group Health Insurance	8,000.00
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To:

01-08-8120-2000	Sanitary Sewer System Equipment	8,000.00
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Reason: Hydraulic pump on flusher

Motion Trustee Ippolito Jr. and Seconded by Trustee Balcaen and all were in favor to approve the following budget transfers:

From:

01-09-9060-800	Group Health Insurance	8,687.00
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To:

01-09-9010-800	Retirement	8,687.00
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Reason: General's portion of NYS Retirement bill came in higher than expected.

Department of Public Works

Superintendent Swingly – Requested the public that they refrain from placing leaves in the gutter area of the road they can cause flooding if they end up in the gutters. The Superintendent discussed the lease agreement with the property owner at 30-40 North Avenue and requested authorization for the Mayor to sign the agreement. After discussion with the attorney White it was decided to pursue the original lease agreement without the maintenance of the two front spots of the property.

Motion Trustee Balcaen and Seconded by Trustee Byerts to authorize the Mayor to sign the lease agreement with the property owner at 30-40 North Avenue, all were in favor and carried.

Superintendent Swingly conducted a presentation to the public on the Village's tree inventory grant project.

Water Department

The Superintendent informed the board that most of the services have been transferred over on the Commercial water main. The main is up and running the street has been patched. He also reviewed informed the Board the water hydrants had been flushed. The Mayor informed everyone the Water System would be transferred the first week of December.

Call In

A call was received, questioning where the \$7,000 came from to cover the legal expenses from the lawsuit. The Caller was informed the money was paid from the Water Budget.

Bradley Reynolds – called with concerns related to the amount of leaves from the property and how he was concerned it would cover up the fire hydrant. The superintendent informed him we would be picking up the leaves as soon as they could but suggested raking the leaves away from the hydrant.

Motion Trustee Ippolito Jr. and Seconded by Trustee Balcaen to hire a DPW seasonal laborer from November 18, 2013 thru March 1, 2014 for \$10.00 per hour, all were in favor and carried.

Adjournment

Motion Trustee Lancy and Seconded by Trustee Byerts to adjourn the meeting at 9:03pm, all were in favor and carried.

Dorothea M. Ciccarelli, Village Clerk

John J. Cahill, Mayor