

Village of Webster
Village Board Workshop
August 1, 2017
Time: 7:04 p.m.

Webster Community Meeting Hall
29 South Avenue
Webster, NY 14580

Present: Mayor Byerts, Trustee Ippolito Jr., Trustee Laurer, and Trustee Lancy
Absent: Trustee Balcaen
Late Arrival 7:28 p.m.: Attorney Don White

Peter Elder, member of the Parks and Recreation Commission discussed updates for the Webster Village Parks Guide and the printing of a new pamphlet or brochure for distribution. Mr. Elder also said a survey for the Village Parks will be conducted.

Mr. Elder also gave an update on the depot wood being stored at the well fields. He reported the wood is all in good shape and it is all dry. He said there are no problems with any wood even the piles being stored under tarps.

He said there will be a dedication ceremony of the Harmony House to landmark status on Tuesday, August 15, 2017 at 6:30 p.m. A plaque will be affixed to the building and then immediately following there will be a HPC Public Hearing at 7:30 p.m. on the landmark status of the Pioneer Burial Ground.

Village Board Business

Motion Trustee Laurer and Second by Trustee Lancy to approve the claims and warrants totaling; General \$70,797.14, Sewer \$84,869.40, and Capital \$81,390.06, all were in favor and carried.

Jake Swingly, Superintendent of Public Works discussed with the Board the vehicle replacement plan and said 3 vehicles are due for replacement (W-7 Dump truck, W-18 Platform truck and W-20 Pickup truck). He discussed the NYS MiniBid system and said one bid did meet specs for the dump truck submitted by Van Bortel Ford. He said he would like to recommend awarding the bid to them. He said he only received one bid on the pickup truck and resubmitted it for further bids. It was decided to vote on the bid award for W-7 Dump truck at the next Board Meeting on August 10, 2017.

Superintendent Swingly said there will be a benefit for Penny Swingly on Saturday, August 5, 2017, which will be held at the Veterans Memorial Park. He asked if the \$30/hr electrical fee could be waved on the rental of the gazebo because he would be in attendance. Mayor Byerts said he would have no objection waiving the fee and offered to help if needed.

Superintendent Swingly also discussed summer help and asked if he could hire Daniel Barham to start on August 4, 2017, as summer help through October 1, 2017. He also asked if summer employee, Josh Welch's hourly rate could be increased from \$10/hr. to \$10.50/hr. and to extend his term date until December 1, 2017.

Mayor Byerts said the discussion in regard to an increase in the hourly rate of pay for Josh Welch and an extension in his term date would be discussed at a later Board meeting on August 10, 2017.

Motion Trustee Lancy and Second by Trustee Ippolito, Jr. to authorize Jake Swingly to hire Daniel Barham as summer help from August 4, 2017 through October 1, 2017 at a rate of \$10/hr., all were in favor and carried.

The next discussion was the RG&E buyout proposal of the village streetlights. Mayor Byerts discussed a meeting with David Zorn in regards to 10 high impact points for clean communities and an opportunity of an award of \$50K if the village could meet at least 4 high impact points, one of which would be to change to LED lighting such as cobra head streetlights. Mayor Byerts asked Jim Clancy, Working Foreman, how many street lights the village currently has and because of this buyout the Village would then have the opportunity to own all the lights. Jim Clancy said there are 470 cobra head streetlights and 180 decorative light poles. He said the buyout would enable the purchase of all the cobra head lighting in the business district. The proposal is good through November 9, 2017. It was decided more information was needed such as; the overall cost of switching the lights over to LED and where is the money coming from to fund the project because it was not included in the budget. Estimates would be needed for changing the cobra heads and decorative lights and it would take 6 months to a year to change everything. NYSERDA Rebates would be available but until they are submitted we would not know the cost. Going forward the Village would own all the streetlights and the future maintenance would be up to the Village. Information on equipment repairs and possible Village and intermunicipal shared services will need to be researched further.

Mayor Byerts said Clement Chung will give a presentation to include updates on the Waste Water Treatment Plant at the next Workshop on Tuesday, September 5, 2017.

Adjournment

Motion Trustee Ippolito, Jr. and Seconded by Trustee Lancy to adjourn the meeting at 8:49 p.m. all were in favor and carried.

Josette Amalfi, Village Clerk

Darrell Byerts, Mayor