

Village of Webster
Village Board Meeting
January 28, 2016

Webster Community Meeting Hall
29 South Avenue
Webster, NY 14580

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

Mayor Cahill read a statement written by Karen Buck, Program Director of Cable 12 TV. It was regarding future broadcasts of Village Board meetings which will now be recorded and aired at a later date due to the use of offensive language at the last two Board meetings. Mayor Cahill continued and said according to FCC regulations that type of language is not allowed to be broadcast. Cable 12 is taking this action to protect younger viewers and to ensure programming remains family friendly for all residents. Hopefully live broadcasts can resume in the future.

Mayor Cahill said to respond to Mr. Reynolds allegations that Supervisor Nesbitt and myself are somehow conspiring to attack resident's first amendment rights of free speech nothing could be further from the truth.

Mayor Cahill said Village Board meetings are to conduct Village Board Business. We do allow the public to speak to address the Board. We do not condone or appreciate profanity being used in our Board meetings by anyone. We appreciate people when they do address the Board to do so in a professional and courteous manor.

Public Comments

Eric Reynolds – 64 Kircher Park – Reviewed with the Board and stated his opinion in regards to the statement from Cable 12 TV and said he does not agree with taping the Village Board meetings instead of live broadcasts. Mr. Reynolds said the last 2 Board meetings were contentious with the Conn's and their entourage. He wanted to know who used offensive language. Mr. Reynolds stated his belief that Mayor Cahill and Supervisor Nesbitt have wanted the Public Comment section off the air and also restrict people from the Call In portion of the meeting. He questioned Mayor Cahill and wanted to know who was carrying a concealed weapon at the Village Board meetings? Mr. Reynolds suggested Mayor Cahill wants to make a helpless victim zone by creating a Gun Free Zone on all Village property and he does not agree with this.

Mayor Cahill commented and said he has a duty to bring a proposed law forward and the Village Board members will discuss it.

Peter Elder – 59 Dunning Avenue – Stated to the Board that he was in attendance at the last Board meeting and was sad to hear specific references made regarding one Village resident. Mr. Elder said although the person was not named it was clear who was being talked about. He said the Board will make a decision for the whole Village based on the bias sketch of this individual. Mr. Elder said it was obvious the individual being talked about at the meeting was Eric Reynolds. Mr. Elder went on to read a biography of Eric Reynolds and the many attributes he has accomplished in his lifetime. He urged the Board to listen to the voice of all the residents who come to express their concerns about

the Village because like Mr. Reynolds everyone has a passionate opinion concerning the Village and the Board should try to hear and understand each view point.

Kevin Florack – 24 Southwick Drive, Operator at the Sewage Treatment Plant – Stated to the Board his opinion regarding the excellent work and dedication of John Carnevale, Chief Plant Operator and Jake Swingly, Superintendent of Public Works. Mr. Florack said both employees truly care about health and safety of everyone and they are willing to discuss and share the wealth of knowledge they both have with everyone. Mr. Florack continued and said the Village should work as a team from the residents to the Board. He urged everyone to get along and stop fighting each other. He said we have to communicate and work together as a team.

Village Board Business

Motion Trustee Balcaen and Seconded by Trustee Ippolito Jr. to approve the Village Board Meeting minutes of December 22, 2015, Vote on motion; Trustee Balcaen – aye, Trustee Ippolito Jr. – aye, Trustee Byerts – abstain, Trustee Lancy – aye, Mayor Cahill – aye, Motion carried.

Motion Trustee Lancy and Seconded by Trustee Ippolito Jr. to approve the Village Board Workshop minutes of January 5, 2016, all were in favor and carried.

Motion Trustee Lancy and Seconded by Trustee Byerts to accept claims totaling: General – \$55,689.47 and Trust & Agency - \$280.24, all were in favor and carried

Attorney

No Report.

Office

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

From:	01-05-5142-402	Plow Parts / Snow Blower	\$1,575.00
To:	01-05-5142-202	Plow & Wing	\$1,575.00

Reason: New blades were purchased and since they will last at least 5 years they should be capitalized. And as such belong in the 202 account not expensed. The plow parts line included funds for this item and therefore is being transferred to the Plow and Wing Capital Account.

From:	01-05-5112-419	Operation/Maintenance of Equipment	\$1,338.40
To:	01-05-5112-200	Equipment	\$1,338.40

Reason: Four new tires for the W-7 (dump truck) were purchased and their life should be at least five (5) years and as such they should be capitalized as opposed to being expensed

From:	01-09-9010-800	Retirement	\$20,000.00
To:	01-08-8130-431	3 rd Party Compost & Bio Solid Testing & Removal	\$20,000.00

Reason: Since the expense for Retirement was over budgeted for, funds are available to use for compost removal.

From:	01-09-9010-800	Retirement	\$40.00
To:	01-01-8020-403	Dues and Conferences	\$40.00

Reason: This line was never originally budgeted for. Since there are funds in the Retirement fund they may cover the additional class the Planning Board member attended.

From:	01-09-9010-800	Retirement	\$4,000.00
To:	01-02-1620-412	Building Maintenance	\$4,000.00

Reason: New LED lights are to be installed in the Village. Funds for this are truly from the refund received from RG&E for incorrect billing. Funds cannot be directly taken from an income line to adjust the budget thus taking it from the retirement expense account where funds are available.

The financial statements for December 2015 were reviewed.

Code Enforcement

Will Barham, Code Enforcement Officer, reviewed with the Board the annual building report for 2015. Mr. Barham said he and Jake Swingly, Superintendent of Public Works, will be meeting soon to discuss the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) for this year 2016. Mr. Barham said he attended the Steering Committee meeting downtown and learned HUD will not be receiving as much funds as last year. He explained this will mean more competition for the grant money and smaller projects which will have to be shovel ready.

Mr. Barham also said he and Jake Swingly will be meeting in regards to Emergency Management. He said Jake Swingly is in charge of the Pre-disaster Hazard Mitigation Project and they have been preparing and working on information and paperwork for that project.

Mr. Barham continued and said 65 Sherwood Avenue is scheduled for court the third week in February. Mr. Barham said he applied for an administrative warrant to inspect the property located at 104 East Main Street. Mr. Barham said this will be the first administrative warrant issued to Code Enforcement.

Department of Public Works

Jake Swingly, Superintendent of Public Works, reviewed with the Board and said the LED conversion will begin next week. Mr. Swingly said the Village crew has started moving material at the Sewage Treatment Plant and said they plan to have the vast majority of the composting moved by the end of next week. He said the format for the Pre-disaster Hazard Mitigation Project has been changed to resemble the format such as FEMA so it has been a longer more drawn out project. He said there are 2 more meetings and then there will be a public hearing.

Mayor Cahill said all the tests at the STP related to the composting have been done and the reports are available to the public concerning the air quality and the compost piles.

Adjournment

Motion Trustee Ippolito, Jr. and Seconded by Trustee Lancy to adjourn the meeting at 8:21 p.m., all were in favor and carried.

Josette Amalfi, Village Clerk

John J. Cahill, Mayor