

Village of Webster
Village Board Meeting
February 11, 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 said he received two letters from the Webster Citizens Action League and read them out loud.

The first letter was in regards to the “unusual” attendance and “interference” from Supervisor Nesbitt of the Town of Webster at some of the recent Village Board meetings. The letter went on to indicate that the presence of Supervisor Nesbitt was meant to intimidate the Mayor or Village residents. It concluded the Mayor should ask the Town Supervisor to stop meddling in Village affairs.

Mayor Cahill said the recent attendance from the Town Supervisor at Village Board meetings does not intimidate him in any manner. Mayor Cahill said he has listened to Supervisor Nesbitt’s input and he generally does agree with it. He said as a member of the public and a resident of the Town the Supervisor is welcome to attend the meetings at any time. Mayor Cahill said any residents of the Village or the Town and of the Community are welcome to attend any of these meetings. Mayor Cahill said he would not request the Supervisor of the Town to cease attending the Village meetings.

The next letter was in regards to the Village Board dismissing the public from the Board room to hold Executive Sessions instead of the Board of Trustees exiting to the small meeting room. The letter requested the Board members restore its past practice of exiting to the small meeting room.

Mayor Cahill said there have been occasions when the Board has conducted its Executive Sessions in the large board room sometimes there are laptops and papers and with respect to inconvenience we do open up the small meeting room which is 20 feet down the hall. The room does have light, and it does have chairs and we have made that available for the public.

Public Comments

Richard Walter – 20 Elm Street – Commented to the Board in regards to a \$175 thousand dollar incentive package related to the removal of the freight depot and a developer on North Avenue. Mr. Walter asked if the monies have been collected by the Village as of this date.

Mayor Cahill said as was discussed a year ago according to the agreement when the C of O’s are issued that is when the payments will be made. They plan to break ground in the spring.

Peter Elder – 59 Dunning Avenue – Commented to the Board and requested they return to an earlier era when there was dialogue and a productive back and forth with the audience which

resulted in a mutual respect and order. Mr. Elder suggested this would result in the Board and the audience working together to make the community better.

Eric Reynolds – 64 Kircher Park – Reviewed with the Board and said he would like to know the status of his previous concerns regarding reimbursement from MCWA to the Village for replacing and scraping the Village water meters with their own.

Mayor Cahill apologized and said he did not have the information with him but he said he did find the MCWA contract and it controverts what Mr. Reynolds believes. Mayor Cahill said he would give the information to Mr. Reynolds.

Mr. Reynolds said if that is the case then that was not a good negotiation. He continued and said he noticed on the Democrat and Chronicle webpage the Mayor made comment regarding the proposed weapons ban in the Village. Mr. Reynolds urged the Board to deny the proposed ban completely on the grounds of the 2nd Amendment that protects our 1st Amendment rights and that is why we are all able to sit up here and talk. He said creating a gun free zone does not protect people it actually does the opposite. Mr. Reynolds does not want a gun free zone in the Village of Webster.

Charles Griffith – 131 Curtice Park - Commented to the Board in regard to the 2nd Amendment and said he disagrees with Mr. Reynolds but he applauds the Board for considering a ban on dangerous weapons at Village Board meetings.

Village Board Business

Motion Trustee Ippolito Jr., and Seconded by Trustee Balcaen to approve the Village Board Meeting Minutes of January 14, 2016, all were in favor and carried.

Motion Trustee Lancy and Seconded by Trustee Balcaen to approve the Village Board Special Meeting Minutes of February 4, 2016, all were in favor and carried.

Motion Trustee Byerts and Seconded by Trustee Lancy to accept claims totaling: General - \$57,902.21 and Trust & Agency - \$2,632.75, all were in favor and carried.

Motion Trustee Ippolito Jr., and Seconded by Trustee Lancy for authorization to hire Meagan Lessing to title of Office Clerk III at a rate of \$15./hr. effective February 16, 2016, all were in favor and carried.

Motion Trustee Balcaen and Seconded by Trustee Ippolito Jr., for authorization of Jo O'Neill, secretary to Planning and Zoning Boards to attend the Introduction to Planning and Zoning workshop on March 7, 2016 at a cost not to exceed \$40.00, all were in favor and carried.

Motion Trustee Lancy and Seconded by Trustee Ippolito, Jr., for authorization to pay Lu Engineers \$11,092.82 for professional services rendered in December 2015 related to the North

Avenue Project to be paid out of the North Anvenue Reserve account, all were in favor and carried.

Motion Trustee Ippolito, Jr., and Seconded by Trustee Lancy for authorization of Historic Preservation Commission (HPC) to conduct a project related to Robb Cemetery grave stone investigation which would be minimally intrusive, all were in favor and carried.

Motion Trustee Byerts and Seconded by Trustee Lancy for authorization of Mayor Cahill to sign the MOU between Friends of Webster Historic Preservation (FWHP) and the Village of Webster to complete the reconstruction of the freight depot, all were in favor and carried.

Attorney

Mayor Cahill said this settlement and release agreement is between Jacobson Transportation Company and the Village of Webster for the street light which was damaged by a truck at the corner of Main Street and Route 250 in front of Smith Insurance Agency.

Don White, Attorney said the Village paid \$1,377.50 to replace the pole and in order to get reimbursed from the Insurance Company for the trucking company whose truck hit the pole they need the settlement and release agreement signed. Attorney White said it is relatively standard practice and the Board needs to approve it.

Motion Trustee Ippolito, Jr., and Trustee Balcaen for authorization of Mayor Cahill to sign the Settlement and Release Agreement with Jacobson Transportation Company for the amount owed to the Village of Webster \$1,377.50, all were in favor and carried.

Office

Jake Swingly, Superintendent of Public Works reviewed with the Board the Comp and Overtime Report for January 2016. He said he did not have a chance to review the report but he will email everyone. Mayor Cahill said the overtime has been much less than last winter.

Department of Public Works

Jake Swingly, Superintendent of Public Works reviewed with the Board and said the West Main Street Culvert Project will begin next week. An update on the compost issue is basically everything is off the site; the finished compost, unfinished compost, and bio-solids that were stock piled. Mr. Swingly said he has received information from High Acres and he will go over all the facts and figures and will send out information to everyone on that. He said he is working with Will Barham and they are almost done with the pre-disaster hazard mitigation information which will be sent to Monroe County. Mr. Swingly also mentioned snow driving reminders. He

said the crew uses the sensible salting technique which means they only salt the intersections, hills and curbs. He urged everyone to drive carefully and accordingly.

Executive Session

Motion Trustee Byerts and Seconded by Trustee Ippolito, Jr., to enter into Executive Session at 8:07 p.m. to discuss potential litigation involving the Waste Water Treatment Plant and to discuss negotiations with CSEA Union, all were in favor and carried.

Motion Trustee Balcaen and Seconded by Trustee Lancy to exit from Executive Session at 8:52 p.m., all were in favor and carried.

Adjournment

Motion Trustee Balcaen and Seconded by Trustee Lancy to adjourn the meeting at 8:57 p.m., all were in favor and carried.

Josette Amalfi, Village Clerk

John J. Cahill, Mayor