

Village of Webster
Village Board Meeting
February 25, 2016

Webster Community Meeting Hall
29 South Avenue
Webster, NY 14580

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

Public Comments

Peter Elder – 59 Dunning Avenue – Stated to the Board that he would like the live call in portion of the Village Board meetings reinstated even though the meetings are prerecorded. Mr. Elder said a designated time of 5 minutes should be set aside to allow for the Public to call in at each meeting. He suggested the allotted time be at the beginning of the meeting at 7:30 p.m. – 7:35 p.m. and this would allow for public comments and participation.

Trustee Byerts commented and agreed that some type of public call in would be a good idea until the Board meetings are broadcast live.

Mayor Cahill agreed and asked for a discussion related to the live call in portion of the Village Board meetings to be put on the next Village Board Workshop Agenda for March 1, 2016.

Charles Griffith – 131 Curtice Park- Commented to the Board in regards to a Webster Citizen's Action League letter signed by Mr. Eric Reynolds which was read by Mayor Cahill at the Village Board Meeting on February 11, 2016. The letter which requests the Village Board deny Webster Town Supervisor Ron Nesbitt from speaking and attending Village Board meetings, was referred to by Mr. Griffith as hypocritical and un-American. Mr. Griffith continued and said Mr. Reynolds always requests to be allowed free speech but the letter wants to refuse free speech to someone else. Mr. Griffith said he was grateful the Board did not allow the request.

Mr. Griffith also made comment on the proposed ban of weapons in the Village of Webster. Mr. Griffith urged the Board to seriously consider the ban. He referred to the 2nd Amendment of the Constitution and believes the Village Board proposal makes sense.

Richard Walter – 20 Elm Street – Stated and requested the Board hold future workshop meetings with speakers or presenters situated at a table so they are able to face both the audience and the Village Board. Mr. Walter did not like the table set up with the presenter's backs to the audience at a recent workshop because he said it was difficult to hear what was being said. He suggested the configuration of the tables be set up in a U shape in front of the room so everyone could be heard and seen.

Chris Edes – Monroe County Chapter, Chair, for Shooters Committee on Political Education, also known as SCOPE – Made Comment to the Board in regards to the proposed ban on guns in the Village of Webster. Mr. Edes believes there is no reason to pass a law which affects everybody's right that takes away their ability to defend themselves coming to and from meetings because of one

or two individuals who are causing a problem. Mr. Edes does not believe the Village should pass a law banning weapons in the Village of Webster.

Eric Reynolds – 64 Kircher Park – Reviewed with the Board and stated people in the United States are permitted to carry a weapon for personal self defense. Mr. Reynolds asked Mayor Cahill to reveal the name of the person who is so violent and contentious in the Village Board meetings. Mayor Cahill would not comment. Mr. Reynolds continued and said he has never seen any threats or violent behavior at any Village Board meetings. He said for Mayor Cahill to continue with the proposed ban on weapons and adopt the law would cause the Village to endure legal proceedings.

Village Board Business

Motion Trustee Ippolito Jr. and Seconded by Trustee Balcaen to approve the Village Board Meeting minutes of January 28, 2016, all were in favor and carried.

Motion Trustee Byerts and Seconded by Trustee Balcaen to approve the Village Board Workshop minutes of February 2, 2016, all were in favor and carried.

Motion Trustee Ippolito, Jr., and Seconded by Trustee Byerts to approve the Village Board Meeting minutes of February 11, 2016, all were in favor and carried.

Motion Trustee Balcaen and Seconded by Trustee Ippolito, Jr. to accept claims totaling: General – \$21,007.21, with the exception of invoices from CPE and Forge Electric, all were in favor and carried.

Motion Trustee Byerts and Seconded by Trustee Ippolito, Jr. to authorize the funding of the HSA Account for Maegan Lessing in the amount of \$1,250.00, all were in favor and carried.

Attorney

No Report.

Office

The financial statements for January 2016 were reviewed.

Code Enforcement

Will Barham, Code Enforcement Officer, reviewed with the Board the building report for January 2016. Mr. Barham said he is getting caught up on administrative duties for year-end such as; permits, Storm Water Pollution Prevention, and documents required by other State and Federal agencies.

Mr. Barham also commented on a landlord and tenant situation in the building located at 15 – 21 East Main Street, where the storefront windows are covered up and handwritten signs are in the window. Mr. Barham said this has been a situation which started when the tenant was moving into a space and an administrative change of use was needed but when it came time for the inspection the tenant only wanted to heat the space with electric plug in heaters and that is in violation. At the moment the tenant is in violation of operating a business without a Certificate of Occupancy and also in violation of signage.

Mr. Barham said he applied for an administrative warrant to inspect the property at 104 East Main Street. He said he hopes to take several pictures of the inside.

Department of Public Works

Jake Swingly, Superintendent of Public Works, reviewed with the Board and said the West Main Culvert project has gotten off to a slow start because of the weather. Mr. Swingly took notice after the snow storm on Tuesday, February 16, 2016 and made a request to Village residents. He asked everyone not to shovel or plow snow into the sidewalks. He said during a storm the first priority is to keep the streets clear of snow and then to clear the sidewalks. He said when a lot of snow falls it would be better to plow or shovel it onto your lawn rather than in the street or on the sidewalk. Mr. Swingly said the snow banks become too big and heavy and it is difficult on the equipment and takes a lot of time to clear. He also made mention of plowing driveways and to make sure to move cars back into the driveway as soon as you can and don't leave them in the streets or blocking sidewalks.

Mayor Cahill commented on the 2 feet of snow that fell in such a short time and said he appreciated the Village Crew for doing a great job plowing the streets.

Executive Session

Motion Trustee Ippolito, Jr. and Seconded by Trustee Balcaen to enter into an Executive Session at 8:21 p.m., all were in favor and carried.

Motion Trustee Balcaen and Seconded by Trustee Ippolito, Jr. to exit from Executive Session at 10:46 p.m., all were in favor and carried.

Adjournment

Motion Trustee Balcaen and Seconded by Trustee Ippolito, Jr. to adjourn the meeting at 10:49 p.m., all were in favor and carried.

Josette Amalfi, Village Clerk

John J. Cahill, Mayor