

Village of Webster
Village Board Meeting
October 23, 2014

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

Public Comments

Richard Walter- 20 Elm Street- made comment to the Village Board that he spoke to the Department of Transportation and related a problem with the crosswalk lights on Main Street and South Avenue. Mr. Walters said the DOT fixed the crosswalk light problem.

Peter Elder - 59 Dunning Avenue- gave an update to the Village Board regarding the Trick or Treat Trail in the Village on Saturday, October 25, 2014. Mr. Elder said participation from businesses has increased this year. He said a picture of a pumpkin will be displayed in the store window of the participating Village Businesses. The costume contest will begin at 11:00 A.M., at the Village Hall followed by the Trick or Treat Trail from 11:30 A.M. until 3:00 P.M. The wagon rides will begin at 11:45 A.M. from the Village Hall. Mr. Elder reminded everyone that the Webster Museum on Lapham Park is also participating and all the prizes for the costume contest have been donated by the Business Improvement District.

Village Board Business

Motion Trustee Lancy and Seconded by Trustee Balcaen to approve the Village Board minutes of October 9, 2014, all others were in favor and carried.

Trustee Byerts had a question on one of the claims. He asked Jake Swingly, Superintendent of Public Works, about a bill that he had charged to the First Bank Credit Card coded to conferences and higher education. The invoice is for the National Student Clearing House for degree verification for one of the employees. Trustee Byerts wanted to know what this was for.

Mayor Cahill said that he would answer the question since he ordered the verification using the Village credit card belonging to Jake Swingly because he does not have a Village credit card. The Mayor continued and said he asked for a copy of everyone's verification of their graduation from college. He said he received everyone's verification except one employee. Mayor Cahill said he repeatedly asked for it and when he did not receive it he went on a website and verified it himself.

Trustee Byerts asked Mayor Cahill if the diploma verification included all employees across the board in DPW, STP, and etcetera.

Mayor Cahill said it did include Office employees, DPW, and Code Enforcement.

Trustee Lancy asked what the cost of the invoice was. Mayor Cahill said approximately \$15.00.

Trustee Byerts asked Mayor Cahill if the individual employee had any knowledge that he was going to verify the college degree or if Mayor Cahill had told the employee upfront that this would happen. Mayor Cahill said no. He said his repeated requests were not complied with by the employee and this is what he did on his own to obtain the information.

Trustee Byerts asked Mayor Cahill why he would ask his complete office staff for verification of college diplomacy. Mayor Cahill said he wanted to ensure that the information people put on their resumes and applications were accurate.

Motion Trustee Balcaen and Seconded by Trustee Ippolito, Jr., to accept claims totaling: General - \$41,766.61, and Trust & Agency - \$2,590.39, Trustee Balcaen aye, Trustee Ippolito, Jr. aye, Trustee Byerts nay, Trustee Lancy aye, Mayor Cahill aye, motion passes.

Attorney

No report.

Office

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

From:	01-47-2665-000	Equipment Sales	\$3,800.00
	01-47-2665-000	Equipment Sales	\$6,795.03
To:	01-02-1620-402	Electric	\$10,595.03

Reason: To cover the cost of the electric bill. When the budget was prepared the Well Fields electric costs were under budgeted / usage fee was not taken into account.

Motion Trustee Lancy and Seconded by Trustee Ippolito, Jr. to approve the Financial Statements for September 2014, all were in favor and carried.

Code Enforcement

Will Barham, Code Enforcement Officer, reviewed with the Board the building report for September 2014. He read from the report and discussed complaints and violations. He said 150 Curtice Park is currently being sold and the new owner is already working to correct ongoing problems. They are putting on a new roof and cleaning up the pool and the property. Another property that has been an ongoing problem is 154 North Avenue but they have also started cleaning up the property. Mr. Barham also gave an update on General Code and said that the Village should receive the final version of the new code books very soon.

Department of Public Works

Jake Swingly, Superintendent of Public Works, reviewed with the Board and gave an update on leaf pick up and said the plan is to continue to pick up leaves once a week until the leaves are all gone or the snow falls. Mr. Swingly said an update on the Engineering Planning Grant agreement is that it has been signed by the Village and we are awaiting their signature.

Motion Trustee Ippolito Jr. and Seconded by Trustee Lancy to hire Vince Koslowski as temporary / seasonal help at a rate of \$10.00/ Hour from November 3, 2014 through April 3, 2015, all were in favor and carried.

Call In

No phone calls.

Executive Session

Motion Trustee Byerts and Seconded by Trustee Ippolito Jr. to enter into Executive Session at 7:56 pm to discuss a personnel issue, all were in favor and carried.

Motion Trustee Lancy and Seconded by Trustee Byerts to exit from Executive session at 8:47 pm., all were in favor and carried.

Adjournment

Motion Trustee Byerts and Seconded by Trustee Lancy to adjourn the meeting at 8:49 pm., all were in favor and carried.

Josette Amalfi, Village Clerk

John J. Cahill, Mayor