

Village of Webster  
Village Board Meeting  
December 10, 2015

Webster Community Meeting Hall  
29 South Avenue  
Webster, NY 14580

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

## Public Comments

Michael Conn – 610 Webster Road – Commented to the Board in regards to the composting currently being done at the Sewage Treatment Plant. Mr. Conn said he would like the Village to stop the composting process because he believes the smell and odor can cause health issues along with the mixing of biosolids with the leaves.

Christopher Ball - 172 Belvista Drive, Penfield – Commented to the Board in regards to the composting at the Sewage Treatment Plant. Mr. Ball would like the Village to stop composting because he believes his son has health issues which may be related to the composting process done at the STP. Mr. Ball said he feels this health issue is a direct correlation because his son frequently visits his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Conn, who live across the street from the STP.

Polly Conn – 610 Webster Road – Commented to the Board in regards to the composting at the STP. Mrs. Conn said she has health problems and believes her issues are related to the composting process. Mrs. Conn would like to see the composting halted at the STP.

Kansas McDonald – 467 Holt Road – Made a statement to the Board concerning the composting process at the STP. Mrs. McDonald believes there is a health issue concern and wants the composting to stop. She reiterated that Mr. and Mrs. Conn have complained regarding the composting issue and since their last visit to the Board meeting on November 12, 2015 she inquired as of what has been accomplished by the Board.

Mayor Cahill said the Board has discussed this issue since November 12, 2015 but has not come to a decision or a resolution concerning the composting at the STP.

Lisa Baird – 1246 Meadow Wood Drive – Remarked to the Board concerning the composting at the STP. Mrs. Baird discussed her family's health issues and believes the odor is a health risk, can cause depreciation to her home, and it is a nuisance. She wants the composting to stop.

Diane Smith – 586 Morning Glory Drive – Made mention to the Board her concerns regarding the composting at the STP. Mrs. Smith believes her family's health issues are related to the composting and would like it to stop.

Linnea Muller – 583 Webster Road – Declared to the Board that she has health issues and believes they are a direct result of the composting at the STP. Mrs. Muller would like the composting halted at the STP.

Pat McDonald – 467 Holt Road – Made Comment to the Board and said he also has health concerns but his main issue is the depreciation of the properties located around the STP because of all the issues that have been brought to light in the media.

Katie Borchers – 257 Circle Lane – Stated to the Board that her family has health issues and she feels it is a direct result from the composting at the STP. Mrs. Borchers said on one occasion the smell was so bad that her family could not visit grandparents who live across the street from the STP. She inquired about the testing done at the STP and asked who is doing the testing and who reviews the testing material?

Jake Swingly said the samples are taken and sent to an independent lab. The employees of the plant take the samples and send them out for testing. The DEC also comes out to the STP to inspect and oversee the process, make note of where the samples comes from, records temperatures, reviews records, and sample results. The process is regulated by the DEC.

Mrs. Borchers asked Mayor Cahill and the Board if the composting could be halted until further investigation and testing can occur.

Mayor Cahill said he has spoken with the DEC and Monroe County Health Department and they have both come to the same conclusion with the inspection of the process and the plant that the STP processes are in accordance with the permit and the processes are proper. Mayor Cahill continued and said he would like to have air quality testing done at the STP because of the concerns.

Jake Swingly stated that he believes the drying beds at the STP are creating the odor and also feels the air quality testing would be a good idea.

Roger Hodges – 628 Webster Road- Stated to the Board that he would like them to listen to the concerns of the Webster residents and make the right decision. Mr. Hodges said he also has a family member with health issues.

Bart Lofurno – 1340 Klem Road – Commented to the Board and suggested that the Village should use the Town of Webster Sewage Treatment Plant on Phillips Road.

Natalie DuBois – 29 Alden Glen – Stated to the Board her concerns for the health of her children. She complained of the composting odor and expressed her feelings that the DEC should conduct sample testing and not just receive the results of the test from an independent lab. She believes the testing should be done by the DEC.

Doug Borchers – 257 Circle Lane – Questioned the Board and inquired if the composting could be trucked to another location and processed elsewhere.

Mayor Cahill said the suggestion of composting at the Village Well Field property was made at another meeting but it is not possible because of similar conditions existing at that location also with a residential area in close proximity as with Webster Road.

Christopher King – 1242 La Baron Circle – Commented to the Board his concerns regarding the odor from the STP composting. He stated he would like the composting to stop.

Richard Randisi – Surry Garden Way – Addressed the Board regarding his concerns about the odor from the composting at the STP. He would like the composting stopped.

Eric Reynolds– 64 Kircher Park – Made comment to the Board and asked questions regarding water meters which are owned by the Village but are being switched out by Monroe County Water Authority. Mr. Reynolds believes the original meters should have been given back to the Village of Webster instead of being sold for scrap. Mr. Reynolds also said Village residents are being sent shut off notices if they don't switch over the meter for a new Monroe County meter.

Peter Elder – 59 Dunning Avenue – Questioned the Board and would like to know why the water meters were not given back to the Village of Webster if only for the purpose of scrap metal.

Mayor Cahill said he will look into the matter and get back to Mr. Elder.

Douglas Locke – 586 Webster Road – Addressed the Board and said he believes it was the trimming of the trees at the STP which brought on the current odor problems. Mr. Locke stated his family also has health issues and would like the composting to stop at the STP. He also said he is concerned with property depreciation.

Motion by Trustee Lancy and Seconded by Trustee Ippolito Jr., to break for a recess at 9:08 p.m., all were in favor and carried.

## Village Board Business

Motion Trustee Byerts and Seconded by Trustee Lancy to approve the Village Board minutes of November 12, 2015, all were in favor and carried.

Motion Trustee Ippolito Jr., and Seconded by Trustee Byerts to approve the Village Board minutes of November 24, 2015, all were in favor and carried.

Motion Trustee Lancy and Seconded by Trustee Byerts to accept claims totaling: General - \$214,607.08 and Trust & Agency - \$274.28, all were in favor and carried.

Motion Trustee Ippolito Jr., and Seconded by Trustee Lancy to authorize Krystina Lizak, Treasurer to fund the employee Health Savings Accounts for 2016, all were in favor and carried.

Motion Trustee Byerts and Seconded by Trustee Ippolito Jr., for authorization of payment to Marathon Engineering in the amount of \$1,800 for professional services rendered for design of plans related to the West Main Street Culvert Project to be paid out of the West Main Street Culvert Project Reserve account, all were in favor and carried.

Motion Trustee Byerts and Seconded by Trustee Lancy to approve the revised employee manual Policy 8-12 Conferences/ Training Courses, all were in favor and carried.

Tabled Item- Motion Trustee Byerts and Seconded by Trustee Lancy to table the EnerPath and conversion of lighting to LED agreement until the next Village Board meeting on December 22, 2015 due to the need for more information, all were in favor and carried.

Motion Trustee Ippolito Jr., and Seconded by Trustee Lancy for authorization to change energy supplier from Direct Energy to RG&E for gas service at 4 addresses consisting of 28 West Main Street, 613 Webster Road, 188 Seasons Trail, and 831 Dewitt Road, all were in favor and carried.

Tabled Item- Motion Trustee Ippolito Jr., and Seconded by Trustee Byerts to table the Cricket Lease Termination and Equipment Transfer until the next Village Board meeting on December 22, 2015 due to the need for more information, all were in favor and carried.

## Attorney

No Report.

## Office

Josette Amalfi, Village Clerk said White Christmas in the Village held on Saturday, December 5, 2015 at Village Hall was a great success and a lot of fun. She thanked Village employee's for their help with the event Krystina Lizak, Jo O'Neill, Jude Lancy, John Carnevale, and Mayor Cahill.

Mayor Cahill said a special Thank You to Santa Clause and wished Mrs. Clause a speedy recovery because she could not attend this year.

Jake Swingly, Superintendent of Public Works reviewed with the Board the Comp and Overtime Report for November 2015 and said most of overtime was for leaf pickup.

Motion Trustee Lance and Seconded by Trustee Byerts to approve the following budget modifications, all were in favor and carried.

From: 01-08-8120-424 Vehicle Maintenance/Repair \$9,856.52

To: 01-08-8120-200 Sanitary Sewer System Equipment \$9,856.52

Reason: The August Vac-Con Repair for \$13,514.02 will be capitalized. Originally the repair was expensed to Vehicle Maintenance/ Repair however it was determined that this expense will in fact extend the life of the Vac-Con for at least 5 years and as such should be capitalized.

## Department of Public Works

Jake Swingly, Superintendent of Public Works reviewed with the Board and said leaf pick up is done and the crew will be doing sidewalk repair because of the nice weather.

Trustee Byerts had a question regarding the removal of three (3) trees on Elm Street and inquired about more information.

Jake Swingly replied the trees were removed according to the Tree Inventory Assessment and the recommendation of an Arborist who also came out and inspected the trees. He said more trees will be removed.

## Call In

No Phone Calls.

## Executive Session

Tabled Item - Motion Trustee Lancy and Seconded by Trustee Ippolito Jr., to table the Executive Session until the next Village Board meeting on December 22, 2015, because of the time being 9:57 p.m., all were in favor and carried.

## Adjournment

Motion Trustee Ippolito Jr., and Seconded by Trustee Lancy to adjourn the meeting at 9:58 p.m., all were in favor and carried.

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Josette Amalfi, Village Clerk

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John J. Cahill, Mayor