

Village of Webster
Village Board Meeting
March 24, 2016

Webster Community Meeting Hall
29 South Avenue
Webster, NY 14580

Present: Mayor Cahill, Trustee Ippolito Jr., Trustee Byerts, Trustee Lancy, Attorney Don White
Late arrival – Trustee Balcaen at 7:47 p.m.

A public discussion took place regarding parking during school sports events on Sherwood Avenue. Many of the residents from Sherwood Avenue voiced their opinion on how the parking on their street during school events is disruptive and dangerous. After the discussion Mayor Cahill said the Board will consider no parking on the west side of the street and also speak to the School District and ask for their assistance on communication with Coaches and Parents regarding events and the parking on Sherwood Avenue.

Public Comments

Peter Elder – 59 Dunning Avenue – Commented to the Board and said he does not approve of a sewer rent fee. Mr. Elder also stated he cannot understand why there should be a proposed tax increase or sewer rent fee if the fund balance has \$1.1 million dollars in it. Mr. Elder also said he does not approve of the proposed 1.5% increase in salaries for the Board of Trustees. He suggested their salaries stay flat.

Eric Reynolds – 64 Kircher Park – Reviewed with the Board and said the information Mayor Cahill gave him regarding the MCWA contract with the Village does state under notes and comments that the water meters are owned by the Village of Webster. Mr. Reynolds continued and said MCWA has removed and scrapped the meters from about 1900 Village residents. He said the money for the water meters should be returned to the Village of Webster. Mr. Reynolds estimates the cost for the meters would be roughly two hundred and twenty thousand dollars.

Mr. Reynolds also voiced his opinion and said four of the five members of the Board of Trustees are Republican and for them to consider a law to ban firearms in the Village is ridiculous.

Richard Walter – 20 Elm Street – Stated and reiterated his request to the Board regarding workshop meetings with speakers or presenters. Mr. Walter would like speakers or presenters situated at a table so they are able to face both the audience and the Village Board. Mr. Walter 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.

Trustee Ippolito said he is the one member of the Board that is not a republican but he is not in favor of a gun ban. Trustee Ippolito said the majority of the Board was never in favor of this issue. He apologized to anyone who may feel their time over this issue has been wasted. Trustee Ippolito said he has learned this evening that Mayor Cahill, who brought up this issue, has no intention of voting in favor of it. Trustee Ippolito said he is not sure why this was brought up or why this was even in the news. He again apologized.

Trustee Byerts said the only person that this firearm issue was ever brought up to was the Mayor. Trustee Byerts said the issue was never brought up to the other four members of the Board. He said this is not an issue and has never been an issue. Trustee Byerts said he asked for requests on Facebook for people to contact the Board regarding a weapons ban in the Village. He said he only heard from about 5 or 6 people who did contact him and of those people they all said no that a weapon ban should not be an issue. Trustee Byerts said this is a non issue.

Bob Ross – 155 Serene Park – Commented to the Board and requested Kittelberger Park be paved because of potholes. Mr. Ross also requested the halogen light bulb in the street light near his yard be replaced with a regular street light bulb. He said the light is too bright and similar to a car dealer lot light.

Mayor Cahill suggested Will Barham find out who owns the light pole and try to make it consistent with the rest of the street lights in the Village. Mayor Cahill also said the Village is waiting to pave Kittelberger Park because a complex will be built at that location and the street would be better off paved after the construction because of heavy equipment.

Village Board Business

Motion Trustee Lancy and Seconded by Trustee Ippolito, Jr. to approve the Village Board Meeting minutes of March 10, 2016, all were in favor and carried.

Motion Trustee Ippolito, Jr. and Seconded by Trustee Byerts to approve the Village Board Workshop minutes of March 10, 2016, all were in favor and carried.

Motion Trustee Lancy and Seconded by Trustee Balcaen to approve the Village Board Workshop Meeting minutes of March 15, 2016, all were in favor and carried.

Motion Trustee Byerts and Seconded by Trustee Lancy to approve the Village Board Workshop Meeting minutes of March 22, 2016, all were in favor and carried.

Motion Trustee Balcaen and Seconded by Trustee Ippolito, Jr. to accept claims totaling: General – \$58,385.27 and Trust & Agency – \$2,072.27, all were in favor and carried.

The following resolution was offered by Trustee Ippolito Jr. and was seconded by Trustee Lancy and all were in favor and moved for its adoption:

WHEREAS, the Village Clerk did present the Tentative Budget to the Board of Trustees for the fiscal year commencing June 1, 2016; and

WHEREAS, Village Law Section 5-508(3) requires that a Public Hearing be held upon the Tentative Budget on or before the 15th day of April;

NOW THEREFORE, be it RESOLVED: That pursuant to Village Law Section 5-508(3) a Public Hearing on the Tentative Budget for the Village of Webster for the fiscal year

commencing June 1, 2016 shall be held on the 14th day of April, 2016 at 8:30 p.m. at the Community Meeting Hall, 29 South Avenue, Webster, New York, and that Notice of the time and place of such hearing shall be published at least once in the Webster Herald at least five (5) days prior to the date specified for the hearing.

The following resolution was offered by Trustee Byerts and was seconded by Trustee Balcaen and all were in favor and moved for its adoption:

WHEREAS, pursuant to New York General Municipal Law §452 the Village of Webster is empowered to adopt a Local Law establishing and imposing sanitary sewer rent; and

WHEREAS, the Village of Webster Board of Trustees has determined that an additional or new revenue stream is necessary in order to generate revenue sufficient to pay all costs related to the operation, maintenance and capital improvements of the Village's complete sanitary sewage wastewater system; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Trustees has been presented with and has introduced a draft Local Law entitled "Sanitary Sewer Rent";

NOW THEREFORE, be it RESOLVED, as follows: that pursuant to §20 of the Municipal Home Rule Law of the State of New York, a public hearing on said proposed Local Law No. 1 of 2016 shall be held on the 14th day of April, 2016 at 8:15 p.m. at the Community Meeting Hall, 29 South Avenue, Webster, New York 14580 and that notice of the time and place of such hearing describing in general terms the proposed Local Law shall be published once on or before the 6th day of April, 2016 in the Webster Herald, the official newspaper of the Village of Webster and a newspaper of general circulation in said Village of Webster.

No motion was made for authorization to set a public hearing in regards to a weapons ban. There will not be a public hearing.

Motion Trustee Balcaen and Seconded by Trustee Byerts to authorize John Carnevale to sign the contract with Waste Management for on-going disposal of the bio-solids generated at Sewage Treatment Plant, all were in favor and carried.

Attorney

No Report.

Office

Josette Amalfi, Village Clerk, said a copy of the tentative budget has been given to each Village Board member and asked the Board of Trustees if there were any questions.

The financial statements for February 2016 were reviewed.

Code Enforcement

Will Barham, Code Enforcement Officer, reviewed with the Board the building report for February 2016. Mr. Barham said 104 East Main Street is owned by the bank and it is in foreclosure. It is posted with a notice for violation with a deadline of April 4, 2016.

Mr. Barham also commented on 65 Sherwood Avenue and said he was unable to make the court appearance because of a conflict with the FLBOA conference. He said the case is rescheduled for a later date in April.

Department of Public Works

Jake Swingly, Superintendent of Public Works, reviewed with the Board and said the West Main Culvert project is almost done. He said they did a good job even though it took longer because of the weather.

Mayor Cahill thanked Jake Swingly and Krystina Lizak for their time and effort regarding the budget and the data for the sewage rental fee.

Adjournment

Motion Trustee Ippolito, Jr. and Seconded by Trustee Lancy to adjourn the meeting at 9:15 p.m., all were in favor and carried.

Josette Amalfi, Village Clerk

John J. Cahill, Mayor