

Village of Webster  
Village Board Meeting  
April 13, 2017

Webster Community Meeting Hall  
29 South Avenue  
Webster, NY 14580

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

Krystina Lizak, Treasurer presented the 2017-2018 Budget Presentation.

Mayor Cahill opened the Public Hearing on the Preliminary Budget at 7:45 P.M.

Pursuant to Village Law Section 5-508, the preliminary budget meeting for the Village of Webster will be held on April 13, 2017 at the Community Meeting Hall at 29 South Avenue, Webster, NY at 7:45PM to hear public comment before adoption of the 2017-2018 general budget.

A copy of the preliminary budget is available at the office of the Village Clerk and may be inspected during normal office hours. The tax rate will remain at \$2.13 per thousand.

The Mayor will be compensated at the rate of \$10,098.00 and each Trustee will be compensated at the rate of \$5,049.00.

Richard Walter – 20 Elm Street – Commented to the Board and said in his opinion the Board should not receive a 3% salary raise because there are fewer responsibilities now that the Village did away with the Water Department. Mr. Walter also made mention of the sewer fee which the Board implemented on residents last year and he believes this is another reason for the Board to not take an increase but a cut in pay.

Trustee Ippolito reminded Mr. Walter that the Village Board has declined an increase in pay for the last three years and the 2005 Board of Trustees, at that time, was making more than the current Board is today.

Mayor Cahill also said if you base the salaries on the rate of inflation for the Trustees and Mayor. The Mayors salary would be eighteen thousand. Mayor Cahill also commended the Board for establishing a sewage rental fee which in his opinion should have happened decades ago. He said by establishing the rental fee which is the lowest in Monroe County it has afforded the Village to implement a vehicle rotation plan, establish numerous reserve accounts which needed to be established for a number of years, and this Board has put the Village on a fiscal path of responsible budgeting. Mayor Cahill said the Board has also lowered the tax rate from \$2.22 to \$2.13. The sewage rental fee was difficult decision but something that needed to be done and the Board has put this Village in the right direction fiscally because of that.

Mayor Cahill closed the Public Hearing at 7:50 P.M.

## Public Comments

Richard Walter – 20 Elm Street – Made comment to the Board in regard to the Webster Herald article by Mayor Cahill about the budget and the budget meetings. Mr. Walter critiqued the article and said the significant “Open Meetings” in reference to the budget meetings all took place in Workshops and although open to the public the public is not allowed to make comment at Workshops. He said the reserve accounts established for Donovan and Commercial Streets are good but we are not able to wait until the accounts are fully funded before we fix the streets because it would take too long. Mr. Walter also referred to the well capping reserve fund and in his opinion this would also take a long time to fund and does not include the cost for removal of asbestos. He also said although the tax rate is lowered the new sewer fee has raised the tax bill for some residents an additional 40%.

## Village Board Business

Motion Trustee Lancy and Seconded by Trustee Balcaen to approve the Village Board Budget Workshop Minutes of March 22, 2017, all were in favor and carried.

Motion Trustee Balcaen and Seconded by Trustee Ippolito Jr., to approve the Village Board Meeting Minutes of March 23, 2017, with an addition to include the comments of Trustee Byerts which he made with respect to the flyer handed out by the Webster Citizen’s Action League and Mayor Cahill’s response to those comments regarding the flyer, all were in favor and carried.

Motion Trustee Lancy and Seconded by Trustee Byerts to approve the Village Board CSEA Union Workshop Minutes of March 28, 2017, with the revision of Dan Bortle, all were in favor and carried.

Motion Trustee Balcaen and Seconded by Trustee Byerts to accept the claims totaling: General – \$172,126.83, Sewer – \$30,815.99, all were in favor and carried.

Mayor Cahill left the meeting room at 8:04 p.m. to answer a phone call and returned at 8:07 p.m.

Motion Trustee Byerts and Seconded by Mayor Cahill to authorize Jim Clancy, DPW Working Foreman, to attend the 2017 Highway School sponsored by Cornell Local Roads Program in Ithaca, June 2017 at cost not to exceed \$700.00, all were in favor and carried.

Motion Trustee Ippolito Jr., and Seconded by Trustee Lancy to authorize payment to Lu Engineers for invoice totaling \$2,260.00 for professional services rendered in February 2017 for the North Avenue Connector Project to be paid from the North Avenue Connector Project Reserve Account, all were in favor and carried.

Motion Trustee Ippolito Jr., and Seconded by Trustee Lancy to authorize Verizon Wireless to provide cell phone service to the Village of Webster, all were in favor and carried.

Mayor Cahill read a letter from the Arbor Day Foundation which named the Village of Webster Tree City USA. He commended Jake Swingly, Superintendent of Public Works for his great efforts in achieving this recognition for the Village of Webster.

Motion Trustee Byerts and Seconded by Trustee Lancy to authorize Mayor Cahill to sign the Verizon Wireless Document in regards to 1075 South Avenue, Webster NY 14580, all were in favor and carried.

## Office

The Comp and Overtime Report for March 2017 was reviewed and included time from the wind storm and the snow storm. Mayor Cahill made mention of the great job the DPW crew did of cleaning up after the storm.

Motion Trustee Balcaen and Seconded by Trustee Lancy to approve the following budget modification and transfers, all were in favor and carried.

From: 01-08-8120-200	Sanitary Sewer System Equip	\$3,750.00
To: 01-08-8120-402	Pump Station Maintenance	3,750.00

Reason: The item originally budgeted for in the Equipment line was not charged there in the end. Thus the funds may be used from the Equipment line to allow for the 2015 CPE bill we were never billed for. The total of all revenues of General Fund recognized or reasonably expected to be recognized in the current fiscal year, including unappropriated unreserved Fund Balance, exceeds the total of all revenues of the General Fund as estimated in the budget, including appropriated Fund Balance.

From: 04-08-8130-200	Sewage Treatment Equipment	\$5,361.00
To: 04-08-8120-200	Sanitary Sewer System Equip	5,361.00

Reason: Funds are available in the Sewage Treatment Equipment line and thus being transferred to the Sanitary Sewer System Equipment line in order to purchase a sewer lateral line camera. The total of all revenues of General Fund recognized or reasonably expected to be recognized in the current fiscal year, including unappropriated unreserved Fund Balance, exceeds the total of all revenues of the General fund as estimated in the budget, including appropriated Fund Balance.

## Department of Public Works

Jake Swingly, Superintendent of Public Works reviewed with the Board and said the 2016 Mac Truck he was interested in purchasing from the Town of Shelby will not be feasible and he will look elsewhere. He said he met with the contractor in regards to the CDBG sidewalks on Kittelberger Park and reviewed plans for the sidewalk replacement project. He said remove, replace and restore will be up to the contractor but the Village will help with certain things such as one area before the crosswalk goes in we will put in new drainage. He said it will take about three days to complete. He also said debris pick up from the storm clean up will end this week.

**Executive Session** – Cancelled.

## Adjournment

Motion Trustee Balcaen and Seconded by Trustee Lancy to adjourn the Board meeting at 8:38 p.m., all were in favor and carried.

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Josette Amalfi, Village Clerk

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John J. Cahill, Mayor