

Village of Webster
Village Board Meeting
May 11, 2017

Webster Community Meeting Hall
29 South Avenue
Webster, NY 14580

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

A presentation by Andy Reynolds and the Free Masons – New York Widows Sons Kings Guard discussed a fund raising concert to be held on Saturday, May 20, 2017 at Webster Fireman’s Field from 2:00 p.m. until 7:00 p.m.

Mayor Cahill presented a proclamation to Andy Reynolds and the Free Masons – New York Widows Sons Kings Guard to honor them for their efforts to benefit several local organizations.

Public Comments

Eric Reynolds – 68 Kircher Park – Made comment to the Board in regards to the IMA to lower the rates for the out of district sewer users to the same rate as the Village residents. In Mr. Reynolds opinion he would like the Village to rebate those individuals and not lower the rate that the Town reimburses the Village. He urged the Board not to pass the IMA.

Richard Walter – 20 Elm Street – Discussed with the Board again the topic of “debt” and how the Village is in debt over the recent elimination of the Water Department. He made mention of Supervisor Nesbitt’s recent article in the Herald where he also agreed that the Village Water change was a bad idea. Mr. Walter also believes the IMA to lower the rates for the out of district sewer users should not be passed but a rebate should be given to the resident.

Jake Swingly, Superintendent of Public Works spoke to the fact that he was on the Village Board when the original IMA was signed. He said there was a Town wide rate for everyone because at that time there was not an established Village sewer rate.

William Ruoff – 46 Orchard Street – Addressed the Board and presented to them a proclamation honoring his friend who served 25 years in the USAF and has suffered an amputation because of diabetes. Mr. Ruoff was able to secure a wheelchair for him through the Wheelchair Foundation and the Rotary Club. He asked the Board to approve and send to Arizona a signed proclamation to also honor and thank all of the many community service organizations and individuals for their good will.

Mayor Cahill said he would issue the proclamation and he would be willing to invite others to the next Board meeting on May 25, 2017 for a formal presentation.

Village Board Business

Motion Trustee Lancy and Seconded by Trustee Ippolito, Jr. to approve the Village Board Meeting Minutes of April 27, 2017, vote on motion; Trustee Lancy – aye, Trustee Ippolito Jr. – aye, Mayor Cahill – aye, Trustee Balcaen – abstain, Trustee Byerts – abstain, motion carried.

Motion Trustee Balcaen and Seconded by Trustee Byerts to approve the claims and warrants totaling: General – \$102,040.44 and Sewer \$48,423.42 and Trust & Agency \$1,196.62, all were in favor and carried.

Motion Trustee Ippolito, Jr. and Seconded by Trustee Byerts to authorize Mayor Cahill to sign an amended IMA with the Town of Webster related to the Out of District sewer residents and to amend the fee schedule, all were in favor and carried.

Motion Trustee Lancy and Seconded by Trustee Ippolito, Jr. to authorize Mayor Cahill to sign the Engagement Letter from Freed Maxick for the Annual Deferred Compensation Plan Audit for the period of January 1, 2016 to December 31, 2016, all were in favor and carried.

The next agenda item was a discussion with Peter Elder, William Ruoff, and Karl Laurer in regard to the MOU between Friends of Webster Historic Preservation (FWHP) and the Village of Webster. Mr. Elder presented the Board with the insurance certificate for the disassembled depot wood which is stored at the well fields. He noted the policy provides protection for the Village facility and the wood with one million dollar coverage. He also said the value of the wood is estimated at \$5000 because it is difficult to put a value on it as it varies significantly.

Mayor Cahill said at some point the Board would like concrete definitive plans on what will be done with the wood and when it will be moved from storage at the well field.

William Ruoff updated the board on visionary plans and said there are 3 possible locations for the depot but nothing has come to fruition as of yet. He said he has been in contact with Xerox for a parcel on Donovan Street, but they eventually said it was not in the budget. He said he would like to acquire a parcel of land and have a Village Country Museum. He said once a location is found to put up the building then everything else should follow. Mr. Ruoff said he would like to see the depot stay in the Village but they are looking at all options. He said he prefers Donovan Street because it is near the original existing trail. Mayor Cahill suggested an email and to share the information with the Board and perhaps it may generate more assistance. He also asked for continued updates and presentations in every other workshop.

Mr. Elder said if someone would donate even a half acre we would take it no matter where it is and make it work. He said they have had various discussions on how to fit the depot in various places and scope the size of the depot up or down so there is flexibility. Mr. Elder said people have property but they want to sell it and not donate it. He said the FWHP is a 501(c) 3 but does not have enough money to buy anything.

Karl Laurer also said they will send a letter to Friends of Webster Trails and one theory for the wood can be a trail head or a covered bridge. Mr. Laurer said the remaining wood could then be sold. Mayor Cahill suggested he talk to brokers and sell it all as an entire lot or get in touch with others such as; House Parts, ReHouse, and there is another place in Victor. Mr. Laurer said at this time they are looking for the property or land where it can be reconstructed.

Motion Trustee Balcaen and Seconded by Trustee Ippolito, Jr. to authorize Mayor Cahill to sign the Memoranda of Tower Lease Agreement with Verizon, all were in favor and carried.

Motion Trustee Lancy and Seconded by Trustee Byerts to authorize Mayor Cahill to sign the Resolution for Verizon addressing the SEQRA (type II with no environmental impact) and approving the lease, all were in favor and carried.

Motion Trustee Lancy and Seconded by Trustee Balcaen to authorize Mayor Cahill to sign the Tax form TP-584 as related to Verizon Lease, all were in favor and carried.

Motion Trustee Byerts and Seconded by Trustee Lancy to authorize Mayor Cahill to sign Amendment #1 with added extensions for Verizon, all were in favor and carried.

Mayor Cahill announced in the second amendment to the Water Tower Lease with AT&T there is no rental abatement and it is a Type II SEQRA with no environmental impact.

Motion Trustee Byerts and Seconded by Trustee Ippolito, Jr. to authorize Mayor to sign AT&T second amendment to Water Tower Lease Agreement, all were in favor and carried.

Attorney

Attorney White suggested contacting the last carrier on the cell tower which is T-Mobile because construction will happen soon. Jake Swingly said Don Carpenter did reach out to T-Mobile and has not heard back as of yet. Mayor Cahill said he would follow up with Don Carpenter.

Office

The comp and overtime report for April was reviewed.

Department of Public Works

Jake Swingly, Superintendent of Public Works updated the Board and said he has applied for a Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) for sidewalks on the north side of Park Avenue and the west side of Lapham Park. He said the Kittelberger Park sidewalks have just been completed and at this time he does not have any surplus declarations. Mr. Swingly said he will send out an update in regards to the North Avenue Project.

Adjournment

Motion Trustee Balcaen and Seconded by Trustee Lancy to adjourn the meeting at 8:55 p.m, all were in favor and carried.

Josette Amalfi, Village Clerk

John J. Cahill, Mayor