

Village of Webster
Village Board Meeting
July 28, 2016

Webster Community Meeting Hall
29 South Avenue
Webster, NY 14580

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

Mayor Cahill proclaimed July 28th, 2016 as “Ladies Auxiliary Day” in the Village of Webster in honor of the Webster Volunteer Fire Department Ladies Auxiliary for 75 Years of Dedicated Service. Mayor Cahill presented a proclamation and a plaque to Anne Swingly, Chairperson to the Ladies Auxiliary.

Mayor Cahill also congratulated the Business Improvement District for a successful Jazz Festival. He noted there were between 3500 to 4000 people who attended the festival with no incidents. He thanked the BID for their participation in doing so much for the Village of Webster.

Public Comments

Eric Reynolds – 64 Kircher Park – Webster Citizens Action League, Made comment to the Board in regards to a calendar of Webster Community Events which the WCAL printed up and distributed during the parade at the Fireman’s Carnival. Mr. Reynolds said on the calendar under the listing of all the dates of events was printed “brought to you by the Webster Citizens Action League” the gesture on behalf of the WCAL was to promote and publicize the events and not to take any credit for organizing or putting on the actual events. Mr. Reynolds sent a letter to this effect to Robyn Whittaker, President of the Business Improvement District (BID), an organization responsible for organizing the Webster Community Events listed on the calendar other than the Garlic Festival and Waterfront Art Festival which the WCAL distributed.

Michael Broikue – 83 North Avenue – Member of the BID, Business Improvement District, Addressed the Board and said the calendar which the WCAL handed out made it appear that they were sponsoring the events and the made no mention of the fact that these events were organized by the Village Business Improvement District (BID).

Karl Unrath – 9 West Main Street – Village Business owner made a statement to the Board and thanked the Village DPW crew for the great job they did with the Jazz Festival.

Peter Elder – 59 Dunning Avenue – Commented to the Board and explained his endeavor along with Eric Reynolds in filming and taping the Village Board Meetings with good results and uploading them to U-Tube. Mr. Elder said the Board is welcome to preview and comment on the tapes. He said this is not a permanent solution but because Cable TV is no longer involved at this time, it is one way to broadcast the meetings. Mr. Elder also urged the Board to look into other options such as live streaming the meetings.

Richard Walter – 20 Elm Street – Made mention to the Board in regards to information he acquired from Monroe County Telecommunications Center. Mr. Walter said as the Board researches the cost

for erecting a cell tower they should also look into the future of cell communication to be sure that this is a feasible direction.

Village Board Business

Motion Trustee Ippolito Jr., and Seconded by Trustee Byerts to approve the Village Board Meeting Minutes of July 12, 2016, all were in favor and carried.

Motion Trustee Lancy and Seconded by Trustee Ippolito Jr., to accept the claims totaling: General – \$59,454.75 and Sewer - \$6,021.42, all were in favor and carried.

Motion Trustee Byerts and Seconded by Trustee Ippolito Jr., to authorize the Mayor to sign a proposal for the site development of a Telecommunications Tower with CCG, Carpenter Consulting Group, all were in favor and carried.

Motion Trustee Ippolito Jr., and Seconded by Trustee Byerts to authorize payment to Lu Engineer in the amount of \$3,512.89 for professional services rendered in June 2016 for the North Avenue Connector Project to be paid out of the North Avenue Connector Project Reserve Account, all were in favor and carried.

Attorney

No Report.

Office

The financial statements for June 2016 were reviewed.

Code Enforcement

Will Barham, Code Enforcement Officer, reviewed with the Board the building report for the month of June 2016. Mr. Barham gave an update and reviewed the property at 104 East Main Street and shared with the Board photos of the property along with a report. Mr. Barham said he sent a letter to the bank which has a vested interest in the property and asked if they would correct the property violations. The Bank refused and Mr. Barham said in his professional opinion with the amount of work which needs to be done to the building he would like to recommend the Board take a Resolution based on the new Village Code in regards to unsafe buildings. He said then the owner of the building would have to attend a Village Board Hearing. The Hearing would be held to determine the disposition of the building and property.

Motion Trustee Lancy and Seconded by Trustee Ippolito Jr., to determine the property located at 104 East Main Street in the Village of Webster is an unsafe building based upon the pictures, the

correspondence of the Code Officer Will Barham and the number of violations listed on the property, all were in favor and carried.

Mayor Cahill said the next step would be to set the hearing date to be Tuesday, August 23, 2016 at 7:00 p.m.

Attorney White said the property owner would have to be served by August 8, 2016.

Mr. Barham said according to Village Code the Village crew can demolish the building or we can hire an outside company.

Attorney White explained the Village would have to come up with the funds to have the building demolished and the funds are not in the budget. Attorney White said ultimately the building would go up for auction in a tax foreclosure.

Department of Public Works

Jake Swingly, Superintendent of Public Works, reviewed with the Board and gave an update on the current road work being done by the DPW crew. He said Lincolnshire gutters are going in and the neighbors have been notified. The Main Street planters should be delivered this week and Kittelberger Florist is scheduled to fill the planters with specific arrangements so they can be displayed on the Main Street corridor.

Mayor Cahill interjected and said the BID or Business Improvement District donated fifteen thousand dollars to the endeavor of planters for the beautification of the downtown area in the Village. Mayor Cahill thanked the BID for their generous financial assistance.

The work on Kittelberger Park sidewalk project will also get underway later this summer along with the paving of the west end of Kittelberger Park.

Will Barham also said there was a preconstruction meeting for Morgan Management Project Phase 4 which involves an apartment building to be located on the corner of Kittelberger Park and North Avenue and ground breaking will take place this August 2016.

Superintendent Swingly also explained the STP digester tank cleaning should be done and they are waiting for estimates.

Attorney White said because of pending litigation regarding the STP a letter should be sent to the neighbors of the STP so they are informed at least a week in advance of when the scheduled cleaning of the digester will take place and that possible odor will be emitted.

Executive Session

Motion Trustee Byerts and Seconded by Trustee Lancy to enter into Executive Session at 8:43 p.m. to discuss CSEA Union – Village contract negotiations, and to discuss in accordance with Public

Officers Law, Article 7 §105.1 (f) medical, financial, credit or employment history of a particular person or corporation, or matters leading to the appointment, employment, promotion, demotion, discipline, suspension, dismissal or removal of a particular person or corporation, and to discuss potential legal matter regarding alleged intra-agency computer abuse, all were in favor and carried.

Motion Trustee Ippolito Jr., and Seconded by Trustee Lancy to exit from the Executive Session at 10:10 p.m., all were in favor and carried.

Adjournment

Motion Trustee Lancy and Seconded by Trustee Ippolito Jr., to adjourn the meeting at 10:15 p.m., all were in favor and carried.

Josette Amalfi, Village Clerk

John J. Cahill, Mayor