

Village of Webster
Village Board Meeting
July 9, 2013

Webster Community Meeting Hall
29 South Avenue
Webster, NY 14580

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

Absent: Attorney, Don White

Public Comment

Before the Public Comment section began Mayor Cahill informed the public, he currently is in the Village Offices on Mondays. Please call and make an appointment.

Anonymous Letter was written to Mayor Cahill and the Board expressing concerns related to the Mayor's conduct. The Mayor commented that change is not easy and that he would continue to address resident's concerns.

Fritz Hamel – 46 Kircher Park – Informed the public that he works for the Village and he wanted to give the Board advice. He discussed that employee moral for the Village is at all time low since 9/11. He felt that the Mayor telling employees that they will have to leave and the Boards motions totally confusing. He felt the Board is in place to oversee and that they needed to trust the staff. Currently felt there is no trust and the employees are worried. He feels that Board members are putting people down to make a point and have been informed a Board member is meeting with the former Village Clerk – Kathy Vendel and that this need to stop. There is no motivation for employees and we need to find a way to work together. Something has to change.

Kevin Florack – 24 Southwick Drive – Commented to the Board that the Village of Webster is a small place and likes small changes. He was very sad to see the Farmer Market, go to the Town Square. He feels the Village is about personable people. Employees make a difference in the Village.

Kelly Carnevale – 6541 Furnace Road – In her past business dealings felt the Village of Webster was a self sustaining Village. Currently, feels the community is falling apart. She questioned Mayor Cahill as to when there would be a vote for the residents on the water switchover. Mayor Cahill commented that there would not be a vote. Ms. Carnevale indicated that he had conducted an interview in the paper and indicated that there would be. Ms. Carnevale then questioned how far in to the process of switching over the water were they. She questioned if they had turned over the customer water account information. Then, she questioned the Board regarding employee's jobs, and what was being done to save them, considering the Board has put out a memo saying no jobs would be lost.

Eric Reynolds – 64 Kircher Park – Questioned what was the policy related to the residents conducting a recall vote on the removal of the Mayor. He commented the Board was not being transparent with residents. The Village Board represents the Village. Wanted to know why not telling what is happening with the water. Mr. Reynolds felt that there was behind the scene issues happening. Felt the Board was not updating the residents or members. Mayor Cahill commented that the Board has been giving updates and that they are awaiting a retail lease agreement from Monroe County Water Authority and plans to be able to inform the public as soon as they have

more information. Mayor Cahill also stated we are switching to Monroe County Water Authority. Mr. Reynolds further questioned the cost, who pays for the closing of the well field?

Fred Holly – 23 Pontiac Street – Indicated as a Village employee he has no clue regarding the switchover and has been cooperating with the Water Authority. Mr. Holly, also felt there should be a vote, since erroneous reports were put out during the election. Wanted to know who will pay for the current Water Department debt. Would it be on the Village Tax Bill. In addition, he was very concerned with the Mayor telling coworkers that he was the cause for someone to having to lose their job, felt it was not right.

Kevin Florack – 24 Southwick – Was concerned with the Monroe County and the maintenance on hydrants felt they could not be counted on since, he had run to the issue before.

Rick Walters – 20 Elm Street – Questioned if the Board really only ran on water during the election, why was there another pamphlet on fresh ideas. He felt the fresh ideas used in their pamphlet were taken from the previous Board. He felt they did not just run on water.

Fritz Hamel – 46 Kircher Park – Commented again that the Board needed to stop talking to the Former Clerk and if they wanted to know who was meeting with her to call him.

The Mayor closed the public commented at this point.

Village Board Business

Motion Trustee Lancy and Seconded by Trustee Byerts to approve the Village Board Minutes of June 27, 2013, all were in favor and carried.

Motion Trustee Ippolito Jr. and Seconded by Trustee Balcaen after personal review of claims by Mayor Cahill and Trustee Lancy to accept claims totaling: General - \$24,682.75, Water - \$2,657.65, Trust & Agency - \$4,620.14 and Prepaid Utilities of \$1,127.30, all were in favor and carried.

Resident Joe Cassara – 62 Dunning Avenue – Discussed concerns he had for excessive speeding on Dunning Avenue between Fuller and Main Street. The resident was very concerned for children in the neighborhood and feels a stops sign would help reduce the speeding in the area. He informed the Board he spoke to Chief Pickering and he was giving the area special attention but did not believe this was an overall solution. Mayor Cahill suggested the resident do a petition and bring his neighbors to a meeting and the Board would look into adopting the necessary law for the stop sign. Mayor Cahill questioned, Superintendent Swingly as to the cost of a stop sign for the area. Superintendent Swingly commented it would be around \$500. The Board thanked the resident for his input on this issue.

Attorney

No report was given.

Office

Village Clerk, Ciccarelli reviewed the June 2013 Comp-time Report with the Board, she indicated the staff made strides on reducing the amount of comp-time on the books.

Motion Trustee Byerts, Seconded by Trustee Lancy to authorize the Village Clerk to sign the contract with Industrial Appraisal Services, with the approval of Attorney Don White on requested changes, all were in favor and carried.

Department of Public Works

Superintendent Swingly reviewed with the Board information he had received regarding a grant from the DEC for Waste Water Engineering Planning Grant for up to \$50,000 with a 20 percent matching of funds. Superintendent Swingly, would like to use this grant to study are Waste Water Treatment Plant. The Superintendent felt the getting the study of the plant would be the first step in getting a grant towards upgrades needed at the plant. Trustee Byerts questioned the type of improvements needed. The Superintendent discussed possible work needed on the plants digesters. Additional discussion was held on the current state of the digester and how the study would take a better look at the digesters and other areas of the plant and make the necessary recommendations needed.

Water Department

Mayor Cahill questioned the Superintendent on progress made on projects on Commercial Street and the Judson, London gutter project. The Superintendent informed the Mayor he is currently planning on having the Commercial Street is projected to be completed by September, with the hope the entire piping would be completed in the next three weeks. Additional, he stated the crew would pouring the concrete for DI repairs and gutter repairs with good weather the end of next week. He also discussed upcoming milling and paving of Maryvale as well as the pulling of the gutters on Meadow in the coming weeks.

Call In

No call were received.

Adjournment

Motion Trustee Byerts and Seconded by Trustee Ippolito Jr. to enter into an executive session at 8:45pm, all were in favor and carried

Motion Trustee Ippolito Jr. and Seconded by Trustee Balcaen to adjourn after the executive session, all were in favor and carried.

Dorothea M. Ciccarelli, Village Clerk

John J. Cahill, Mayor