

Village of Webster
Village Board Meeting
July 25, 2013

Webster Community Meeting Hall
29 South Avenue
Webster, NY 14580

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

Public Comment

Before the Public Comment section began Mayor Cahill informed the public, he would no longer be reading anonymous letter either pro or con.

The Mayor also read a letter Barbara Schaffer who wanted to send a positive note regarding the switching over to Monroe County Water.

Christine Reynolds -64 Kircher Park – Questioned the Board if they were aware of their fiduciary duties. In addition, she question if the Board felt the water was contaminated and if they felt it was she would be filing a freedom of information request for documents stating it was. She also questioned if the Board would hire an independent contractor to assess the water system and supply as suggested by Charlie Styles. She also expressed concern related to reports she had received of the Mayor yelling at employees.

Eric Reynolds – 64 Kircher Park – Requested the following information from the Board what is the income received from meter water, cell tower revenue, will Monroe County get cell phone tower revenue, cost to decommission wells, expenses for water after the switch and chlorine in Village water Vs Monroe County water. Mr. Reynolds provided the Board his own impact statement.

Jeff Bennett – Baker Street – Questioned the Board on the latest on the parking situation at the end Baker and Kircher. He also would like to see 2-3 spaces marked for trail use only.

Vic Larmon – Champion Avenue – Commented to the Board about recent pamphlets and jokes related to the Mayor and wanted the Board to be aware he was in support of them.

Greg Ippolito – Dunning Avenue – Ashamed of what has been happening at the Village meetings. He works for Monroe County Water Authority and feels they do a great job. Also felt the Board was doing a good job and we should all live as one community.

Rick Walter- 20 Elm Street – Lived in Village for 67 years and is concerned with the water switchover since he gets sick from the excessive amount of chlorine in the County Water. Feels that there is something wrong with water every place in the country and we should preserve the Village water. Very concerned residents will have to absorb the debt of the Water Department.

Eric Campbell – Donovan Park – Expressed frustration over the water issue. Works currently for a pool store and has tested the Monroe County water and finds it currently has three times more chlorine in it than the Village water. Feels the Board has been lacking responses to legitimate questions and feels someone has to take the Board to task. Felt the Board has not been transparent.

John Narde- Rayfield Circle – Commented he was not a lifelong resident and felt the Board did not promise anything more than switching to Monroe County Water and nobody promised it would save money.

Trustee Ippolito – Commented to the public that we can have differences but it needs to be in a more professional way, concerned with the fliers that were passed out at the parade. Concerned with Mayor’s family regarding the contents of the fliers, felt it was unnecessary. Trustee Ippolito also commented we need to get back to being a community and need to deal with Board and not do stuff to harm the families.

Pam Elder – Questioned how many Village residents there are and why there could not be a vote on the water issue.

Mayor Cahill closed the public portion of the meeting.

Village Board Business

Motion Trustee Lancy and Seconded by Trustee Byerts to approve the Village Board Workshop Minutes of July 2, 2013 as corrected and Village Board Minutes of July 9, 2013, all were in favor and carried.

Motion Trustee Byerts and Seconded by Trustee Ippolito Jr. after personal review of claims by Mayor Cahill and Trustee Byerts to accept claims totaling: General - \$64,025.21, Water - \$14,981.84, Trust & Agency - \$4,502.26, Prepaid Utilities of \$10,999.60 and Reimbursement of \$5.60 all were in favor and carried.

Trustee Byerts provided an update to the residents on the Water transfer to Monroe County. Monroe County provided the Village with a 12 action points, which the Village addressed. The Monroe County Water Authority has completed or received the following items toured the water facilities and received maps of water system, as well as customer information. They completed an initial inventory at the Well Field and a final complete inventory will be done a time of transfer. The Water Authority did ride along to view the electronic reading system software and will do so again in August. All account information has been passed along and is being updated from the Village. A study is being done to determine the fair market value of water assets. The Village will be doing a feasibility study on continuing the cell tower revenue stream. The Village is working with the DEC on healthy forest assessment revenue. Applications were offered to employees of the Water Department. Future discussion will be held by the Village Board and Union representatives. Monroe County Water Authority will be in the Village mapping valves. The Village Board will have a draft retail lease agreement in one or two weeks.

Attorney

Attorney White was absent, no report was given.

Office

Motion Trustee Byerts and Seconded by Trustee Ippolito Jr. to approve the June 2013 Financial Statements for General (01) and Water Fund (02), all were in favor and carried.

