

Village of Webster
Village Board Meeting
August 08, 2013

Webster Community Meeting Hall
29 South Avenue
Webster, NY 14580

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

Public Comment

Before the Public Comment section began Mayor Cahill informed the public, read a letter received from a Keith Coleman at 129 Curtice Park related to a conflict of interest related to Trustee Ippolito Jr. and Gregory Ippolito currently employed by the Water Department and was concerned it created an ethics issue. The Mayor informed the Board he spoke to the Village Attorney who felt there was no conflict, Monroe County Water Authority Attorney felt there was no conflict and the Villages Board of Ethics felt there was no conflict. Trustee Lancy questioned if we consulted with an outside attorney and was informed we had not

Trustee Byerts reviewed with the public frequently asked question regarding the switch over to Monroe County Water Authority. These questions included several questions asked by residents and answers. Trustee Lancy also reviewed similar questions with different answers.

The Mayor read a letter from Joyce Lehman – 262 South Avenue – Expressing concern over switch over to Monroe County Water and related to the Board information about a grant given to clean up to the Great Lakes.

Eric Campbell -152 Donovan Street – Questioned Election was truly one issue election as stated by the Mayor if the Board since the Mayor indicated that the negative campaign conducted in the last days of election, changed the vote. Did he really think then this was still a one issue election. Asked the Board how they justify changing the water without a vote from the public. Questioned where the cell tower would go and would there be cost moving the current leases. Questioned if there was official Water Quality report from Monroe County is available. Mayor Cahill informed him he could get an official copy from the Counties Website. Questioned when the information packet was made available to the Board and why was it only made available recently to the public. Commented the Board should listen to the public.

John Narde – Rayfield Circle – Commented that he felt this was amazing conflict over the switch of the water, which he felt the majority of the Village residents wanted the conversion to Monroe County. He also indicated he heard the Village Attorney indicate in the past that this issue was not able to be voted on by the public. Also commented the people voiced their opinion by voting for the new Board. Feels the Board is making the right move.

Ben Elder – 59 Dunning Avenue – Expressed concern with switching to Monroe County Water, felt the Board would be poisoning the residents do to the amount of chlorine in Monroe County Water.

Fred Holley – 23 Pontiac Street – Commented he was the Chief Operator of the Water Plant was concerned with comments made about the Water Authority personnel specializing and that the Village employees are not. He felt this was a slap to the professional employee working for the Village who do

work on water repair and road as well. Also, spoke recently to other water authority employees who indicated that they do not specialize in duties. Concerned with decommissioning of the wellfield concerned it will actually cost more than indicated.

Mayor Cahill – Commented that he felt all the employees were professional.

Kevin Florack – 24 Southwick – Questioned the safety of the water hydrant pressure. Questioned why the Board members had filed a Freedom of Information request for the information as well.

Ann Marie Champagne – Village Employee commented that she works for the Residents of the Village and has been receiving very valid questions and concerns related to the switch-over to the County water. Felt the board had devised a plan with financial burden to the resident they should inform them of the plan. Feels no guidance provided to answer their questions. Concerns with what will happen once the wells are filled in. Residents have indicated to her that they are afraid to address the Board with their concerns. Reminded the Board they to work for the residents on the other side of the table.

Tom Foster – 37 Park Avenue – Was confused as to why people think the water is good. Feels the water is bad and does need to be switched.

Michelle Reynolds – Thanked the Webster officers in attendance and wondered why everyone was concerned with the clip art on the flyer and not information related. Questioned Mayor Cahill if he had the police called on him. Felt everyone should read the information.

Mayor Cahill indicated it was an in appropriate event to be passing out the flyers.

Joyce Lehman – 262 South Avenue – Questioned the Board what time a year is the water for Monroe County Water Authority tested. Mr. Metzger with MCWA indicated it was an average of about 60,000 samples, similar to what the Village Water does now.

Mayor Cahill ended public comment portion of meeting at this time.

Trustee Byerts – Issued a statement regarding an indication a previous Board meeting the Mayor could be heard yelling at Village Employees outside the Village Hall. He interviewed the office staff and no one indicated it had happened. Also, felt that the indication the Board was not doing their fiduciary duty was inappropriate considering the State Comptrollers report regarding the previous Board.

Village Board Business

The following resolution was offered by Trustee Byerts and was Seconded by Trustee Ippolito Jr. the vote for the resolution was in favor by Mayor Cahill, Trustee Balcaen, Trustee Byerts, and Trustee Ippolito Jr. and Trustee Lancy vote against, resolution was moved for adoption:

WHEREAS, The Village of Webster presently supplies water to its residents; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to New York Village Law 11-1128 as Village is authorized to lease its water supply and distribution system to a water authority; and

WHEREAS, Village Mayor John Cahill and Trustee Darrell Byerts has engaged in comprehensive negotiations with the Monroe County Water Authority with respect to a Retail Lease Agreement for operation of the water system by the Monroe County Water Authority; and

WHEREAS, it is determined that the supply of water to the Village of Webster by the Monroe County Water Authority is in the long-term best interest of the Village of Webster;

NOW THEREFORE, be it RESOLVED:

1. That the Mayor of the Village of Webster is hereby authorized to enter into and sign the Retail Lease Agreement for Operation of the water system with the Monroe County Water Authority, a copy of said Retail Lease Agreement is annexed hereto.

Mayor Cahill signed the Retail Lease Agreement and called for a ten minute recess.

Motion was made by Trustee Byerts and Second by Trustee Ippolito Jr. the signing of the contract with MCWA is a type II action, in favor was Mayor Cahill, Trustee Balcaen, Trustee Byerts, and Trustee Ippolito Jr. and Trustee Lancy voted against, motion was carried.

Mayor Cahill read the following Proclamation honoring Jason Bellows:

WHEREAS, Jason Bellows began his employment with the Village of Webster as summer help in August 2003, and

WHEREAS, Jason proved to have a strong work ethic and was hired as a full-time Public Works employee in July 2004, and

WHEREAS, with further education and training Jason was transferred to the Water Department in February 2009 and became a Type B Water Treatment Plant Operator, and

WHEREAS, Jason married Sarina Clancy in October 2009 and in October 2012 they welcomed their Daughter Liliana Kay to their family, and

WHEREAS, Jason continued to learn and grow with the village assisting with water main break repairs, water service installations, and hydrant repairs. He worked diligently alongside the Chief Water Plant Operator in the Lab at the Wellfield. Additionally, Jason was instrumental in revising the method of seasonal hydrant flushing making it less disruptive to village residents, and

WHEREAS, his main responsibilities were with the water department, yet Jason continued to assist as needed helping with snow plowing, street maintenance and other related public works duties, and

WHEREAS, Jason's demeanor and intellect creates a pleasant work environment and gives him outstanding customer service skills and

WHEREAS, this brief summary of the personal and professional accomplishments of Jason Bellows cannot scratch the surface in describing the true impact he has had on the Village of Webster Water Department and in the Community.

THEREFORE, I, John J. Cahill, along with the Village Board of Trustees, do hereby extend best wishes to Jason Bellows in his future endeavors and give in return the sincere gratitude of the Village of Webster for the years Jason has spent making the Village of Webster a place where Life Keeps Getting Better.

The Board and Superintendent Swingly thanked Jason for all his hard worked and wished him the best in his new position.

Motion Trustee Byerts and Seconded by Trustee Ippolito Jr. after personal review of claims by Mayor Cahill and Trustee Lancy to accept claims totaling: General - \$9,588.46, Water - \$12,235.68, Trust & Agency - \$1,762.11, Prepaid Utilities of \$13,916.64 and Prepaid Delivery of \$117.00, in favor was Mayor Cahill, Trustee Balcaen, Trustee Byerts, and Trustee Ippolito Jr. and Trustee Lancy voted against, motion was carried.

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Planning Board Chairmen, Peter Adams –Reviewed the Planning Board recommendations for North Ponds Phase IV. Mr. Adams reviewed with the Board the Planning Board concerns regarding the original application brought in front of the Board. The felt proposed amenity/incentive is somewhat inconsistent with the comprehensive plan. In addition, they felt the scale, massing and density of proposed development are excessive for the site and is not in the best interest of the Village. Mr. Adams also informed the Board they could allow the applicant to resubmit.

Jerry Goldman, representing Morgan Management discussed with the Board they had made changes based on the Planning Boards recommendations and would like to amend the application and have dialogue with the Village Board. Mayor Cahill discussed with the other Board members and they felt it appropriate for the applicant to attend the September workshop. Mayor Cahill requested the Board due their due diligence and review the property site.

Attorney

Attorney White, after discussion with the Board would follow up on the information that the Governor had signed the Robb Cemetery Law.

Office

Village Clerk, Ciccarelli reviewed with the Board the overtime and comp-time report for July and discussed recent overtime used.

Village Clerk, informed the Board they had received the cleaning service proposal and would be making recommendation to the board at the next meeting.

Motion Trustee Lancy and Seconded by Trustee Balcaen and all were in favor to approve the following budget transfer:

