

Village of Webster
Village Board Meeting
September 8, 2016

Webster Community Meeting Hall
29 South Avenue
Webster, NY 14580

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

Public Comments

Richard Walter – 20 Elm Street – Questioned the Board in regards to the proposed construction of the new Cell Tower. Mr. Walter said he heard the projected cost to build the Tower was between two hundred thousand dollars and upward of three hundred thousand dollars.

Mayor Cahill said the cost would be less than that.

Mr. Walter asked how much rent is collected in a year from the contracts on the Cell Tower.

Mayor Cahill said approximately seventy thousand dollars is being collected in a year.

Mr. Walter also questioned who would be responsible for moving the antennas to the new Tower.

Mayor Cahill said he does not have a definitive answer as of yet.

Mr. Walter continued and asked what the maintenance costs of the Tower and the buildings would be and also how many years it would take to recoup the money for construction. He said he hopes there would be a public informational meeting to communicate and inform the public when the Board does have all the answers.

Eric Reynolds – 64 Kricher Park – Commented to the Board in regards to allegations related to an attempt to move responsibility in Village Hall concerning the records officer and secondly he said he heard there was an attempt to collect employee medical records in the Village Hall and he would like to know if these allegations are true or just rumor. Mr. Reynolds continued and read a statement by Peter Elder, who has been filming and uploading videos of the Village Board Meetings and Workshops to You Tube for public viewing since Cable TV Channel 12 is not currently filming. Mr. Reynolds asked for a response to the allegations.

Mayor Cahill said he would not address rumors which Mr. Reynolds brought to the Board. He said he would not give credibility to any rumors.

Village Board Business

Motion Trustee Balcaen and Seconded by Trustee Ippolito Jr., to approve the Village Board Special Meeting Minutes of August 23, 2016, all were in favor and carried.

Motion Trustee Lancy and Seconded by Trustee Balcaen to approve the Village Board Meeting Minutes of August 25, 2016, Vote on Motion; Trustee Lancy – aye, Trustee Balcaen – aye, Trustee Byerts – aye, Trustee Ippolito Jr. – aye, Mayor Cahill – abstain, motion carried.

Trustee Lancy had a discussion with the Board members in regards to a cohesive color scheme for the buildings in the Village. Trustee Lancy explained she and a decorator from Sherwin-Williams Paint would coordinate a color pallet for the Village buildings and update the Board on the chosen colors at the next Village Board Meeting on September 22, 2016. She said the color scheme will involve the four corners business district only. Trustee Lancy said the Business Improvement District or BID will also be included on the decision of the final color pallet.

Motion Trustee Ippolito Jr. and Seconded by Trustee Lancy to accept the claims totaling: General – \$14,926.29, and Sewer – \$6,067.52, all were in favor and carried.

Will Barham, Code Enforcement Officer had a discussion with the Board to consider a Proposed Local Law for Outdoor display, sale or promotion of merchandise. Mr. Barham said historically there are not many sidewalk sales in the Village but if a business owner wants to have a sidewalk sale they have to appeal to the Planning Board which only meets once a month. Mr. Barham said he would like to make the process easier for businesses and would rather have them apply for a permit instead. He researched Codes from other Towns and Villages and put together an example of a possible proposed local law. It was decided the discussion would be continued in the next Village Board Workshop on Tuesday, October 4, 2016.

Motion Trustee Balcaen and Seconded by Trustee Byerts to authorize Mayor Cahill to sign applications for the renewal of Village Insurance Package Policy, all were in favor and carried.

Will Barham, Code Enforcement Officer, discussed with the Board the Electrical Inspection process and the three agencies which are approved to do inspections and shared by both the Village and the Town of Webster. These specific agencies are required to have insurance and professional certification to perform the NYS electrical inspections which can be residential or commercial. Mr. Barham said the employees are the professionals who have the experience and many of them are master electricians which inspect these facilities. The Village as the authority having jurisdiction grant them permission to inspect on our behalf, although we do not pay them, the business and residential owners pay to have these inspections done. They at the end provide a certificate that insures they have inspected the electrical and it meets NYS Code. We require this as part of a certificate of compliance or a certificate of occupancy prior to closing on the permit.

Mr. Barham continued and said he was called to look at an electrical problem at a business and when he had questions he felt it necessary to ask an Electrical Inspector. An Electrical Inspector came in to review the problem and it was discovered that an employee of one the three specific agencies was found to have overlooked an electrical problem which should have been discovered and corrected. Upon closer investigation Mr. Barham uncovered that there have been two other problems documented in the past related to this particular inspector. Although the Electrical Agency is very good we would not want this particular inspector to handle anymore Electrical Inspections in the Village.

Attorney

No Report.

Office

The Comp and Overtime Report for August 2016 was reviewed.

Department of Public Works

Jake Swingly, Superintendent of Public Works, reviewed with the Board and gave an update and said the gutters are almost done on Lincolnshire Road. The crew will start Kittelberger Park next week and do a new process called cold recycling. He said he spoke to Monroe County in regards to the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) pertaining to new sidewalks on Kittelberger Park, in the amount of sixty five thousand dollars which is the largest amount received to date. He said the Village is waiting on the contracts from Monroe County and we should be able to do this project by the end of the year.

Superintendent Swingly said the planters have come in and they have been rearranged according to the Landscape Architect plan. He said Bill Horeth from Kittelberger Florist loaned a pallet jack or plastic skid which allowed the DPW crew to move the planters to different locations throughout the Village without any problems. Superintendent Swingly thanked Bill Horeth for all his help with the flowers and the planters. He said in the next meeting he will have a shared dumpster agreement with NOCO, Golden Boys and Nor Web.

Executive Session

Motion Trustee Ippolito Jr., and Seconded by Trustee Lancy to enter Executive Session at 8:48 p.m. to discuss CSEA Union – Village contract negotiations, all were in favor and carried.

Motion Trustee Ippolito Jr., and Seconded by Trustee Balcaen to exit Executive Session at 9:55 p.m., all were in favor and carried.

Adjournment

Motion Trustee Ippolito Jr., and Seconded by Trustee Balcaen to adjourn the meeting at 9:57 p.m., all were in favor and carried.

Josette Amalfi, Village Clerk

John J. Cahill, Mayor