

Village of Webster
Village Board Meeting
September 14, 2017

Webster Community Meeting Hall
29 South Avenue
Webster, NY 14580

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

Mayor Byerts read a proclamation which was presented to the Village of Webster at the annual 9/11 Remembrance Ceremony by Senator Pamela Helming.

COMMEMORATING the Village of Webster's 16th Annual 9/11 Remembrance Ceremony on September 11, 2017 in Veterans Memorial Park.

WHEREAS, it is the intent of the New York State Senate to publicly commemorate significant moments in the history of our state and nation and to recognize individuals and organizations for holding ceremonies to honor these momentous occasions; and

WHEREAS, September 11, 2001 was undoubtedly one of the darkest days in our history, when New York State and the United States of America were the victims of a vicious and horrific terrorist attack on the World Trade Center, the Pentagon, and Flight 93; and

WHEREAS, though the terrorists crashed our planes, knocked down our buildings, and killed our people, they could not and never will break our spirit and damage our resolve as American citizens who live in a great nation that stands for liberty and justice for all; and

WHEREAS, the United States of America continues to battle terrorism around the world, with members of our nation's military serving in Afghanistan, Iraq, and elsewhere overseas in defense of our American freedom and the safety and security of all people; and

WHEREAS, many people from throughout the Finger Lakes region have served in our nation's military as part of the anti-terrorism mission since the 9/11 attacks; and

WHEREAS, since that date 16 years ago, communities across our nation and our state and throughout the Finger Lakes region have paused and gathered together on this anniversary to remember the nearly 3,000 of our fellow American citizens whom we lost that day; and

WHEREAS, the Village of Webster has held a 9/11 Remembrance Ceremony every year since 2002, the first anniversary of this terrible tragedy, that takes place by the veterans monument that the Village established in Veterans Memorial Park with people from around the Village attending; and

WHEREAS, special recognition should be given for the outstanding efforts of communities such as the Village of Webster that continue to pay tribute to the victims of 9/11 every year; now, therefore, be it

PROCLAIMED, that I, New York State Senator Pamela A. Helming, proudly recognize the Village of Webster for holding its 16th annual 9/11 Remembrance Ceremony on September 11, 2017 in Veterans Memorial Park to honor our country and its people; and be it further

PROCLAIMED, that a copy of this proclamation be presented to the Village of Webster.

Mayor Byerts said this is a tremendous statement in regards to this Village and Community on what happened that day and he said he appreciated Senator Helming's Proclamation which will be on display in the Village Hall.

Mayor Byerts also presented a Proclamation to acknowledge service recognition and said we have the honor to present this 25 Year recognition to John Carnevale, Chief Waste Water Treatment Plant Operator.

New York State Conference of Mayors and Municipal Officials present this 25 year certificate of public service to John Carnevale in recognition of 25 Years of distinguished public service to your community. The New York State Conference of Mayors is pleased and honored to publicly acknowledge your dedication and commitment.

Mayor Byerts said this says a lot and we recently had a report on our Waste Water Treatment Plant by Clement Chung and his comment was that the plant for its age is in very good condition. This statement is a tribute to John Carnevale, who is always looking to maintain and upgrade the plant and I commend him for the job that he does and also for Kevin Florack and Bob Regelsberger as well.

Public Comments

Richard Walter – 20 Elm Street – Inquired of the Board an update on the progress of the Cell Tower. He said there is a lot of progress being made at the site and he also asked who will take the old tower down.

Mayor Byerts said there was a delay with RG&E to install a pole and electric service but that has been put in. Verizon is on the Tower and they have the middle section. The other two, AT&T will be going to the top of the Tower and we should have T-Mobil final contract this week but we will give an update next time.

Village Board Business

Motion Trustee Lancy and Seconded by Trustee Laurer to approve the Village Board Meeting Minutes of August 24, 2017, all were in favor and carried.

Motion Trustee Balcaen and Seconded by Trustee Lancy to approve the claims and warrants totaling: General – \$92,362.95 and Sewer \$36,754.49, and Capital \$75,435.94 and Trust & Agency \$1,196.62, all were in favor and carried.

The following resolution was offered by Trustee Ippolito Jr. and Seconded by Trustee Lancy, all were in favor and moved for its adoption:

WHEREAS Congress is giving serious consideration to eliminating the federal income tax deduction for state and local taxes;

WHEREAS this deduction, which has been in place for more than 100 years, is heavily utilized by residents of our community and our State;

WHEREAS New York residents already pay more into the federal treasury than the federal government returns to New York;

WHEREAS the state and local tax deduction is a fundamental principle of federalism and without it our residents would be faced with double taxation as they would be forced to pay federal income taxes on the taxes they pay to state and local governments;

WHEREAS this federal cost shift onto local governments would place extreme pressure on municipal budgets, including diminished revenue for essential local government investments, including public safety and public infrastructure; and

WHEREAS increased federal taxation and reduced municipal services will harm our local housing market, decrease home values and erode our local tax base,

NOW THEREFORE, be it RESOLVED that the Village of Webster, NY expresses its strong opposition to any tax reform proposal that would eliminate the State and Local Tax (SALT) Deduction and urges Senator Kristin Gillibrand, Senator Charles Schumer, Representative Louise Slaughter, State Senator Pamela Helming, and Assemblyman Mark Johns to join us in publicly opposing any such proposal.

Attorney - No report

Office

The Comp & Overtime report for August 2017 was reviewed.

Mayor Byerts explained the last meeting the budget transfer and modifications were not voted on so we will vote on them tonight.

Motion Trustee Ippolito Jr., and Seconded by Trustee Balcaen to approve the following budget modifications for September 14, 2017, all were in favor and carried.

From: 04-10-9950-900	Transfer to Reserve	\$4,840.00
To: 04-08-8130-455	Engineering/Professional Services	4,840.00

Reason: To allow for LaBella invoice to be paid for additional services rendered not previously budgeted for.

From: 04-10-9950-900	Transfer to Reserve	\$1,550.00
To: 04-08-8130-464	PLC Program Maintenance	1,550.00

Reason: Emergency repair to PLC – Process Logic Controllers – damaged during recent rain and lightning storm at the STP.

Department of Public Works

Jake Swingly, Superintendent of Public Works gave an update to the Board and said the work on Dunning Avenue is done and Meadow Drive is caught up. He said the crew is working with the Town of Webster utilizing their camera on sewer mains at East Main Street and they were able to build up the man hole and will put the new cover on it. At the STP the digester pipes have all been installed and the scaffolding will be taken out soon and everything will be put back in order. Superintendent Swingly said the PO's for the new trucks were sent out and he will follow up with the suppliers on the Clean Community Initiatives to see if funding is available through NYSERTA for high impact items.

Adjournment

Motion Trustee Balcaen and Seconded by Trustee Ippolito Jr. to adjourn the meeting at 8:13 p.m., all were in favor and carried.

Josette Amalfi, Village Clerk

Darrell Byerts, Mayor