

Village of Webster
Village Board Meeting
November 10, 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

Eric Reynolds – 64 Kircher Park – Commented to the Board in regards to the Planning Board meeting related to the Scenic Village Townhomes last week. He said it appeared the Planning Board forced a citizen to put up a bond by threatening him with removing his site plan approval. Mr. Reynolds said he felt the man agreed to the bond in order to not go to court because he did not want to spend money on that. Mr. Reynolds said the Village Board should look into the situation.

Mayor Cahill commented and said he was at the Planning Board meeting and he does not agree with Mr. Reynolds interpretation of the meeting.

Peter Elder – 59 Dunning Avenue – Discussed with the Board and said he has received information through a FOIL request and learned the lawsuit against the Sewage Treatment Plant has cost the Village over thirteen thousand dollars to date which seems like a huge expense. Mr. Elder believes there was no advantage in discontinuing composting. He said he is disappointed with the lawsuit and disappointed with the result. He said he is not sure what can be done about it now but urged the Village Board to take a closer look because he does not see an end in sight.

Mike Yanus – 159 Seasons Trail – Made comment to the Board in regard to the last Planning Board meeting with Scenic Village Townhomes. Mr. Yanus said although he was not in attendance, his concern is in regard to the Letter of Credit to be provided by the builder within 90 days of the meeting. Mr. Yanus asked what would happen to the Letter of Credit if it is not returned within the 90 days or if builder vacates the project. He asked if the Village would take the Credit and finish the job or if the Homeowners Association would be responsible to complete the job with their engineer.

Mayor Cahill said if the developer does not come forward with the letter of credit in the 90 day period then the Planning Board would take action regarding the site plan. Mayor Cahill also added that the engineering study would be taken into consideration.

Village Board Business

Motion Trustee Lancy and Seconded by Trustee Balcaen to approve the Village Board Meeting Minutes of October 27, 2016, Vote on motion; Trustee Lancy – aye, Trustee Balcaen – aye, Trustee Ippolito Jr. – abstain, Trustee Byerts – aye, Mayor Cahill – aye, motion carried.

Motion Trustee Ippolito Jr. and Seconded by Trustee Byerts to accept the claims totaling: General – \$25,743.59 (without \$118.36 invoice of videographer) and Sewer – \$9,207.17, all were in favor and carried.

Motion Trustee Byerts and Seconded by Trustee Lancy to accept the claim totaling: General – \$118.36 (for the invoice of videographer) Vote on motion; Trustee Byerts – aye, Trustee Lancy – aye, Trustee Ippolito Jr. – aye, Trustee Balcaen – aye, Mayor Cahill – nay, motion carried.

Attorney

No Report.

Office

The Comp and Overtime Report for September 2016 was reviewed.

Krystina Lizak, Village Treasurer discussed the proposed funding for the new Cell Tower. She explained based on the financial statements provided by Freed Maxick the unassigned fund balance is at one million three hundred twenty six thousand and the Village can afford to build the cell tower without bonding it or putting any BAN's on it. The fund balance percentage of the current budget is at forty nine percent (49%) and if we build the cell tower and fund it that would cause the fund balance to go down to forty four percent (44 %).

Mayor Cahill said revenue was higher than planned last year and our expenditures were less. He said we will discuss it more at the next workshop and as things move forward we will make the appropriate transfers of monies to pay for this. Mayor Cahill said it is fortunate that it is as high as it is because this is an unintended and unplanned expenditure.

Department of Public Works

Jake Swingly, Superintendent of Public Works, reviewed with the Board and gave an update on the need for the digester emergency repair at the STP. He explained there is a plug in the bottom of the digester and it is not allowing us to transfer solids thus we have to remove the plug and clean out the digester so it will work again. The best way to do this is to remove the cover. We have quotes from local companies to do this emergency action to get this critical piece of equipment working again.

Motion Trustee Ippolito Jr., and Seconded by Trustee Balcaen to approve the following budget modification to allow for the digester repair at the Sewage Treatment Plant, all were in favor and carried.

From:	01-00-0909-000	Fund Balance	\$160,000.00
To:	01-00-9901-000	Interfund Transfer Out	\$160,000.00

From:	04-00-9902-000	Interfund Transfer In	\$160,000.00
To:	04-00-0909-000	Fund Balance	\$160,000.00

Loan from General Fund to Sewer Fund to allow for Digester repair at STP.

Motion Trustee Byerts and Seconded by Trustee Lancy to declare the SEQR determination regarding the North Avenue Connector Project According to Part 617.5 (c) (2) of the State Environmental Quality Review Act (SEQRA) the project is a Type II Action under SEQRA and no further action is required, all were in favor and carried.

Superintendent Swingly said leaf pick up will be delayed this month. He said there is a need to educate people on how to keep the leaves out of the gutters and behind the curb but not in the street. He reminded everyone that this is important and could be dangerous because drivers tend to swerve around the leaf piles. He also said he was not able to order the new light pole decorations in time for the Holiday Season but will order them in the spring at a discounted price.

Executive Session

Motion Trustee Balcaen and Seconded by Trustee Lancy to enter Executive Session at 8:39 p.m. to discuss CSEA Union and Village contract negotiations, and to discuss the work history or the promotion, demotion or discipline of a particular employee, all were in favor and carried.

Motion Trustee Ippolito Jr., and Seconded by Trustee Balcaen to exit Executive Session at 9:16 p.m., all were in favor and carried.

Adjournment

Motion Trustee Ippolito Jr., and Seconded by Trustee Lancy to adjourn the meeting at 9:18 p.m., all were in favor and carried.

Josette Amalfi, Village Clerk

John J. Cahill, Mayor