

Village of Webster
Village Board Meeting
December 22, 2016

Webster Community Meeting Hall
29 South Avenue
Webster, NY 14580

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

Mayor Cahill provided a response to the public comment from Rick Walter, at the last meeting on December 8, 2016, in regards to the funding of the new cell tower. Mr. Walter believes the use of reserves to pay for the project would be unfair to taxpayers. Mayor Cahill said the funds to pay for the tower will be derived from the unassigned fund balance rather than saddling the taxpayer with an additional twenty four thousand dollars in interest, financial advisor, and bond counsel fees. Mayor Cahill said utilizing unassigned fund balance monies to pay for the cell tower is keeping with the fiduciary responsibility according to the State Comptroller.

Public Comments

Richard Walter – 20 Elm Street – Commented to the Board and wished everyone a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year. Mr. Walter asked if there was any more discussion to consider building a solar array at the Sewage Treatment Plant to offset or reduce sewer costs to the residents.

Peter Elder – 59 Dunning Avenue – Made comment to the Board and also wished everyone a Merry Christmas. Mr. Elder expressed gratitude and respect to the Trustees. He thanked Jake Swingly and the DPW Crew for their outstanding snow plowing efforts not only during the last snow storm but throughout the winter season. Mr. Elder also thanked Josette Amalfi for her diligence and respect in regards to his frequent FOIL requests.

Mr. Elder continued and said as a follow up to his discussion from the last meeting he does have information that petitions for dissolution of the Village have actually been prepared because he has seen an email image of them. Mr. Elder said he does believe election is a better way to change the direction of the Village. He is concerned for the preparedness of the Village in case these petitions are delivered. Mr. Elder would like to see the Village conduct an internal study of all the assets the residents have and would possibly lose through dissolution if that was to happen. Mr. Elder said the study would be a powerful tool to show alternatives to the actual value the Village residents are receiving now in cost of services.

Mayor Cahill said he would rather have an outside independent company conduct such a study but he stated for the record he is not advocating for the dissolution of the Village of Webster and he does not want to see such a headline on the Webster Citizens Action League website. Mayor Cahill then asked Mr. Elder to forward the email in regards to the dissolution petitions to the Board. Mr. Elder said he would forward the email.

Village Board Business

Motion Trustee Byerts and Seconded by Trustee Balcaen to approve the Village Board Workshop Minutes of November 29, 2016, all were in favor and carried.

Motion Trustee Balcaen and Seconded by Trustee Byerts to approve the Village Board Special Meeting Minutes of December 5, 2016, all were in favor and carried.

Motion Trustee Byerts and Seconded by Trustee Balcaen to approve the Village Board Meeting Minutes of December 8, 2016, all were in favor and carried.

Motion Trustee Balcaen and Seconded by Trustee Byerts to approve the claims totaling: General – \$40,775.66, and Sewer – \$11,548.35, and Trust & Agency - \$1,196.62, all were in favor and carried.

Motion Trustee Balcaen and Seconded by Trustee Byerts to authorize the renewal of Certificates for Wastewater Treatment Plant Operators; John Carnevale, Kevin Florack, and Bob Regelsberger at a cost not to exceed \$160.00 each, all were in favor and carried.

Motion Trustee Byerts and Seconded by Trustee Balcaen to approve Jake Swingly, Will Barham and John Carnevale to attend the FLBOA (Finger Lakes Building Officials Association) 2017 Educational Conference in March at a cost not to exceed \$390.00 each, all were in favor and carried.

Attorney

No Report.

Office

The financial statements for the month of November 2016 were reviewed by the Board.

Motion Trustee Balcaen and Seconded by Trustee Byerts to approve the following budget modifications and transfers to allow for the external computer drives and the purchase of plants, all were in favor and carried.

From:	01-06-6410-202	Planters	\$2,282.85
To:	01-01-1325-425	Computer Hardware	2,282.85

External drives were purchased for backup of all servers and can now be stored offsite as our disaster plan suggests. Planters were paid for by the BID and therefore funds can be taken from that line.

From:	01-06-6410-202	Planters	\$5,300.00
To:	01-06-6410-402	Plants	5,300.00

Plants purchased to fill the planters. Planters paid for by the BID and therefore funds can be taken from that line to allow for the plants expense.

Code Enforcement

The November 2016 Building Report was presented by Will Barham, Code Enforcement Officer. He updated the Board and said Rubino's Sub Shop has moved to a new location on Main Street and is open for business. The North Ponds apartment building is working on their foundation and has sent in two of the three incentive zoning payments. Mr. Barham said the properties at 65 Sherwood Avenue and 154 North Avenue have been sold. He said he is currently working on the Storm Water Management Plan and the DEC has implemented additional policies which need more detailed reports. Mr. Barham explained he works on the Plan in tangent with the Town of Webster Commissioner of Public Works under the Storm Water Coalition.

Department of Public Works

Will Barham discussed with the Board, in the absence of Superintendent Swingly, the need to remind and emphasis Village residents that during snow emergencies residents should not park in or on the Village streets between 2:00 A.M. and 6:00 A.M. He said to remember the State Law which says you cannot plow or push snow from your driveway to across the street and leave it there. He said to further be aware and not plow, shovel or pile snow onto the sidewalks because then the Village DPW has a difficult time removing all the extra snow from the sidewalks.

Adjournment

Motion Trustee Byerts and Seconded by Trustee Balcaen to adjourn the meeting at 8:09 p.m. all were in favor and carried.

Josette Amalfi, Village Clerk

John J. Cahill, Mayor