

Village of Webster
Village Board Workshop
April 4, 2017

Webster Community Meeting Hall
29 South Avenue
Webster, NY 14580

Present: Mayor Cahill, Trustee Ippolito Jr., Trustee Byerts, Trustee Lancy
Absent: Trustee Balcaen

Village Board Business

Motion Trustee Ippolito, Jr., and Seconded by Trustee Byerts to authorize Krystina Lizak, Treasurer, to sign quote for Harris Computer for development of new program for tax season at a cost not to exceed \$690.00, all were in favor and carried.

The discussion for authorization to stay with AT&T for cell phone service, or to switch to Verizon was rescheduled for the next agenda until the Village Board Meeting on April 13, 2017 when an actual contract could be received and a determination can be made of who would need to sign the contract. Mayor Cahill said in his opinion this is not an emergency and the resolution should be taken at a regular Board Meeting.

Motion Trustee Ippolito, Jr. and Seconded by Trustee Byerts to approve Amendment No.1 to Water Tower Lease Agreement between Verizon and Village of Webster, all were in favor and carried.

The next discussion in regards to financing of the North Avenue Project was also put on hold until a later date when Jake Swingly, Superintendent of Public Works can arrange for a meeting date between council and the Project Design Team.

Mayor Cahill said the next discussion is a legal matter related to a cell tower carrier lease in regards to AT&T and the movement of their antennas or equipment from the tower. He said he could not speak about this until a later date when he is able to contact the representative.

Mayor Cahill said the Cell Tower contract has been signed by Nudd Corporation and was received today with the Bonding paperwork which includes 68 pages. The contractual pages with Nudd include pages A1 through A16. Mayor Cahill proposed giving the Board Members more time to read and review the contract and he schedule a Special Village Board Meeting on Thursday, April 6, 2017 at 7:00 P.M. to authorize the signing of the Telecommunications Tower Contract.

Mayor Cahill discussed with the Board the Intermunicipal Agreement with the Town of Webster and the out of district sewer usage fee. He said the Village is charging residents a sewer fee of \$98 and charging the Town out of district sewer fee \$130. Mayor Cahill said it doesn't seem fair and he would like the out of district charge reduced to also be \$98. Mayor Cahill said the in history the Village was never able to give the Town an accurate number as to what it was costing per unit because the cost of the Sewage Treatment Plant was always incorporated in the Village taxes. According to the IMA the Village will charge them a reduced rate and in turn the Town will not charge property taxes on the Well Field properties and this is in the agreement. He said this year 2017 the Village has saved \$13,949.00 in Town and County Taxes.

Trustee Ippolito explained this is a common practice where you would deliver a service to a local area at one price and if it is outside the area the charge would be a little more.

Trustee Byerts began questioning different paragraphs and felt some of the language in the IMA related to increases in the rate would have to change. Mayor Cahill pointed to another paragraph and said to Trustee Byerts this would have to change too. Trustee Ippolito said we should leave it alone.

Mayor Cahill said if we are going to change the rate then we should sit down and discuss this with the Town. He said we should be charging the out of district users the same rate as we charge the Village residents. Trustee Ippolito said he disagrees. Mayor Cahill said if this Board disagrees with the IMA then there is a chance that this agreement can be subject to renegotiate and going away and that would result in a significant increase in the tax rate to the Village of Webster residents.

After further review Mayor Cahill said he would be willing to renegotiate the contract. Trustee Lancy said no. Trustee Byerts said he would like to discuss this with legal advisor because this was just put out here tonight. Trustee Lancy also agreed. Mayor Cahill said this topic will be on the next Village Board Agenda on April 13, 2017 for further discussion.

Krystina Lizak, Treasurer reviewed changes to the tentative 2017-2018 budget given to the Board on March 23, 2017. The changes subject to resolution to amend the budget after the public hearing will be; the bond payments for the water department the revenue went up slightly, there was an increase in payroll which reflects an increase of 1% which was not reflected last year and finally serial bonds principal and interest has decreased for general fund because the sewer outfall bond has been moved to the Sewer Department. She continued and discussed similar changes to the Sewer Budget.

Adjournment

Motion Trustee Ippolito, Jr. and Seconded by Trustee Lancy to adjourn the meeting at 8:02 p.m. all were in favor and carried.

Josette Amalfi, Village Clerk

John J. Cahill, Mayor