

Village of Webster  
Village Workshop Meeting  
September 30, 2014

Webster Community Meeting Hall  
29 South Avenue  
Webster, NY 14580

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

Presentation: - Josette Amalfi, Village Clerk and Carol Moranz, Deputy Clerk, - NYCOM Fall Training School, September 15-18, 2014, Lake Placid, NY

## Village Board Business

Discussion regarding operating procedures and protocol for pesticide use. Jake Swingly, Superintendent of Public Works, wrote up a SOP for the Village of Webster. The Board discussed and reviewed the form and checklist of procedures to be used if determined that pesticide application should be needed and used in the Village. There was an incident that involved Bees Be Gone, the company used by the Village to exterminate White Face Hornets. It was claimed that the company used peppermint and spearmint spray but according to the MSDS sheets there was no peppermint spray in any of the pesticides used to exterminate the hornets.

Trustee Byerts said that there was no protective wear used and the trees and the hive were dripping with pesticides. Mayor Cahill said we can't enforce protocol for protective wear but this pesticide was in powder form. Trustee Lancy asked if 24 hour notice is enough time to allow for public notice. Mayor Cahill said 24 hours is standard time for notice but in regard to pesticides I will look into the DEC regulations. In regard to who the "decision maker" is further clarification will be forthcoming.

Discussion regarding amending Policy 2-5 Open to the Floor Section of Village Board Meetings. Mayor Cahill said the intent of the Call In Section is for people who are at home and not able to come to the meeting. It is not for people to go into the hall and call or call from the floor. Trustee Balcaen said if someone spoke at the meeting and left and went home then wanted to call in it would be fine. Trustee Byerts said this has happened before but it did not become a recurring issue therefore no policy change occurred. Mayor Cahill said the call should not have come from the front row. It was generally agreed that Policy 2-5 will be left as it is.

Mayor Cahill said Laura Landers from Freed Maxick has completed the Audit and will present it at the October 9, 2014 Village Board Meeting.

## Adjournment

Motion was made by Trustee Lancy and Seconded by Trustee Balcaen to adjourn the meeting at 8:27 p.m., all were in favor and carried

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Josette Amalfi, Village Clerk

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John J. Cahill, Mayor