

VILLAGE OF WOLCOTT
BOARD OF TRUSTEES
VILLAGE HALL CONFERENCE ROOM
DEPARTMENT HEAD MEETING

December 10, 2024

7:00 pm

Members Present: Mayor Chris Henner, Trustees: Dave Lewis, Dan Smith, Andrew Marshall and Misty Harper

Others Present: Fran Acker, Eva Banas-Duncan, Ed Wazinski, Kevin Costello, Ryan Henry, Rosie Lewis, Rene Musso, Cassandra Santoro, Travis and Eva Winter.

Mayor Henner called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Fire Department-Ryan Henry

Fire Chief Henry spoke with Jackie Shaffer at Eastern Shore Insurance regarding annual renewal.

The Fire Hall Barn steps are completed. The railing still needs to be done.

Fire Chief Henry stated a \$10,000 donation was received from Fowler's for turn out gear. The balance due for MES quote is \$7,635.55 after the donation. Trustee Smith made the motion to approve the MES invoice, PO# 24127. Trustee Marshall 2nd the motion. All present voted in favor.

Annual harassment training for the Fire Department is scheduled for December 19, 2024.

Travis and Eva Winter

The Winter's again argued about their water/sewer bills for All Season's and Sweet Indulgence also comparing rates to WCWSA. Mr. Winter was asked a couple times to please watch the language he used. Trustee Smith read the newspaper article that referenced WCWSA rates would be increasing January 2025.

Police Department-Kevin Costello

See attached report.

Police Officer Costello would like to do something with the bikes that are being stored in the police garage for several years. Mayor Henner asked about the possibility of donating. Officer Costello said he would look into. The Mayor suggested the Lions Club as a possibility to reach out. Trustee Lewis said the Syracuse Fairgrounds sometimes has a connection for donation. Cassandra Santoro also mentioned the Fulton race track has a way to donate. A notice will be put on the Village of Wolcott website and a notification sent via TextMyGov.

Highway Department-Chris Breen-absent

Sewer Department-Tommy Mettler-absent

Water Department-Ed Wazinski

Mr. Wazinski reported the springs are coming back.

Trustee Smith made the motion to approve the water tower inspection quote #102824A from Atlantic Underwater Services Inc in the amount of \$1,900.00 with the use of ARPA funds. Trustee Harper 2nd the motion. All present voted in favor.

Correspondence

The Village of Wolcott Board received a SEQR regarding the Butler Facility Proposal from the MRB Group.

Code Enforcement

See attached report.

Justice Court

Trustee Smith made the motion to accept the June 24, 2024 monthly court audit. Trustee Marshall 2nd the motion. All present voted in favor.

Trustee Smith made the motion to accept the July 24, 2024 monthly court audit. Trustee Lewis 2nd the motion. All present voted in favor.

Trustee Smith made the motion to accept the Oct. 24, 2024 monthly court audit. Trustee Harper 2nd the motion. All present voted in favor.

Trustee Smith made the motion to accept the Aug. 24, 2024 monthly court audit. Trustee Lewis 2nd the motion. All present voted in favor.

NYS minimum wage will increase to \$15.50 effective January 1, 2025. Trustee Smith made the motion to increase the Village Court Clerk's pay rate to \$15.50 effective January 1, 2025. Trustee Harper 2nd the motion. All present voted in favor.

Village Clerk/Treasurer

Clerk-Treasurer Acker advised dental premium rates are increasing between \$.21cents and \$.29 cents depending on plan effective January 1, 2025.

Trustee Smith made the motion to accept and approve the October 2024 Treasurer's report and financials. Trustee Marshall 2nd the motion. All present voted in favor.

Trustee Smith made the motion to approve the amendment to Twisted Creek's liquor license. Trustee Lewis 2nd the motion. All present voted in favor.

The new website for the Village is up and running. A few correspondences from the website to the Village Clerk have already been received.

Meeting Minutes

Trustee Smith made the motion to accept and approve the minutes from the November 12, 2024 Department Head Meeting. Trustee Harper 2nd the motion. All present voted in favor.

Abstract #007

Trustee Smith made the motion to approve Abstract #007 in the amount of \$144,915.84 with vouchers numbered 274-330 and checks numbered 33098-33148. Total claims from the General Fund are \$87,601.06. Total claims from the Water Fund are \$26,466.19. Total claims from the Sewer Fund are \$30,848.59. Trustee Harper seconded the motion. All present voted in favor.

Active People Healthy Wayne Partnership

Trustee Harper provided an update that Melissa Kersten with Finger Lakes Community Action will get a project together along with a cost for partnership with the Village of Wolcott.

Dewberry Engineers-EV Chargers

Dewberry Engineers is scouting places for EV Chargers. Trustee Lewis reached out to them for more information. Being chosen is not a guarantee. The proposal is for 3 spaces in the Village parking lot near Bob's Supermarket. They would be level 3 fast charges. A 5 year lease and the Village would be paid \$300.00/month. Dewberry would incur the cost. Trustee Lewis will continue to follow up.

Mayor Henner

Kim Pickard's grandson Julius and the children of Brandon Brown picked up litter along some streets in the Village of Wolcott. Julius asked Kim Pickard if she knew the Mayor and if she would let the Mayor know they are trying to keep the Village clean.

Trustee Harper suggested getting thank you cards to send as needed from the Village of Wolcott Board.

Mayor Henner also mentioned the correspondence received from Sandy Sanford expressing her "sincere thanks" for the quick response from the village fixing a clog on Willow Lane. There has been no issues since the fix even with all the rain. She expressed her appreciation for all the hard work everyone does to keep the Village going.

Trustee Harper

Nothing more at this time.

Trustee Marshall

Nothing at this time

Trustee Smith

Trustee Smith recommended creating a welcome to Wolcott outline to provide to new residents within the Village, containing contact information regarding the Village Board meeting schedule and helpful resources around the Village.

During an internal water/sewer billing audit done the afternoon of December 10, 2024, Mayor Henner discovered consumption on some commercial accounts were calculated incorrectly. Trustee Smith made the motion to review all commercial accounts and credit for usage difference as needed. Trustee Harper 2nd the motion. All present voted in favor.

Trustee Smith asked when the ice skating rink would be installed. Working Foreman Breen responded they are waiting for the ground to get harder.

Trustee Lewis

Trustee Lewis said the Village of Wolcott has 66 Hometown Hero Banners to date. Clerk-Treasurer Acker announced another had been received on this date so Trustee Lewis was not aware to include in his current count.

Trustee Lewis received estimates from Stellar Roofing for the Gazebo. Estimates from Stellar was \$88,820 for composite and metal edco=\$ 15,540.00. SOS Shingle was \$8,000.00, hand split \$13,000 and red cedar = \$16,900.00 plus any additional items. Trustee Smith made the motion to accept and approve SOS bid to replace the Gazebo roof with hand split cedar not to exceed \$20,000.00 using ARPA funds. Trustee Harper 2nd the motion. All present voted in favor.

Time for the Public

Rene' Musso introduced herself as owner of the Coughie Shop. She mentioned she has applied for an adult use cannabis dispensary license and would like the Village Board to waive the location requirement as she is outside of the zoning map approved by the Village of Wolcott Board.

Rose Lewis stated the Mayor of Dansville should be reaching out to Mayor Henner to discuss the local law Dansville is passing regarding the use of kill traps. The Dansville Mayor is making an effort to reach out to other municipalities.

Rose Lewis suggested maybe local businesses would like to include coupons in the Welcome Information Trustee Smith previously mentioned.

Executive Session

Mayor Henner made the motion to move the meeting to executive session for contractual matters at 8:12 pm. Water Department Head Wazinski, Clerk-Treasurer Acker and Deputy Clerk-Treasurer Banas-Duncan were asked to stay Trustee Harper 2nd the motion. All present voted in favor. Mr. Wazinski left at 8:24pm.

Trustee Smith made the motion to move the meeting back to regular session at 9:08 pm. Trustee Harper 2nd the motion. All present voted in favor.

Trustee Smith made the motion to approve purchase of a Kubota Tractor for the Highway department, using \$25,000 from ARPA funds and the remaining amount not to exceed \$30,000 from Highway Street Reserves. The remaining \$40,933.99 in ARPA funds will be obligated as 60% to Water Fund for increase in chemical and other costs increases. 40% of the remainder ARPA Funds obligated to Sewer Fund to help with the increase in costs for chemicals and other up keep. Trustee Marshall 2nd the motion. All present voted in favor.

Trustee Smith made the motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:10 pm. Trustee Lewis 2nd the motion. All present voted in favor.

The next regularly scheduled Village Board of Trustees Meeting will be held on January 14, 2025 at 7:00pm in the Village of Wolcott Conference Room.

Respectfully Submitted,

Fran Selzer

Clerk- Treasurer