

VILLAGE OF WOLCOTT  
VILLAGE HALL CONFERENCE ROOM  
BOARD OF TRUSTEES

February 13, 2024

7:00 PM

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

Others Present: Fran Acker, Ed Wazinski, Chris Trine, Pete Sterpe, Cody Lapp, Jo-Ann Steves, Sara Everett, Eva Duncan, Richard Duncan, George Buckalew, Eva Winter, Rosemarie Lewis, and Jake Parkhurst.

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

**Pete Sterpe**

Mr. Sterpe thanked the Village for their interest in the local kids with the recent addition of the ice rink.

Mr. Sterpe stated he would like to replace the sidewalks in front of his business on E. Main Street and asked who was responsible for the curb at his home driveway. Mayor Henner explained the sidewalk reimbursement program the Village of Wolcott has in place. The Village will help remove the old cement, and supply stone. Once the paid invoice is submitted to the Village Clerk-Treasurer, a reimbursement of \$2.00/square foot is paid back to the property owner.

Regarding the new ice rink, Mayor Henner asked that if anyone sees anyone messing with the ice rink to please share the conversation not to get in water. The liner already has a hole in it.

**Travis and Eva Winter**

Eva Winter stated they would have to wait to address the board due to Travis Winter was not able to make it.

**Monthly Court Audit**

Trustee Smith made the motion to approve the December 2023 court audit with a total of \$365.00. Trustee Marshall 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion. All present voted in favor.

**Village Clerk-Treasurer-Fran Acker**

The 1<sup>st</sup> budget workshop is scheduled for Monday February 26, 2024 at 6:00 pm in the Village Hall Conference Room.

The 1<sup>st</sup> Village Board meeting in March is currently scheduled for March 12, 2024 @ 7:00 pm. Due to the referendum to dissolve the village is scheduled for that date, Trustee Smith made the

motion to reschedule the Village Board Meeting from March 12 to Wednesday March 13, 2024 at 7:00 pm. Trustee Harper 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion. All present voted in favor.

Clerk-Treasurer Acker provided the board with the final Annual Financial Report that was certified by the NYS Comptroller's office after some recommended reclasses were done per request of the OSC.

Trustee Smith made the motion to accept the Eastern Shore/NYMIR annual insurance renewal premium in the amount of \$62,180.53. Trustee Lewis 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion. All present voted in favor.

### **Meeting Minutes**

Trustee Lewis made the motion to accept and approve the minutes from the January 23, 2024 Department Head Meeting. Trustee Marshall 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion. Trustees Smith and Harper abstained due to not being present. All others present voted in favor.

### **Abstract #009**

Trustee Smith made the motion to approve Abstract #009 in the amount of \$111,999.46 with vouchers numbered 424-472 and checks numbered 32569-32617. Total claims from the General Fund are \$50,157.98. Total claims from the Water Fund are \$13,272.19. Total claims from the Sewer Fund are \$48,569.29. Trustee Marshall seconded the motion. All present voted in favor.

### **Facilities Use Request**

Trustee Smith made the motion to approve use of the Village Hall Conference Room for the Festivals Committee 2/12/2024 @ 6:00pm. Trustee Harper 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion. All present voted in favor.

Trustee Smith made the motion to approve use of the Fire Hall on 3/3/2024 by Ethan Austin for a birthday party. Trustee Harper 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion. All present voted in favor.

### **Mayor Henner**

Mayor Henner presented the board with the updated Emergency Management Organization Chart. Trustee Smith made the motion to accept and approve. Trustee Marshall 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion. All present voted in favor.

Mayor Henner reached out to Ramboll regarding status of action with the old well on property behind the post office. He has a new contact (Scott) and the Mayor made Scott aware the Village of Wolcott is still waiting for documentation that there will be no bill to the Village for work to plug the well.

The Mayor has been in contact with Clark Patterson Lee regarding the \$5 Million Grant for the Water Plant.

The Village of Wolcott officials attended a Village Officials Meeting on Feb 7, 2024. All comments made by those who attended support the Village of Wolcott in regards to the petition to dissolve.

The interim study being done by the LaBerge Group for the upcoming Dissolution Referendum is coming along. The preliminary should be coming soon before the meeting on February 28, 2024 at Leavenworth School.

### **Trustee Harper**

Trustee Harper asked about the possibility of a crosswalk on New Hartford Street by the library. There is currently a cross walk at Butler Street. Mayor Henner responded he will have it looked at.

### **Trustee Marshall**

Nothing at this time.

### **Trustee Smith**

Trustee Smith gave an update from the Festival Committee stating they are working on some ideas. It was mentioned the Farmer's Market could maybe have extended hours. Many people can't make it before the vendors leave at 5:00 pm. Also working on volunteers to manage the Farmer's Market after the Village Hall closes at 5:00pm. The committee has also started putting together a village wide yard sale to also include surrounding towns.

### **Trustee Lewis**

Nothing at the time.

### **Mayor Henner**

Mayor Henner addressed a posting from Facebook that was forwarded to him regarding information on the Village Dissolution process. He wanted to correct some misinformation. The mayor stated the meeting being held by the LaBerge Group on 2/28/2024 is to present information included in the interim study and that there is NO study after per the process provided by NYS. Ben Syden from the LaBerge Group is trying to set up a WebEx to stream the meeting.

Mayor Henner made mention that the Village of Wolcott now has water/sewer access to Twisted Creek.

### **Time for the Public**

Mr. Parkhurst asked about the possibility of stop signs being put up by the Palace Theater in an effort to make it a 3 way stop for public safety. Mayor Henner will reach out to Kevin at Wayne County Highway for him to provide ideas to warn drivers of pedestrians.

### **Executive Session**

Trustee Smith made the motion to move the meeting into executive session at 7:47pm for a contractual matter. Trustee Lewis 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion. Ed Wazinski, Water Department Head and Clerk-Treasurer Acker were asked to stay. All present voted in favor. Ed Wazinski left at 8:25pm. Trustee Smith made the

motion to move back to regular session at 9:15pm. Trustee Harper 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion. All present voted in favor.

Trustee Smith made the motion to raise the Village of Wolcott insurance deductible from \$250.00 to \$1,000.00 in an effort to lower the premium payment. Trustee Harper 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion. All present voted in favor.

Trustee Smith made the motion to offer Vincent Rovitelli at 8031 E. Port Bay Road to have the Village of Wolcott waive the disconnect fee for the fish station in lieu of issuing a refund, in concession of discount pertaining to injunction with the original email sent by Mr. Rovitelli dated 5/18/2021. Trustee Harper 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion. All present

### **Adjournment**

Trustee Marshall made the motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:18pm. Trustee Harper 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion. All present voted in favor.

The next regularly scheduled Village Board of Trustees Meeting will be held on February 28, 2024 at 7:00pm in the Village of Wolcott Conference Room.

Respectfully Submitted,

Fran Acker

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Clerk-Treasurer