

VILLAGE OF WOLCOTT  
VILLAGE HALL CONFERENCE ROOM  
BOARD OF TRUSTEES

September 10, 2024

7:00 PM

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

Members Absent: Trustee Misty Harper

Others Present: Fran Acker, Eva Duncan, Jack Roberts, Matt Ohler, and Rosemarie Lewis.

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

**Account #21070**

Property owner of water/sewer account asked for a possible payment plan. They had 143,000 gallons of usage and \$1,000.00 water bill. Ed Wazinski of the water department checked the meters and reads. The clerks were asked to reach out and see what the water/sewer customer suggests for quarterly payments. Trustee Smith made the motion to propose payment plan of \$200.00 a quarter and current billing must be kept current. Trustee Lewis 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion. All present voted in favor.

**Account #05405**

There was a discussion regarding an addition to the building for water/sewer account #05405 and the billing requirements. Trustee Smith made the motion to add the necessary billing to the next quarter, leaving discretion with Ed Wazinski on what is needed. Mr. Wazinski will discuss use intent of the new addition with the business owner and will adjust billing as needed. Trustee Marshall 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion. All present voted in favor.

**Eva Banas-Duncan**

Trustee Smith made the motion to appoint Eva Banas-Duncan as Deputy Clerk-Treasurer replacing Toni M. Kellam. Trustee Lewis 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion. All present voted in favor.

**Account #10250**

Mr. Wazinski contacted the customer of account number 10250 to research the high consumption of 92,666 gallons for the quarter billed September 1, 2024. The meter was replaced. Trustee Smith made the motion to adjust the consumption on account #10250 from 92,666 to 23,167 per the recommendation of Water Department Head Ed Wazinski. Trustee Marshall 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion. All present voted in favor.

**Justice Court**

Trustee Smith made the motion to accept and approve the May 2024 monthly court audit. Trustee Lewis 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion. All present voted in favor.

Trustee Smith made the motion to accept the retirement/resignation of Associate Justice Wachtman effective 12/31/2024. Trustee Marshall 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion. All present voted in favor. Mayor Henner did interview a potential replacement for Justice Wachtman and will speak with Justice Miller.

Trustee Smith made the motion to deeming desk sections from the court as surplus equipment. Trustee Lewis 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion. All present voted in favor. Clerk-Treasurer Acker will advertise in the Shopper for bids.

### **Village Clerk/Treasurer**

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

Clerk-Treasurer Acker provided an update on Village Tax Collections. As of 9/10/2024, \$63,662.56 of taxes and \$1,528.73 in penalties have been collected.

### **Minutes**

Trustee Smith made the motion to accept and approve the minutes from the August 13, 2024 Department Head meeting. Trustee Lewis 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion. All present voted in favor.

Trustee Smith made the motion to accept and approve the minutes from the August 20, 2024 Special meeting. Trustee Lewis 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion. All others present voted in favor.

### **Abstract #004**

Trustee Smith made the motion to approve Abstract #004 in the amount of \$86,503.82 with vouchers numbered 126-165 and checks numbered 32944-32983. Total claims from the General Fund are \$57,072.18. Total claims from the Water Fund are \$10,368.14. Total claims from the Sewer Fund are \$19,063.50. Trustee Lewis seconded the motion. All present voted in favor.

### **Facilities Use Request**

Trustee Smith made the motion to approve the revised date for use of the Fire Hall to Oct 29, 2024 by George Bastedo-Wayne County Emergency Management for Citizen Preparedness Training. Previous date submitted and approved was Oct 10, 2024. Trustee Lewis 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion. All present voted in favor. Clerk-Treasurer Acker will reach out to confirm the time.

Trustee Smith made the motion to accept the cancellation of Sara Everett's 2 events scheduled for 10/31 & 12/24/24 as discussed at the Community Festival Meeting on September 9, 2024. Trustee Marshall 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion. All present voted in favor. Deputy Clerk-Treasurer Eva Banas-Duncan will reach out to Sara Everett to confirm the event in December is definitely cancelled.

### **Mayor Henner**

NYMIR has a new tool for maintenance management called HELIX- Intel and needs the correct contact person. Mayor Henner suggested information be provided to the Department Heads for water, sewer and highway.

Mayor Henner mentioned the Festival Committee met September 9, 2024 and he said it was great to have events and that there would be bumps along the way when holding such events. Mayor Henner also spoke of his disappointment with the name calling and disrespect against himself and the board that he has been made aware of. The Mayor stated he wants everyone to pull together and be adults. He reminded everyone that the Village Board does not have to approve any requests/events submitted to them but it can get that way if the rhetoric doesn't stop.

### **Trustee Harper-absent**

### **Trustee Marshall**

Trustee Marshall stated the Village of Wolcott purchased the dump truck for the Highway Department approved at a previous board meeting.

Trustee Smith made the motion to declare the 2008 water van a surplus to be advertised in the Shopper and on Auctions International. Trustee Lewis 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion. All present voted in favor.

Trustee Marshall provided an update on the fire truck the Village Fire Department has for sale. The high bid on Auctions International is \$6,800.00. The Village was out bid for the Tahoe previously approved to purchase. The winning bid was \$22,100.00.

### **Trustee Smith**

Nothing at this time.

### **Trustee Lewis**

Nothing at this time.

### **Time for the Public**

Mayor Henner asked Matt Ohler what he needed for the 5K scheduled for September 14, 2024. Trustee Smith will speak with the Village police and follow up with Mr. Ohler regarding presence along the route during the 5K.

Rosemarie Lewis started a conversation regarding the feral cats in the Village of Wolcott. She mentioned the cost for the program is all over the board. She is trying to get in contact with Yates County in an effort to save costs. Jack Roberts will also give Mrs. Lewis info on Fulton's new program. All agreed that there needs to be a discussion on guidelines and how to confirm where the cats are coming from.

Rosemarie Lewis also asked about the Village of Wolcott purchasing a tent for Northup Park, possibly with using ARPA funds. Mayor Henner stated this was a good idea and the Village Board agreed to get quotes.

Clerk-Treasurer Acker reminded the Village Board that she would be attending the annual NYCOM Fall Training School from September 16-20 and Deputy Clerk-Treasurer Banas-Duncan will be covering.

**Executive Session**

Trustee Smith made the motion to move the meeting into executive session at 7:30 pm for a contractual matter. Trustee Lewis 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion. Clerk-Treasurer Acker was asked to stay. All present voted in favor. Trustee Smith made the motion to move back to regular session at 8:43 pm. Trustee Lewis 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion. All present voted in favor.

Trustee Lewis made the motion to accept the bid of \$6,800.00 for the fire truck currently for auction on Auctions International based upon terms of the Fenton Fire Contract. Trustee Lewis 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion. All present voted in favor.

Clerk-Treasurer Acker will contact Wayne County HR and cancel police canvass.

**Adjournment**

Trustee Marshall made the motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:50 pm. Trustee Smith 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion. All present voted in favor.

The next regularly scheduled Village Board of Trustees Meeting will be held on September 24, 2024 at 7:00pm in the Village of Wolcott Conference Room.

Respectfully Submitted,

Fran Acker

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Clerk-Treasurer