

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

September 24, 2024

7:00 pm

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

Others Present: Fran Acker, Chris Breen, Ed Wazinski, Jack Roberts, Jerry Lasher, Eva Banas-Duncan, Tommy Mettler, Brian Ritchie, Juan Otero, and Colonial-Paul Revere Reps: Jody Sherman and Tony Mangione.

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

Colonial-Paul Revere Benefits

Jody Sherman and Tony Mangione presented benefits offered by Colonial-Paul Revere and will now be the local reps for the Village of Wolcott. They will return to the Village in November to speak with staff 1 on 1.

Justice Court

Mayor Henner made the motion to appoint Whitney Furguson as Associate Justice to replace Associate Justice Wachtman effective December 31, 2024.

Village Website

Clerk Acker will be obtaining quotes for possible Village Website redesign.

Mass Mutual Life Insurance

Dennis Behr from Mass Mutual will be in the Village Hall Monday September 30 from 2-5pm for anyone who may have questions.

Fire Department-Asst Chief Jerry Lasher

See attached report.

The Wolcott Fire Department will be attending the annual Memorial Service in Palmyra. Wolcott Fire Department has members that will be recognized.

Assistant Fire Chief Lasher apologized for the Fire Department not being able to participate in the Fall Festival by providing a chicken BBQ. There were too many previous commitments for that date.

A boat is being donated to the Wolcott Fire Department. More details will be provided when delivered.

Police Department-OIC Brian Ritchie

See attached report.

Sewer Department-Tommy Mettler

Trustee Smith made the motion to approve the Chamberlain Septic & Sewer quote #80 in the amount of \$3,765.00 for annual aerators cleaning. Trustee Marshall 2nd the motion. All present voted in favor.

Trustee Smith made the motion to approve the Chamberlain Septic & Sewer quote #81 in the amount of \$3,765.00 for annual cleaning of four (4) pump stations and one (1) grit pit. Trustee Harper 2nd the motion. All present voted in favor.

Mr. Mettler stated the pump stations are operating fine. The sewer plant was having issues. Tommy Mettler sent pictures to Mayor Henner. The Village Highway Department and Ed Wazinski from the Water Department assisted with replacing a mechanical seal.

Water Department-Ed Wazinski

Trustee Smith made the motion to accept and approve Schmidt's Wholesale quote #Q198091 for the amount of \$353.53 as an additional cost to the previous quote due to returning of 1 1/2" meter accessories and replacing with 2". Trustee Harper 2nd the motion. All present voted in favor.

Mr. Wazinski said more people are taking advantage of the line replacement offered as noted on the back of the recent water/sewer bills. The cost of material is approximately \$140.00 per location. Trustee Smith made the motion to approve F.W. Webb quote #87398426 in the amount of \$831.82 for line replacement parts. Trustee Harper 2nd the motion. All present voted in favor.

Ed Wazinski reported that the daily volume for the springs is currently 80,000 a day and the lake level is dropping.

Highway Department-Chris Breen

Chris Breen stated that road work on Auburn Street is complete and Wayne County needs to do the striping.

The Highway Department has 1 more driveway to finish from previous road work that was done.

The recent purchased dump truck has been picked up.

Code Enforcement

See attached report.

Village Clerk/Treasurer

Clerk-Treasurer Acker reported the Village of Wolcott received \$716.00 of State Aid from the Temporary Municipal Assistance (TMA), \$10,230.00 from the annual AIM State Aid and \$835.49 of the remaining cybersecurity grant.

Meeting Minutes

Trustee Smith made the motion to accept and approve the minutes from the September 9 Special Meeting. Trustee Marshall 2nd the motion. All present voted in favor.

Trustee Smith made the motion to accept and approve the minutes from the September 10 Meeting. Trustee Lewis 2nd the motion. Trustee Harper abstained due to not being at the meeting. All others present voted in favor.

Facilities Use Request

During a Village Festival Committee meeting, Sara Everett canceled previously approved events for October and December. Ms Everett withdrew the decision to cancel the Christmas Light Contest scheduled for December. Trustee Smith made the motion to reinstate the request for the December Northrup Park by Sara Everett. Trustee Harper 2nd the motion. All present voted in favor.

Trustee Smith made the motion to approve use of the Wolcott Fire Hall on September 28, 2024 from 10am-7pm for Bill Cahoon's wake. Trustee Lewis 2nd the motion. All present voted in favor.

Trustee Smith made the motion to approve use of the Fire Hall on November 16, 2024 by Elizabeth Poole for a birthday party. Trustee Marshall 2nd the motion. All present voted in favor.

Trustee Smith made the motion to approve use of the Fire Hall on October 12, 2024 by Fred Hendrichs for a baby shower. Trustee Harper 2nd the motion. All present voted in favor.

Trustee Smith made the motion to approve use of the Fire Hall on November 5, 2024 for a Rotary Pancake Day. Trustee Harper 2nd the motion. All present voted in favor.

Mayor Henner

Mayor Henner reached out to Kevin at Wayne County Highway to discuss the feasibility of a crosswalk at Falls Park.

The Village of Wolcott Highway Department repaired a broken guardrail on Oswego Street.

Mayor Henner stated water and sewer rate increases are being discussed. He reminded everyone there hasn't been a rate increase in several years. A public Hearing will happen when a date is set.

Mayor Henner announced Clerk-Treasurer Acker received Clerk of the Year from the NYS Association of City and Village Clerks during the September NYCOM Fall Training School.

Trustee Harper

Nothing at this time.

Trustee Marshall

The Village Board previously declared the 2010 Chevy Van belonging to the Water Department has surplus. It is currently listed on Auctions International. Trustee Smith made the motion to accept the highest bid received, less fees, when the bidding deadline is reached. Trustee Harper 2nd the motion. All present voted in favor.

Trustee Smith made the motion to purchase a 2019 ¾ ton Chevy Silverado from Patriot Auto in an amount not to exceed \$20,000.00, government pricing, from the water reserves. Trustee Harper 2nd the motion. All present voted in favor.

Trustee Smith

Nothing at this time.

Trustee Lewis

Trustee Lewis was notified of the Northrup Park's Gazebo roof is failing while he attended the Fall Festival.

Mayor Henner said everyone who attended enjoyed the Fall Festival and 5K run.

Time for the Public

Assistant Fire Chief Lasher said the annual members' physicals are scheduled for November 9, 2024 and said any Village Employee needing an employment physical can be included.

Juan Otero asked what was being done about feral cats. He had one at his house and now he has a sick dog. Mayor Henner explained the feral cat program the Village of Wolcott has and that the towns do not have. The dog officer does not do anything with cats. Clerk-Treasurer Acker gave Mr. Otero office contact information for him to call the next day to connect with those who handle the feral cats for the village.

Mr. Otero also asked about when repairs would be done on Jefferson Street. Chris Breen from the highway department will take a look at Jefferson Street to determine the extent of damage and repairs needed.

Executive Session

Trustee Smith made the motion to move the meeting to executive session for a contractual matters at 7:55pm. Trustee Lewis 2nd the motion. All present voted in favor. Clerk-Treasurer Acker stayed.

Trustee Smith made the motion to move the meeting back to regular session at 9:05 pm. Trustee Lewis 2nd the motion. All present voted in favor.

A public hearing for water/sewer rates will be October 22nd at 6:00 pm in the Village Hall Board Room. Proper notice will be posted as required.

Trustee Harper and Highway Foreman Chris Breen will meet with Melissa Kersten from Finger Lakes Community Action Program on Oct 7. Time to be determined. Possible partnership to discuss sidewalks from Leavenworth school to the library on the corner of New Hartford and Butler Streets. Also the possibility of more solar speed signs.

Trustee Marshall made the motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:12 pm. Trustee Smith 2nd the motion. All present voted in favor.

The next regularly scheduled Village Board of Trustees Meeting will be held on October 8, 2024 at 7:00pm in the Village of Wolcott Conference Room.

Respectfully Submitted,

Fran Acker

Clerk- Treasurer

