Village of Wolcott

Board of Trustees

March 22, 2016

Regular Meeting

Members Present: Mayor Chris Henner, Trustees Dan Smith, Bob Skinner and Bob Marshall

Others Present: Brett Norsworthy, George Buckalew, Norma Stewart, Donna Graham, Dave Byrnes, Nick Rizzo, Tom Mettler, Anthony Vezzose, Jake Keymel, Zach Pierson, Ray Wellington, Scott Hall, Nathan Hall, Patty Terry, Chad Countryman, Mark Batzold, Ron Lancy

Mayor Henner called the meeting to order at 7:00pm

Pledge of Allegiance

**Girl Scouts**

Patty Terry addressed the Board stating that the Girl Scouts would like to tour the water plant(s) as part of their wonders of water project. This would likely be a Saturday. A list of possible dates will be compiled and the Village will contact Ms. Terry to arrange the tour. Ms. Terry also stated that the Girl Scouts would like to expand their flower beds at Wolcott falls park. These are the beds they started last year. Ms. Terry was directed to speak to Trustee Elect Norma Stewart on this project.

**Nate Hall**

Nate Hall proposed his Eagle Scout project to the Board. He would like to repair the trails at Wolcott Falls Park and build a small deck down near the falls including handicap access. The deck would be on the grassy area below the existing deck and a safe distance from the high water mark. Mr. Hall is hoping to start no later than the end of June. Trustee Smith made the motion to allow Nate Hall to repair the pathway down to the falls and build a deck in the area indicated, provided the deck meets all building codes according to Otis Vezzose. Trustee Marshall seconded the motion. All voted in favor.

**Fire Department**

Annual inspections are due for the trucks. Trustee Smith made the motion to approve up to $3600 to Reeds for annual truck inspections and repairs. Trustee Skinner seconded the motion. All voted in favor.

For future information - Hose testing is coming up, there will be a quote at the April meeting for approval. Cost is expected to be 20 cents per foot. Also, the Fire Department is looking to replace air bags for the rescue. There will be a quote at the next meeting of approximately $7100 to replace them.

George Buckalew is putting together a block drill including mutual aid on Sunday April 10th at 6:30 until about 9:00 am. This will be mainly a drafting operation from the mill pond. They will be simulating a large fire at Fosters. An officer from the Police department is requested to be there as well. There will be 5” hose laid out and blocking Mill St and will run up Main St and North St. The roads in that area will need to be closed during the drill.

**Police Department**

See attached Report

Quotes and warranties were presented for Police Department roof repairs. Quotes still exceed the $10,000 that was budgeted for the repairs. Mr. Norsworthy reminded the Board that there were no funds put in the 2016-2017 budget for these repairs. This matter was tabled.

**Highway**

See attached report.

Nick Rizzo and Tommy Mettler created a list of items they would like to see be declared surplus and sent to the county auction.

Mr. Rizzo would like to replace 2 catch basins. One in front of Lakeshore Ambulance which is collapsing, the other is a bit further up on New Hartford St and would be a new one. Trustee Smith made the motion to purchase 2 catch basins and grates from Burnett Concrete with the total cost not to exceed $1,334.00. Trustee Skinner seconded the motion. All voted in favor.

**Sewer**

See attached report

There is a huge beaver dam behind the East Port Bay Rd pump station that is getting bigger. We may want to address it before it causes troubles.

The drying beds are now able to be and are kept locked up.

**Water**

See attached report

Jake Keymel presented quotes for parts for the Bovee Rd master meter pit project. Trustee Smith made the motion to approve the purchase of parts in quote #62379 from Blair Supply in the amount of $1,101.21. Trustee Skinner seconded the motion. All voted in favor. Mr. Rizzo stated that he may have a meter pit at the Highway Barn that could be used for this project. Questions arose as to the type and size of line used on Bovee Rd. Mr. Keymel will investigate further into the project prior to placing his order for parts.

**Clerk**

Mr. Norsworthy announced that the final 2016-2017 Budget meeting would be held on April 12, 2016 at 6:00pm and that the 2016-2017 Organizational Meeting would be held on April 12, 2016 at 6:30pm. These meetings will be followed by the regular Board of Trustees Meeting which will begin at 7:00pm.

Mayor Henner stated that the former Galaxy Shop purchase is all but complete. We are just waiting for the paperwork to be filed. As soon as all is final, it will be demolished and paved.

**Mayor Henner**

Discussion was held regarding the possibility of purchasing a Highway truck. Mayor Henner stated that we have enough money to possibly purchase a suitable truck, but we may have to wait on a snow plow unless other options arise. Further research will be done.

More for executive.

**Trustee Marshall**

Trustee Marshall stated that he felt that the Village should look into more energy efficient lighting and that there were programs that would provide free energy audits. Mr Norsworthy stated that an energy audit was performed a few years ago but the recommendations to convert our lighting was too costly and was voted down. However, Mr Norsworthy will look into having an updated audit performed.

**Trustee Smith**

Trustee Smith inquired whether anyone had heard from the Village of Webster and Monroe County Water Authority regarding purchasing their meters that were being replaced. Mr. Lancy stated that this would not be possible as all the old meters had been scrapped as part of the process and the heads were all tossed in the garbage.

Trustee Smith asked if Clerk-Treasurer Lori Tyler had found out if the purchase of Bear Springs was possible. Mayor Henner stated that he would contact attorney Chris Palermo regarding this.

**Trustee Skinner**

Nothing at this time

**Norma Stewart**

Ms. Stewart announced that Micha Parè would like to start his Eagle Scout overlook platform project soon and hoped to be done by May 15th.

Ms. Stewart also stated that after some research, she found out that there is a spring near the intersection of Wright and Lake streets.

Ms. Stewart would like to know where the property lines are for the Wolcott Falls Park. Mr Norsworthy stated that she could stop and see him and he would print her a map.

**Chad Countryman**

Mr. Countryman had a personnel issue for executive session.

**Donna Graham**

Ms. Graham asked the Board why the Village utilizes the John Deere tractor/snow blower to clear the sidewalks in the winter. Ms. Graham feels that the Village should end the practice of clearing sidewalks of snow and ice and enforce the code stating homeowners are responsible for maintain the sidewalks. Ms. Graham stated that many other municipalities have given up clearing sidewalks. Mayor Henner stated that more ineffective hours would be spent ticketing and following up on zoning issues for snow removal than it costs the Village to clear the sidewalks.

Ms. Graham also asked when we will start cleaning up the Village. Meaning property maintenance issues. Some streets are a mess with trash in yards etc. Otis Vezzose has been serving 10 day property maintenance notices. Maybe an answer is to do a Village clean-up day similar to the towns. This idea may deserve some looking into.

**George Buckalew**

Mr. Buckalew states that near the intersection of West Port Bay Rd and West Main St there is a sign that impedes the vision up the hill. Nick Rizzo will look into this. There are some calls he can make. If there is no response, they need to be taken down.

Mr. Buckalew also stated that there is a sink hole forming behind Fred Smith’s house on Lake Avenue. Nick Rizzo will look into it.

Mr. Buckalew asked what happened to using the Fastrac sign holder for Village signs that were removed during the Fastrac remodel. Mayor Henner will look into the rules that Butler would want us to follow. Then we should be able to proceed with putting up signs.

Mr. Buckalew inquired about the 50k planning grant asking if it was going to be used for testing the Wager Rd wells as talked about in the past. This has been changed to looking into the Bear springs due to the fear that the wells at the Wager Rd site may be on the same vein as the current wells that the Weager Spring plant is utilizing.

**Anthony Vezzose**

Mr. Vezzose stated that the bump on West Main St is getting bad again and asked if it could be ground down. Nick Rizzo will look into it. This is because under the black top is a very thick layer of concrete.

**Executive Session**

Trustee Skinner made the motion to enter into executive session to discuss personnel

Matters at 9:00pm. Trustee Marshall seconded the motion. All voted in favor.

Trustee Smith made the motion to move the meeting back to regular session at 10:22pm. Trustee Skinner seconded the motion. All voted in favor.

**Adjournment**

Trustee Smith made the motion to adjourn the meeting at 10:23pm. Trustee Skinner seconded the motion. All voted in favor.

The next regular Village Board of Trustees meeting will be held April 12, 2016 at 7:00pm following two (2) Special Meetings, at The Village Hall, 6015 New Hartford St.

Respectfully Submitted

Brett E Norsworthy

Deputy Clerk-Treasurer