VILLAGE OF WOLCOTT

VILLAGE HALL CONFERENCE HALL

BOARD OF TRUSTEES

March 12, 2019

**7:00 pm**

Members Present: Mayor Chris Henner, Trustees: Dan Smith, Andrew Marshall, Norma Stewart, and Anthony Vezzose

Others Present: Fran Acker, Brett Norsworthy, Nick Rizzo, Ron Lancy, and Lori Tyler

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

**Zoning Board – Letter of Resignation**

Trustee Smith made the motion to accept Karen Tyler’s letter of resignation from the Zoning Board dated March 1, 2019. Trustee Stewart 2nd the motion. All voted in favor.

**Code Enforcement-Otis Vezzose**

Otis Vezzose mentioned to the board that it was time to have someone inspect the bolts to the overlook at the Falls Park. Mr. Vezzose will contact Don Harter to have inspection done.

**Village Clerk-Treasurer-Fran Acker**

The Wayne County Officials Dinner will be in Clyde at the VFW on March 20, 2019 @ 7:00pm. Trustees Stewart, Marshall and Vezzose will be attending. The next one will be hosted by the Villages of Wolcott and Red Creek in May. More information to be provided as it is available.

Clerk-Treasurer Acker updated the board on continual meetings and phone conversations she has had with Williamson Law books and Lyons National Bank regarding the progress of accepting credit/debit card payments and ACH payments for water/sewer and court billings. She started meeting with WLB at Fall Training in Sept, along with meeting with other Villages as to their processes and who they have used. Clerk Acker forwarded pricing to the board that she received from Kathy Sayadoff from WLB. Mayor Henner and the rest of the board would like a demo. Tom David from LNB met with Clerk Acker and Deputy Clerk Norsworthy on March 5th to demo in office check deposit (Panini) and ACH options discussed with Mrs. Acker during several phone call conversations in January 2019. Mr. David is doing a cost analysis to be presented to the board. The ACH’s can start immediately. These options have had positive reception by paying customers when surveyed over the last few months through the office.

**Meeting Minutes**

Clerk Acker made the board aware that they approved special meeting minutes for January 29th had the incorrect date in the body of the minutes. January 22nd was referenced. The meeting did in fact take place on January 29th, the time marked posting from the Wolcott Post Office is on file confirming. Trustee Smith made the motion to accept this amendment. Trustee Vezzose 2nd the motion. All voted to approve.

Trustee Vezzose noted an amendment needed to be made in the minutes from February 26th, 2019. He was not present to 2nd the motion for the 8:03pm executive session. Trustee Stewart 2nd the motion for the 8:03pm executive session. Trustee Stewart made the motion to approve the February 26th, 2019 minutes with the above amendment. Trustee Smith 2nd the motion. All voted to approve.

Trustee Smith made the motion to approve the budget workshop minutes dated February 11th, 2019 which was tabled from a previous meeting. Trustee Vezzose 2nd the motion. All members except Trustee Stewart abstained, voted to approve.

**Abstract #010**

Trustee Marshall made the motion to approve Abstract #010 in the amount of $66,372.60 with vouchers numbered 465-510 and checks numbered 29073-29118. Total claims from the General Fund are $32,301.22. Total claims from the Water Fund are $13,549.42. Total claims from the Sewer Fund are $20,521.96. Trustee Stewart 2nd the motion. All voted in favor.

**FD Annual Insurance Payment**

Trustee Smith made the motion of pre-payment for the fire department annual insurance binder renewal with ESA in the amount of $13,560.49. Trustee Marshall 2nd the motion. All voted in favor.

**Facilities Use Request-Wolcott Falls Park**

The board approved the use of the Wolcott Falls Park for a wedding on March 23rd – time: 2:00 pm-6:00 pm for Marissa Griffin. No other requests from the Village were made.

**Mayor Henner**

Mayor Henner 1st addressed Former Clerk’s Lori Tyler’s Social Media post making accusations that the Village held an “illegal” meeting with their budget workshop.  Mayor Henner made Ms. Tyler aware that several conversations were held with 2 different associates at NYCOM about her post making them aware of both the minutes, her post and how the meeting was called and unfolded. Per NYCOM- First: Open Meeting Law is making the meeting accessible to anyone in the public and the media. Which it was.  2nd: The meeting was scheduled for 5:30 pm. It was legally recognized at 5:35 pm but there was just no quorum, and those in the room had a right to talk about anything they wanted to until they had a quorum at 6:05pm when the 3rd board member arrived.   At 6:05 pm when Trustee Smith arrived, the official budget workshop discussing public business started.  According to both counsels at NYCOM, **nothing illegal** took place and that Lori should know better per NYCOM with all the times she had contacted NYCOM in the past.  Mayor Henner also stated we can agree to disagree on this matter in which Ms. Tyler acknowledged and additionally Mayor Henner also pointed out to the former Village Clerk Ms. Tyler that Mayor Henner didn’t recall approving budget workshop minutes in the past (Now current day being berated by Ms. Tyler). The mayor with some research had found only 2 instances from the year 2012 through 2017 that minutes had been recorded.  In fact 2015 was the only year February and March that past clerk Ms. Tyler had done any budget meeting minutes. Mayor Henner simply asked why she was questioning the minutes of current day when she failed to do only 2 over a 6 year time frame, in response Ms. Tyler stated she was surprised she did any because she learned later she was supposed to do minutes.

BridgeNY UPDATE-received paperwork from the Army Corp of Engineers. It looks like a May 1st start date. Approximately 4 month project timeline. Mayor Henner has reached out to Bob Jordan and others at RTS to discuss the possibility of adding a couple more bus routes. He has also had conversations regarding signage at Furnace and East Port Bay Road.

Mayor Henner stated we updated the website that we will take cash for water/sewer customers insist but our preferred method is check or money order. Other methods being considered listed under Clerk-Treasurer notes.

**Trustee Stewart**

Nothing more at this time

**Trustee Marshall**

Thanked Nick Rizzo for trimming the bushes at the corner of Oswego and Wadsworth streets as it was a safety issue.

**Trustee Smith**

Trustee Smith made the motion to approve payment of 2019-2020 NYCOM membership dues in the amount of $1,084. Trustee Marshall 2nd the motion. All voted in favor.

Trustee Smith addressed Highway Foreman Nick Rizzo who was present. Thanked him and his highway crew for the work they have done so far on the potholes.

**Trustee Vezzose**

Nothing at this time

**Adjournment**

Trustee Smith made the motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:32pm. Trustee Vezzose seconded the motion. All voted to approve.

The next regularly scheduled Village Board of Trustees Meeting will be held on March 26, 2019 at 7:00pm at the Village Hall.

Respectfully Submitted,

Fran Acker

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Clerk-Treasurer