VILLAGE OF WOLCOTT

VILLAGE HALL CONFERENCE ROOM

BOARD OF TRUSTEES

May 14, 2024

7:00 PM

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

Others Present: Fran Acker, Jack Roberts, Eva Duncan, Rich Duncan, Dennis Behr, Richard Steves Sr, Matt Ohler, Lori Howland, Jerry Lasher and Peter Strepe.

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

**Mass Mutual**

Dennis Behr spoke to the Village Board regarding life insurance for employees. Need 25 employees to be eligible for group policy but he can deal with each individual. Employee policies will be payroll deduction. Mr. Behr said a big advantage is everyone is eligible for life insurance up to $250,000 with no previous conditions and no underwriting. Up to $100,000 if previous conditions (2 years). Mayor Henner said he would like to take a look at the individual plan. Mr. Roberts asked if this could be opened to the public. Mr. Behr responded he could help them also.

**11954 W. Main Street**

Resident at 11954 West Main Street made the board aware that a tree planted years ago by the village has gotten to big and is hitting his roof. Mayor Henner asked Mr. Steves what he would like done with the tree. The resident would like it removed. He thought it was going to grow into a dwarf tree when it was first planted. Mayor Henner will speak with Chris Breen and Bob Crane regarding a resolution.

**Fire Department-Jerry Lasher**

Fire Chief Jerry Lasher presented the Village of Wolcott Board of Trustees with the results of the local election. Read by Mayor Henner as follows: Fire Chief: Ryan Henry, 1st Asst: Jerry Lasher, 2nd Asst: Pete Gillette, 3rd Asst: Randy Middleton, 4th Asst: Brett Furber, Rescue Captain: Ryan Granger, Fire Police: Jim Flynn, President: Bob Lockwood, Vice President: Chris Consalvo, Secretary: Marvin Tryon, Treasurer: Tammy Vezzose, Board Members: Kaleb Tyler and Jorden Brown. Trustee Smith made the motion to approve and accept elections results as read. Trustee Lewis 2nd the motion. All present voted in favor. Offices take effect June 1, 2024.

**Just Solutions**

Trustee Smith made the motion to accept Just Solutions Quote #JSIQ11653 in the amount of $1,375.00 for The Highway Department SonicWALL 2 year license renewal. Trustee Harper 2nd the motion. All present voted in favor.

Trustee Smith made the motion to accept Just Solutions Quote #JSIQ11652 in the amount of $1,375.00 for The Water Department SonicWALL 2 year license renewal. Trustee Harper 2nd the motion. All present voted in favor.

**Harris Beach PLLC Engagement Letter proposal**

Trustee Smith made the motion to accept the engagement letter proposed for Harris Beach PLLC as Bond Counsel for the water plant grant. Also to move forward with estoppel publication provided by Harris Beach. Trustee Lewis 2nd the motion. All present voted in favor.

**Code Enforcement**

A camper variance request was received for 5773 New Hartford Street and tabled until more information is received from the Code Enforcement Officer.

The Code Enforcement Department started presenting the Village Board with a monthly report of activity.

**Village Clerk/Treasurer**

Trustee Smith made the motion to accept and approve April 2024 Treasurer’s report and financials. Trustee Lewis 2nd the motion. All present voted in favor.

**Minutes**

Trustee Smith made the motion to accept and approve the minutes from the April 23, 2024 Department Head meeting. Trustee Marshall 2nd the motion. All present voted in favor.

**Abstract #012**

Trustee Smith made the motion to approve Abstract #012 in the amount of $471,438.22 with vouchers numbered 579-638 and checks numbered 32724-32783. Total claims from the General Fund are $393,170.49. Total claims from the Water Fund are $42,718.79. Total claims from the Sewer Fund are $35,548.94. Trustee Harper seconded the motion. All present voted in favor.

**Resolutions**

Resolution No. 2024-8

**Modify Budget- Revenue for Interim Dissolution Study**

WHEREAS, the Village of Wolcott may, by the New York State Law, section 5-520 subdivision 4- of the Village Law of New York State, Notwithstanding the provision of subdivision four of this section, grants in aid from the state and federal governments which are required to be expended for particular objects or purposes, may be appropriated at any time by resolution of the board of trustees at any time for such object or purpose, and

WHEREAS, the Village of Wolcott has received an electorate petition to dissolve the Village of Wolcott, Wayne County, NY, which calls for a referendum for dissolution without a study, and

WHEREAS, the Village of Wolcott Mayor and Village Board has contracted The LaBerge Group to conduct an interim study to be presented before a referendum, and has applied for a grant to cover $25,000.00 of the $30,000.00 cost, and

WHEREAS, the $25,000.00 was originally put into the incorrect revenue account of A3589, and

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED THAT the budget may be modified to represent such grant, the Village of Wolcott makes the following budgetary modifications to the General Fund as recommended by NYS OSC:

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A1989 State Aid, Other Gen Govt Support $25,000.00

A3589 State Aid, Other Transportation $25,000.00

Total: $ 25,000.00 $ 25,000.00

Adopted by the following vote:

Ayes: Mayor Henner, Trustees: Lewis, Smith, Marshall and Harper

Nays: None

Office of the Village Clerk

Village of Wolcott

County of Wayne

I hereby certify that I have compared the foregoing copy of a resolution with the original duly adopted by the above mentioned Board at a meeting held on the 14th day of May, 2024 and that the same is a true copy of said original and of the whole thereof.

In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto subscribed my name and affixed the official seal of the said Board, this 14th day of May, 2024.

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Village Clerk

Resolution No. 2024-9

**Modify Budget- ARPA Funds**

WHEREAS, the Village of Wolcott may, by the New York State Law, section 5-520 subdivision 4- of the Village Law of New York State, Notwithstanding the provision of subdivision four of this section, grants in aid from the state and federal governments which are required to be expended for particular objects or purposes, may be appropriated at any time by resolution of the board of trustees at any time for such object or purpose, and

WHEREAS, the Village of Wolcott has received an electorate petition to dissolve the Village of Wolcott, Wayne County, NY, which calls for a referendum for dissolution without a study, and

WHEREAS, the Village of Wolcott has obtain ARPA funds (American Rescue Plan Act), and

WHEREAS, the Village of Trustees obligated $29,168.00 to fund the balance needed after the CDBG Grant to obtain a new fire truck, and

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED THAT the budget may be modified to represent such grant, the Village of Wolcott makes the following budgetary modifications to the General Fund:

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A4960 Emergency Disaster Assistance $29,168.00

A3410.2 Fire Department, Equipment $29,168.00

Total: $ 29,168.00 $ 29,168.00

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Nays: None

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Village Clerk

**Facilities Use Request**

Trustee Smith made the motion to approve use of Northup Park on 6/7/2024 by the NRWCS 5th grade class from 10:30 am until Noon for picnic following historical walk. Trustee Harper 2nd the motion. All present voted in favor.

**Mayor Henner**

Mayor Henner asked Trustee Marshall to get prices on more electronic speed limit signs.

The Mayor is looking into playground equipment manufacturers and is waiting for quotes.

The ribbon cutting for the new engine #32 was held on May 13, 2024 at the Fire Hall. The truck will be on display during the Strawberry Festival. Wolcott Fire Department personnel will have training on the new truck, Sunday May 19, 2024.

**Trustee Harper**

Nothing at this time.

**Trustee Marshall**

Nothing at this time.

**Trustee Smith**

Trustee Smith likes the report now being submitted by the Codes Enforcement Officer. He asked if dates that certified mail was sent could be added. Trustee Smith asked the status on lawns that need mowing mailed out by codes and has more that should be put on the 10 day notice list.

**Trustee Lewis**

Trustee Lewis mentioned 11 more Hometown Heroes banners have been received by the Village of Wolcott which makes approximately 30 received. The Highway Department has started to hang on Oswego and W. Main Street.

**Time for the Public**

Lori Howland asked about the possibility of speed bumps being installed on Wright Street due to cars not slowing down and also running the stop sign. Mayor Henner stated he has spoken to the Village Police Department to monitor. The Mayor asked Ms. Howland if there was a certain time of day to assist the police Department with patrolling. There was a question about cameras and Neighborhood watch in the area.

Fire Chief Jerry Lasher thanked the Village Board, the Mayor and Clerk for all the work done to obtain the new fire truck.

Fire Chief Lasher made the board aware that Ray Wellington moved outside the district and asked if the Village Board could approve him staying as a member of the Wolcott Fire Department. The Fire Department has already approved. Trustee Smith made the motion to approve Mr. Wellington staying as a member of the Wolcott Fire Department and living outside of the district. Trustee Lewis 2nd the motion. All present voted to approve.

Mayor Henner asked Mr. Strepe for an update on Pickin’ in the Park. Mr. Strepe confirmed this is on schedule for May 23, 2024 and they are still looking for a banjo player.

The Mayor mentioned everything is coming together for the Strawberry Festival. Vendors are capped out to the limit. Don Camp is donating a bounce house for the event.

**Executive Session**

Trustee Smith made the motion to move the meeting into executive session at 7:35pm for a contractual and personnel matter. Trustee Harper 2nd 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 8:39pm. Trustee Harper 2nd the motion. All present voted in favor.

Trustee Marshall made the motion to bid on a 2006 Peterbuilt currently on Auctions International not to exceed $21,000 to include fees. Trustee Harper 2nd the motion. All present voted in favor.

Mayor Henner is reaching out to Steve Morgan for prices for Village residents clean up and the possibility to accept electronics and tires along with rubbish to be paid for by ARPA funds.

Mayor will meet with Jack Roberts in an effort to change the website.

**Adjournment**

Trustee Smith made the motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:57pm. Trustee Lewis 2nd the motion. All present voted in favor.

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

Respectfully Submitted,

Fran Acker

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Clerk-Treasurer