

Members Present: Deputy Mayor Sharon White, Trustees Daniel Ferrente and Colleen Penta

Others Present: Police Chief David Smith, Fire Chief Clyde Smith, Larry Hogan, Phoebe Meijer, Gary Baker, Lori Tyler, Ray Wellington, Lynn Chatfield, Dorothy Chatfield and Melanie DeBadts

Deputy Mayor White called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm.

Pledge of Allegiance

Fire Department

- Fire Chief Smith gave the Board members copies of an email he received from the Wayne County Real Property Department detailing the tax rates assessed for fire departments in Wayne County. The Wolcott Fire Department provides fire protection services in the Towns of Wolcott, Butler and Huron and receives less than half of the funding other departments receive. Fire Chief Smith will be meeting with Mayor Monson February 8, 2011 to discuss the budget for the fiscal year ending May 31, 2012.
- Fire Chief Smith stated that there is a substantial amount of equipment at the Fire Hall in need of replacement for safety and compliance purposes but there is not enough money remaining in the 2010-2011 budget for the necessary purchases. The Fire Department is having a chicken BBQ dinner February 20, 2011 but Fire Chief Smith stated that the volunteer firefighters do not have a lot of time to contribute to fundraising. Trustee Penta asked Fire Chief Smith why expenditures this year are so much more than in previous years. Fire Chief Smith responded that a lot of the equipment had to be replaced or repaired this year in order to be compliant and he has also been trying to update equipment so that a replacement plan can be in place. Ray Wellington stated that the Scott air packs have been being replaced at the rate of two per year because they have a maximum useful life of only fifteen years.
- Fire Chief Smith stated that he is looking into joining forces with the fire departments in the region and possibly forming a Fire District. Fire Chief Smith will discuss the matter with Town of Wolcott Supervisor Kim Park.

Police Department

Police Chief Smith recently attended a meeting at the Phelps Community Center focusing on unfunded mandates. The financial burden on Villages was discussed briefly but the majority of the discussion focused on school districts. Also in attendance at the meeting were NYS Assembly Minority Leader Brian Kolb and NYCOM Executive Director Peter Baynes. Legislation for a 2% cap on property tax growth has already passed the NYS Senate and is now being considered by the NYS Assembly.

Water and Sewer Departments

- Trustee Penta made the motion to approve a request from Robert Delf of R&R Realty, P.O. Box 5, Wolcott, to abandon sewer service for property located at 12056 Mill Street effective January 27, 2011. Trustee Ferrente seconded the motion and all voted in favor.
- Trustee Ferrente made the motion to approve a request from Robert Delf of R&R Realty, P.O. Box 5, Wolcott, to abandon the water service for property located at 12056 Mill Street effective January 27, 2011. Trustee Penta seconded the motion and all voted in favor.
- Deputy Mayor White reported that the Weager Springs facility is shut off at the present time. While the Lake Plant is running fine, in the event of an emergency the Village may obtain water from Wayne County Water and Sewer Authority. There is water in the tower but that supply would last only one day. The UV disinfectant unit at the Weager Spring facility needs to be replaced. A complete rebuilt unit will likely cost approximately \$20,000 and purchasing the parts only will likely cost approximately \$10,000. More information will be forthcoming from Newark Electric. A quote was received from Aftek for filters needed at the Weager Springs facility. Trustee Penta made the motion to approve purchasing seventy-two final stage filters and six secondary filters from Aftek at a total cost not to exceed \$12,000. Trustee Ferrente seconded the motion and all voted in favor.

Emerald Ash Borer Presentation

Larry Hogan attended a meeting January 26, 2011 at the Cornell Cooperative Extension building in Newark on Emerald Ash Borer Community Preparedness. Mr. Hogan provided the Board with information obtained at the meeting. The Emerald Ash Borer (EAB) has not yet been detected in Wayne County but has been found as close as Chili, NY. The EAB has destroyed millions of ash trees and will likely spread into Wayne County in the future. Mr. Hogan suggested that perhaps the Boy Scouts or a group of school students could make a project out of surveying the trees in the Village and marking the ash trees with a red ribbon. There are chemicals that can be used to treat infested trees depending upon location; however the chemicals are quite expensive and not always effective. Deputy Mayor White thanked Mr. Hogan for attending the meeting.

Tug Hill 22nd Annual Local Government Conference

The Tug Hill 22nd Annual Local Government Conference will be held March 31, 2011. Registrations must be postmarked by March 9, 2011. Anyone wishing to attend must let the Clerk know.

March 2011 Village Board Meeting Dates

The General Village Election will be held Tuesday, March 15, 2011, which is a regular Board meeting night. Trustee Ferrente made the motion to approve changing the dates for regular Village Board meetings in March to March 8th and March 22nd. The meetings will begin at 7:00pm. Trustee Penta seconded the motion and all voted in favor.

Minutes of January 18, 2011

Trustee Ferrente made the motion to approve the minutes of January 18, 2011 with one spelling correction. Trustee Penta seconded the motion and all voted in favor.

Abstract #011

Trustee Penta made the motion to approve abstract #011 in the amount of \$48,320.75 with vouchers numbered 0648 – 0675 and checks numbered 23370 – 23397. Claims from the General Fund total \$26,605.01. Claims from the Water Fund total \$9,731.31. Claims from the Sewer Fund total \$10,638.00. Claims from the Trust and Agency Fund total \$1,346.43. Trustee Ferrente seconded the motion and all voted in favor.

Trustee Penta made the motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:40 pm. Trustee Ferrente seconded the motion and all voted in favor.

Respectfully submitted,

Melanie A. DeBadts
Clerk/Treasurer