

Mayor Monson called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM.

Members Present: Mayor John Monson, Trustees Gary Baker, J.D. Freer and Sharon White

Members Excused: Trustee Jessica Banks

Others Present: Larry Hogan, Lori Tyler, Ron Lancy and Ray Wellington

Pledge of Allegiance

Public Hearing – Budget FYE 5/31/2010

- Mayor Monson explained the proposed budget for the fiscal year ending May 31, 2010. There are no significant changes to the General Fund budget. All employee benefits have increased. The balance of the Fire Department renovation project (\$35,000) will not be financed as previously planned. The Board will approve a transfer from the savings account to the checking account and the Fire Department budget includes an additional appropriation amount sufficient to reimburse the savings account over the next three fiscal years. The Highway Department has an equipment expense of \$4,000 in the next fiscal year for the backhoe trade-in program through Caterpillar. The annual contribution to the library will be decreasing from \$6,500 to \$5,000 in the fiscal year ending May 31, 2011. When the Clerk sends the contribution for the fiscal year ending May 31, 2010, a letter explaining the future decrease will be included. The estimated appropriations for storm sewers are reduced from last year due to the storm sewer grant project being funding in part by FEMA. Due to the need to balance the General Fund budget with appropriated Fund Balance, and the General Fund Balance being very low, the Water Fund will transfer \$60,000 to the General Fund.
- Water Fund: The Water Fund budget includes an appropriation of \$60,000 for work on the intake line and \$10,000 for new meters.
- Sewer Fund: The Sewer Fund budget includes an appropriation of \$12,000 for pumps. Additionally, the General Fund is transferring \$5,000 to the Sewer Fund. This is a partial repayment on the uncollected sewer rents relieved onto the tax roll.
- The NYS Department of Corrections will be closing the minimum security side of the Butler Correctional Facility effective October 1, 2009. It is estimated that at least sixty jobs will be eliminated and the water revenue is estimated to decrease by \$24,000 annually.
- The budget for the fiscal year ending May 31, 2010 will be approved at the next regular Board meeting scheduled for April 28, 2009.
- Trustee Freer made the motion to close the Public Hearing at 7:29pm. Trustee White seconded the motion and all voted in favor.

Resolution 2009-9 (Storm Sewer Project)

MRB Engineering prepared an estimated schedule of cash flow requirements for the capital storm sewer project being funded in part by a Pre-Hazard Mitigation grant through FEMA. It will be necessary to have a significantly higher amount of cash on hand than earlier anticipated due to the construction timeline and expected reimbursement period from FEMA. Trustee Baker made the motion to approve Resolution 2009-9 amended the bond resolution dated April 14, 2009, authorizing general obligation serial bonds to finance the gravity storm sewer system capital improvement. Resolution 2009-9 authorizes the issuance of serial bonds as well as bond anticipation notes up to the total cost of the project, not to exceed \$1,264,000.00. Trustee White stated that we need to make sure that we receive reimbursement for all project costs. We are able to submit reimbursement requests monthly but the length of time until the reimbursement is received is estimated to be four to six weeks. Trustee White seconded the motion and all voted in favor.

Water Department

The Annual Water Quality Report has been completed and we are now waiting on the final approval from the Department of Health before releasing it.

Fire Department

- In May there will be a training session on the rope law at the Ontario County Training Facility. Lori Tyler reported that five members of the Fire Department will be attending. Ray Wellington stated that he had spoken with Rick Bond and the rope law only applies to four story buildings and higher. The tallest buildings in the Village of Wolcott are only three stories. A full body harness is required for buildings in excess of four stories and the cost for each harness is estimated to be between \$200 and \$500. The Fire Department has already worked on escape ropes and for three story buildings and a 35 ft rope is sufficient. The tallest buildings in the Village of Wolcott are the Wolcott Hotel and the Leavenworth Middle School building. Red Creek and North Rose have no buildings over three stories as well. Mayor Monson stated that the rope law went into effect in 2005 as a result of a fire where firefighters needed to jump out of fourth floor windows.
- Trustee Baker made the motion to approve a request from Duane VanNorstrand, on behalf of the Boy Scouts, for a Chicken BBQ fundraiser at the Fire Hall May 3, 2009. Trustee Freer seconded the motion and all voted in favor.
- Trustee White made the motion to approve the request from WAVAC for use of the Fire Hall June 20, 2009 for the purpose of holding a blood drive. Trustee Baker seconded the motion and all voted in favor.
- Ray Wellington reported that the renovations at the Fire Hall are going very well. The bathrooms will be put back in service tomorrow, April 15, 2009 and the water is already on. Members of the department will finish putting steel on the back wall. Mr. Wellington encouraged the Board members to stop by and look at the improvements. Stuart Brown Associates Inc. will be writing a grant application for FEMA for a new tanker. The cost of writing the application will be \$1500.00 and the Fire Department will pay for it. Trustee Baker made the motion to authorize Fire Department Chief Ray Wellington to submit grant applications on behalf of the Fire Department. Trustee Freer seconded the motion and all voted in favor. The FEMA grants which the Fire Department applies for go through the Fire Department directly, rather than the Village of Wolcott.
- There will be an inspection dinner at the Fire Hall in May or June, which the Village of Wolcott will pay for. There will also be an open house for the community sometime in June. The Fire Department will begin advertising in May. When asked if Board approval was needed for the open house Mayor Monson responded no.

Restore NY Grant

- The Public Hearing on the Restore NY grant project will be held Tuesday, April 21, 2009 at 6:00pm.
- Trustee Freer stated that he was approached by a resident who was not in favor of the project and expressed concern about it.

Village Beautification

- The Planning Board has been working on forming a committee made up of representatives from local civic organizations and there has been a lot of success so far with groups coming together with ideas and plans for beautifying the Village.
- The Town of Butler and the Town of Wolcott will be holding town-wide clean up days soon. If the Village can participate Mayor Monson suggested having a dump site at the Highway barn on Butler Street for the Town of Butler and on North Street for the Town of Wolcott.

Ron Lancy

Mr. Lancy asked if the Village still planned to replace the storm sewer lines and if so, when will the project start. Mayor Monson stated that the project would be done during the months of July, August and September.

Trustee White

The Planning Board requested that the Village Board address the question of how to encourage homeowners to clean up their property. Larry Hogan stated that the discussion began with questions being raised about how to get the streets cleaned up before the Annual Car Show.

Minutes of March 24, 2009

Mayor Monson requested a change of wording regarding a water billing issue. Trustee White made the motion to approve the minutes of March 24, 2009 as corrected. Trustee Freer seconded the motion and all voted in favor.

Minutes of March 31, 2009

Trustee Baker made the motion to approve the minutes of March 31, 2009 as read. Trustee Freer seconded the motion and all voted in favor.

Minutes of April 7, 2009

Trustee Freer made the motion to approve the minutes of April 7, 2009 as read. Trustee Baker seconded the motion and all voted in favor.

Minutes of April 7, 2009 (Annual Organizational Meeting)

Trustee White made the motion to approve the minutes of the Annual Organizational Meeting held April 7, 2009 as read. Trustee Freer seconded the motion and all voted in favor.

Abstract #016

Trustee Baker made the motion to approve abstract #016 in the amount of \$76,787.01 with vouchers numbered 0847 – 0903 and checks numbered 21529 – 21585. Claims from the General Fund total \$54,504.03. Claims from the Water Fund total \$8,246.05. Claims from the Sewer Fund total \$12,122.93. Claims from the Trust and Agency Fund total \$1,914.00. Trustee Freer seconded the motion and all voted in favor.

Executive Session

Trustee Freer made the motion to go into executive session at 8:07pm for the purpose of discussing a contractual matter. Trustee Baker seconded the motion and all voted in favor.

Trustee Freer made the motion to come out of executive session at 8:27pm. Trustee White seconded the motion and all voted in favor.

Trustee White made the motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:28pm. Trustee Baker seconded the motion and all voted in favor.

Respectfully submitted,

Melanie A. Countryman
Clerk/Treasurer