

Members Present: Mayor John Monson, Trustees Sharon White, Ken VanFleet, Daniel Ferrente, and Colleen Penta

Others Present: Melanie DeBadts, Chief David Smith, Ron Lancy, Jerry Laird, Bob Stell, Otis Vezzose, Phoebe Meijer and Ray Wellington

Mayor Monson called the Budget Public Hearing to order at 6:30 pm.

Public Hearing – Budget for Fiscal Year Ending 5/31/2011

- Mayor Monson explained the proposed budget for the fiscal year ending May 31, 2011 in detail. Property tax rates remain at the same level as in previous years. There is a total reduction of 13% in estimated revenues due to decreases in sales tax revenue, gross receipts tax and interest income. Water revenue is reduced 14% due to decreases in water sales to Wayne County Egg, Butler Correctional Facility as well as area residents conserving water. Revenue from interest and penalties on late payments is also reduced due to improved collection practices. Mayor Monson noted that in the current fiscal year the Water Fund contributed \$60,000 in fund balance to the General Fund and that the General Fund must pay this back.
- Mayor Monson stated that labor costs for all departments have been reduced and some salaried employees have been asked to accept a reduction in pay. The Deputy Clerk's hours will be reduced and Mayor Monson stated that he is considering closing the Village Office one day per week. There will be significant changes to employee scheduling in all departments with the intention of eliminating overtime costs. Mayor Monson added that health insurance costs have risen significantly, further necessitating budget cuts.
- Contractual appropriations have been reduced in all departments and there will be an employee meeting Thursday, April 22, 2010 to go over new purchasing procedures which will allow better control over department spending. Mayor Monson added that all departments will be undergoing energy audits and changes in operating procedures in an attempt to further reduce costs.
- The Sewer Fund has a \$20,000 appropriation for engineering costs. Mayor Monson stated the purpose for this was to make certain upgrades to sewer operating processes.
- Mayor Monson displayed a PowerPoint presentation which included an overview of the taxes Village residents pay to the Towns of Butler and Wolcott. Village residents in the Town of Wolcott pay town taxes in the amount of \$84,235.00. Village residents in the Town of Butler pay town taxes in the amount of \$41,960.26. Mayor Monson discussed the services Village residents receive for the town taxes, which include assessment, hunting licenses, dog licenses and marriage licenses. Mayor Monson stated that the Village could contract assessing services at a much lower cost than what is currently paid to the towns at an estimated cost of \$25,000 per year.

Trustee White made the motion to close the Public Hearing at 6:59 pm. Trustee Penta seconded the motion and all voted in favor.

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

Pledge of Allegiance

Code Enforcement

- Village Code Enforcement Office Otis Vezzose recently toured the Village with Bob Stell and reviewed neglected and abandoned properties. Mr. Vezzose explained to Mr. Stell the process whereby the Village can enforce code violations. When a violation is noted a letter of citation is issued to the property owner. The violation is delivered by certified mail or served in person by a Police Officer. The property owner can then be issued an appearance ticket for court. Village Justice Hank Krasucki had been asked to attend the Board Meeting but was not present. Mayor Monson stated that he recently spoke with Judge Krasucki and Attorney Art Williams regarding the issue and Judge Krasucki feels that the Village Attorney, Art Williams, should be prosecuting the code violation cases. Mayor Monson added that Mr. Williams was unable to attend the Board meeting but that he would be available at a future meeting date.
- Mr. Vezzose stated that a new EPA regulation regarding lead paint will go into effect Thursday, April 22, 2010.

Bob Stell

Mr. Stell stated that he has visited other communities, specifically Auburn, Cayuga County, Montezuma and Rose, and feels that all of these areas are very nice and pleasant in appearance. Mr. Stell would like to know how they maintain that appearance while the Village of Wolcott can not. Mayor Monson stated that the Planning Board is organizing two clean-up dates this spring and a notice will be published in the Shopper. Mayor Monson added that several factors contribute to the overall appearance of a community, not the least of which is the amount of money present there. Mayor Monson stated it wouldn't be fair to compare the Village of Wolcott to much more affluent communities. Mayor Monson suggested holding a public meeting to discuss the issue and invite comments and suggestions from those in attendance. Mr. Stell will be informed when such a meeting is scheduled.

Budget Fiscal Year Ending 5/31/2011

- Mayor Monson continued the PowerPoint presentation highlighting significant parts of the proposed budget for the fiscal year ending May 31, 2011. The Wolcott Fire Department currently has the lowest tax rate of any Fire Department in Wayne County. Mayor Monson would like to increase the fire protection contracts for 2011 so as to be more in line with rates charged for other departments in Wayne County. An increase would also support the needs of the Fire Department and provide funds with which to purchase necessary equipment. Mayor Monson stated that the fire protection rates should be based upon actual assessed value rather than the total amount being divided equally among the participating towns.
- Mayor Monson asked for a motion to approve the proposed budget for the fiscal year ending May 31, 2011. Trustee White made the motion to approve the budget. Trustee VanFleet seconded the motion and all voted in favor.

Police Department

- Chief Smith stated that the Village of Wolcott Police Department was instrumental in developing several cases resulting in the recent WayneNet drug bust in Wayne County. Property seized included twenty-two pounds of marijuana, \$12,000 cash and more than forty weapons. Chief Smith stated that more seizures, forfeitures and arrests are pending. The impact in the Village was minimized in the newspaper coverage but Chief Smith stressed that the Wolcott Police Department was key in development and execution of the operation and that the Officers should be commended for their hard work. Mayor Monson congratulated the Wolcott Police Department on a job well done.
- The Wolcott Police Department is in need of a new patrol car. The older of the two vehicles currently is in use has had several severe mechanical issues recently and the costs for repairs and maintenance are rapidly increasing. Mayor Monson stated that the Village does not currently have sufficient funds with which to purchase a new vehicle and that it would be necessary to finance such a purchase. Chief Smith will check into how the Village of Sodus was able to purchase their new patrol vehicle.
- Trustee VanFleet has been working with Chief Smith on scheduling so as to allow increased coverage without increasing total labor costs.

Surplus Equipment

Trustee Ferrente made the motion to declare the following equipment surplus: 1996 Dodge Cargo Van used by the Sewer Department, 5 HP Stone Compactor and Homelight Multipurpose Saw. Trustee Penta seconded the motion and all voted in favor. The equipment will be taken to the municipal auction to be held in the Town of Palmyra May 8, 2010.

Westy's Water Service

Jeff West, of Westy's Water Service, has discontinued his bulk water hauling business effective April 5, 2010. Mr. West does not have an outstanding balance and his account history has been satisfactory. Trustee White made the motion to accept the request to terminate the bulk water hauling agreement between Jeff West and the Village of Wolcott and to return the \$200.00 deposit to Mr. West. Trustee VanFleet seconded the motion and all voted in favor.

Annual Water Quality Report

The Board reviewed the Annual Water Quality Report. Trustee VanFleet questioned the sample value for barium levels detected. The Clerk will verify the level with the Department of Health. Trustee White noted that clarification was needed under the heading "C. Organic Contaminants". The Clerk will add the notation "Not Applicable" under this heading. Trustee VanFleet made the motion to approve the Annual Water Quality Report for distribution, with the stated verification and addition. Trustee White seconded the motion and all voted in favor.

Water and Sewer Departments

- Mayor Monson received a letter from Kevin Costello, 6070 Alport Street, regarding the vacant and neglected house located at 12174 Oswego Street. Mr. Costello has noticed that sewage appears to be seeping up from the ground on the side of the house. Ron Lancy and Tom Mettler will go look at the property tomorrow morning.
- Mayor Monson has water and sewer issues to discussing during executive session.

Fire Department

- Trustee White made the motion to approve the 2010-2011 Roster of Wolcott Fire Department Officers.
 - Chief – Clyde Smith
 - 1st Assistant – Corey Tyler
 - 2nd Assistant – Rick Miller
 - 3rd Assistant – Kalen Hutching
 - 4th Assistant – Matt Wadsworth
 - Rescue Captain – Mark Batzold
 - Fire Police Captain – Pat Pickard
 - President – Bob Lockwood
 - Vice President – Chad Countryman
 - Treasurer – Lynn Ann Batzold
 - Secretary – Jeremy Gilbo
 - Board Member – Jerry Lasher
 - Board Member – Lori Tyler
 - Wayne County Delegates – Marvin Tryon and Jack Whitaker

Trustee Ferrente seconded the motion. Bob Stell inquired about the length of the terms. Mayor Monson stated that the terms of office are one year with the exception of board members, which are two-year terms. Ray Wellington asked for an executive session to discuss a matter relating to the new roster. Mayor Monson stated that the vote to approve the roster will be held until after the executive session.

- Ray Wellington stated that the annual maintenance has been completed for all of the fire trucks.
- Trustee Ferrente made the motion to approve a request from Brad Lehman and the North Rose-Wolcott National Junior Honor Society to hold a Community Car Wash at the Fire Hall May 8, 2010 from 11:00 am – 2:00 pm. There will be no charge for car washes although donations will be accepted. Chief Wellington stated that the Fire Department membership has already approved the function and he will bring the request form to the Clerk tomorrow. Trustee Penta seconded the motion. Trustee Ferrente inquired about the purpose of the fundraiser. Chief Wellington stated that it was most likely for a National Junior Honor Society function or a trip. Mayor Monson called for a vote and all voted in favor.
- Construction on the new building at the Fire Hall will begin Friday, April 23, 2010. Chief Wellington stated that the Highway Department did a good job with preparing the gravel pad.

Resolution 2010-8 (Justice Court Assistance Program Grant)

Trustee VanFleet made the motion to approve Resolution 2010-8, authorizing the establishment of a capital fund and budget journal entries to account for the receipt of grant funds from the Justice Court Assistance Program. Trustee White seconded the motion and all voted in favor.

Phoebe Meijer

- Mrs. Meijer asked if Mayor Monson was able to look into possible removal of the siren at the Village Hall and potential impact on insurance rates. Mayor Monson spoke with Clyde Smith and stated that removing the siren would increase the insurance rates. Chief Wellington stated that the ISO (Insurance Services Office, Inc.) rate would increase which would result in higher insurance costs for area residents. Mrs. Meijer asked about the siren going off only during the day and Chief Wellington responded that if that were the case the result would likely be the same. Mrs. Meijer stated that she feels the siren goes off in the event of emergencies, not just for fires. Chief Wellington responded that the siren is supposed to go off in the event of a true

Phoebe Meijer (Continued)

emergency, not just a fire. Mr. Stell asked if the siren could be quieter and Mrs. Meijer stated that it could be considered noise pollution and someone could sue the Village over it. Mayor Monson stated that there are requirements for the decibel level of the siren and that it has to be located at the center for the Village for the ISO rating. Chief Wellington added that the siren affects the insurance rates for the whole fire protection district.

- Mrs. Meijer asked if there was any money available in the budget to purchase flowers, topsoil and fertilizer. Mayor Monson responded no, but that he would like to find donations. Mayor Monson asked Mrs. Meijer to put together a list of flowers and materials and he will see what can be done.

Insurance Coverage Increase

Trustee White made the motion to increase the Employee Dishonesty Limits on scheduled positions from \$10,000 to \$100,000. This will result in an additional annual insurance premium of \$169.00. Trustee VanFleet seconded the motion and all voted in favor.

Teamsters Local 118 Union Contract Negotiations

Mayor Monson stated that negotiations for the Teamsters Local 118 Union contract are in the final stages and the matter will be discussed during executive session.

WCIDA Public Hearing 5/20/10

Trustee White made the motion to approve a request from the Wayne County Industrial Development Agency to use the Village Hall for a public hearing regarding Pomona Packaging LLC on May 20, 2010 at 9:00 am. Trustee Penta seconded the motion and all voted in favor.

Resolution 2010-9 (Request for Proposal for Audit Services)

Trustee Penta made the motion to approve Resolution 2010-9, with a date correction, authorizing the Clerk to issue a Request for Proposal for Audit services in accordance with OMB Circular No. 133-A for the fiscal year ending May 31, 2010. An audit of this scope is required because the Village of Wolcott expended more than \$500,000.00 in Federal funds during the current fiscal year. Trustee VanFleet seconded the motion and all voted in favor.

Minutes of the Annual Organizational Meeting April 6, 2010

Trustee White made the motion to approve the minutes of the Annual Organizational Meeting held April 6, 2010 as read. Trustee Penta seconded the motion and all voted in favor.

Minutes of April 6, 2010

Trustee White made the motion to approve the minutes of the regular meeting held April 6, 2010 as read. Trustee Ferrente seconded the motion and all voted in favor.

Abstract #018

Trustee VanFleet made the motion to approve abstract #018 in the amount of \$42,937.54 with vouchers numbered 0925 – 0959 and checks numbered 22618 – 22653. Claims from the General Fund total \$30,111.02. Claims from the Water Fund total \$5,449.05. Claims from the Sewer Fund total \$5,481.69. Claims from the Federal Flood Mitigation Project Fund total \$977.28. Claims from the Trust and Agency Fund total \$918.50. Trustee White seconded the motion and all voted in favor.

Trustee Penta

Trustee Penta has a personnel matter to discuss during executive session.

Trustee Ferrente

Trustee Ferrente has nothing to discuss at this time.

Trustee White

Trustee White has nothing to discuss at this time.

Trustee VanFleet

Trustee VanFleet has nothing to discuss at this time.

Executive Session

Trustee Ferrente made the motion to go into executive session at 8:02 pm for the purpose of discussing a personnel matter and three contractual matters. Trustee Penta seconded the motion and all voted in favor.

Mayor Monson invited Ray Wellington to attend part of the executive session.

Trustee Penta made the motion to come out of executive session at 9:23 pm. Trustee VanFleet seconded the motion and all vote in favor.

Teamsters Local 118 Union

Trustee Ferrente made the motion to approve the Memorandum of Agreement for the Teamsters Local 118 Union Contract, which extends the current contract for one year. Trustee White seconded the motion and all voted in favor.

NYS Teamsters Health and Hospital Fund

Trustee VanFleet made the motion to approve the NYS Teamsters Health and Hospital Fund monthly participation agreement. Trustee Penta seconded the motion. Trustee Ferrente inquired if the agreement covered all Village employees. Mayor Monson stated that the agreement pertained to both union and non-union employees. Mayor Monson called for a vote and all voted in favor.

Trustee Ferrente made the motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:26 pm. Trustee VanFleet seconded the motion and all voted in favor.

Respectfully Submitted,

Melanie A. DeBadts
Clerk/Treasurer