

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

Others Present: Bill Steighler, Ron Lancy, David Smith, Phoebe Meijer, Bob Stell and Melanie Countryman

Mayor Monson called the Organizational Meeting to order at 6:00 pm. The minutes for the Organizational Meeting are separate and attached to the minutes for the regular meeting of April 6, 2010.

Mayor Monson called the Budget Workshop to order at 6:30 pm. Mayor Monson discussed the need to reduce expenses in all departments and implement scheduling changes to reduce labor costs due to decreased revenue in all funds. Mayor Monson is opposed to any increase in Village taxes and stated that there would be more reductions to the proposed General Fund budget in order to balance total appropriations with total revenues. The Public Hearing on the 2010/2011 Budget will be held April 20, 2010 at 6:30 pm.

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

Pledge of Allegiance

### **Police Department**

- Chief Smith gave the Board members copies of proposed Standard Operating Procedures covering emergency response, high speed pursuit and standardized incident reports. Mayor Monson requested that Trustees review all Standard Operating Procedures submitted to date and prepare a list of comments so the Board may move forward with approving the policies. A workshop will be held May 1, 2010 at 6:30 pm, prior to the regular meeting. The purpose of the workshop will be to discuss all Standard Operating Procedures submitted to date and address any comments or concerns prior to adoption. Trustee VanFleet requested that Chief Smith provide the Clerk with copies of all proposed procedures submitted.
- Chief Smith gave the Board members copies of the Department Activity Report for March 2010.
- Chief Smith recently met with Ted Reese from the Wolcott Elks Lodge regarding AED machines. Chief Smith stated that he will be applying jointly with the Wolcott Elks Lodge for a Community Block grant to fund as many AED machines as possible. If awarded, the machines will be distributed throughout the community. Trustee VanFleet stated that use of an AED machine required specific training and maintenance, as well as a cooperative agreement with a health care provider. Trustee VanFleet offered to provide Chief Smith with contract information to assist him with these requirements. Chief Smith stated that he has been working with Gary Lockwood on addressing requirements for operation of the AED machines.

### **Highway Department**

- Mayor Monson stated that the Capital Storm Sewer project would resume after the asphalt plants open. Nick Rizzo is working on obtaining a quote to mill and repave New Hartford Street. The extension request previously submitted for restoration purposes has been approved and the new project deadline is July 1, 2010. Bob Stell asked about the sidewalks. Mayor Monson stated that the contractor will be replacing all sidewalks and curbing damaged or removed during the work on the project. Mr. Stell went on to discuss the Village sidewalks in general and that he felt the Village needs to enforce code regulations and perhaps even assess a Village-wide surcharge to all residents for sidewalk replacement, whether the resident has a sidewalk or not. Mayor Monson explained that sidewalks are the property owner's responsibility. Mr. Stell stated that it didn't matter and he felt it was a municipal issue. Trustee White inquired about the new curbing to be installed as part of the restoration phase of the project. Mayor Monson stated that the curbing will be concrete and that the contractor will be performing the work.
- Mayor Monson stated that the Highway Department employees are getting ready to begin chipping brush.

### **Water Department**

- Mayor Monson read a quote from Blair Supply Corporation for water meters. The current budget contains an appropriation in the amount of \$10,000 to be used for purchasing new radio read meters. Trustee White made the motion to approve the purchase of remote meters, bare meters and meter brackets with a total cost not to exceed \$10,000. Trustee Penta seconded the motion and all voted in favor.
- Mayor Monson reported that the Lake Plant is not currently running, as the Weager Spring facility is able to supply 100% of the water demand.

### **Fire Department**

- Mayor Monson showed the Board plans for the new building at the Fire Hall. The old building should be down by April 14<sup>th</sup>. The new building is being paid for by the Fire Department rather than the Village of Wolcott. The new building will measure 30' x 54', will be insulated and will be used to store equipment. Mayor Monson asked for a motion to approve construction of the new building at the Fire Hall. Trustee Ferrente made the motion to approve construction of the new equipment storage building. Trustee White seconded the motion and all voted in favor. Mayor Monson stated that the Fire Department members worked very hard raising money through chicken barbeques and other fundraisers so that they would be able to purchase the building on their own.
- The Fire Department elections will be held Thursday, April 8, 2010.

### **Justice Court**

The application submitted for funding assistance under the Justice Court Assistance Program was approved and the Village has received \$10,733.00 with which to purchase specific court furniture and office supplies.

### **Bob Stell – Wolcott Historical Society**

Mr. Stell appeared before the Board on behalf of the Wolcott Historical Society as well as to voice his own personal concerns. Mr. Stell prepared a letter stating concerns regarding several properties in the Village which appear to be abandoned and in significant states of disrepair. Mayor Monson stated that it is up to the court system to enforce the violations issued by the Village. Mayor Monson would like to have Code Enforcement Officer Otis Vezzose and Village Justice Hank Krasucki attend the next Board

### **Bob Stell (Continued)**

meeting and invite Mr. Stell to attend as well so that the issue of enforcing Village Code as it pertains to vacant and neglected properties may be addressed. Mayor Monson added that perhaps Richard Thomson, NYS Regional Code Specialist, may be able to attend as well. Phoebe Meijer asked if anything could be done about trash in yards. Mayor Monson stated that the Village does not have an ordinance regarding toys and junk in yards. Mr. Stell asked if the Village could do a controlled burn at a property that was abandoned. Mayor Monson stated that per the new DEC regulations controlled burns were no longer allowed. Mr. Stell asked if a formal written complaint was required before a property would be investigated by the Code Enforcement Officer because he is not comfortable with people knowing if he is complaining about them. Mayor Monson will address the question with Richard Thompson at the next meeting.

### **Phoebe Meijer**

Phoebe Meijer stated that she had a complaint regarding the siren at the Village Hall. Mrs. Meijer feels that the siren is too loud and unnecessary and routinely disturbs the nighttime hours in the Village. Mrs. Meijer stated that Bob Lockwood informed her that the purpose of the siren is to warn traffic on Main Street and New Hartford Street that emergency vehicles may be traveling through the Village but Mrs. Meijer does not feel that this is a valid reason. Mayor Monson stated that the siren functioning at the Village Hall provides Village residents with lower home insurance rates but he will check to see if that is still the case. Trustee Ferrente suggested having the siren go off only during the day. Mr. Stell asked if the siren could be muffled or moved to a different location. Mayor Monson stated that the location of the siren at the Village Hall is what affected the insurance rates for residents but reiterated that he would be looking into the matter.

### **Park Use Request**

Trustee VanFleet made a motion to approve a request from the Wolcott Council of Churches to use Northup Park August 8<sup>th</sup> – August 12<sup>th</sup>, 2010, for the purpose of holding Vacation Bible School. Trustee Ferrente seconded the motion and all voted in favor.

### **Ron Lancy**

Mr. Lancy asked if the curbing on Draper Street was going to be replaced. Mayor Monson stated that the curbing was removed by Dr. Pugh and that he believed Dr. Pugh would be responsible for replacing it but Mayor Monson will look into the matter.

### **Planning and Zoning Board of Appeals Appointments**

- Trustee White made the motion to approve the appointment of Rusty Schryer as Planning Board Member with a four year term to expire March 31, 2014. Trustee Ferrente seconded the motion and all voted in favor.
- Trustee Penta made the motion to approve the appointment of Robin Delf-Connor as Zoning Board of Appeals Member with a five year term to expire March 31, 2015. Trustee VanFleet seconded the motion and all voted in favor.

### **Budget Resolution 2010-5 (Sewer Fund)**

Trustee White made the motion to approve Budget Resolution 2010-5 making budgetary amendments to the Sewer Fund in the amount of \$6,050.00. Trustee Penta seconded the motion and all voted in favor.

### **Budget Resolution 2010-6 (Water Fund)**

Trustee White made the motion to approve Budget Resolution 2010-6 making budgetary amendments to the Water Fund in the amount of \$7,555.00. Trustee Ferrente seconded the motion and all voted in favor.

### **Budget Resolution 2010-7 (General Fund)**

Trustee White made the motion to approve Budget Resolution 2010-7 making budgetary amendments to the General Fund in the amount of \$37,156.00. Trustee Penta seconded the motion and all voted in favor.

### **Minutes of March 23, 2010**

Trustee VanFleet made the motion to approve the minutes of March 23, 2010 as read. Trustee Penta seconded the motion and all voted in favor.

### **Abstract #017**

Trustee Ferrente made the motion to approve abstract #017 in the amount of \$119,754.06 with vouchers numbered 0881 – 0925 and checks numbered 22574 – 22617. Claims from the General Fund total \$19,161.12. Claims from the Water Fund \$7,693.00. Claims from the Sewer Fund \$8,809.17. Claims from the Federal Flood Mitigation Project total \$82,927.45. Claims from the Trust and Agency Fund total \$1,163.32. Trustee White seconded the motion and all voted in favor.

### **Trustee Penta**

Trustee Penta recently visited the Onondaga Lake Park in Onondaga County that has a skatepark which has been in operation for seven years. Trustee Penta showed the Board pictures of the park and stated that she spoke with the Recreation Supervisor at the facility. The park is fenced per the Onondaga County code regulations. Trustee White asked if it was a County park and Trustee Penta stated that she was not sure. The park is supervised during all hours of operation and a fee is charged for use. There is an average of one injury per year and there are approximately 14,000 permission slips on file for use of the park. They have an average of two hundred users. The park is completely concrete and there are no maintenance costs. Trustee Penta still plans to visit the skateparks in Sodus and Seneca Falls.

### **Trustee Ferrente**

Trustee Ferrente had nothing to discuss at this time.

### **Trustee White**

The Planning Board Public Meeting was held March 29, 2010.

- Trustee White authorized the purchase of a new United States flag and POW flag from the American Legion.
- The Planning Board would like the wreaths in Northup Park used only for events in the Village.
- The Boy Scouts will be working at Wolcott Falls Park.
- Dr. Chan's Garden was discussed and Mayor Monson stated that the holes would be filled in when the ground dried enough to get the necessary equipment into the park.
- Dic Lasher has agreed to be in charge of supervising the volunteers for the clean-up days scheduled for May 1<sup>st</sup> and May 8<sup>th</sup>.
- Phoebe Meijer has agreed to take care of the plants in Northup Park. Mrs. Meijer also expressed a concern about mulch being used around the trees on Main Street as this can create a potential fire hazard with discarded cigarette butts. The Planning Board would like to find an alternative to the mulch. Mayor Monson stated that Oswego uses metal grates around their

### **Trustee White (Continued)**

trees and that the Village previously applied for a grant to do something similar here but that the grant was not approved.

- Trustee White attended the NYS Local Government Workshop at Tug Hill on April 1, 2010. Topics discussed included alternate renewable energy plans and proper handling of email on personal computers when used for official business. The Keynote Speaker was Robert Freeman from the Committee on Open Government. Wade Beltramo from NYCOM discussed pending legislation and it was announced that the Village of Wolcott will be receiving the second installment of the return on investment from NYMIR.

### **Village Officials Dinner**

The next Village Officials Dinner will be held May 19, 2010 and the Village of Wolcott will be hosting. Mayor Monson is looking into having the dinner held at the Wolcott Elks Lodge and inviting Senator Schumer or Senator Gillibrand to be the speaker.

### **Mayor Monson**

- Mayor Monson asked Police Chief Smith if he was aware that a Village Police Officer was killed in the line of duty many years ago. Chief Smith was not aware and Mayor Monson will get him information on the incident. Mayor Monson would like the Officer's name added to the National Registry. Chief Smith will look into the process for the accomplishing this.
- Mayor Monson thanked the Cub Scouts for picking up trash at the Wolcott Falls Park.

### **Trustee VanFleet**

- Trustee VanFleet stated that are several large pieces of drainage tile and pipe at the Wolcott Falls Park, as well as cars and other large debris. Trustee VanFleet feels this is a safety hazard and perhaps this would be a good time of year for the Village to remove the debris.

### **Executive Session**

Trustee White made the motion to go into executive session at 8:39 pm for the purpose of discussing a contractual matter pertaining to the Union contract, a legal matter, as well as a personnel matter. Trustee Ferrente seconded the motion and all voted in favor.

The Clerk was asked to attend part of the executive session.

Trustee VanFleet made the motion to come out executive session at 10:12 pm. Trustee Penta seconded the motion and all voted in favor.

Trustee VanFleet made the motion to adjourn the meeting at 10:13 pm. Trustee White seconded the motion and all voted in favor.

Respectfully Submitted,

Melanie A. Countryman  
Clerk/Treasurer