

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

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

Others Present: Lori Tyler, Jerry Laird, Nick Rizzo, Larry Hogan and Ray Wellington

Pledge of Allegiance

Police Department

- The Police Department is applying for an AED machine. Mayor Monson reported that it seems likely that we will receive the equipment because the WAVAC ambulances are often out of the Village on calls.
- The Police Department is applying for a grant through Homeland Security requesting a vehicle, plate reader, K-9 unit and other equipment totaling \$117,000. The grant focus is on border security and drug control.
- Mayor Monson discussed the need for Police Department court coverage with Chief Boyan.

Highway Department

- The Highway Department will be trading in the 2008 backhoe for a 2009 model. This is per the terms of the agreement when the 2008 backhoe was purchased and the Village will pay \$10 per machine hour for actual use of the 2008 backhoe.
- The 1997 International truck will be having repair work done for the brakes and springs.
- The Highway Department employees have been busy with pot-hole repair.

Water and Sewer Departments

- Trustee Banks made the motion to approve a quote from Carbonite Filter Corporation for anthracite filter media in the amount of \$2,491.20. The price quoted does not include freight which is estimated to be \$490.00. The total amount approved is not to exceed \$3,000. Trustee Baker seconded the motion and all voted in favor.
- Mayor Monson stated that he is getting quotes for repairs at the Waste Water Treatment Facility and is working on a five-year plan. He also stated that the one of the first things that needs to be done is the piping for the air lines.

Fire Department

- The CDL, or Commercial Drivers License, requirements put into place in 2005 for anyone driving fire trucks was discussed. No CDL is required for driving in emergency mode, but it is required for non-emergency mode. Mayor Monson stated that the Village of Wolcott insurance agent, Eastern Shore Associates, has stated that the insurance coverage follows the vehicle, not the driver. However, a Fire Department member caught

Fire Department (Continued)

- driving a truck back from the scene of a call may have problems with the DMV for driving out of class. Ray Wellington stated that at present there are approximately ten Fire Department members with a CDL. Fire Service and EMS used to be exempt from the CDL requirement but when the 2005 law went into effect that was no longer the case. Mr. Wellington stated that it would be up to the Village Board to pass a policy requiring a CDL for anyone operating Fire Department equipment. Trustee White asked how difficult it would be to provide training for Commercial Drivers Licensing for Fire Department members. Mr. Wellington stated that they do provide training to new members for operation of the equipment but that there are differences with emergency and non-emergency mode. Mayor Monson suggested that the Fire Department Chiefs could choose to sponsor or recommend two or three individuals a year to get their CDL but that would be up to the Fire Department. Mayor Monson also stated that the Village would pay for Otis Vezzose to get his CDL if he agrees. Larry Hogan asked if obtaining a CDL required a physical. Mr. Wellington responded that a physical was not required if you drive under 100 miles.
- Trustee Baker made the motion to approve the following policy:
Only operators with a CDL license may drive Fire Department vehicles in non-emergency mode. The only Fire Department vehicles not rated to require a CDL driver are M-14 and Attack-2. Trustee Banks seconded the motion and all voted in favor.
- Nick Rizzo suggested that the Fire Chiefs could be required to have a CDL. Mayor Monson said that would have to be up to the Fire Department Board.
- Mr. Wellington reported that the renovation project at the Fire Hall was expected to start the week of March 9, 2009, but that it would possibly begin a week earlier. He met with Terry Furman of Furman Communications and reported that the radios would be moved to a secure location for the duration of the renovation project so all emergency communications would be able to continue.

Code Enforcement

Mayor Monson reported that Otis Vezzose has been doing fire inspections, and that he has some concerns about some of the buildings in the Village.

Joint Meeting with NR-W Central School District Board of Education

The regular meeting of the Village of Wolcott Board of Trustees scheduled for March 10, 2009 will be a joint meeting with the NR-W Central School District Board of Education. The meeting will be held in the library at the Leavenworth Middle School building at 7:00pm. The purpose of the meeting will be to discuss possibilities for shared services.

FEMA Pre-Hazard Mitigation Grant (Storm Sewers)

- Mayor Monson stated that an opening conference with SEMO is necessary before any work can begin on the project, but that it is hoped that such a conference can take place during the first week of March. Mayor Monson spoke with Todd Ege from SEMO and was informed that the contract is still in the process of being signed by all parties and that when completed the meeting can be scheduled. Mayor Monson will get back in touch with Mr. Ege at the end of the month.
- Mayor Monson gave the Trustees copies of the engineering proposal from MRB Engineering Group.

Mayor Monson

- Mayor Monson will attend the NYCOM Winter Legislative Meeting in Albany, February 22 – 24, 2009.
- Mayor Monson would like the Board to consider changing the days and/or times for the regular board meetings. He suggested changing the time to 5:15pm – 5:30pm. Trustees Banks and Baker both feel that would be too early in the day and the suggestion was made to change the meetings to the first and third Tuesday instead of the second and fourth. The matter will be discussed more at another time.
- Mayor Monson met this week with Marty Aman from Wayne County Water and Sewer Authority and will have a contractual matter to discuss during executive session.
- Mayor Monson stated that all department heads have been given budget worksheets and they are to have them turned in to the Clerk by next week. The preliminary budget must be prepared by March 20.

Park Use Request

Trustee Freer made the motion to approve a request from the Huron and Wolcott Presbyterian Churches to use the Northup Park Friday, June 19, 2009 – Saturday, June 20, 2009 for the purpose of holding the Annual Strawberry Festival. Trustee Baker seconded the motion and all voted in favor.

Minutes of January 27, 2009

Trustee White made the motion to approve the minutes of January 27, 2009 as corrected per Trustee Banks. Trustee Banks seconded the motion and all voted in favor.

2009 Backhoe

Trustee White asked if there should be a vote for the purchase of the 2009 backhoe. Trustee Baker made the motion to exchange the 2008 backhoe for a 2009 model and \$10 per machine hour for use of the 2008 model, not to exceed \$4,000. Trustee White seconded the motion and all voted in favor.

Abstract #012

Mayor Monson stated that the bill for Crane's Tree Service was high because he waited a very long time to submit his invoice and it covered some service performed during the past fiscal year. Mayor Monson asked for clarification on voucher #0701. The Clerk stated that it was for leak detection equipment for the Water Department. Trustee Baker made the motion to approve Abstract #012 with vouchers numbered 0695 – 0736 and checks numbered 21377 – 21418 in the amount of \$73,818.13. Claims from the General Fund total \$50,900.47. Claims from the Water Fund total \$7,658.01. Claims from the Sewer Fund total \$13,105.58. Claims from the Trust and Agency Fund total \$2,154.07. Trustee Freer seconded the motion and all voted in favor.

Hazard Abatement Board Grant

Mayor Monson is preparing a grant application for the Hazard Abatement Board through the NYS Department of Labor. The grant would provide funds for safety training and Mayor Monson would like to have the Towns of Wolcott, Butler and Huron involved as well as the school. He will speak to those parties about it. The application is almost complete but there is no total yet for the dollar amount being requested.

Ray Wellington

Mr. Wellington stated that when Senator Nozzolio visited the Fire Hall in November 2008 to present the Fire Department with an \$18,000 grant for equipment, he surprised everyone by announcing that the Fire Department would receive an additional \$12,000 for a grand total of \$30,000. Mr. Wellington stated that the Fire Department recently received a check in the amount of \$2,000 and called Senator Nozzolio's office regarding the remaining \$10,000. His office is looking into the matter and it is hoped that a simple mistake was made.

Jerry Laird

Mr. Laird asked how the Village share of the FEMA Pre-Hazard Mitigation grant would be paid. Mayor Monson stated the matter would be discussed during executive session but that he wants to have local people employed for the project if at all possible.

Mayor Monson

Mayor Monson has eight contractual items to discuss during executive session.

Trustee Freer

Trustee Freer has nothing to discuss at this time.

Trustee Baker

Trustee Baker has nothing to discuss at this time.

Trustee White

- Trustee White stated that at the Planning Board meeting held February 9, 2009 Larry Hogan was appointed Vice-Chair and Brian Dean was appointed Secretary.
- The Planning Board would like to send a letter to local organizations regarding a Beautification Project in the Village and to invite representatives to attend a Planning Board meeting to discuss a plan for “adopting a section of the Village”. Trustee Banks asked the Clerk to contact the Village Attorney for any possible legal or liability concerns related to such a program. If there are no concerns than she feels that it is something the Planning Board should pursue.
- The Planning Board wanted to know if the street cleaner would be used prior to the streets being flushed. Mayor Monson responded yes. The question was asked as to whether or not that would be done prior to the Car Show, Annual Wine Tasting, or other such events. Mr. Wellington stated that when flushing the streets in the past, water was splashed on some store fronts and while this was not intentional, there were several complaints about it. Trustee Banks suggested contacting the Board in advance and members could follow along behind the fire trucks and wipe off store front windows. Mr. Wellington suggested notifying business owners in advance so they could delay cleaning their store fronts until after the street was flushed.
- Trustee White has an item to discuss during executive session.

Trustee Banks

Trustee Banks stated that the sidewalk grant was discussed at the recent Planning Board meeting and the Board would like clarification on eligibility for having the grant pay half of the cost, as well as whether or not there was a specific contractor to be used. Mayor Monson stated that the grant documents would be looked at for the eligibility question and that it didn't matter what contractor was used as long as the work was done according to the Village Code.

Nick Rizzo

- Mr. Rizzo stated that the columns and railings at the bandstand need to be repaired and painted. Mayor Monson will look into it. Trustee Banks expressed concern over maintaining the historical quality of the bandstand and Mayor Monson responded that the bandstand would be restored as it is now.
- Mr. Rizzo suggested taking the trees off of Main Street and replacing them with dwarf trees in planters. The planters could be removed in the winter and stored behind the Highway Department on Butler Street. Burnett Concrete makes planters that would be suitable for this purpose. Mayor Monson stated that the NYSDOT TEP grant, if awarded, would include the replacement of the trees on Main Street. He also stated that the type of planters Mr. Rizzo is referring to take up a lot of space on the sidewalk and tend to get chipped after being moved several times. Mr. Rizzo stated that the planters made by Burnett Concrete are designed specifically for a forklift to move them and will not end up getting chipped like Mayor Monson has seen in the past with other styles of planters. Mr. Rizzo also stated that it would still be possible to put up Christmas lights if the planters were used.
- Trustee Banks stated that if the Board would like to see another idea for Christmas lights the Village of Seneca Falls does a very nice job. They have the top of the buildings on Main Street lined with lights and the lights are up all year.

Jerry Laird

Mr. Laird asked if construction for the FEMA Pre-Hazard Mitigation grant would interfere with activities planned this summer. Mayor Monson stated that it was likely but that they would do their best to schedule the construction to have the least possible interference.

Executive Session

Trustee Freer made the motion to go into executive session at 8:00pm for the purpose of discussing several contractual matters. Trustee Baker seconded the motion and all voted in favor.

Trustee Banks made the motion to come out of executive session at 8:44pm. Trustee White seconded the motion and all voted in favor.

Police Department Grant

Trustee Baker made the motion to allow John Boyan to apply for a Federal Grant through Homeland Security for equipment. Trustee Freer seconded the motion and all voted in favor.

Waiver of Agency Liability

The Board accepted the Waiver of Agency Liability provided by Village Attorney Art Williams, with the changes noted.

Police Department Ride Along

Trustee Baker made the motion for a one-time approval for Jeremy S. McClafin to do a “ride along” with the Village of Wolcott Police Department. The approval is contingent upon Mr. McClafin signing the Waiver of Agency Liability and it is valid for sixty days. Trustee Freer seconded the motion and all voted in favor.

Trustee Freer made the motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:50pm. Trustee Banks seconded the motion and all voted in favor.

Respectfully submitted,

Melanie A. Countryman
Clerk/Treasurer