

Mayor Monson called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM.

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

Others Present: Marty Mroczek (MRB Group), Dave Doyle (MRB Group) and Marty Aman (Wayne County Water & Sewer Authority)

Pledge of Allegiance

Mayor Monson asked Marty Aman if he would like the meeting to proceed in open session or executive session. Marty Aman requested that the meeting take place in open session.

Mayor Monson

- Mayor Monson stated that the purpose of the meeting was to discuss issues and concerns relating to Wayne County Water and Sewer Authority (WCWSA) and the water lines in the Town of Wolcott and Town of Huron.
- The Water District known as Huron #5 has been under discussion for many years and at one time it was proposed that the Village take part with an estimated cost of \$300,000 - \$400,000 for the Village. The Village board at that time decided not to pursue the project. Mayor Monson stated that according to discussion taking place at that time the Huron #5 district could provide a third source of water for the Village. We currently have two sources: Weager Springs and the Lake Plant.
- The Village had been involved with meetings between Electromark and Peg Churchill from Wayne County Economic Development. Two projects were being considered. The first was a 12" line run through the Village resulting in increased flows and the ability to transfer water out of the Village if desired. The second project under discussion was a line to be run down West Port Bay Road to connect to the existing line. This would provide adequate pressure for the sprinkler system at Electromark. Peg Churchill was to have been in contact with the Village but nothing was pursued.
- The Furnace Road connection was discussed and it was stated that this was not an area of concern to the Village board.
- Mayor Monson stated that at a recent meeting the Village of Sodus Mayor informed him that the Village of Sodus would be supplying water to Wayne County Water & Sewer Authority, the Town of Butler, Town of Wolcott and Town of Huron. The comment was dismissed at the time but Mayor Monson then received an email regarding the water district Huron #5, and particularly a new water line that will go down Clapper Road and Woodruff Road. Mayor Monson stated that such a route bypassed the Village and he felt that it would offer no benefit to the Village of Wolcott. Mayor Monson believes that the new meter pit at the Village line would only flow into the Village and not out. A contract prepared by WCWSA and submitted for approval by the Towns of Wolcott and Huron, the Village of Wolcott and Wayne County Water and Sewer Authority for the Huron #5 water district states that the Village of Wolcott must maintain the meter. Mayor Monson

Mayor Monson (Continued)

does not feel that this is fair if the Village of Wolcott is not the water supplier. Mayor Monson stated that the Village would have to raise rates by 7.5% to compensate for the monies lost by not selling water to Wayne County Water and Sewer Authority. He then stated that if we have to upgrade our system we will do so in order to continue being able to supply water to Wayne County Water and Sewer Authority.

Marty Aman

- Mr. Aman stated that the meter in question is a two-way meter and will be able to handle flows into and out of the Village. He also stated that if any water were to flow into the Village it would be coming from WCWSA, not Sodus. All WCWSA had asked for was a commitment on the capacity that could be produced. This new line is another source of water for the Village which could be utilized in the event of an emergency. Likewise, if WCWSA is made aware of the Village's capacity we could then supply water to another party in the water district. Any water flowing into the village would be entirely elective and at the Village's discretion. Huron #5 is the last of three projects which have been in the works for five years now and it has all been done with no money from the Village.
- The Village of Wolcott currently has only two water sources. The Weager Springs facility goes dry every year and at that time the Lake Plant becomes vulnerable due to the low intake. The operators do a great job and WCWSA has never been without water even though during the summer months the 33ft tank in Butler will only have 17ft – 19ft of water.
- The purpose is not to take away from the Village supplying water, but rather to create interconnections that will benefit everyone.
- There are no hydrants for Hope Village or the Wegmans line because the hydraulic pressure coming out of the Village is not strong enough to support them.

Dave Doyle

- Mr. Doyle had given copies of the plans to Rick Miller. He stated that it should have gone to Mayor Monson or that he should have come to the Mayor and explained the plans for the project but that it was just for the sake of the contact.
- The plans were reviewed and the location of the control valve at Powers Road was discussed.

Marty Aman

- Mr. Aman stated that WCWSA would prefer to continue utilizing the Village of Wolcott as a water supplier as long as the hydraulic pressure was sufficient and the Health Department would permit it.
- WCWSA is working on interconnections all over Wayne County and Mr. Aman stressed that the goal was to provide a backup source of water in the event of an emergency.
- WCWSA received grant funding in the amount of \$580,000 for this project. The Town of Huron had a district but they were unable to obtain the necessary funding. The Small Cities program provided the additional funding necessary to complete the project and it was only possible because the new line connects the Town of Huron and the Town of Wolcott. The Small Cities funding required the participation of two municipalities and resulted in an additional \$200,000 in funding.

Mayor Monson

- Mayor Monson asked why the same thing couldn't have been done in the Village with a line down West Port Bay Road that would have only been half a mile long rather than 1.1 mile line being done now.
- Dave Doyle stated that construction in the Village is much more expensive than outside of the Village due to such issues as storm sewers, sanitary sewers and sidewalks.

Marty Aman

- Mr. Aman stated that the project involving a line down West Port Bay Road is still being considered but in order to make it happen they needed a Small Cities Economic Development grant and after many meetings with Electromark they were unable to obtain the necessary employment and hydraulic data.
- The Town of Wolcott and Town of Huron are getting strong demands for water along the west side of the Bay and the Village alone can not provide the necessary hydraulic pressure to meet the increasing demand.

Mayor Monson

- Mayor Monson stated that while he understands all of this, the Village residents are also Town of Wolcott or Town of Butler residents and we should have a say. Mr. Aman responded that you do have a say in that you can continue supplying the water as you have been and to keep your prices fair.
- The Village was never informed that the connection was to be made between the Town of Huron and Wolcott. We had been led to believe that the new line was going down West Port Bay Road. Dave Doyle stated that the Huron connection was always going to happen. It was simply prudent to proceed with that phase now because the funding is in place. Mr. Aman added that the West Port Bay Road phase is still there but that data and cooperation from Electromark is necessary first.

Marty Aman

- The contract WCWSA prepared proposed two improvements for the Village. If Mayor Monson does not like the contract as it reads now he can amend it and take out the meter improvements and the pressure reducing valve that makes it possible for the Village to get water at a reasonable pressure.

Mayor Monson

- Mayor Monson does not disagree that the contract will benefit the Village but feels that the contract should specifically state the benefits as they pertain to the Village. He would like some assurance that the Village will continue to supply water to WCWSA. Mr. Aman stated that as long as the hydraulic pressure is sufficient and the rate is fair and comparable to other municipalities they will continue to buy water from us.
- Mayor Monson would like something in the contract stating that if the Village is able to supply the water at sufficient pressure and quality then WCWSA will buy it from us. He expressed his desire to protect the Village residents as they are also Town residents and stated that if we can supply our own water we should do so. Mayor Monson expressed his desire to supply water to WCWSA and stated that losing them as a customer would necessitate an increase in rates of 7.5%. He does not wish to see that happen and wants to protect the best interests of Village residents. Mr. Aman stated that the best way to do that is to keep our prices fair. At present WCWSA is charged \$1.88/1,000 gallons, which is comparable to their other suppliers.

Trustee Banks

- Trustee Banks stated that she had been under the impression that the Village had a “gentleman’s agreement” with WCWSA and that if they needed extra water we would be the supplier.
- Trustee Banks also stated that the Village has not been a part of the discussions and planning over the past year and a half regarding the Huron #5 district. She asked if the Village was excluded because Electromark did not cooperate with the project. Mr. Aman stated that Electromark needed to be prompted and no one in the Village was willing to push them for the required data for the funding. Trustee Banks worked at Electromark at the time and wanted to avoid any conflict of interest. At the last meeting with Peg Churchill, Wayne County Economic Development, the Village was told that someone from the County would be in touch. We heard nothing after that.

Marty Aman

- Per Mayor Monson’s request, Mr. Aman stated that he would be willing to do a side-agreement with the Village stating that the Village would continue to supply water to WCWSA as long as hydraulic pressure and water quality are sufficient and the rate is competitive.
- Mr. Aman stated that the Village board members know his phone number and that WCWSA has regular meetings. He does not feel that it should always be the responsibility of WCWSA to facilitate communication. Mayor Monson stated that he would contact Mr. Aman every few months to touch base.

Dave Doyle

Mr. Doyle acknowledged that they could have done a better job keeping the Village of Wolcott informed of the plans for the interconnection. He then stated that they have been working for the past two years on making an interconnection possible without costing the Village anything. If the new line were to have come through the Village, the Village would have had to have been a financial participant and WCWSA and MRB Engineering both knew that the Village was not in a position to make a financial commitment to the project.

Mayor Monson

Mayor Monson would like some changes made to the contract between WCWSA and the Town of Wolcott, Town of Huron and the Village of Wolcott. There is some confusion on the flow through the meter and location of the meter due to the wording in the contract. There are also some concerns regarding the party responsible for maintenance of the meter.

Marty Aman

Mr. Aman stated that the Village probably wasn’t aware of an improvement WCWSA made to their pump station. They installed a pressure control valve at an estimated cost of \$7,000 and this improvement also benefited the Village.

Mayor Monson

The Village does not disagree that WCWSA has always worked for the benefit of the Village. The problem arose due to comments made by the Village of Sodus Mayor and it appears now that the comments were not correct. There has been a lot of misunderstanding and a lack of communication with all parties.

Marty Aman

- Mr. Aman wondered what would happen when the new meter is opened up and water flowed back into the Village. Would the same rate be charged to the Village that the Village charges WCWSA? There are a lot of details yet to be worked out but they will be worked out.
- Mr. Aman was informed by Peg Churchill that the West Port Bay Road phase was included on the list for stimulus funding and he reiterated the fact that the project was still viable and they were simply looking for funding.

Dave Doyle

The Village of Wolcott's needs for future water has always been part of the plans, discussions and meetings held. The Village of Wolcott has always been a concern.

Mayor Monson

- Mayor Monson requested changes to the contract as follows:
 - The contract should state that the Village of Wolcott is a participant and beneficiary.
 - The contract should clarify who will maintain the meter. Marty Mroczek stated that it had been discussed to put in a by-pass meter, possibly in the right of way if there was enough room. This meter would sit idle except in the event of an emergency. WCWSA would be responsible for maintaining this meter.
 - The contract should include a statement that the Village of Wolcott would be the primary water supplier in this region as long as we are able to supply the water. Mr. Aman stated that the contract could not contain such a statement and that any such understanding would have to be articulated in a separate agreement between WCWSA and the Village of Wolcott.
 - Mayor Monson pointed out several items in the contract referencing metering and asked for clarification in the revised contract.

Trustee Banks made the motion to allow Mayor Monson to approve and sign the contract if the re-written contract is acceptable and incorporates the requested changes. Trustee Baker seconded the motion. Trustee White requested copies of the contract be distributed to the Trustees. She also requested copies of the WCWSA board meeting minutes. Mayor Monson called for a roll call vote on the motion made.

Ayes: Trustee Banks Nays: None Abstained: Trustee White
 Trustee Baker
 Trustee Freer

The motion was carried.

Cardinal Road

Mayor Monson was today made aware of the fact that the 2" meter on Cardinal Road has not worked for more than a year. It is the Village's responsibility to maintain the meter and Lori Tyler will contact Rick Miller and WCWSA to arrange for repairs.

Sewer Rates

Trustee Baker made the motion to approve changing the sewer rates charged to WCWSA to the rate for commercial/industrial customers, which is currently \$75.00 flat fee plus \$3.00 per 1,000 gallons for water consumption in excess of 15,000 gallons. The change is retroactive to the billing quarter beginning October 17, 2008. Trustee Freer seconded the motion and all voted in favor.

WCWSA Sewer Billing Cycle

Mayor Monson asked if WCWSA would like to be billed monthly for sewer. Marty Aman will discuss it and get back to Lori Tyler. The sewer rate contract will be retyped with the new rates and forwarded to the Village of Wolcott.

Village of Wolcott as Water Supplier to WCWSA

Marty Aman will discuss with the WCWSA board the matter of a side agreement. He stated that he would likely be able to give the Village a letter stating that WCWSA would make a good-faith effort to buy water from the Village of Wolcott as long as the hydraulic pressure and water quality is sufficient.

Village of Wolcott Infrastructure Improvements

Mayor Monson requested from MRB Engineering Group proposals and quotes for some projects in the Village that Mayor Monson can take to Albany next week for the NYCOM Winter Legislative Meeting to present for stimulus funding consideration. The projects would be improvements to the Village of Wolcott water and waste water infrastructure.

Trustee Banks made the motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:28pm. Trustee Freer seconded the motion and all voted in favor.

Respectfully submitted,

Melanie A. Countryman
Clerk/Treasurer