

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: Trevor Gardner, Larry Hogan, Ray Wellington, Otis Vezzose, Ken Cole, Lori Tyler and John Boyan

Pledge of Allegiance

Fire Department

- Mayor Monson stated that two bids had been received for the renovation project at the Fire Hall. Fire Commissioner Gary Baker opened the bids and stated the bid from Fingerlakes Construction to be \$68,980.00, and the bid from Chris Loveless Construction to be \$70,718.93. Mayor Monson stated that the project would not be awarded to either bidder tonight as the Board needs to review the specifications for the project to ensure the bids received will meet all project requirements. The project will be awarded at the next Village Board meeting to be held January 27, 2009. The Clerk will contact Lyons National Bank to obtain interest rates for financing \$35,000 for three years, and the information will be presented at the January 27, 2009 meeting.
- Trustee Baker made the motion to approve a request from the Fire Department for use of the Fire Hall on January 17, 2009 for the purpose of a Holiday Party for the membership and guests. Trustee Freer seconded the motion and all voted in favor.
- Ray Wellington reported that all fire trucks have been through the annual maintenance and that having the work done at Reed's Garage resulted in a substantial cost savings.
- Ray Wellington expressed a concern about the need to plow more often at the Fire Hall. He requested that the Highway Department keep the area in front of the doors clear so as to facilitate response time for any fire calls. Mayor Monson will speak to Nick Rizzo about the matter.

Police Department

- Chief John Boyan reported on Police Department activities for the month of December. Officers have been busy with DWI arrests, speeding issues and patrolling. The increased police presence in the Village has created a positive affect.
- Mayor Monson has a police matter to discuss with Chief Boyan during executive session.

Water/Sewer Departments

- Water and Sewer Department employees have been working on maintenance at the Weager Springs facility and everything is going well.
- Mayor Monson thanked Lori Tyler for all of her hard work compiling data for sewer rates.

Water/Sewer Departments (Continued)

- A Public Hearing has been scheduled for January 27, 2009 at 7:00 pm for consideration of adopting a new sewer rate schedule. The current rates have not been adjusted since 1989 and the sewer fund has had an operating deficit as well as a fund balance deficit for many years.

Resolution 2009-2 (Support for Increased Clean and Safe Water Funding)

Trustee Freer made the motion to approve Resolution 2009-2: Resolution in Support of Need for More Federal Funding for Clean and Safe Water Infrastructure. Trustee Baker seconded the motion and all voted in favor.

Highway Department

Mayor Monson stated that all Highway employees have been busy with snow removal.

Sidewalks

There have been complaints about sidewalks on Main Street not being shoveled and left in unsafe conditions. Code Enforcement Officer Otis Vezzose was instructed to enforce the Village Code and contracted to have the sidewalks kept clear. The sidewalks were shoveled as early as 6:00 am and the property owners felt that this was too early and they were not given enough time to clear the sidewalks themselves. The Board will review the Village Code pertaining to sidewalks and consider possible methods of enforcing the Code to ensure pedestrian safety. Mr. Vezzose will speak with the property owners as well.

Stimulus Package

Mayor Monson sent a letter to the offices of Senator Michael Nozzolio, Senator Charles Schumer, Senator Hillary Rodham-Clinton, Congressman Dan Maffei, Assemblyman Robert Oaks, and the Wayne County Board of Supervisors regarding six projects which the Village considers “shovel-ready” and that can be started within 60 – 90 days. The letter requested funding for the projects on the basis that they will stimulate the local economy by providing jobs as well as improving municipal services and infrastructure. The projects proposed were: Streetscape and Mill Street Culvert Improvement Project, Water In-Take Line, West-End Storm Sewer Project, Office Building, Highway Department Storage Facility and Dr. Chan’s Garden. Mayor Monson thanks the Clerk for compiling the information to send out.

FEMA Grant

The Village of Wolcott has received approval to begin the Pre-Hazard Mitigation Grant project for storm sewers. We are waiting for a quote from MRB Engineering. Mayor Monson expressed his gratitude for Senator Charles Schumer’s office and the assistance they offered with getting the final approval ready.

Office of Small Cities Monitoring

The Board read the report from the Monitoring of the Office of Small Cities grant which funded the Weager Springs water treatment facility. It was determined that the Board had not adopted sufficient policies and grievance procedures for ADA compliance.

Resolution 2009-1 (ADA Compliance)

Trustee Baker made the motion to approve Resolution 2009-1 adopting a policy and grievance procedures for compliance with Title II of the Americans with Disabilities Act and Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973. Trustee Freer seconded the motion and all voted in favor.

Village Official's Dinner

The next Village Official's Dinner will be held January 21, 2009 in the Village of Palmyra. The guest speaker is John Sorbello from Wayne County Farm Bureau. Anyone interested in attending must let the Clerk know.

Minutes of December 9, 2008

Trustee Baker made the motion to approve the minutes of December 9, 2008 as read. Trustee White seconded the motion and Mayor Monson, Trustees Baker and White voted in favor. Trustee Freer abstained from voting as he was not present at the December 9, 2008 meeting.

Abstract #010

Trustee Freer made the motion to approve abstract #010 in the amount of \$127,269.71, with vouchers numbered 0554 – 0651 and checks numbered 21236 – 21333. Claims from the General Fund total \$74,046.86. Claims from the Water Fund total \$28,138.04. Claims from the Sewer Fund total \$21,566.36. Claims from the Trust and Agency Fund total \$3,518.45. Trustee Baker seconded the motion and all voted in favor.

Larry Hogan

- Mr. Hogan asked if the sidewalks on Main Street were supposed to be shoveled only in front of the buildings, or behind as well. Otis Vezzose responded that both sides were to be kept clear of snow and ice.
- Mr. Hogan asked what the guidelines were for snowmobile use within the Village limits. Chief John Boyan responded that it is lawful to use a snowmobile on your own property but not in such a manner so as to cause annoyance to your neighbors with the noise. Any snowmobile operating in the street must be a registered and insured vehicle. Mr. Hogan asked if there was an age restriction for snowmobile drivers in the streets. Chief Boyan stated that while a child may ride a snowmobile at the age of 10, in order to ride on a public street the operator must be licensed and therefore at a minimum age of 16.

Ray Wellington

Mr. Wellington stated that the Fire Hall is utilized for a Wayne County Community Service program on a regular basis, currently one day per month. If the Village of Wolcott has any work to be done which is suitable for the program, the participants may perform their community service for the Village. Mayor Monson stated that there is always something to do and asked Mr. Wellington to provide the Clerk with contact information for the program.

Trustee White

- Trustee White stated that the 20th Annual Local Government Conference, sponsored in part by the Tug Hill Commission, will be held March 26, 2009.
- The Planning Board met last night, January 12, 2009. Trustee White was not able to attend the meeting but Trustee Banks was able to provide a list of items for discussion with the Village Board. As Trustee Banks was unable to attend the Village Board meeting because she was representing the Village of Wolcott Board at the North Rose-Wolcott School District Board meeting, Trustee White presented the items for discussion.
- The Clerk will make copies of the Village Code for distribution to the Planning Board members.
- The Planning Board discussed wood burning stoves in the Village.
- Snow removal on sidewalks on Main Street has been noted to be a problem, especially in front of the empty buildings. The Planning Board would like to know if the Village would be enforcing the Village Code. Mayor Monson and Otis Vezzose stated that they are aware of the situation and it is already being taken care of.
- The Planning Board requested that a new regular member be appointed. Trustee White stated that she thought that had already been done. Mayor Monson appointed Dan Ferrente as a regular Planning Board member on November 11, 2008, but there is still a vacancy for an alternate member. Kellie Boyan has expressed an interest in serving on the Planning Board and will attend the next meeting scheduled for February 9, 2009. The Clerk will also attend the next meeting in order to administer the Oath of Office to all recently appointed members.
- The Planning Board discussed sidewalk repair and replacement in the Village and requested clarification regarding the terms of the grant received and possibilities for incentives to homeowners to have their sidewalks repaired. Mayor Monson spoke with Trustee Banks regarding the sidewalk issue this afternoon and also stated that the Village Board would review the contract offered to homeowners eligible under the grant.
- The Planning Board will be working towards more efficient organization and will have an agenda prepared prior to each meeting to ensure that all matters of business are allotted sufficient time for discussion.

Trustee Baker

The Police Department computers are being updated. The SJS program through DCJS has not yet been installed but it was determined that the computers do have sufficient memory to support the program, which previously had not been thought to be the case.

Trustee Freer

An individual had suggested to Trustee Freer that now would be a good time to move the dirt at Dr. Chan's Garden. Mayor Monson stated that we are waiting on a grant application which, if approved, would provide sufficient funding to complete the work at the park. If the grant is not awarded, Village employee Tommy Mettler has offered to move the dirt in the spring with his backhoe at no cost to the Village.

Lori Tyler

Lori Tyler has a legal matter pertaining to the McCarthy water bill to discuss during executive session.

Executive Session

Trustee Freer made the motion to go into executive session at 7:50 pm for the purpose of discussing contractual, personnel and legal matters. Trustee Baker seconded the motion and all voted in favor.

John Boyan was asked to attend part of the executive session.

Lori Tyler also attended part of the executive session.

Trustee Freer made the motion to come out of executive session at 8:15 pm. Trustee Baker seconded the motion and all voted in favor.

Trustee Baker made the motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:16 pm. Trustee Freer seconded the motion and all voted in favor.

Respectfully submitted,

Melanie A. Countryman
Clerk/Treasurer