

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

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

Others Present: Adam Ellis, John Boyan, Ross Chrisman, Kim Schwab, Michael Bettis, Larry Hogan, Amber Hiles, James Rogalski, Joseph Rogalski, Ray Wellington, Lori Tyler, Ron Lancy and Jerry Laird

Pledge of Allegiance

Public Hearing On Proposed Modification of Sewer Rates

- Mayor Monson gave a Power Point presentation on the current financial situation of the Sewer Fund and justification for raising the sewer rates to more accurately reflect the costs associated with operating the Sewer Department. Based on financial data presented by Mayor Monson a typical homeowner should be paying \$240 per year to support the operations of the Sewer Department.
- Larry Hogan stated that he is opposed to an increase in sewer rates because the proposed rate structure will have a more significant effect on lower-end water users such as the elderly on fixed incomes. With the new rates, Mr. Hogan feels that some residents will be paying twice as much for sewer.
- Adam Ellis asked how apartment houses are treated for billing purposes. Mayor Monson and Lori Tyler both replied that each apartment is billed for one water unit and one sewer unit, even though the property owner may not receive separate bills.
- Adam Ellis asked what would happen to the \$30,000 which had previously been budgeted for an annual debt service payment on the sewer plant. The last payment was made during the 2008-2009 fiscal year. Mayor Monson stated that the money should be put into a capital reserve fund every year for major expenses (repairs/equipment upgrades) related to the sewer plant.
- Trustee Baker stated that it looked like the average bill would increase by \$12 per quarter under the new rates.
- Trustee Banks asked if other Villages distinguished between residential, commercial and industrial users as far as the rates charged. Mayor Monson stated that the Village of Clyde and the Village of Red Creek have different rates for different classes of users. Trustee Banks then stated that commercial users would have the option of raising their prices for goods sold in order to cover the increased sewer charges, but that a residential customer did not have that option.
- Mr. Hogan asked, if when the information was sent out for the stimulus package, were any projects for the sewer plant included? Mayor Monson responded no and it was due to the fact that we only sent proposals for projects that could be started within a 90-120 day timeframe. Mayor Monson also stated that he would be happy to come back to this issue in regular session if Mr. Hogan desired.

Mayor Monson closed the Public Hearing at 7:19PM.

Mayor Monson called the regular session to order at 7:20PM.

Police Department

- Chief Boyan reported that the Police Department has received a breathalyzer unit from DCJS on a grant, at no cost to the Village.
- Trustee Banks asked if the Police Officers could keep an eye on the handicapped parking spaces in the Village. She has noticed on more than one occasion that the spaces are being used by individuals not obviously handicapped and with no parking permit visible.

Highway Department

- The Highway Department has been busy with snow removal.
- Mayor Monson stated that one of the trucks is currently in Sodus for repairs. There is a warranty in place on the vehicle which is covering almost half of the cost.
- Mayor Monson stated that someone has thrown purple, green and red paint over the bank at the Wolcott Falls Park. The paint is thought to be non-toxic food dye.

Resolution 2009-3 (Modification of Sewer Rates)

Trustee White made the motion to approve Resolution 2009-3, making certain modifications to the current sewer rates as follows:

Effective March 1, 2009 the sewer rates charged by the Village of Wolcott will be as follows:

Residential: (Per Unit)

\$60 per quarter flat fee up to 15,000 gallons

\$3 per thousand 15,001 gallons and over

Commercial/Industrial: (Per unit)

\$75 per quarter flat fee up to 15,000 gallons

\$3 per thousand 15,001 gallons and over

Surcharges for BOD and COD loading by commercial customers per EPA requirement. Negotiated rates over 15,000 gallons for percentage of evaporation for commercial customers.

Trustee White stated that two corrections were to be made to the resolution: the first being the addition of the word “it” in the third phrase, and the second being the addition of the statement “per EPA requirement”. Trustee Freer seconded the motion and all voted in favor.

Fire Department

- Ray Wellington reported that the annual flow testing was due for the Scott air packs. The cost is estimated to be \$50 per pack for twenty packs.
- There is a cascade system for filling air bottles in-house. Ray Wellington stated he was given a price of \$120 per bottle for six bottles. Mr. Wellington also stated that Safe Air will hydro-test the bottles.

Fire Department (Continued)

- Mr. Wellington has spoken with three vendors regarding replacing Engine 32. A meeting will be set up to include Mayor Monson and Fire Commissioner Gary Baker in order to go over options.
- The Fire Department purchased twenty smoke detectors and will be placing an ad in the newspaper to inform residents that the smoke detectors are available. This is in response to a recent fire in Oswego that resulted in eight fatalities. Mr. Wellington stated that deaths could have been avoided if the home had been equipped with properly functioning smoke detectors. Mayor Monson added that CO detectors are equally important and asked if the Fire Department could add a statement to that effect in their advertisement.
- Wayne County Fire Chiefs held a meeting last night, January 26, 2009. It was decided at the meeting that a letter would be sent to the Worker's Compensation company for the Wayne County self-insured plan on behalf of a volunteer firefighter from another company who was recently injured at the scene of a fire. The fireman's insurance claim is being protested by the insurance company based on a determination of a pre-existing condition.
- The 2009 Fire Contracts have been received from the Town of Huron, Town of Wolcott and Town of Butler. Each contract is in the amount of \$24,051. This is an increase of \$3,000 per contract from previous years. Trustee Baker made the motion to approve the 2009 Fire Contracts. Trustee Freer seconded the motion and all voted in favor. The contracts will be signed by Mayor Monson and Fire Chief Ray Wellington.
- Mayor Monson stated that the Board has reviewed both bids received on the renovation project at the Fire Hall and found that both fully encompassed the project as specified. The bid from Loveless Construction Co. is \$70,718.93. The bid from Fingerlakes Construction Co. is \$68,980.00. Trustee Baker made the motion to award the project to the low bidder Fingerlakes Construction Co. Trustee White seconded the motion and all voted in favor. The Village of Wolcott will borrow \$35,000 from Lyons National Bank at an interest rate of 4% for three years.

Park Use Requests

- Ross Chrisman and Mike Bettis represented the Lions Club in submitting a request to use Northup Park on May 16, 2009 for the purpose of holding the annual car show. A request was also made to close part of Park Street and Northup Street for the event. Trustee Freer made the motion to approve the request. Trustee Baker seconded the motion and all voted in favor.
- The Chamber of Commerce and the Lions Club submitted a request to use Northup Park on August 1, 2009 for the purpose of holding the 1st Annual Wine & Jazz Festival. Wine will be served on Main Street only. Insurance will be covered by Lions International, the Chamber of Commerce as well as each individual winery. The Clerk will need proof of insurance from each party prior to the event. Trustee Banks made the motion to approve the request. Trustee Baker seconded the motion and all voted in favor.

Park Use Requests (Continued)

- Mayor Monson made a request to use Northup Park on July 17 – 19, 2009, and Wolcott Falls Park on July 19, 2009 for the purpose of the Wolcott Coming Home Days. Trustee White asked who is sponsoring this event. Mayor Monson stated that he and Jon

Countryman and the Clerk will be on the organizing committee, and that insurance will be provided. Trustee Baker made the motion to approve the request to hold the Wolcott Coming Home Days in Northup Park and Wolcott Falls Park on the dates requested. Trustee Freer seconded the motion and all voted in favor.

Jerry Laird

Mr. Laird asked if the engineering has been started yet for the FEMA Pre-Hazard Mitigation Grant. Mayor Monson stated that he has received a quote for the engineering but he feels the rate is too high and he will be speaking with the engineering firm on the matter. Mayor Monson also stated that because of the weather and time of year the engineering phase of the project could not be started until spring.

Mayor Monson

Mayor Monson stated that the Village Mayors in Wayne County have formed a committee to aggressively pursue any available funding from President Obama's economic stimulus package. Mayor Monson has learned that the package is currently being handled by the Governor's Office, and that he had spoken today with representatives in Rochester and Albany. A meeting will be scheduled hopefully next month so the committee may meet with state and federal legislators to discuss the needs of Wayne County. The Clerk will send a full set of the Village of Wolcott stimulus package information to the representatives in Rochester and Albany. Mayor Monson would also like to have projects developed for implementation in the future.

Minutes of January 13, 2009

Trustee Baker made the motion to approve the minutes of January 13, 2009 as read. Trustee Freer seconded the motion. Mayor Monson and Trustees Baker, Freer and White voted in favor. Trustee Banks abstained from voting as she was not present at the January 13, 2009 meeting.

Abstract #011

Trustee Freer made the motion to approve abstract #011 in the amount of \$45,376.46 with vouchers numbered 0652 – 0694 and checks numbered 21334 – 21376. Claims from the General Fund total \$31,487.66. Claims from the Water Fund total \$6,417.02. Claims from the Sewer Fund total \$5,163.76. Claims from the Trust and Agency Fund total \$2,308.02. Trustee White seconded the motion and all voted in favor.

Trustee Baker

Trustee Baker has nothing to discuss at this time.

Trustee Freer

Trustee Freer has nothing to discuss at this time.

Trustee White

Trustee White asked when the meeting Mayor Monson spoke of would be scheduled. Mayor Monson stated that he was representing the other Villages in the committee and the meeting had

not yet been scheduled but that when it was all Trustees would be notified and encouraged to attend.

Trustee Banks

- Trustee Banks has a personnel matter to discuss during executive session.
- Trustee Banks attended the recent School Board meeting and stated that she made it clear that she represented the Village of Wolcott Board of Trustees but that she was speaking on her own behalf. The meeting was well represented and the intent was to gather comments and public opinion on the potential closing of a school building. The attendees were split up into focus groups with twenty people and one Board member. Trustee Banks has notes from her focus group which she will type and distribute to the Village Board members. The group discussed the pros and cons of closing the Leavenworth building as well as the Florentine Hendrick building and possible outcomes of both scenarios. The NR-W School Board would like a joint meeting with the Village of Wolcott Board of Trustees to discuss a number of issues including shared services.

Executive Session

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

Ray Wellington was asked to attend the executive session.

Trustee Baker made the motion to come out of executive session at 8:16 pm. Trustee Freer seconded the motion and all voted in favor.

Police Department

The Clerk will request that Attorney Art Williams draw up a waiver to be used in the event of a civilian doing a “ride-along” with the Village of Wolcott Police Department. Any such request would require Board approval. The Clerk will also contact the insurance company regarding any potential liability issues.

Trustee Freer made the motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:30 pm. Trustee Banks seconded the motion and all voted in favor.

Respectfully submitted,

Melanie A. Countryman
Clerk/Treasurer