

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: NR-W Central School District Board of Education Members Judi Buckalew, Robert Cahoon, Katharine DeAngelis, Kari Durham, Nickoline Henner, Edward Magin, Clifford Parton, Ora Rothfuss III, Superintendent Lucinda Miner, School Business Administrator Robert Magin, Curriculum Coordinator Jacinda Lisanto, District Clerk Jan McDorman, Kim Park, Dave Spickerman, Bert Everhart, Duane VanGelder, Gene VanDeusen, Larry Hogan, Nick Rizzo, Jerry Laird, John Boyan and Rick Miller

The meeting was held in the cafeteria at the Leavenworth Middle School building and was a joint meeting with the North Rose-Wolcott Central School District Board of Education.

NR-W School District Superintendent Lucinda Miner welcomed the Village of Wolcott Board of Trustees and representatives from the Towns of Wolcott and Butler.

Shared Services

- Mayor Monson stated that the purpose of the joint meeting was to inform all parties about sharing municipal services and ways that expenditures would be reduced while retaining all municipal services.
- Mayor Monson distributed copies of handouts containing information about shared services, the NYS Commission on Local Government Efficiency and Competitiveness and the Local Government Efficiency Grant Program, both of which provide funding for projects involving shared resources between municipalities.
- Mayor Monson listed some possibilities for inter-municipal cooperation. Ideas included:
 - Conducting a study on shared services
 - Consolidating fleet/vehicle maintenance (shop, wash bay, etc.)
 - Purchasing fuel for vehicles as a combined effort with greater cost savings
 - Consolidation of transportation facilities
 - Consolidation of Highway/Grounds Departments (snow removal, mowing, road maintenance, etc.)
 - Purchasing shared equipment (mowing, snow removal, loaders, seeders, aerial truck, etc.)
 - Consolidating municipal offices and office equipment
 - Health care and insurance
 - IT services (computers)
 - Consolidation of Parks/Recreation Departments
 - Combined salt storage facility
- Mayor Monson stated that there is a duplication of departments, services and taxes between the Towns and the Villages. If the municipalities could work together to consolidate some of the areas of duplication, the result would be a lower tax burden on our residents.

Shared Services (Continued)

- A suggested outline for beginning the process of sharing municipal services included:
 - Conduct a “Needs Assessment” to determine if the function can be provided more cost effectively or more efficiently
 - Start off on the “Right Foot” – lay a solid foundation
 - Be inclusive – the study group must keep everyone informed and contributions should be accepted from all interested parties
 - Involve elected officials
 - Involve municipal staff
 - Start with an easy project – there is limited financial risk and a greater potential for success
 - Communicate effectively – many projects fail because of poor communication
 - Maintain a cooperative spirit with a positive and supportive attitude toward cooperation
 - Study options thoroughly, select realistic programs and pay attention to the little things
 - Allocate costs fairly, focus on cost savings, share total costs, set up a positive cash flow and avoid over-dependence on grants
 - Deal directly with problems
 - Learn from failures
- School Board President Nicoline Henner asked for volunteers to serve on a committee to study shared services. Town of Wolcott Supervisor Kim Park said that she could find residents of the Town to serve on such a committee but felt that implementing shared services would not be an easy task. Town of Butler Supervisor Dave Spickerman felt that it was a great idea and there was the potential to eliminate thirty jobs without reducing services. After some discussion it was determined that members of the committee should not already serve on the governing boards for the School District, the Towns or the Village. Mayor Monson will ask for two Village of Wolcott residents to serve on the committee. Town of Butler Supervisor Dave Spickerman and Town of Wolcott Supervisor Kim Park will ask for two residents from their respective towns to serve on the committee. School Board members Judi Buckalew and Ora Rothfuss will contact members of their communities to volunteer (Town of Rose and Town of Huron). Joyce Dziekonski, who was in the audience for the School Board meeting, also volunteered. When the list of committee members is finalized the first meeting will be scheduled.

The Village of Wolcott Board adjourned to the Media Center at 7:20pm to continue the Village Board meeting.

Highway Department

- Nick Rizzo stated that they have been busy filling potholes.
- Nick Rizzo also informed the Board that the body of the 1997 dump truck is rotting out. They spent most of the past week replacing the sub frame but he feels that the truck will not hold up much longer.

Water Department

Rick Miller stated that he needs some new filters for the Lake Plant. Mayor Monson stated that the current budget includes money for the filters but that Mr. Miller needs to get a written quote from a vendor and present it to the Board for approval prior to ordering them.

Computer Services

- The company, Web Platypus IT Design, will be doing some work on the Police Department computers.
- Web Platypus IT Design also submitted a proposal for computer services in the Village Office. It was unclear as to whether or not the proposal included the hardware or just the setup and support. Mayor Monson will be in touch with the company and the matter will be placed on the agenda for the March 24, 2009 meeting.

Minutes of February 24, 2009

Trustee Baker made the motion to approve the minutes from February 24, 2009, as read. Trustee White seconded the motion and Mayor Monson, Trustees Baker, Banks and White voted in favor. Trustee Freer abstained from voting as he was not present at the February 24, 2009 meeting.

Fire Department Renovation

Trustee White made the motion to approve a change order from Fingerlakes Construction for the addition of siding on the new entryway. The change order will result in additional costs not to exceed \$1,800. Trustee Freer seconded the motion and all voted in favor.

Abstract #014

Trustee Baker made the motion to approve abstract #014 in the amount of \$78,808.87 with vouchers numbered 0765 – 0808 and checks numbered 21447 – 21490. Claims from the General Fund total \$65,446.16. Claims from the Water fund total \$5,666.19. Claims from the Sewer Fund total \$4,628.72. Claims from the Trust and Agency Fund total \$3,067.80. Trustee Banks seconded the motion and all voted in favor.

Trustee Banks

Trustee Banks had nothing to discuss at this time.

Trustee White

At the Planning Board meeting held last night an action plan was discussed for the public meeting to be held March 30, 2009 for Village beautification activities. The Planning Board asked if Venus would be repainted this year. Mayor Monson stated it would and that the Village would also be purchasing a new flag for the flagpole. Trustee White asked if the trash cans could be placed in the park now and than Main Street at a later date. Nick Rizzo responded that they would get them put out as soon as possible.

FEMA Pre-Hazard Mitigation Grant

Jerry Laird asked if any progress had been made on the FEMA Pre-Hazard Mitigation Grant for the storm sewers. Mayor Monson stated that a meeting has been scheduled for Thursday, March 12, 2009 at 11:00am in the Village Hall with Todd Ege from SEMO and that we should be able to start on the project after this meeting.

Village Official's Dinner

The Village of Clyde is hosting the next Village Official's Dinner on March 18, 2009 at Donselaar's Restaurant and Bowling Center in Clyde. Mayor Monson stated that if anyone wished to attend they should let the Clerk know as soon as possible.

Executive Session

Mayor Monson stated that he had a personnel matter to discuss. Trustee Freer made the motion to go into executive session at 7:50pm to discuss a personnel matter. Trustee Baker seconded the motion and all voted in favor.

Trustee Baker made the motion to come out of executive session at 8:02pm. Trustee Freer seconded the motion and all voted in favor.

Trustee Banks made the motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:17pm. Trustee Freer seconded the motion and all voted in favor.

Respectfully submitted,

Melanie A. Countryman
Clerk/Treasurer