

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: Melanie Countryman, Ron Lancy, Sarah King, Katie Wade, Otto Meijer, Phoebe Meijer, Jerry Laird, Robert Delf, Robin Delf-Connor and Keith Newland

Pledge of Allegiance

Highway Department

- The flower pots have been put out and are ready to plant. Mayor Monson stated that Chris Davis has volunteered to plant the flowers.
- The Highway Department employees have been working with MRB engineers on surveying and planning for the storm sewer project.

Water and Sewer Departments

Some small water main breaks have been repaired.

Robert Delf (Bob's Big M)

- Mr. Delf stated that they will be doing some modifications to the Bob's Big M building on Park Lane. The contractor has determined that they will need an additional entrance to a new bottle return room and suggested they purchase a 4' x 8' section of the adjacent municipal property on the south side of the building. This would provide room for an access ramp to the building. Mayor Monson and Otis Vezzose looked at the building and did not feel that the addition would interfere with parking or traffic in any way. Trustee White asked why they were not requesting to purchase property the whole length of the building. Mr. Delf stated that they didn't need that much space. Mayor Monson stated that Attorney Art Williams was not available today to discuss the proposal but that he would return the phone call. Mayor Monson also stated that he believed it would be necessary to obtain the fair market price for the 4' x 8' section. Mr. Delf suggested that they pay \$250.00 for the property as well as all costs associated with the property transfer. Trustee Banks made the motion to allow Bob's Big M to purchase the 4' x 8' section of municipal property for \$250.00. Bob's Big M will pay all recording expenses including the seller's transfer tax, and reimburse the Village of Wolcott for any legal expenses incurred related to the transfer. Trustee Baker seconded the motion and all voted in favor. The Clerk will contact Attorney Art Williams to clarify details and find out if any other action needs to be taken regarding the sale of the property.
- Mr. Delf asked if they could put safety pylons at the two corners. Mayor Monson felt that would be a good idea.
- Trustee Banks asked if the directional arrows on the parking lot surface could be repainted so they would be more visible to people driving through. Mayor Monson responded that was in the works.
- Mr. Delf asked why plastic bags were covering the flower pots. Mayor Monson stated that Chris Davis has volunteered to plant flowers in the pots but has not yet been able to do so. The bags are keeping water and debris from accumulating in the pots until they can be planted.

Skate Park

- Otto Meijer met with Mayor Monson a few weeks ago to discuss the skatepark. A meeting was also held last week with Mayor Monson, Mr. Meijer, Greg VanDeusan from the Elks Lodge and Benjamin Gerstner, a student shadowing Mayor Monson for the Elks Lodge Youth Week. The Lions Club would like to pursue the skate park and utilize the tennis courts at the Leavenworth Middle School building. The School District is still in agreement to this. Superintendent Cindy Miner stated in an email that bathroom facilities would not be available this year due to construction at the school building but if the

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park was successful, the School Board would consider providing access to bathroom facilities the following year.

- The grant money available from the Wayne County Department of Aging and Youth will only provide an estimated \$233 of funding towards the cost of paid supervision at the park. All present acknowledged that this amount was not enough to accomplish the goals already set. Mr. Meijer stated that the Lions Club has only been focusing on raising money for structures at the park, not supervision and it was hoped that the Village of Wolcott would be able to cover the cost of supervision at the park. Mayor Monson explained that the Village is operating with a very tight budget right now and that even in the new fiscal year there simply is no extra money. Mr. Meijer stated that he will now have to go back to the Lions Club and explain the situation. Mayor Monson suggested asking for volunteers to supervise the park. Mr. Meijer responded that was a viable option but there is a general feeling of disillusionment among the skate park committee members due to the lack of progress on the project.
- Mayor Monson stated that he would like to see the Lions Club and the School Board run the park the first year, and then if it was successful the Village Board could consider taking it over the next year if approved by the Village Board.
- Keith Newland stated that he was planning to build an indoor recreation/skate park just outside of the Village limits on Ridge Road. He is looking for 1,200 people to donate \$100 each and stated that Cavallero-Neubauer has agreed to donate a car if he can get 1,000 people to donate. The present owner has agreed to sell the property to him for \$30,000. Mr. Newland offered to help build the equipment for the Lions Club skate park and stated that he believed it could be done for approximately \$200 in materials. Mr. Newland will speak with Mr. Meijer.
- Mr. Meijer showed the Board pictures of the skate park in Sodus Point. The park there is not supervised but it has been quite successful. Mr. Meijer asked if the Board would consider agreeing to an unsupervised park in the Village. Trustee Freer pointed out that Sodus Point has the advantage that their park is located in area more easily patrolled by the Police Department. Trustee Banks stated that she is in favor of the skate park but not the proposed location of the tennis courts behind Leavenworth Middle School. She also does not agree with the suggestion that the Village take over the park if it is successful. The proposed location is not in an easily patrolled area. There are three properties adjacent to the facility, one of which is a vacant house, one is a funeral home and the third is her home. Trustee Banks is very worried about the potential for noise and an increase in crime.
- Mayor Monson stated that the issue of the skate park is between the School Board and the Lions Club. The Village of Wolcott Board does not need to vote on it. Mr. Meijer stated that he will go back to the Lions Club and discuss the issue but the Village Board needs to be aware of the situation and commit to policing the area and help in any way possible. Trustee Baker asked if there was a way to keep the noise limited. Mayor Monson stated that a sign would be posted with rules of conduct and the hours the park would be open. The police would then enforce the times of operation. Mr. Meijer will attend the next Village Board meeting to discuss any updates on the skate park project.

Transportation Forum

On May 11, 2009 Mayor Monson attended the 25th District Transportation Forum with Congressman Dan Maffei. Available funding programs and projects were discussed. Mayor Monson stated that several members of Congressman Maffei's staff informed him that they were working very hard on getting the funding approved for the Mill Street Bridge/Culvert project.

Village Official's Dinner

The next Village Official's Dinner will be hosted by the Village of Sodus Point and will be held at the Sodus Bay Heights Golf Club on May 20, 2009. The speakers will be Peter A. Baynes, Executive Director of NYCOM and Barbara J. VanEpps, Deputy Director of NYCOM. Anyone interested in attending must let the Clerk know as soon as possible.

Fifteen-Minute Parking

The owners of the Wolcott Hotel have requested that two parking spaces on the side of their building be limited to fifteen minute parking. Trustee Baker stated that there is already a two hour parking limit along the streets but that it hasn't been enforced. The Board will have to look at the existing Village Code and see what can be done. Trustee White stated that enforcing the two hour parking limit would be a problem now because there are no parking meters on Main Street anymore and the section of the Village Code pertaining to parking makes reference to parking meters. Trustee Banks stated that a parking time limit is enforced in the Village of Lyons. She has seen police officers marking tires with chalk to track the amount of time they remain parked. The Clerk will contact the attorney regarding how to enforce the existing parking time limit as well as the procedure to amend the Code for further parking limit regulations. The matter will be placed on the agenda for the next meeting.

Wolcott/Butler Sidewalk

Mayor Monson met with Town of Butler Supervisor Dave Spickerman regarding the sidewalk on New Hartford Street. The Town of Butler would like to have the sidewalk extended to the old Ford garage and requested the Village's assistance with the backhoe, trucks and sidewalk forms. Mayor Monson stated that this would be an opportunity for shared services and the Board agreed. Mayor Monson stated that he would also request the use of the sidewalk forms owned by the Village of Red Creek as that would enable the sidewalk to be done in 200 foot sections.

Northup Park

Mayor Monson thanked the people who have contributed their time towards beautifying Northup Park. The park and bandstand look much better and the Village Board is very grateful for the all the hard work that has gone into it. Mayor Monson read a list of names of individuals who have contributed: Dic Lasher, Sharon Roberts, Bob Stell, Ralph Sheldon, Donna Graham, Otto Meijer and Phoebe Meijer. In addition, the NR-W Middle School National Junior Honor Society worked very hard in the park cleaning out flower beds and trimming bushes. Faculty Advisor Priscilla DeBan accompanied the following 7th and 8th grade students: Sky Ellsworth, Katelyn O'Neil, Andre Green, Jordann Pendleton, Tatum Reyn, Rheagan Fischette and Brad Kitchen. Mayor Monson also stated that the NR-W Middle School Student Council donated \$150.00 towards the cost of mulch and plants for the park.

NYCOM Main Street Conference

Code Enforcement Officer Otis Vezzose and Clerk Melanie Countryman attended the NYCOM Main Street Conference in Canandaigua April 30, 2009. The Clerk reported that the classes focused on addressing vacant, neglected and abandoned properties in the Village. Several ideas were presented for consideration such as implementing a landlord registration program, issuing permits to owners of tenant properties, charging fees for property inspections, enforcement of Village Code through legal means and requiring insurance on tenant properties. A lot of information was presented at the conference and the Clerk will work with Mr. Vezzose to develop proposed policies and ideas to present to the Board at the next meeting.

Abstract #018

Trustee Baker made the motion to approve abstract #018 in the amount of \$58,717.10 with vouchers numbered 0946 – 0981 and checks numbered 21628 – 21663. Claims from the General Fund total \$46,731.98. Claims from the Water Fund total \$4,840.12. Claims from the Sewer Fund total \$5,958.31. Claims from the Trust and Agency Fund total \$1,186.69. Trustee Freer seconded the motion and all voted in favor.

Minutes of April 28, 2009

Trustee Freer made the motion to approve the minutes of April 28, 2009 as read. Trustee White seconded the motion and all voted in favor.

Meeting Dates

Mayor Monson reminded everyone that effective June 1, 2009 the regular Board meetings will be held the first and third Tuesday of the month, with the exceptions of June, July, August, November and December, during which months the meetings will be held the first Tuesday only.

Trustee Baker

The Lions Club Annual Car Show will be held this weekend, May 16, 2009. The schedule for the Police Department shows only one officer working and Trustee Baker requested that another officer be scheduled as well. Mayor Monson agreed with the increased coverage for the Car Show.

Trustee Freer

Trustee Freer has nothing to discuss at this time.

Trustee White

- Trustee White has a legal matter pertaining to the Water Department to discuss during executive session.
- Trustee White reminded Mayor Monson that the Planning Board is still lacking an alternate member.

Trustee Banks

The May 12, 2009 edition of the Finger Lakes Times had an article on the front page regarding a meeting in Penn Yan where Robert Freeman, the executive director of the state's Committee on Open Government, met with the Yates County Progressives and discussed the Freedom of Information Act and Open Government laws. Trustee Banks expressed concern over the rules concerning executive session and the reasons for going into executive session. She asked the Clerk to research the issue and to provide the Board with information so they are aware of the proper reasons for going into executive session.

Mayor Monson

Mayor Monson has a future contractual issue to discuss during executive session.

Executive Session

Trustee Freer made the motion to go into executive session at 8:12pm for the purpose of discussing a legal matter related to the Water Department as well as a future contractual issue. Trustee Baker seconded the motion and all voted in favor.

Trustee Baker made the motion to come out of executive session at 8:35pm. Trustee Freer seconded the motion and all voted in favor.

Trustee White made the motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:37pm. Trustee Banks seconded the motion and all voted in favor.

Respectfully submitted,

Melanie A. Countryman
Clerk/Treasurer