

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

Members Present: Trustees Baker, Freer, Krasucki and White

Others Present: Larry Hogan, Robert Stewart, Otis Vezzose, Robert Strong, Jerry Laird, Ron Lancy, Kristen Fox, Don Camp, Miles Thomas, Walt Dobbin, Otto Meijer, Phoebe Meijer, Sherri Sheldon, Michael Bettis, Ken Dobbin, Kim Sherwin, Lori Tyler, Charles Madison, Kevin Costello

Pledge of Allegiance

Skate Park

- The Skate Park Committee showed a Power Point presentation detailing the plans to date for the proposed skate park. Otto Meijer asked if there were any questions.
- Trustee White inquired as to what would happen if the other Towns and Villages did not wish to contribute their portion of grant funds for the purpose of paying a supervisor for the park. Don Camp stated that the Wayne County Department of Aging and Youth receives \$60,000 per year from New York State for the purpose of furthering recreational programs within the County. According to their records, the Villages of Wolcott and Red Creek, and the Towns of Butler, Huron and Wolcott have never requested their share of the grant money.
- Robert Stewart expressed concern about vandalism at the park and spoke of problems he has seen arise in similar recreational areas in Florida.
- Kim Sherwin asked if the park would be open year-round and also if roller skates or roller blades would be permitted. Otto Meijer responded that the park would be closed in the winter. He then stated that roller-blades would be permitted but roller skates would not.
- Otto Meijer also stated that it should be noted that the supervisor position might be a volunteer position as long as the individual(s) were qualified. The survey that had been distributed to students in the North Rose-Wolcott School District and the Red Creek Central School District asked for willingness to help with fundraisers and volunteering in a support capacity for the park.
- Trustee Krasucki would like to see how the demographics for the Village of Wolcott compare to those of areas where successful skate parks are already located.

Skate Park (Continued)

- The Skate Park Committee asked for approval from the Board of Trustees for the plans to date. Trustee White made the motion to endorse the actions and plans of the Skate Park Committee to date. Trustee Freer seconded the motion. Trustee Krasucki requested a legal opinion from Attorney Art Williams regarding the park. Mayor Monson stated that this would be done prior to any final approval from the Board. Jerry Laird, Village of Wolcott Highway Department employee, asked who would perform maintenance on the park. Mayor Monson responded that it would be the responsibility of the Village of Wolcott. Mayor Monson called for a vote and all voted in favor.

Police Department

- Chief Costello reported that he has spoken with an individual interested in working as a part-time Police Officer for the Village of Wolcott. The individual would not be available until the end of May due to prior commitments.
- Officer Adam Verkey will be released to return to work on March 31, 2008; however, he is required to complete three weeks of field training for the Village of Lyons. Chief Costello would like to wait and see if Officer Verkey will be available to return to work after the field training.
- Chief Costello has had no contact with Officer Eric Donselaar and has no information on his status.
- The double-sided wooden desk is still in the Police Department and Chief Costello would like it to be removed.
- Mayor Monson, Trustee Baker and Chief Costello will have a meeting on March 26, 2008 at 7:00 pm in the Police Department.

Highway Department

- Mayor Monson read a letter from Phil Wagner regarding damage done to his vehicle on March 8, 2008. The information had been submitted to the insurance company for the Village of Wolcott and the claim was denied. Mr. Wagner requested reimbursement for the damages totaling \$149.22 directly from the Village of Wolcott. Mayor Monson recommended the Board vote to not pay the claim but would discuss the matter further in executive session.
- Mayor Monson would like to meet with Trustee Baker regarding the tentative budget in order to verify the estimated costs for street repairs.

Water/Sewer Departments

- The water and sewer service for property owned by Blair Brewster in the Village had been abandoned by the Board in 2006. The account was not marked inactive for billing purposes until February 2008 and as a result, a minimum bill has been generated every quarter and Mr. Brewster has continued to pay the bill. Trustee Krasucki made the motion to reimburse Blair Brewster for the water and sewer charges he has paid on the account since its abandonment. The charges total \$540.41 comprised of water charge: \$157.52, water penalty: \$30.80, sewer charge: \$298.00 and sewer penalty \$54.09. Trustee Baker seconded the motion and all voted in favor.
- Suzanne Allman has owned property outside the Village since 2005 and has never received a water bill. Lori Tyler spoke with Ms. Allman on March 25, 2008 and was able to obtain a correct mailing address. The current balance on the account includes an erroneous billing amount from the June 2007 quarter. Trustee Krasucki made the motion to have the bill adjusted to reflect a minimum charge for the June 2007 quarter. The total due on the account after adjustment is \$562.57. Ms. Allman will be offered an installment agreement to pay the balance, the terms of which will include six months to pay in full, with monthly payments to be made on time. If a payment is missed the entire balance must be paid in full within fifteen days or the water service will be terminated. The deposit paid on the account will be held for a period of one year so the customer will have the opportunity to make timely payments on the account. Trustee Baker seconded the motion to adjust the water account as stated and to offer the payment arrangement with the terms as stated. Mayor Monson called for a vote and all voted in favor.
- Kathy McCarthy, a water customer outside the Village, is disputing her water bill. It was requested that the meter be tested as the consumption appeared to be high. The meter was sent out to T. Wilson and Associates for testing and found to be not faulty. The cost to the Village for the meter testing was \$60.00. Several adjustments were found to have been made to the McCarthy's water bill over the past several quarters with no justification. The adjustments totaled \$492.42. Trustee Krasucki made the motion to reverse the adjustments made to the account and to add the cost of the meter testing to the balance resulting in a total balance owed on the account of \$927.89. A payment agreement will be offered, the terms of which will require the balance to be paid in full within six months. New bills generated each quarter must be paid on time. If a payment is missed the entire balance must be paid in full within fifteen days or the water service will be terminated. Trustee Freer seconded the motion and all voted in favor.
- Shut-off notices for inside Village customers will be sent out after delinquency for the June 2008 billing.
- Mike from Williamson Law Book Company will be at the Village office March 26, 2008 to update the water and sewer billing program as well as to provide training for Lori Tyler. Mrs. Tyler will inquire about splitting the customer base to allow for monthly billing. Each customer would still receive a quarterly bill; however, only one-third of the customer base would be billed each month.

Water/Sewer Departments (Continued)

- A quote has been obtained from Snyder Technical Services, LLC in reference to a DO Meter. Option #1 entails repairing the meter and with labor has a total cost of \$1,082.00. Option #2 entails purchasing a new DO meter at a cost of \$1,820.00. Trustee White made the motion to approve Option #1 at a total cost of \$1,082.00. Trustee Krasucki seconded the motion and all voted in favor.

Fire Department Function Requests

- Trustee Baker made the motion to approve a request to use the Fire Hall on March 20, 2008 from Gary Lockwood for the purpose of holding an organizational meeting for Wolcott Youth Baseball. Trustee Freer seconded the motion and all voted in favor.
- Trustee Baker made the motion to approve a request to use the Fire Hall on March 30, 2008 by Dan Youngman for the purpose of holding a family reception following a baby's baptism. Trustee White seconded the motion and all voted in favor.

Code Enforcement

- Otis Vezzose reported that the Wolcott Hotel is planning on converting some rooms into apartments. A representative from the NYS Department of Health will be in Wolcott tomorrow, March 26, 2008, to review the plans with Jim Henner and Otis Vezzose. The property is currently being billed for only one water service and only one sewer service. The hotel currently houses seven full-time tenants and each of the seven rooms has its own bathroom. Lori Tyler stated that she would look into the water consumption history for the account. Ron Lancy told her that the water meter had been broken for some time so the consumption had always been estimated. However, the meter has been replaced so actual readings from now on will be recorded.
- Ron Farabell would like to move his mobile hot-dog stand to the Pit Stop parking lot on Main Street. Mayor Monson stated that Art Williams will be contacted regarding requirements for permits and any zoning issues.

Metal Detector

Mayor Monson discussed purchasing a walk-through metal detector for the Village Court. The issue will be tabled for the present time and Court Clerk Jennifer Buckalew-LaDue will look into the requirement regulations and also research any possible grant funding opportunities to help defray the cost.

Newport Alliance

Trustee White made the motion to approve the new contract for Newport Alliance for employee drug testing. Trustee Baker seconded the motion and all voted in favor.

Policies

Trustee Baker made the motion to approve the Hot Work Policy for Village use. Trustee Freer seconded the motion and all voted in favor. Approval of additional policies will be tabled for now and placed on the agenda for the next Board meeting.

Mayor Monson

- The Town of Butler has requested a joint meeting with Mayor Monson and members of the Village of Wolcott Board of Trustees. The date and time have yet to be decided upon.
- An energy audit of all departments and all municipal buildings will be conducted. Mayor Monson plans to begin the audit on Friday, March 28, 2008.

Time for the Public

Jerry Laird asked if a calendar of events would be prepared for the summer. The Clerk will look into the matter. Mayor Monson stated that on July 26, 2008 Founder's Day would be celebrated. The Historical Society will also be holding a function in the park on this day. The car show is scheduled for May 7, 2008 with a rain date of May 31, 2008.

Williamson Law Book Company

Trustee White made the motion to approve the new support contract for the WLB Co. Accounting Program at a cost of \$825.00. Trustee Krasucki seconded the motion and all voted in favor.

Minutes of March 11, 2008

Trustee White made the motion to approve the minutes of March 11, 2008 as corrected. Trustee Freer seconded the motion and all voted in favor.

Abstract #015

Trustee Krasucki made the motion to approve abstract #015, voucher numbers 0821 - 0856, with check numbers 20462 – 20497 in the amount of \$51,680.24. Claims from the General Fund total \$35,385.11. Claims from the Water Fund total \$5,111.41. Claims from the Sewer Fund total \$9,464.48. Claims from the Trust and Agency Fund total \$1,719.24. Trustee White seconded the motion and all voted in favor.

Trustee Baker

Trustee Baker has nothing to discuss during open session but will have something for executive session.

Trustee Freer

- Dave Murphy from the North Rose-Wolcott School District informed Trustee Freer that they would not be pursuing the Safe Routes to Schools Grant program this year.
- The Dr. Chan's Garden Committee will have a meeting on Thursday, April 3, 2008 at 7:00 pm at the Village Hall. Mayor Monson requested that future meetings be scheduled on the second and/or fourth Thursdays so as to not conflict with court nights.

Trustee White

- Trustee White read a letter from James Tedisco, Assembly Minority Leader, regarding the NYS Property Taxpayers Protection Act. Trustee White made the motion to approve Resolution 2008-11 stating that the Village of Wolcott is in support of the NYS Property Taxpayers Protection Act. Trustee Baker seconded the motion and all voted in favor.
- Trustee White has something to discuss during executive session.

Trustee Krasucki

Trustee Krasucki has nothing to discuss during open session but does have something for executive session.

Executive Session

Trustee Baker made the motion to enter executive session at 8:47 pm. Trustee Freer seconded the motion and all voted in favor.

Trustee Baker made the motion to come out of executive session at 9:59 pm. Trustee Freer seconded the motion and all voted in favor.

Phil Wagner

Trustee Baker made the motion to not overrule the insurance company's decision regarding payment of Mr. Wagner's claim for damages to his vehicle. Trustee Krasucki seconded the motion and all voted in favor.

Trustee Freer made the motion to adjourn the meeting at 10:02 pm. Trustee Baker seconded the motion and all voted in favor.

Respectfully submitted,

Melanie A. Countryman
Clerk/Treasurer