

VILLAGE OF WOLCOTT
VILLAGE HALL CONFERENCE ROOM
BOARD OF TRUSTEES

March 13, 2024

7:00 PM

Members Present: Mayor Chris Henner, Trustees: Dan Smith, Dave Lewis, Andrew Marshall and Misty Harper

Others Present: Fran Acker, Ed Wazinski, Chris Breen, Garth Moody, Joe Ticconi, Tim Jones, Tommy Mettler, Pete Sterpe, Jack Roberts, Debra Roberts, Chris Trine, Matt Ohler, Donna Graham, David Byrnes, Eva Duncan, Richard Duncan, Sara Everett, Eva Winter, Dan Fowler, George Buckalew, and Rosemarie Lewis.

Mayor Henner called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mayor Henner thanked everyone who assisted with saving the Village of Wolcott. He mentioned that many people, including NYS Senator Pam Helming, reached out with congratulations. The Mayor called Ben Syden at the LaBerge and thanked them for their work on the recent interim study. The LaBerge Group stressed how difficult the study was due to having split towns involved.

Code Enforcement

Trustee Smith made the motion to deny the fee and document waiver request of the Saltbox Smokehouse. There was a discussion about setting precedent on future requests in regards to the local law that was enacted for regulations and fees of mobile food businesses from outside of the village. Documentation has been received, required back ground check and NYS fire inspection have been completed. The fee is \$50.00 for a consecutive 7 day period. Trustee Marshall 2nd the motion. All present voted in favor of the waiver denial.

Trustee Smith made the motion to approve General Code Supplement No. 5 estimate not to exceed \$4,280.00 to incorporate 6 recent laws/amendments to the Village's online codes. Trustee Lewis 2nd the motion. All present voted in favor.

Meeting Minutes

Trustee Lewis made the motion to accept and approve the minutes from the March 4, 2024 Budget Workshop. Trustee Lewis 2nd the motion. Trustees Marshall and Harper abstained due to not being present at the workshop. Trustee Lewis 2nd the motion. All others present voted in favor.

Trustee Smith made the motion to accept and approve the minutes from the February 27, 2024 Department Head Meeting. Trustee Marshall 2nd the motion. Trustee Harper abstained due to not being present at the meeting. Trustee Marshall 2nd the motion. All others present voted in favor.

Abstract #010

Trustee Smith made the motion to approve Abstract #010 in the amount of \$116,638.63 with vouchers numbered 473-522 and checks numbered 32618-32667. Total claims from the General Fund are \$46,857.61. Total claims from the Water Fund are \$14,755.80. Total claims from the Sewer Fund are \$55,025.22. Trustee Marshall seconded the motion. All present voted in favor.

Facilities Use Request

Trustee Smith made the motion to approve use of the Fire Hall on 4/6/2024 by Lynn Anne Batzold for a baby shower. Trustee Harper 2nd the motion. All present voted in favor.

Trustee Lewis made the motion to approve use of the Village Hall Conference Room for the Festivals Committee 3/20/2024 @ 6:00pm. Trustee Harper 2nd the motion. All present voted in favor.

Mayor Henner

Mayor Henner received pictures of the new fire truck specs. Copies were provided to George Buckalew and the Village Board members.

Mayor Henner also received the link for the new website from the Town of Huron. Mayor Henner states it looks good. Clerk-Treasurer Acker will reach out to the Town of Huron Clerk to get more information.

With all that has been going on since the petition to dissolve was received and the staff going above and beyond, it was discussed during the Budget Workshops to add an extra 1% on top of the union workers regular 3% wage increase. Trustee Smith made the motion to increase union wages 4% for the fiscal year of June 1, 2024-May 31, 2025. Trustee Lewis 2nd the motion. All present voted in favor.

Trustee Harper

Trustee Harper met with the Masons regarding upgrades to the Falls Park. The Masons stated they could help a little and suggested Trustee Harper reach out to the Elks and Lions Clubs. Trustee Harper is working on setting up meetings with both associations. The Masons suggested more lighting. Mayor Henner reminded Trustee Harper of all the cameras currently located at the Falls Park for security reasons.

Trustee Marshall

Trustee Marshall thanked everyone for the time spent on the Village Dissolution process.

Trustee Smith

Noting at this time.

Trustee Lewis

Trustee Lewis 2nd what Trustee Marshall said.

Trustee Lewis said the 1st 2 Hometown Heroes banners received by the Village of Wolcott have been hung and looks good. A second set arrived on Wednesday March 13, 2024. Trustee Lewis mentioned he is looking for sponsors for the Hometown Heroes Program. He has spoken to a few merchants who are willing to sponsor banners. Tommy Mettler spoke up and said that he would sponsor 2. Peter Strepe stepped up to sponsor 1, along with Rosemarie Lewis for 2 and Eva Banas Duncan and her family.

Time for the Public

Matt Ohler mentioned that Wayne County Public Health also has a new website.

Tommy Mettler stated he has received updated information from Evoqua and will have Deputy-Clerk Kellam send to Eric Weiss at Clark Patterson Lee.

Mayor Henner reminded everyone of the Trustee Elections on March 19, 2024 from noon-9:00pm.

Garth Moody thanked the Village Board for recognizing the Village Employees.

Executive Session

Trustee Smith made the motion to move the meeting into executive session at 7:29pm for a contractual matter. Trustee Lewis 2nd the motion. Clerk-Treasurer Acker was asked to stay. All present voted in favor. Trustee Smith made the motion to move back to regular session at 7:57pm. Trustee Harper 2nd the motion. All present voted in favor.

Rosemarie Lewis and Joey Bellone joined the regular meeting after moving out of Executive Session. Mr. Bellone of Peter's NY Pizzeria said they would sponsor Hometown Heroes program. A message was received that Chris Loveless would also like to be a sponsor. Trustee Lewis will contact all those interested when he has more details.

Trustee Harper received an update that she now has a meeting confirmed with the Lions Club on March 21, 2024 to discuss help with playground upgrades.

A thank you will be posted in the Shopper to thank Peter's NY Pizzeria and Sweets by Sarah for the food and sweets sent to the Village Hall during the 3/12/2024 Village Dissolution referendum.

Deputy Clerk-Treasurer received a response from Vincent Rovitelli at 8031 E. Port Bay Road that he agrees to have the Village of Wolcott waive the disconnect fee for the fish station in lieu of issuing a refund, in concession of discount as proposed by the Village Board. Trustee Smith made the motion to accept the agreed upon resolution. Trustee Marshall 2nd the motion. All present voted in favor.

Adjournment

Trustee Smith made the motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:16pm. Trustee Lewis 2nd the motion. All present voted in favor.

The next regularly scheduled Village Board of Trustees Meeting will be held on March 26, 2024 at 7:00pm in the Village of Wolcott Conference Room.

Respectfully Submitted,

Fran Acker

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Clerk-Treasurer