

VILLAGE OF WOLCOTT  
BOARD OF TRUSTEES  
DEPARTMENT HEAD MEETING  
OCTOBER 24, 2017  
7:00 pm

Members Present: Mayor Chris Henner, Trustees: Dan Smith, Anthony Vezzose, Norma Stewart, Andrew Marshall

Others Present: Brett Norsworthy, Lori Tyler, Jerry Lasher, Dave Dreverman, Tommy Mettler, Lynn Anne Batzold, Donna Graham, Ray Wellington

Meeting called to order at 7:00pm, Pledge of Allegiance

**Dave Dreverman**

Mr. Dreverman was present at the meeting. Mr. Dreverman has concerns regarding the Village's water billing and penalty procedures. He feels that the current due date of 15 days without penalty does not give a customer sufficient time to pay their bill. Mr. Dreverman came with information showing that local municipalities have longer grace periods in order to pay their bills without penalty. Mr. Dreverman further feels that the second quarterly penalty of \$10 is unnecessary and is not displayed well on the bill. He feels that there could be grounds for legal action against the Village if a customer was to dispute the second penalty charge. Mr. Dreverman offered a few different options for making changes to the current billing and penalty procedures.

Trustee Smith explained to Mr Dreverman that the current procedures have been in place since long before the current administration and customers should be well aware that their water bill is due each quarter. However, Trustee Smith stated he did see Mr. Drevermans point and understands both sides of the issue. Trustee Smith stated that further conversation will take place on the issue. Mr. Dreverman stated he would like to be present for these conversations.

**Correspondence**

*Letter from Youngmans* - A letter was received from Mr. and Mrs. Dallas Youngman. The Youngmans would like to thank and praise the Village Highway crew for their swift attention to and removal of the brush and sticks that accumulated during their recent yard cleanup.

*Request from Allison Aldrich* - An email was received from Allison Aldrich. She and her siblings would like to donate a park bench to the Village dedicated to their father who loved the Village and especially the Venus fountain. They are hoping to have the bench placed at or near the fountain, set so it is facing the fountain. The Board has no issue with this request but would like specifications sent to the family regarding what benches the Village recommends. A location will be determined.

## Police Department

See Attached Report

## Fire Department

See attached report.

Fire prevention week was last week. Firefighters took equipment to the elementary school for and to hand out fire prevention pamphlets to the children. The event was very well attended.

Truck issues stemming from the Featherly's inspection have been resolved for the most part by Featherly's. E32 still needs to have the brakes looked at as it is still pulling to one side.

*Reimbursement Discussion* - Receipts for lodging at the recent Old Forge Fire training were turned into the office for reimbursement. There was a discrepancy in the bill for Mark and Lynn Anne Batzold as it was more than double the bill of the rest of the firefighters. The Mayor and Trustees were informed and decided that reimbursement would require further discussion at this meeting. Lynn Anne Batzold was present at the meeting and stated that she was under the impression that each firefighter was allowed \$225 to spend on lodging. Her and her husband decided to rent a cottage for sake of convenience utilizing both their allotments for one cottage. After some discussion it was discovered that the initial motion was to allow up to \$2500 plus applicable mileage to be spent. With the Batzolds bill, the total expenses were not over this amount. Mayor Henner stated that as long as the original motion was not compromised, he had no problem with the reimbursement however, the Fire Department budget is the responsibility of the Fire Chief. Mayor Henner stated that as Fire Chief, it is Jerry Lashers decision on how to spend money from his budget. Fire Chief Jerry Lasher stated that for this instance he would approve the reimbursement but changes will be made for next year.

## Sewer Department

Tommy Mettler reported that things had been running good. The air reliefs for the force main have been cleaned. All were in fair to good condition except #7 which was in poor condition. In fact, the entire pit is in poor condition and may need to be replaced. Mr. Mettler spoke to Eric Wies of Clark Patterson Lee regarding the condition of the pit. They are waiting for the Village to get the gas emission issue under control before they determine if they will replace the pit. Mayor Henner stated that they will replace the pit. Trustee Marshall inquired if the air reliefs could be cleaned by the Village. Mr. Mettler stated that we did not have the proper safety equipment. It was decided that at this time having BEH clean them was the best method.

Todd Gagnet was out to pick up the data from the OdaLogger. He will send the results to Mr. Norsworthy who will in turn forward them to the Board. Mr. Gagnet is working with his regional manager to get the best price possible for Bioxide for the Village so that we can consider using their Datalogger system.

Jeff Warwick has been down working on the drainage for the old drying bed building. Issues arose when it was discovered that the engineers had the contractors fill the old drain with concrete. Alternative drainage methods are being worked out and the job should be completed soon.

*Koester Bill* - A bill from Koester for \$4,012.70 was faxed to the office. This was for services performed in 2016. This may have been received back in 2016 and was likely part of the sewer project. Trustee Smith made the motion to pay the Kester invoice # 6555l in the amount of \$4012.70 out of the project fund. Trustee Vezzose seconded the motion. All voted in favor.

### **Code Enforcement**

*CEO Backup* - The subject of a code enforcement backup was touched on at the last meeting. It was decided to have Brett Norsworthy and Otis Vezzose attend this meeting for discussion on the subject. Mayor Henner stated that Mr. Vezzose and Mr. Norsworthy would work together on creating a list of what Mr. Norsworthy would be responsible for and email that list to the Mayor. When doing work for code enforcement, Mr. Norsworthy would maintain and share with Mr. Vezzose an electronic log depicting what he has worked on. Mayor Henner put forward the appointment of Mr. Norsworthy as back up to the Code Enforcement Officer. Trustee Smith made the motion to approve the Mayors appointment. Trustee Stewart seconded the motion. All voted in favor.

### **Clerk Treasurer**

*Compliance Officers / Harassment Policy* - Discussion was held on who the compliance officers would be for the Village. This is a recommendation from NYMIR. The officers will be listed as part of the upcoming harassment policy which will be put before the Board at the next meeting.

### **Mayor Henner**

Nothing at this time

### **Trustee Stewart**

Trustee Stewart informed the Board that she has confirmed that the Village of Wolcott will hold the monthly Village Officials dinner in May of 2018.

Trustee Stewart stated that Town Supervisor Lynn Chatfield was having signs placed in the local cemeteries and that one would also be placed in the cemetery on Lake Avenue in the Village.

Trustee Stewart stated that Darrin Pynn, pharmacist for the Wolcott Pharmacy on Main St had contacted her regarding Billy Capron harassing customers out in front of his establishment. Trustee Stewart was directed to inform Mr. Pynn that the best course of action in an event such as this is to call 911 right away. There is nothing the Village Board can do on the matter.

### **Trustee Marshall**

Trustee Marshall informed the Board that the lettering of the water department car was completed and looked good.

Trustee Smith asked Clerk-Treasurer Lori Tyler if she had received any response from Jim Colacino regarding the generator hookups at the Lake Plant. Ms. Tyler stated that she had not heard from Mr. Colacino and that she would reach out to him in the morning.

### Trustee Smith

Trustee Smith inquired if we had completed the NYMIR list of recommendations now that the safety gas cans had been purchased. Ms. Tyler stated that yes all the requirements were completed or in process of completion. Ms. Tyler stated that she had responded to NYMIR with our progress and had received acknowledgement from NYMIR.

### Trustee Vezzose

Nothing at this time.

### Time For Public

Donna Graham - Ms. Graham informed the Board that the drainage ditch near her home on Sunset Terrace was in need of attention and felt it was the responsibility of the Village. Mayor Henner stated that he would inspect the ditch with Nick Rizzo.

### Adjournment

Trustee Smith made the motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:20 pm. Trustee Vezzose seconded the motion. All voted in favor.

The next regularly scheduled Village Board of Trustees Meeting will be held on November 14, 2017 at 7:00pm at the Village Hall.

Respectfully Submitted,

Brett Norsworthy