VILLAGE OF WOLCOTT

BOARD OF TRUSTEES

VILLAGE HALL CONFERENCE ROOM

DEPARTMENT HEAD MEETING

Aug 11, 2020

7:30 pm

Members Present: Mayor Chris Henner, Trustees: Dave Lewis, Dan Smith, Andrew Marshall and Norma Stewart

Others Present: Fran Acker, Brett Norsworthy, Ed Wazinski, Ron Lancy, Otis Vezzose, Jerry Lasher, Zackery T. Powell, Nick Rizzo, Ed Wazinski, Mike Zerniak, Ron Lancy, Carol Goble, Derek Ceratt, and Zachary Decker

Mayor Henner called the meeting to order at 7:33 pm with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mayor Henner made the rest of the Village Board aware that representatives from the Town of Wolcott were present. He stated that Eric Weis from Clark Patterson Lee provided specs for a proposed hookup for the Town of Wolcott’s highway department restroom to the Village of Wolcott’s sewer line. Trustee Smith made a motion to approve the Town of Wolcott to hookup a line for their restroom to the Village of Wolcott’s sewer line. This agreement is for the Town of Wolcott Highway Department restroom hookup only. The Town will be responsible for all parts and labor. Tommy Mettler will be present during the hook up. Trustee Stewart 2nd the motion. All present voted in favor.

**Fire Department-Jerry Lasher**

Chief Lasher thanked Mayor Henner for the extra time he has been giving to the members of the fire department recently.

Mayor Henner updated the room that with no Village election until September, the elections for the Fire Department hasn’t happened. The Mayor reached out to John Mancini at NYCOM on how to handle the FD elections. Mayor Henner presented the options to the Fire Department. The members voted to have everyone stay in their current positions until April 2021. Trustee Smith made the motion to approve the Fire Department vote. Trustee Marshall 2nd the motion. All present voted in favor.

Chief Lasher submitted the July 2020 monthly report.

Jerry Lasher thanked Trustee Marshall and Pete Gillette for all their work on the trucks.

Jerry presented the board with data on a new truck they had a demo on today.

A discussion regarding repairs to the stand-by generator took place. An estimate will be obtained.

**Police Department-OIC Zackery T. Powell**

See monthly report

**Highway Department—Nick Rizzo**

The frames on all the village trucks have been cleaned up, repairs in process as needed.

Clean up on the side of the Village Hall.

Mayor Henner asked about the county painting the cross walks. Mr. Rizzo said he will check it out but thinks they might be short staff.

Trustee Stewart said Tim Jones did a good job mowing East Port Bay Road.

Nick Rizzo mentioned he would like to take out the old concrete apron at the property where the Galaxy Shop used to be. Mayor Henner would like to look into this 1st to weigh the benefits.

**Sewer Department-Tommy Mettler-excused**

Mayor Henner gave an update that the EQ tank is currently on its 2nd day of being filled and is 2 inches from the top. Was marked incorrectly, needs repairs which CP Ward and the Town of Wolcott are responsible. The flow meter for part of East Port Bay is up to 600,000 gallons. The Mayor asked the representatives from the Town of Wolcott who were present at the meeting if they had hook ups on East Port Bay because he had no reports lately. The Mayor and Tommy Mettler are working on the amount of expenses for chemicals being used. Also trying for real time data due to odor concerns at manhole 7.

**Water Department- Ed Wazinski**

Mr. Wazinski thanked Nick Rizzo for the recent help received.

Ed provided the board with a price for sludge removal as asked at the last meeting. Would like to schedule Wednesday 8/12/20 if approved. Trustee Smith made the motion to approve Gordon Beh Excavating Vac truck rental and labor for sludge removal, not to exceed $4,000.00. Trustee Steward 2nd the motion. All present voted in favor.

Trustee Smith made the motion to approve est. 41 from NHT Electric in the amount of $9,500.00. Trustee Marshall 2nd the motion. All present voted in favor.

**Mike Zerniak-Sidewalk**

Mr. Zerniak discussed replacement of sections of his sidewalk on Draper Street. He did make the board aware that Mr. Vezzose and Mr. Rizzo had previously been out to his address to view the sections needing replacement. Mr. Vezzose provided Mr. Zerniak an updated copy of the code regarding handicap accessible for corners during one of their visits. The Village of Wolcott does have a reimbursement program for sidewalks and did agree to for Nick Rizzo to dig out the needed areas and for the Village to provide stones where needed and reimburse per the program if specs are met. Otis and Nick will meet and follow up with Mr. Zerniak.

**Code Enforcement-Otis Vezzose**

Nuisance Abatement - Mr. Vezzose is to start moving forward with the next steps in the process for the repeat offenders on the list.

**Court Audits**

Trustee Smith made the motion to approve Appendix F report for the annual court audit FY ending 2020. This is a continuation of Resolution 2020-5 that was approved July 14th 2020. Trustee Lewis 2nd the motion. All present voted in favor.

Trustee Smith made the motion to approve the May 2020 Village Court Audit. Total Court receipts reconciled = $1,879.00. Trustee Stewart 2nd the motion. All present voted in favor.

**Clerk-Treasurer-Fran Acker**

A list of FY end 2020 budgetary transfers for all funds was provided to the board.

**Meeting Minutes**

Trustee Stewart made the motion to approve the meeting minutes from July 14th, 2020. Trustee Lewis 2nd the motion. All Present voted in favor.

**Abstract #003**

Trustee Marshall made the motion to approve Abstract #003 in the amount of $65,082.45 with vouchers numbered 94-136 and checks numbered 30082-30124. Total claims from the General Fund are $19,572.07. Total claims from the Water Fund are $15,680.60. Total claims from the Sewer Fund are $29, 8293.78. Trustee Stewart 2nd the motion. All present voted in favor.

**Facilities Use Requests**

Trustee Stewart made the motion to approve the use of the Pavilion at the Wolcott Falls Park on Sept 26th 2020 from 10 am to 3:00 pm for a private event for the Dobbin Family. Trustee Lewis 2nd the motion. All present voted in favor.

**Mayor Henner**

**Sealed Bids for Surplus Equipment**

Mayor Henner opened the bids for the surplus equipment:

* 2007 John Deere Compact Utility Tractor with 2 snow blowers, mower deck and spare parts-10 bids were received. Trustee Smith made the motion to accept Martin Hale’s bid in the amount of $3,777.77. Trustee Lewis 2nd the motion. All present voted in favor.
* 1984 Chaparral Boat with 2007 Karavan Trailer-5 bids were received. Trustee Smith made the motion to accept Ronald Chebiniak’s bid in the amount of $2,009.00. Trustee Lewis 2nd the motion. All present voted in favor.
* 2001 Dodge Ram 3500 with snow plow-8 bids were received. Trustee Smith made the motion to accept Carol A Goble’s bid in the amount of $5,001.00. Trustee Lewis 2nd the motion. All present voted in favor.

All bids for each piece of equipment are on file.

Mayor Henner asked the rest of the board to look at [www.alleycat.org](http://www.alleycat.org) and maybe check the budget for possible amendment to fund. This is a group supported by Lynn Duncan and Tina Toppings to trap, neuter and release feral cats. Clerk Acker will also reach out to other resources for possible organizations that do the same function.

Punishers Motorcycle Club is planning a ride on Aug. 30th 2020 from approx. 11am – 1:00pm to support the PD. They would like to stop at the Wolcott Fire Dept., there are normally snacks and drinks to buy. Due to COVID, they need to have arrangements previously set up.

**Trustee Stewart**

Nothing at this time.

**Trustee Marshall**

Trustee Marshall asked OIC Powell for an update on the Crown Vic. The county is supposed to call Wednesday Aug. 12, 2020 regarding the needed update.

An adjustment was needed on the newly installed police office door and Trustee Marshall asked if it was working okay.

**Trustee Smith**

Nothing at this time.

**Trustee Lewis**

Trustee Lewis questioned the water lever at the Mill Pond. Mayor Henner stated the DEC designed the damn for bridge construction.

Trustee Lewis mentioned the highway department has done a great job with brush pick up.

**Deputy Clerk-Brett Norsworthy**

Mr. Norsworthy made the board aware that a master meter on the private line on Tyrell Street had a leak that could be isolated. 22,500 gallons has gone through the meter. Brett wanted confirmation that this was to be billed to all users on this private line. The board confirmed this was the policy and that the usage would be billed equally to all users on the private line on Tyrell Street.

**Time for the Public**

Nick Rizzo asked about cars that have been parked in the municipal parking lot by the Post Office with no license plates or registrations. Deputy Clerk Norsworthy will provide the Village Code to OIC Powell, the Village Board, Otis Vezzose and Nick Rizzo so the Village can identify these vehicles and address the situation.

Nick would like to start shimmy work on Wadsworth Street. The Village received CHIPS notification. This could change according to the Governor’s Executive Orders with the State Budget.

**Executive Session**

Trustee Smith made the motion to move the meeting into executive to discuss personnel issues at 9:44 pm. Trustee Lewis seconded the motion. All present voted in favor.

Trustee Smith made the motion to move the meeting back to open session at 10:17 pm. Trustee Lewis 2nd the motion. All present voted in favor.

Trustee Smith made the motion to increase Ed Wazinski’s pay rate from $19.73/hr. to $20.52/hr. effective August 12, 2020. The Board has also decided to continue operations with no Chief Water Operator. Ed Wazinski is now Department Head of the Water Department. Trustee Marshall 2nd the motion. All present voted in favor.

Trustee Smith made the motion to rehire Evan Tyler as a part-time Water Operator at a rate of $19.19 contingent on a full release with no restrictions from his medical doctor. Trustee Stewart 2nd the motion. All present voted in favor.

**Resolution 2020-7**

**Resolution No. 2020-7**

Introduced by: Trustee Dan Smith

**WHEREAS**, NYMIR has retained the services of Patrick Naylon Esq. to assist the Village of Wolcott with a case involving Officer in Charge Zackery Powell.

**BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED THAT** the Village of Wolcott approves Patrick Naylon Esq. to proceed in said case as council. The Village deductible is $2,500.00 which will be set aside in a separate line item in the Village Budget and the Village acknowledges and approves said funds for settlement in the event of settlement, provided however that Mr. Naylon continues to keep the Board informed of any settlement demands made. The current settlement demand of $400,000.00 by the plaintiff is rejected, declined and not approved.

Adopted by the following vote:

Ayes: Mayor Henner, Trustees Lewis, Smith, Marshall and Stewart

Nays:

Office of the Village Clerk

Village of Wolcott

County of Wayne

I hereby certify that I have compared the foregoing copy of a resolution with the original duly adopted by the above mentioned Board at a meeting held on the 11th day of August, 2020 and that the same is a true copy of said original and of the whole thereof.

In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto subscribed my name and affixed the official seal of the said Board, this 11th day of August, 2020.

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Village Clerk

Trustee Smith made the motion for $12,000 of CHIPS funding to shimmy Wadsworth Street. Due to COVID19, State funding could stop at any time. Trustee Marshall 2nd the motion. All present voted in favor.

Trustee Smith made the motion to amend the FY 2019-2020 and FY 2020-2021 budget to create expenditure for police funds received in the amount of $12,000.00. (See Resolution 2020-7) The account to be used is 1930.4. Trustee Stewart 2nd the motion. All present voted in favor.

Trustee Smith made the motion to approve pre-payment of Har-Rob invoice #109774 in the amount of $99.00 due March 4, 2020. Trustee Marshall 2nd the motion. All present voted in favor.

**Adjournment**

Trustee Smith made the motion to adjourn the meeting at 10:44 pm. Trustee Marshall 2nd the motion. All present voted in favor.

The next regularly scheduled Village Board of Trustees Meeting will be held on September 8, 2020 at 7:30pm at the Village Hall.

Respectfully Submitted,

Fran Acker

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Clerk-Treasurer