

Village of Wolcott  
Board of Trustees  
August 14, 2007  
7:00 PM

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

Members Present: Trustees Baker, Costello, Krasucki, and White

Others Present: Ron Lancy, Judi Buckalew, Lyle Smitson (CornerStone Telephone Company), Larry Hogan, Nick Rizzo, Jerry Laird

Pledge of Allegiance

### **Police Department**

- Trustee Baker stated that early Monday morning (8/13/07) there had been some break-ins and vandalism. The NYS Troopers are working on the case.
- Interviews are still being conducted for a part-time police officer.

### **Highway Department**

- The project on Leavenworth Avenue is finished.
- The department has been working on ditches at the highway barn.
- They will try to get some crushed stone down on Kennekuk Street (unofficial name) to make it smoother.
- The project on Delf Drive will begin next week. Approximately 150 feet of the catch basin will be placed.
- The catch basin and drainage work has been completed on Auburn Street.
- The paving work on Wadsworth Street should begin soon.
- The chipper is in need of repairs. Nick Rizzo will determine exactly what needs to be done to fix it.
- There is a lot of scrap metal lying around. The metal needs to be gathered up and turned in to a scrap metal dealer. The money could then be used to purchase additional highway equipment.
- Trustee Costello made the motion to approve the purchase of a Jumping Jack Tamper, Compaction Pro 65, from ALTRA Rental and Supply at a cost not to exceed \$1,950.00. Trustee White seconded the motion and all voted in favor.
- Trustee Baker made the motion to hire Jamko for storm sewer and catch basin cleaning at a rate of \$185 per hour, not to exceed eight hours. Trustee Costello seconded the motion and all voted in favor.

### **Water/Sewer Departments**

- The lake plant is running most of the time.

### **WWTP Pilot Program Update**

- A press release announcing the ACME Global Pilot Program was run in several local newspapers.
- The wire to be used for the program will be of no use to the Village at the completion of the project. Mayor Monson will split the cost of the wire with the Village, and will take the wire when the project is finished.

### **Fire Department**

- The 2008 Fire Department Contracts have been sent out to the Towns of Butler, Huron, and Wolcott for their approval.
- The WFD Golf Tournament is this weekend, August 18, 2007. There will be a banquet held at 6:00pm and the trustees are invited to attend.
- The new fire truck, purchased from Ten-8 Fire Equipment Co. in Florida, should arrive this week. The truck is a 1992 Pierce ladder truck.

### **Resolution 2007-21**

Trustee Baker made the motion to transfer \$40,247.98, the unexpended balance of appropriations at the close of the 2006-2007 fiscal year, to the Fire Department Capital Reserve fund and to reduce the total reserve balance by \$10,950 to pay the debt service for the Fire Department for the fiscal year 2006-2007. Trustee Krasucki seconded the motion and all voted in favor.

### **Judi Buckalew – Wolcott Historical Society**

- The Historical Society is celebrating the second anniversary of the Carriage House Museum. There will be a special open house on Sunday, August 26<sup>th</sup> from 2-4pm.
- There are several new exhibits on display.
- There will be more memorial bricks going in soon.
- A lot of people have been donating items or offering to loan items for display.
- The Historical Society has been given the North Wolcott Post Office, which was originally located in a general store.
- Mayor Monson anticipates having the time capsule ready by the end of the year.

### **Planning Board Goals**

- The Planning Board Goals were originally introduced to the Board of Trustees at the regular meeting on July 10, 2007. After review Mayor Monson made recommendations which were presented to the Planning Board on August 13, 2007.

### **Planning Board Goals (Continued)**

- Goal I, Objective E, item 4c is amended to read: “If the application is approved, the permit will be issued. If the Planning Board recommends a rejection, then the applicant may seek recourse from the Village Board or make adjustments and seek approval of the Village Board.”
- Goal III, Objective K was clarified for the Board in that if a 2-3 family home is sold the home does not have to then become a single family dwelling.
- After considering Goal V, Objective N, it was decided that a training session with the DOT concerning the rules and regulations for roads would be advantageous for Planning Board members.
- Trustee White made the motion to approve Goal I Objective E, Goal III Objective K, and Goal V Objective N, as per changes noted. Trustee Krasucki seconded the motion and all voted in favor.

### **Pre-Disaster Mitigation Grant Update**

The grant application for the Village of Wolcott was rated number one in New York State. We are awaiting a review process which should be completed by the end of the month.

### **Village Official’s Dinner**

The next Village Official’s Dinner will be hosted by the Village of Wolcott, and will be held on September 26, 2007 at Pier One Restaurant and Marina. We are still looking for a guest speaker for the event.

### **Log Cabin – Wolcott Falls Park**

- During the weekend of the bicentennial, Mary Boye, a descendant of Jonathan Melvin, donated \$2,000 to the Village. The money is to be used for reconstructing Mr. Melvin’s original log cabin at the Wolcott Falls Park.
- All labor and materials should be donated for the project. The Village will need to contribute a piece of land upon which to build the log cabin, as well as some excavating work.
- The cabin will be furnished with replicas from the proper era and should help to draw tourists to the area.
- The log cabin will be part of the existing Wolcott Falls Park and therefore no variances will be needed.
- Trustee Costello made the motion to allow the log cabin to be built on the Village property. Trustee Krasucki seconded the motion and all voted in favor.

## **CornerStone Telephone Company**

- Lyle Smitson, a representative from CornerStone Telephone Company, presented a proposal to the Board for local and long distance telephone service for the existing Village telephone lines. He had previously obtained copies of Village telephone bills and used the data to prepare a proposal indicating a 45% savings in telephone costs.
- CornerStone Telephone Company is based out of Troy, NY and began in 2001. The company works with Verizon in that they utilize the Verizon lines and technicians for service.
- CornerStone requires a three year contract. The penalty for breaking the contract is \$100 per line per year left of the contract. However, there will be a three month trial period in which service can be discontinued with no penalty, if found to be dissatisfactory.
- The charge to add a line is \$125. The costs associated with switching to the new phone company will be \$6 per line. At the present time the Village has 11 lines. Therefore, if the contract is approved there will be a one-time cost of \$66 to switch providers.
- Trustee Krasucki requested a list of ten local municipal references.
- Mr. Smitson will send the Clerk a list of references as well as a blank contract for the Board to review.
- CornerStone Telephone Company will be placed on the agenda for the next Board meeting to be held on September 11, 2007.

## **Sidewalk Forms**

- Mayor Monson met with Debra Letson, Village of Red Creek Mayor. The Red Creek Highway Department is doing their own sidewalks. They have purchased steel sidewalk forms that almost self-level.
- A lot of the Village sidewalks need replacing and it would be cost effective if we were able to do the work ourselves.
- A quote was received from Jaquith Company for the forms required to do 100 ft. of sidewalk.
- Mayor Monson would like the Village residents to be able to use the forms for their own sidewalks.
- Trustee Krasucki is concerned about tree roots displacing sidewalks and driveways which sit at angles that make level sidewalks difficult for untrained people to do properly.
- Trustee Costello made the motion to approve the purchase of 100 ft. of steel sidewalk forms from Jaquith at a cost not to exceed \$646.00. Trustee Baker seconded the motion and all voted in favor.

### **Wolcott Falls Electricity Generation**

- On Wednesday, August 8<sup>th</sup>, Mayor Monson met with Mike Dupuis, President of Canadian Hydro Components, Doug Marcellus and Oliver Buck, of BS Industrial Contracting Service, and John Frank and Lew Gelfand, of Optimira Energy. They discussed a possible water generation plant at the Wolcott Falls.
- This would be an induction generator.
- The Village would not have to pay any engineering costs for the project.
- At a future date the group will have a proposal to present to the Board.

### **Time for Public**

- Ron Lancy has been busy at the Lake Plant.
- Jerry Laird reported that parking is becoming an issue on Route 89. Cars are being parked too far over into the roadway which will be a problem for plowing snow this winter. Mayor Monson replied that the parking issue in the Village will be looked into.
- Nick Rizzo stated that the tree in front of Mark's Pizzeria is causing damage to the sidewalk because of the roots sticking up. Mr. Rizzo will call Oswego City Highway Department to inquire about the small size trees they plant.
- Judi Buckalew reported that speeding on Jefferson St. is becoming an issue and requested that the police department look into it.

### **Treasurer's Report**

There were no questions on the treasurer's report.

### **Minutes of July 10, 2007**

Trustee Costello made the motion to approve the minutes of July 10, 2007. Trustee Krasucki seconded the motion and all voted in favor.

### **Abstract #003**

Trustee Baker made the motion to approve abstract #003 voucher numbers 0121-0218, with check numbers 19758 – 19856 in the amount of \$207,818.71. Claims from the General fund total \$152,996.61. Claims from the Water fund total \$35,249.99. Claims from the Sewer fund total \$15,870.35. Claims from the Trust and Agency fund total \$3,701.76. Trustee Krasucki seconded the motion and all voted in favor.

## **NYCOM Fall Training School**

Clerk/Treasurer Melanie Countryman and Deputy Clerk Heather Perce will be attending the NYCOM Fall Training School in Saratoga Springs September 17, 2007 – September 21, 2007. During this week Trustee White and Mayor Monson will cover the office hours.

## **Trustee Costello**

Trustee Costello has nothing at this time.

## **Trustee White**

- Potholes in the North parking lot need to be filled.
- If the Village is going to participate in the Restore NY Program a letter of intent needs to be submitted ASAP. Mayor Monson has been trying to get in touch with Stuart Brown regarding this.
- There are a lot of dead trees that have fallen into the Mill Pond. Mayor Monson stated that the trees have been there, but since the water level has dropped the trees are just now visible.
- The grass eating carp in the pond may need to be replaced. Mayor Monson stated that the DEC is going to test the Mill Pond bottom and we will wait on their results before replacing the carp.
- The rules and regulations for parking in the Village need to be known to all residents. Trustee White suggested posting information in the bulletin board on the outside of the Village Hall.

## **Trustee Krasucki**

Controlling the weeds on Main St. is the responsibility of the business owners, but perhaps they are unaware of this. Mayor Monson suggested putting a newsletter in with the quarterly water bills.

## **Trustee Baker**

Trustee Baker has nothing at this time.

**Executive Session**

Trustee White made the motion to enter into executive session at 8:40 pm to discuss personnel matters. Trustee Baker seconded the motion and all voted in favor.

Trustee Costello was excused at 9:03 pm.

Trustee Baker made the motion to come out of executive session at 9:10 pm. Trustee Krasucki seconded the motion and all voted in favor.

Trustee Krasucki made the motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:11 pm. Trustee White seconded the motion all voted in favor.

Respectfully Submitted,

Melanie A. Countryman  
Clerk/Treasurer