

VILLAGE OF WOLCOTT
BOARD OF TRUSTEES
DEPARTMENT HEAD MEETING
SEPTEMBER 26, 2017
7:00 pm

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

Others Present: Brett Norsworthy, Nick Rizzo, Jerry Lasher, JoAnn Steves, Ron Lancy, Paula Porter, Madeleine Cali, Anne Cali

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

Draper Street Residents

Residents from Draper St were present to discuss the recent water clarity issues experienced in the Village water system. Residents stated that they were affected by this event for at least three (3) days. During which time they continuously flushed their systems to try and clear the water. Samples of stained laundry were presented to the Village Board for inspection.

Mayor Henner explained that when starting the large pump at the Lake Plant, a "slug" of dirty water from sediment in the pipes was created. The slug was drawn through the water system to the tower. Draper St happens to be a main artery for the system travelling to the water tower. Throughout the day it was reported by several residents in the system that they were experiencing the dirty water. Test samples were taken indicating that the water was safe to drink but it was indeed dirty. Water began to clear up at the end of the day as the "slug" cleared the system. However, later that night the Fire Department held a training exercise, flowing around 8,000 gallons of water. This unfortunately drew the "slug" back through the system heading towards West Main St. The next day residents again experienced the dirty water. Once again throughout the day the water slowly began to clear up. At 4:00am the next morning, Water and Sewer Department employees came in early and flushed the system by opening hydrants in strategic locations in the water system. Since this time, the water has been clear.

Residents asked if there was a way to notify customers when there is an issue like this. Mayor Henner stated that it is difficult to know when a "slug" is going through the system or how big it may be and which customers might be affected. However the Village does subscribe to NYAlert. This is a free alert system run by NY State. Information was included in water bills a few years ago for a few cycles encouraging residents to sign up. The number of residents who actually signed up was very low. There were actually more non-village residents signed up for alert than village residents. Mr. Norsworthy will include the sign up information again with the next billing

Ms. Porter also inquired if the Village of Wolcott retains a grant writer to help look into grant opportunities for the Village. She stated that it was obvious the infrastructure could use updating but is aware of the financial impact. Mayor Henner responded that members of Clark Patterson Lee and Municipal Solutions have served as grant writers for the Village on the last few grants we have received. Ms. Porter feels it would be good to have a person seeking grants on a regular basis for the Village.

Fire Department - Jerry Lasher

See Attached Report.

Chief Lasher reported that at a recent boat in distress call, a significant fuel leak had formed on the rescue truck. It was discovered that the leak was from a split in the fuel filter. It appears that when the recent service was performed by Featherly's, the filter was put on improperly with the wrong tool causing a crimp in the filter which eventually split. The same situation was later found on other filters on the rescue and other trucks. Featherly's will be taking care of the issue. More consideration will need to be taken with who will perform the next service performed on the trucks.

Chief Lasher also reported that at a recent Chiefs Meeting he was able to meet the new DEC Ranger that has been appointed to our area. The Ranger will assist as needed in search and rescues as well as other areas that he is needed.

Police Department

See Attached Report

Highway Department

See attached report.

Discussion was held on truck 109 which is currently listed as out of service due to cracks in the frame rails. It was felt that a patch could be put in place as this is an inner rail and does not take the weight of the truck like the outer rails. Nick Rizzo, Trustee Marshall and Mayor Henner will seek out a welder that can perform the task.

Mayor Henner

Mayor Henner stated that Beh Excavating was out to check on the air release valves along the force main and that he was told it would cost \$3,600 to repair the remaining vents.

Trustee Smith made the motion to approve Beh Excavating to repair the remaining air vents at a cost of \$3,600. Trustee Vezzose seconded the motion. All voted in favor.

Mayor Henner reported that the battery that was declared surplus in the Police Department will be going to Travis from Parts Plus at no charge who will provide the Village with a receipt for \$0 for tracking purposes

Mayor Henner would like Clerk-Treasurer Lori Tyler to provide the Board with an updated progress report on the list of corrections from the recent NYMIR audit. Mr. Norsworthy will inform Ms. Tyler.

Trustee Stewart

Trustee Stewart recently attended the Village Officials meeting with Trustee Marshall. The topic was the new Family Medical Leave plan which the Village has opted out of.

Trustee Stewart asked if the Village of Wolcott would be interested in hosting a future Village Officials meeting. The Board agreed that they would providing they could come up with a suitable topic and speaker for the event.

Trustee Marshall

Nothing at this time.

Trustee Smith

Trustee Smith asked if there was any progress on the new meter reading software. Mr. Norsworthy stated that there was not much progress as of late and that he was concerned it would not be in place for the next cycle. Mayor Henner stated that he would like contact to be made to all parties involved that the Village will be seeking a refund if progress is not made soon on this project. Mr. Norsworthy will make said contact.

Trustee Vezzose

Trustee Vezzose asked if improved storm drains were in the plans prior to New Hartford St being paved. Mayor Henner suggested that Trustee Vezzose look into grants for this.

Executive Session

Trustee Vezzose made the motion to move the meeting into executive to discuss contractual issues at 8:44pm. Trustee Smith seconded the motion. All voted in favor.

Trustee Smith made the motion to move the meeting back to open session at 9:13pm. Trustee Vezzose seconded the motion. All voted in favor.

Trustee Smith made the motion to apply a 1,000 gallon credit to all customers who reside inside the Village of Wolcott and live on the following roads; East port Bay Rd, Main Street, West Main Street, Draper Street, Washington Street and New Hartford Street due to the recent murky drinking water issue. Trustee Vezzose seconded the motion. All voted in favor.

Adjournment

Trustee Smith made the motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:13 pm. Trustee Vezzose seconded the motion. All voted in favor.

The next regularly scheduled Village Board of Trustees Meeting will be held on October 10, 2017 at 7:00pm at the Village Hall.

Respectfully Submitted,

Brett Norsworthy