

6. DEPARTMENT REPORTS - AUGUST 2018

a. *Police Report - August 2018*

Police Chief Millar announced that the National Night Out was very successful, with a turnout of between 600-700 people and a robust presence of the Citizens Police Academy Alumni. President Blecker thanked Chief Millar for a successful National Night Out, and recognized the various ways in which the Chief included many different community groups, as well as a high level of engagement with the police officers. President Blecker also recognized Chief Millar's wife for generously contributing her time and ideas to the event.

Chief Millar also presented an overview of the August report highlights, including:

- The final bill for laptops was \$14,000, which was approved through grants; whereas the budgeted amount was \$13,000. He noted that the difference was an unanticipated price increase because some time had passed between the grant application and award;
- The new squad car with ballistic panel is expected next week;
- Training continues to be a priority, and the Police Department has made a lot of progress in this area; and
- Officer Hatt has conducted school trainings at Wasco School and is planning to do so with Bell Graham School;

Trustee White Eagle inquired about requirements for active shooter training; and Chief Millar explained that training requirements exist for schools, which remains a top priority for the Department.

Trustee George suggested including safe driving tips in the *Community Counts* newsletter; and Chief Millar agreed but had also noted his efforts to connect with homeowners associations which can also disseminate important safety information.

President Blecker announced that Chief Millar arranged for the P.O.W. flag raising and dedication with the local VFW chapter, which will take place on Saturday at 1:30 p.m.

b. *Treasure's Report - (July 2018)*

Treasurer Henry presented the July report. She noted that September and October reporting will be done on the new software system.

Trustee White Eagle asked if the reports will be available in Excel at some point in the future. Treasurer Henry and Administrator Searl both said that it would be possible.

c. *Building and Zoning*

President Blecker directed the Board to contact Administrator Searl with any questions relating to building and zoning matters.

7. ACTION ITEMS

- A. **MOTION TO APPROVE PERMIT FEE WAIVER REQUEST FROM WASCO SANITARY DISTRICT**, made by Trustee O'Dwyer; and seconded by Trustee Millette.

The Board agreed to table the matter, pending further research on landscapers who have a particular expertise in native plants. Trustee George recommended Art & Linda's Wild Flowers in Burlington.

Trustee Tyrrell emphasized the importance of gaining an understanding of the condition it is in right now, in order to get it to a point where it is made up of native, low maintenance plants. He noted that there is no mention of native plants, nor water, in the proposed contract. Trustee White Eagle concurred.

Voice Vote: [AYES: 5] [NAYES: 0] [ABSENT: 1] Motion **TABLED**

8. **DISCUSSION ITEMS**

- A. *Azavar Government Solutions - Contract Follow-Up*** - Administrator Searl explained that Azavar did not appear to modify the contract after the Village attorney raised concerns about confidentiality of the data. Discussion followed about whether or not the contract is worth pursuing.
- B. *Salaries of Municipal Officers*** - Administrator Searl provided an update based on additional information he is collecting from Metro West surveys. He said the information should be ready to share by the first week in October. President Blecker noted that action is required before November.
- C. *Village Committees and Expiration Dates*** - Administrator Searl explained that the staff needs clear direction from the Board, since the "unless otherwise specified" language is vague. The Board agreed that it needs to be rewritten.
- Trustee Tyrrell added that the ongoing discussion regarding the term of the Village Attorney has not been resolved. He further noted differing interpretations between the State statute and the opinion of the Village Attorney. He suggested obtaining a second opinion in order to better understand the State statutes.
 - Trustee O'Dwyer raised an additional consideration regarding the limitations set on the Board, as the legislative body of the Village, which is currently wrongly prohibited from spending money on a legislative attorney to which it is entitled.
 - After discussion and debate regarding legal expenditures for the Village Attorney versus the inability of the Board to access funds for its own legislative attorney, Trustee White Eagle suggested that the issue on the agenda first be resolved.
- D. *CONTRACTOR REGISTRATION*** - There was no discussion.
- E. *STRATEGIC PLAN GOALS REVIEW*** - Administrator Searl provided a status update. Trustee Tyrrell suggested some adjustments be made to the timeline to more realistically and accurately represent the projections. Trustee O'Dwyer suggested that, with regard to the Capital Asset Policy, the recommendation by the auditors to split some of the investment accounts be forwarded to the Finance Committee.

MOTION FOR THE VILLAGE BOARD MEETING TO EXTEND PAST 9:30 P.M., made by Trustee Tyrrell; and seconded by Trustee George.

Voice Vote: [AYES: 5] [NAYES: 0] [ABSENT: 1] Motion **CARRIED**

- F. *LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL USAGE PROCEDURE*** - Trustee Tyrrell provided an overview and history of how the issue has evolved. He emphasized the importance of having the Village Attorney attend Board meetings only when necessary.

At Trustee Tyrrell's invitation, Administrator Searl explained that in Administrator Searl's professional experience, the Mayor and the Administrator were the primary contacts with the Village Attorney; but that he never encountered situations which prohibited elected officials from contacting the Village Attorney - provided that the elected official notify the administrator for billing purposes.

- Trustees Millette and Tyrrell reported on the combined research they conducted, noting their agreement that it is in the best interest of the Village Board to ultimately retain their own legislative attorney, particularly in matters of litigation and/or where a second opinion would be valuable. They recommended that if at least two trustees deem a second opinion valuable on any one matter, then the Board ought to be permitted to seek the counsel of their legislative attorney. Trustee Millette noted one stipulation that the matters must qualify as legal opinions, and not be pertaining to everyday administrative legal matters customary for the Village Attorney. The Board agreed that some planning and budget management guidelines must govern the usage of the Board's legislative attorney.
- Trustee White Eagle emphasized the importance of retaining the legislative attorney only in cases where a need arises as a result of an irresolvable conflict.

G. ITEM FOR FUTURE CONSIDERATION

1. Ten-Year Capital Plan Beginning FY2019 - There was no discussion.

9. ADDITIONAL ITEMS FROM THE VILLAGE PRESIDENT, TRUSTEES, VILLAGE ADMINISTRATOR, VILLAGE ATTORNEY OR STAFF

- Trustee Tyrrell noted that there is still a need to establish one more Trustee liaison position for the Community Relations Committee and suggested that it be placed on a future agenda for consideration.
- Trustee Millette announced that he will be starting his new position as Director of Public Works for the Village of South Elgin, effective in October.
- President Blecker reminded everyone that the P.O.W. flag ceremony will take place in front of the Village Hall at 1:30 p.m. on Saturday.
- Trustee Tyrrell inquired if there was any progress on filling the vacant position for Zoning Administrator; and Administrator Searl explained that there has been nothing to report since the one firm candidate to whom the Village extended an offer of employment through GovTemps withdrew his acceptance

10. CLOSED SESSION - MOTION FOR THE VILLAGE BOARD TO GO INTO CLOSED SESSION AS PERMITTED BY THE OPEN MEETINGS ACT TO DISCUSS ONE OR MORE OF THE FOLLOWING MATTERS:

- A. LITIGATION THAT IS FILED AND PENDING OR IS PROBABLE OR IMMINENT 2(c)(11);**
- B. APPOINTMENT, EMPLOYMENT, COMPENSATION, DISCIPLINE, PERFORMANCE, OR DISMISSAL OF SPECIFIC EMPLOYEES OR OFFICIALS, INCLUDING LEGAL COUNSEL 2(c)(1) & (3), made by Trustee Millette; and seconded by Trustee Tyrrell.**

Roll Call Vote: [AYES: 4] [NAYES: 0] [ABSENT: 1] Motion **CARRIED**
George O'Dwyer Millette Tyrrell White Eagle
Girka

*The Board went into Closed Session at 9:39 p.m.
President Blecker reconvened the regular meeting at 9:45 p.m.*

Clerk Quail called the Roll:

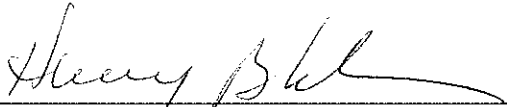
<i>Present</i>	<i>Absent</i>	<i>Also Present</i>
Trustee George	Trustee Girka	Administrator Searl
Trustee Millette		Clerk Quail
Trustee O'Dwyer		
Trustee Tyrrell		
Trustee White Eagle		
President Blecker		

11. **ACTION PERTAINING TO CLOSED SESSION** - There was no action.


12. **ADJOURNMENT - MOTION TO ADJOURN THE MEETING at 9:47pm**, made by Trustee Tyrrell; and seconded by Trustee White Eagle.

Voice Vote: [AYES: 5] [NAYES: 0] [ABSENT: 1] Motion **CARRIED**

Approved this 18th day of December, 2018



Harry Blecker
Village President



Vanessa Quail
Village Clerk