

Webster Town Board

January 4, 2024

A regular meeting of the Webster Town Board was called to order by Supervisor Flaherty at 7:30 p.m. at the Webster Town Board Meeting Room, 1002 Ridge Road, Webster, New York, with the following officials present:

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| Supervisor | Thomas J. Flaherty |
| Councilwoman | Patricia T. Cataldi |
| Councilman | John J. Cahill |
| Councilwoman | Ginny L. Nguyen |
| Councilwoman | Jennifer S. Wright |
| Town Attorney | Charles J. Genese |
| Town Clerk | Dorothy M. Maguire |

Department Heads Present:

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| Communications Director | Bridget Harvey |
| Finance Director..... | Paul Adams |

Supervisor Flaherty led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

The meeting was open to the floor for public comment.

Peter Elder, Republican Party Leader, stated he wanted to congratulate the Town Board. He shared that tonight was a historic occasion. In 180 years, there has never been three women on the Town Board. In addition, it is the first time the Town of Webster has had a female Town Justice. He is very proud of this and that the Republican Party nominated well qualified candidates.

Chris Smith, past Chief of the Northeast Joint Fire District and former NEQALS Board Member, stated he has been in emergency services for thirty years. Although he understands the liability, he believes the best way to provide Emergency Medical Services (EMS) for the Town of Webster is to create an ambulance service similar to the Police Department. It would give the Town control over these services. He mentioned that Honeoye Falls operates their own ambulance service and claimed they have the best EMTs and paramedics in the County as no one wants to leave their jobs.

Ron Nesbitt, Webster resident, commented that he planned on talking about the update on EMS status in Webster but since it was the last item on the agenda, he would maybe come back in two weeks to speak on the matter.

Supervisor Flaherty stated that EMS is a pretty pertinent subject in Webster today and it has been for quite some time. On Tuesday, the day after Christmas on short notice, fifteen people from the State EMS, Monroe County EMS, and Town Officials participated in a 2-hour meeting to discuss the future of EMS in Webster. One of the action plans discussed and agreed upon at that meeting was to provide an update status on EMS at the January 4, 2024 Town Board Meeting even though at that time they were unsure what the update would include. Three days later NEQALS held their press conference, and it was decided to provide a presentation on how mutual aid works, what has happened the last five days as far ambulance calls in Webster, and how many of them were covered by WEMS/NEQALS.

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Resolution No. 56: MOTION by Supervisor Flaherty, seconded by Councilman Cahill, to approve the December 21, 2023 Town Board Minutes as submitted by the Town Clerk.

Vote on motion:

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| Supervisor FlahertyAye | Councilwoman Cataldi..... Aye |
| Councilman CahillAye | Councilwoman Nguyen.... Aye |
| Councilwoman Wright.....Abstain | Motion carried 4-0-1 |

Resolution No. 57: MOTION by Councilwoman Cataldi, seconded by Councilman Cahill, to approve the bills as submitted in Warrant #0124 by the Director of Finance.

| Fund | Inside | Outside | Total |
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| General (A,B) CL #9366-9536;1-12 | 154,527.53 | 40,627.09 | 195,154.62 |
| Highway (C,D) | 28,195.81 | 438.10 | 28,633.91 |
| Sewer (G) | 85,831.20 | 20,993.87 | 106,825.07 |
| Library (L) | 43,943.14 | 4,398.66 | 48,341.80 |
| Drainage Districts (M) | 350.00 | 26.88 | 376.88 |
| Park Districts (P) | 0.00 | 62.80 | 62.80 |
| Special Districts (N,Q,S) | 0.00 | 2,634.58 | 2,634.58 |
| Trust & Agency (T/A,TP,XM,XD) | 0.00 | 255,454.70 | 255,454.70 |
| Capital Projects (H) #193-203 | | | |
| H220 WWTP Improvement | 7,551.13 | 0.00 | 7,551.13 |
| H226 Lake Rd Pump Station MO.65 | 22,814.99 | 0.00 | 22,814.99 |
| H231 WWTP Upgrade Phase II | 1,727,926.84 | 0.00 | 1,727,926.84 |
| H232 Highway Garage Building | 461,657.62 | 0.00 | 461,657.62 |
| H237 Coca-Cola fairlife | <u>11,500.00</u> | <u>0.00</u> | <u>11,500.00</u> |
| TOTAL | 2,544,298.26 | 324,636.68 | 2,868,934.94 |

Vote on motion:

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| Supervisor FlahertyAye | Councilwoman Cataldi..... Aye |
| Councilman CahillAye | Councilwoman Nguyen.... Aye |
| Councilwoman Wright.....Aye | Motion carried 5-0 |

Resolution No. 58: MOTION by Supervisor Flaherty, seconded by Councilwoman Cataldi, to approve purchase orders as submitted by the Director of Finance.

Vote on motion:

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| Supervisor FlahertyAye | Councilwoman Cataldi..... Aye |
| Councilman CahillAye | Councilwoman Nguyen.... Aye |
| Councilwoman Wright.....Aye | Motion carried 5-0 |

Resolution No. 59: MOTION by Supervisor Flaherty, seconded by Councilwoman Cataldi, to approve the prepaid vouchers included in Warrant #0124 by the Director of Finance in the amount of \$324,636.68. [Included in the summary of vouchers approved in Resolution #57]

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Vote on motion:

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| Supervisor Flaherty.....Aye | Councilwoman Cataldi..... Aye |
| Councilman CahillAye | Councilwoman Nguyen.... Aye |
| Councilwoman Wright.....Aye | Motion carried 5-0 |

Resolution No. 60: MOTION by Supervisor Flaherty, seconded by Councilman Cahill, to approve the renewal of a Mobile/Manufactured Home Park Permit for the Sunset Valley Manufacturing Home Community located at 898 Ridge Road, Webster, New York for the calendar year 2024 which was inspected by the Department of Public Works and is being operated according to the zoning and land use standards or requirements at the time the use was legally commenced. The fee for the permit was received and the application is on file in the Town Clerk's Office.

Vote on motion:

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| Supervisor Flaherty.....Aye | Councilwoman Cataldi..... Aye |
| Councilman CahillAye | Councilwoman Nguyen.... Aye |
| Councilwoman Wright.....Aye | Motion carried 5-0 |

Penfield Volunteer Emergency Ambulance Representatives, Glenn Becker, current Board President and Dan Riordan, EMS Operations Manager, appeared before the Town Board to present an update on the Emergency Medical Service (EMS) status in Webster.

Glenn Becker: We were asked here tonight since we are the agency closest to the borders of Webster that would be coming in most often providing mutual aid. We were asked to come in here and explain that. We also have the New York State Department of Health Certificate of Need for the entire West Webster Fire District. Our main base is just a couple miles south of NEQALS facility and since 2021 when the West Webster Fire District contracted with us to provide services, we have been staffing an ambulance twelve hours a day five days a week from the West Webster Fire Hall on Gravel Road to support northwest Penfield and respond primarily off Jackson Road to the rest of Penfield. I want to thank you for this opportunity to provide some clarity on how EMS mutual aid works. Dan Riordan, our EMS manager, is going to speak briefly about how EMS works and some specifics about what additional resources we can put up during this period of uncertainty. Aside from being good neighbors, both Dan and I have previously lived and worked in Webster. Four of our Board Members, three of them are here tonight, live in Webster and more than twenty of our current staff also live and work in Webster so we have some valid connections here and some personal care about the people here. Our concerns first and foremost are with the residents in Webster and Penfield with excellent EMS ambulance coverage at this time. We are also concerned with the first responders, EMTs and paramedics. who have been providing support to the Webster community over all these years.

Dan Riordan: Monroe County uses one County-Wide Dispatch System for police, fire and ambulances. They have a series of standards and questions they ask to determine the type and severity of the incident to respond to when somebody calls 911. Based upon that information they send the closest available local resource for the address to the scene. That could include a combination of police, fire and ambulance resources. If the primary agency is unable to respond, right now in the Webster that would be NEQALS, the 911 Center has GPS data on the location of each vehicle and immediately dispatches the next closest appropriate resource. For the Town

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of Webster ambulance calls, staff resources most likely Penfield, Irondequoit or Ontario ambulance. Just last year Penfield was dispatched over 600 calls in Webster in 2023. Since NEQALS announcement last week, last Friday, we have been in close contact with the Director of Operations from Ontario ambulance and Irondequoit ambulance. Every twelve hours my operations team and I are checking the status of the NEQALS staff and flight cars and BLS ambulances via Monroe County's 911 Net Viewer System. From Friday at 1500 to today at 3:00 PM there have been sixty-three EMS calls in Webster, not counting mutual aid that may go outside of Webster and they have covered fifty-five of them. The additional calls have not been a burden on our staff. Credit has to be given to the dedicated EMTs and paramedics at NEQALS that are still going on calls. We are closely monitoring the situation and the amount of mutual aid calls on our own crews to avoid burnout of our own staff and to maintain high morale. We have been in contact with the leadership at the West Webster Fire Department and we are prepared to ramp up staffing if necessary to expand our operation at West Webster to 24/7 which for the last two years has just been one ambulance, ALS, Monday through Friday, 6:00 AM to 6:00 PM. We do have the equipment and staff to expand our staffing if the situation is to deteriorate further. As we have described, the County of Monroe has a robust mutual aid plan in place for neighboring agencies to support one another and the other county agencies are here to help and support you. If you have any questions on that matter, you are welcome to call me at (585)872-6060 Ext. 7 and I can explain more things in detail if needed.

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 7:53 p.m.

Dorothy M. Maguire, Town Clerk