

**Village of Walden  
Board of Trustees Meeting  
March 9<sup>th</sup>, 2004**

Mayor Rocco Pellegrino called the regular meeting of the Village of Walden Board of Trustees to order at 6:30 pm.

On roll call the following were:

Present:	Mayor	Rocco Pellegrino
	Deputy Mayor	Roy Wynkoop
	Trustees	Mary Jean Norman
		Richard Hurd
		Lauren Keator
		Jose DeJesus
		Greg Raymondo

Also Present:	James Politi, Village Manager
	Nancy Mitchell, Village Clerk
	Kevin Dowd, Village Attorney

**Approval of Minutes**

Trustee Keator moved to approve the minutes of February 24, 2004. Seconded by Trustee DeJesus. All ayes. Motion carried.

**Public Comment**

There were no comments from the public.

**Audited Bills**

Trustee Keator moved to pay the audited bills of March 9, 2004. Seconded by Trustee Norman.

Trustee Raymondo asked why the Board stills sees bills \$500 and under when they said anything under \$500 could be signed by the Village Manager.

Manager Politi stated that there is no resolution stating that.

It was the consensus of the Board to discuss this at a work session.

All ayes. Motion carried.

**Little League Request**

Mayor Pellegrino advised the Board that correspondence was received from the Walden Little League requesting permission to rebuild two dug outs that fell down last fall.

Manager Politi indicated that the Little League will bare all costs.

Trustee DeJesus moved to grant permission to the Walden Little League to replace two dugouts. Seconded by Trustee Norman. All ayes. Motion carried.

### **Sewer Line Extension – First Street**

Manager Politi stated that two homes are being built by Schoonmaker Homes on First Street and there was a mix up with the sewer line, it wasn't far enough up the hill. They are looking for a sewer line extension and the Environmental Assessment Form needs to be approved by the Board.

Mr. Dowd explained that at the time of subdivision application it appeared on the village maps as if the line went to South Montgomery Street. When they got approval based on that they looked in the ground and there were no sewer lines. The Village needs to apply to DEC to approve the extension from where it ends to South Montgomery Street and they need a negative declaration so that DEC will process the application.

Trustee Raymondo moved that the Village of Walden Board of Trustees be lead agency and issue a negative declaration under SEQRA. Seconded by Trustee Hurd. All ayes. Motion carried.

### **Property Purchase**

Mayor Pellegrino stated that about the purchase of 49 East Main Street they had a committee that comprised of Trustees Hurd, Raymondo and Wynkoop.

Trustee Hurd made the attached presentation.

### **Informational-Village Manager's Report**

Manager Politi stated that W.S. Locating, Walt Sweed is on site and doing well. We are short two employees at DPW who are out on Worker's Compensation.

The manager further stated that the first meeting of the Rail Trail Committee will be March 15<sup>th</sup>. They should be getting close to the design phase.

Trustee Hurd asked about the matching funds.

Manager Politi indicated that has been cleared up.

Mayor Pellegrino stated that he is on the Rail Trail Committee and he will be reporting back to the Board. The first meeting isn't open to the public.

Manager Politi stated that regarding a safe crossing on Route 52 by Wooster Grove he has been in contact with the state and DOT is trying to find the money to do that. We will have a decision this spring.

The manager reported that the new traffic signals are working well for traffic flow.

Deputy Mayor Wynkoop indicated that the people would like the traffic signals kept that way.

Manager Politi stated that what came out of the meeting was to keep the signal at the intersection of Route 52, Scofield Street and Oak Street the same and when the traffic patterns are reestablished they will get back to Route 52 and Route 208 and tie everything in. The Village is also trying to keep the light at the intersection of Oak and Route 52 on the west side.

Trustee Keator stated that Mike Ciardullo called her the other night and would like to say thank you.

Manager Politi stated that the Sesquicentennial Committee met. There was a short crew, but it will expand.

The manager also stated that the Comprehensive Plan Steering Committee had it's second meeting. They met with the Town Supervisor and Councilman Kirnan. It went real well.

Trustee Keator stated that it was a great meeting; the Town was very open and receptive to the Village's concerns of the bull's eye around the Village. Supervisor Cockburn was very open. She would like to do that again.

Manager Politi also indicated that the department head reports are in the packets.

Manager Politi stated that in regard to Trustee Hurd's presentation there are other developments being developed around the village.

Mayor Pellegrino asked the Manager to go over Mr. Sweed's report.

Manager Politi stated that Mr. Sweed's report is pretty comprehensive. The DPW has done catch basin work, street sweeping repairs and replacing signs. Requests that are going through the department have picked up speed on response.

## **Board Comments**

Trustee Hurd stated that chain link fencing for the foot bridge on E. Main Street was requested.

Trustee DeJesus stated that was requested in place of the plywood. They thought the repairs would have taken a few weeks and it's going to take longer.

Manager Politi stated that replacement cost is coming in from \$30,000 to \$45,000.

Trustee DeJesus asked if they could move the bridge over to the left.

Manager Politi stated that you want to maintain the water main. He will try to do something with the plywood.

Trustee Hurd stated that at the intersection of Routes 52 & 208 where the McKinley Monument is he would like the State to stripe the road to give drivers a visual that would show Route 52 is a through road.

Deputy Mayor Wynkoop stated that he can't understand why the State can't give the Village a right turn lane by the light.

Mayor Pellegrino stated that they will have a meeting with DOT on that.

Trustee Raymondo stated that he would like to revisit the sign ordinance at the work session. There are some areas where the sign ordinance isn't even addressed and there are signs popping up all over the village, different size neon signs. It's out of hand. He wants this on the work session because storage facilities are not included in the sign ordinance.

Trustee Keator stated that if you look in the Planning Board minutes they had to comply within 5 to 7 years.

Trustee DeJesus stated that he was reading the Planning Board minutes and there was talk about the man who was doing the shoe store, he wants to increase the sign. He would fall into the new sign laws.

Deputy Mayor Wynkoop stated that existing signs had five years to comply, no new ones.

Trustee DeJesus stated that the sign at the new Laundromat is lit.

Mr. Dowd stated that there were certain signs that business owners wanted even though they were lit, whether it be a bar, Sohns, like the Maytag sign in Sohns window. He thinks they allowed those.

Trustee DeJesus stated that it's on a pole.

Trustee Keator stated that she thinks there is a difference between the Maytag sign and what the Mexican Restaurant has around the window.

Trustee Raymondo stated that 141 Orange Avenue there is a trailer right in front of the house. It's a piece of junk and they dump all their garbage in there. Next to the fire house on N. Montgomery Street that house is a total junk yard. Also, right next to the bank on W. Main Street there is a junk van, unlicensed truck and a carport. The Village should be considerate of the bank. They did a lot of work on that building.

Trustee DeJesus asked if there was still a vacancy on the Planning Board.

Village Manager Politi stated that it was still open.

Trustee DeJesus asked about Mr. Weeden's buildings' façade.

Trustee Raymondo indicated that the IDA gave him money for rehab work and façade work.

### **Adjournment**

Trustee Raymondo moved to adjourn. Seconded by Trustee DeJesus. All ayes. Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Nancy Mitchell  
Village Clerk