

**VILLAGE OF WALDEN  
BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING  
JULY 26, 2005**

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

On roll call the following were:

Present:	Mayor	Becky Pearson
	Deputy Mayor	Mary Ellen Matise
	Trustees	Roy Wynkoop
		Richard Hurd
		Mary Jean Norman
		Lauren Keator
		Jose DeJesus

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

**Approval of Minutes**

Mayor Pearson stated that at the meeting of July 11<sup>th</sup> the Board discussed getting different prices from other accounting firms so the Village knows it's getting the best for their money and it's not mentioned in the minutes because the cost of the audit was going to double because of GASB-34 and SAS 99. She would like the minutes of July 11<sup>th</sup> amended to reflect that.

Trustee Norman asked to be excluded from that. It was after the meeting and she misinterpreted what was said. She asked not to be included as in favor of getting different prices from other accounting firms.

Trustee DeJesus stated that the amendment to the minutes would be to say that there was a discussion regarding pricing and there was a request regarding getting prices for comparison.

Trustee DeJesus moved to adopt the minutes of July 11<sup>th</sup>, 2005 as amended. Seconded by Deputy Mayor Matise. On roll call Trustees Norman, DeJesus, Matise and Mayor Pearson voted yes. Trustees Wynkoop, Hurd and Keator abstained. Minutes adopted.

Trustee Keator moved to adopt the minutes of July 12<sup>th</sup>, 2005. Seconded by Trustee Norman. All ayes with the exception of Trustee Wynkoop abstaining. Minutes adopted.

## **Hearing – 154 West Main Street-Property Maintenance**

Property owners were not present.

Doug Feffer, Code Enforcement Officer indicated that the property owner has not mowed his grass and the garbage is still there and the broken window has not been fixed. Both property owners were properly served.

Trustee Wynkoop moved to find the owners of 154 W. Main Street in violation and allow the Building Inspector to get contractors in to mow the grass, pick up the garbage and board up the window. Seconded by Trustee Norman. All ayes. Motion carried.

### **Public Comment**

Brenda Adams, 31 Valley Avenue addressed the Board regarding a long term solution to make the Village family-friendly. She also stated that Valley Avenue has been quiet, but not the situation every night.

Katie Connelly, 36 Valley Avenue also addressed the concerns of the residences of Valley Avenue and that the problem is not getting better.

Mayor Pearson indicated that she gave the Board copies of a model curfew law which has step by step instructions on how the law should be written. At the next Board meeting the Orange County Youth Bureau and a probation officer will be here to give the Village ideas of other directions the Village can go in.

Lucy Pazzaro, 16 Valley Avenue stated that the police are doing a great job, but the problems still exist. She further stated that she observed a man go into the Mobil Station and buy two cases of beer, came out and put it by the trees for the kids to come and get. She asked if the homeowners could have cameras on their house.

Mr. Dowd explained that there is no reason why you can't put a camera on your house if you want. She can turn it over to the police as potential evidence.

Rich Daubel,, 25 Overlook Terrace asked when will the new sections of Overlook Terrace was going to be turned over to the Village.

Mr. Stickles stated that Mr. Gutterman dropped off the papers for dedication and the attorney has to review them.

Mr. Daubel asked if there was anything on the list for Mr. Gutterman to complete.

Manager Politi stated that is what's being reviewed.

Mr. Daubel stated that he's paid his tax bill and he was charged the full tax rate and they are still considered a private road which means the Village doesn't plow it or sweep it. There have been issues with police answering calls.

Manager Politi stated that if it was a parking issue possibly.

Mr. Daubel indicated that it was a parking issue. The issue is they are being taxed the full amount and they are not getting the services the rest of the people in the Village are getting.

Mr. Dowd explained that Mr. Daubel's tax dollars are used for police protection, water and sewer services, and streets cleaned and plowed throughout the entire Village so you can get back and forth to your job.

Manager Politi stated that by the next meeting he will know the status of that application.

Mr. Daubel asked about the reduction of Mr. Gutterman's bond. He asked the Board not to reduce bonds before the project is done.

Trustee DeJesus explained that the reduction is for work that is done.

Mr. Daubel stated that the sidewalk at Jacob's Ridge is no ADA accessible.

Diane Sandbothe, 90 Liberty Street stated that she was the one who asked the Village not to relinquish every portion of DLK's bond. She asked who is responsible for the swale and retention ponds at Jacobs Ridge, about fences around the retention ponds and who maintains the hill.

Manager Politi indicated that is still the responsibility of the builder. Fences around the retention ponds were not required at the time.

Mrs. Sandbothe asked how retention ponds are suppose to work.

John Elliott, 23 Overlook Terrace also commented about the retention ponds at Jacobs Ridge.

Trustee DeJesus stated that the Board had a discussion pertaining to fencing which was for future developments. It came up for Overlook. He suggested someone go through the minutes.

Ron Gainer, Village Engineer explained out retention ponds work.

George Pazzaro, 16 Valley Avenue addressed the Board regarding the problems on Valley Avenue. He suggested auxiliary

Joe Fraccalossi, Coldenham Road stated that he sent a letter to the Board and the Comprehensive Plan Steering Committee commenting on the comprehensive plan and the concerns of the residents in the area regarding the proposed town houses on Coldenham Road.

Maureen Rosenthal, 93 Valley Avenue addressed the Board regarding the problems on Valley Avenue. She also suggested auxiliary police or a youth officer.

Dave Sperry, Overlook Terrace stated that he is against curfews. He further asked about how far fill has to be from the swale on Jacobs Ridge. He also asked about the status of the Rail Trail and when the Village is going to do something with parking on Albany Avenue. He also asked if there was a quicker policy for the Building Inspector to get things done.

Patricia Henighen, 22 East Avenue spoke to the Board regarding alternative herbicide treatment for the swimming area at Olley Park.

John Howland explained the testing process and the treatment for the swimming area at Olley Park.

It was the consensus of the Board to look into alternative herbicide treatment for the Olley Park swimming area.