

**VILLAGE OF WALDEN  
BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING  
August 9, 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
		Jose DeJesus

Absent:	Trustee Lauren Keator
	Kevin Dowd, Village Attorney

Also Present:	James Politi, Village Manager
	Victoria Kurtz, Deputy Village Clerk

Deputy Mayor Matise stated that on August 26<sup>th</sup> it will be the 85<sup>th</sup> anniversary of women getting the right to vote in the country.

**Approval of Minutes**

Mayor Pearson stated that at the special meeting there was an amendment to the minutes and they haven't received the amended copy. She also stated that the second paragraph of the July 26<sup>th</sup> minutes states that Trustee Norman asked to be excluded from that. It was after the meeting and she misinterpreted what was said. The presentation that Nugent and Haeussler gave the Board was during an open meeting and they had discussion during that one meeting, so it wasn't after the meeting they had the discussion.

Trustee Hurd moved to adopt the minutes of July 26<sup>th</sup>, 2005 as amended.  
Seconded by Trustee DeJesus.

Mayor Pearson asked if a letter was sent to the Town regarding the dog warden's car.

Manager Politi indicated that he will ask the clerk.

All ayes. Minutes adopted.

**Presentations**

F.A. Scott thanked the Village of Walden for holding the Soap Box Derby and they also thank Austin for representing the Village at the international race in Akron Ohio. They presented the Village with souvenirs from Akron and a banner to be used in future races.

Mayor Pearson stated that the Village was awarded a \$55,000 grant from Orange County for the well site.

Mayor Pearson presented Anita Vandermark with a certificate congratulating her for being Orange County's Senior of the Year 2005.

### **Public Comment**

Ruth Gardner, Maybrook, NY stated that she is here on behalf of the seniors. Janet Poppeil asked her to request money from the Village, instead of trips she would like to have lunches each month. She would need \$1,000.

Manager Politi indicated that the Village presently gives \$1,000 for rent and \$1,000 trips.

It was the consensus of the Board to discuss this further when they can look at numbers.

Ann Ilkiew gave an update on the condition of Olley Park.

Helen Schoonmaker, Westwood Drive complained about the garbage company picking up garbage at 5:15am. She also complained about the construction at the Hecht property starting at 6:30 am, across the river.

Manager Politi stated that it's in the garbage contract for them to start at 5:30am. They wanted to start earlier because of the heat, but the Village told them no.

### **Audited Bills**

Trustee Norman moved to pay the audited bills of June 26, 2005. Seconded by Trustee Wynkoop. All ayes. Motion carried.

### **Introductory Local Law I-2- Main Street Parking Regulations**

Manager Politi explained the changes, Page 1, says Main Street South, 2 hours, 9am-9pm, which should say 9am-6pm.

Mayor Pearson stated that Page 2, d, change to Monday – Friday and Page 3, Section 4, should say Andrews Court.

Manager Politi stated that they wanted to go to two hours in the square. Section 4, Scofield Northeast, there was no 30 minute parking in there that he is aware of, which is a repeal.

Mayor Pearson stated the she would like clarification on where the spots are.

Trustee DeJesus requested this be table until September 8<sup>th</sup>.

Deputy Mayor Matisse request a map showing the parking changes.

It was the consensus of the Board to table this until September 8<sup>th</sup>, 2005.

Trustee DeJesus moved to approve Introductory Local Law I-1 of 2005 subject to clarification of Section 4 and set the Public Hearing for September 13, 2005 at 6:30pm. Seconded by Trustee Norman. All ayes with the exception of Deputy Mayor Matisse abstaining. Motion carried.

### **Nugent and Haeussler Audit Proposal**

Deputy Mayor Matisse stated that this was tabled at the last meeting until RFP's were received so she doesn't understand why it's on the agenda.

Trustee Hurd stated that was tabled to get information on what other villages are doing.

Mayor Pearson stated that Deputy Mayor Matisse has information on the extent of what may happen with this audit and how much it may cost us besides the addition. We don't have these numbers.

Trustee DeJesus stated that there was lengthy discussion based on the special meeting they had, that the Board wanted comparison costs. The fact is we have a contract and the match would be \$18,000 and anything above and beyond that would have to come to this board. We have to go back to the tapes and find out the facts.

Deputy Mayor Matisse indicated that GASB 34 is not required by the State.

Trustee DeJesus stated that it's a federal law.

Manager Politi stated that the Board asked him to do a phone survey and development of the RFP.

It was the consensus of the Board to table this until the September 13<sup>th</sup> meeting and have the manager listen to the tapes.

### **Acceptance of the Comprehensive Plan FGEIS**

Mr. Sorensen stated that the Board should have the final generic environmental impact statement. There were some written comments from the public which they've prepared responses to.

Trustee Hurd thanked the entire committee for the development of the plan and also to Alan Sorensen and his staff.

Mayor Pearson also thanked everyone and stated that she still has a concern with the townhouse zoning. She would like to change the density from 4,500 sq. ft. to 5,500 which would change the density to a few less units, 8 units per acre as opposed to 12 units per acre.

Trustee DeJesus moved to adopt the final generic environmental impact statement for the Village of Walden 2005 Comprehensive Plan as presented. Seconded by Deputy Mayor Matisse.

Mayor Pearson voted yes with reservations on Page 16, Section B. which states 4,000 sq. ft. and the book says 4,500 sq. ft.

Mr. Sorensen indicated that is a typo.

All ayes. Motion carried.

### **Adoption of Comprehensive Plan**

Adoption of the comprehensive plan was tabled until August 23, 2005 at 6:00 pm to allow for the ten day waiting period.

### **Quality of Life Workshop**

A quality of life workshop was held to help resolve youth issues in the Village of Walden. Bob Lopez, Guidance Counselor, Irene Kurlander, Department of Social Services, Carol Chichester, director of Orange County's Youth Bureau, and Derek Miller, Department of Probation, Tom McCoskery, Police Sergeant, and John Howland, Village of Walden Parks and Recreation.

A youth committee was set up consisting of the following members; Trustees Norman and Wynkoop, Pat Glass, Jessica Metzger, Taylor Rumsey, Keith Scully, Ann Ilkiew, Brenda Adams and Marcy Mongellozzo.

### **Contract WS Locating**

Trustee Hurd stated that if the manager feels he needs three months to find a DPW Superintendent then he is willing to give him that time.

Manager Politi indicated that it's his role to get the job done. If he feels it's getting done at this time it is. He is in the search. We put it out once and the pool wasn't there.

Mayor Pearson stated that it's the Board's role to watch the finances and if we are spending X amount of dollars on a part time person when we can get the same for a full time person then what is the betterment for the Village. That is what she is looking at.

Manager Politi stated that you're going to pay the money out either way.

Trustee DeJesus moved to renew the contract with WS Location until October 31<sup>st</sup>, 2005 at which time there will be a report from the Village Manager on the status of the hiring of a superintendent. Seconded by Deputy Mayor Matisse. All ayes. Motion carried.

### **Manager's Reports**

Manager Politi indicated that the department heads reports are in the Board's packet.

Deputy Mayor Matisse asked what was done at 154 W. Main Street.

Manager Politi stated that the Village had someone go in and clean it up.

Mayor Pearson asked about the meeting to discuss the retaining wall at Jacob's Ridge. Is there or isn't there a wall.

Manager Politi stated that there was a steep slope and they wanted to create a back yard so they are trying to build a retaining wall to give them a flat area. That was not on a plan.

### **Board Comments**

Trustee DeJesus asked about the gas meter.

Manager Politi stated that they have to replace the gas boy.

Trustee Norman stated that she asked about Millspaugh's warehouse on Oak Street two weeks ago, why there are two bails of hay and why the dirt is still running in the road and on the sidewalk.

Mayor Pearson stated that she can't answer that question, because she works there.

Manager Politi stated that he will have an answer tomorrow.

Trustee DeJesus asked about the pile of concrete on Bank Street.

Trustee Norman stated that she would like to have a work session on the streets in the Village of Walden, Albany Avenue, and Seeley Street to take a look at the traffic. Emergency vehicles couldn't get through.

Trustee DeJesus asked about the rehab loans.

Manager Politi stated that he has to put those together.

Mayor Pearson stated that they were looking at multi-family dwellings with Section 8 housing that they were going to look at.

Mayor Pearson asked about the band shell at Wooster Grove.

Manager Politi stated that the plans are being reviewed by the state.

Deputy Manager Matisse asked the manager if he got a hold of Charlene Murphy about the quality community's grant.

Manager Politi stated no.

Trustee Norman stated that the Village wide picnic is Saturday at Wooster Grove from 2-5pm and concert after.

### **Executive Session**

Trustee DeJesus moved to hold an Executive Session pursuant to 105- (f), personnel. Seconded by Trustee Hurd. All ayes. Motion carried.

Trustee Hurd moved to reconvene the regular meeting. Seconded by Deputy Mayor Matisse. All ayes. Meeting reconvened.

### **Adjournment**

Trustee Keator moved to adjourn. Seconded by Deputy Mayor Matisse. All ayes. Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Nancy Mitchell  
Village Clerk

