

**VILLAGE OF WALDEN
BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING
MARCH 14, 2006**

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

On roll call the following were:

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

Also Present:

Nancy Mitchell, Village Clerk
Kevin Dowd, Village Attorney

Absent:

James Politi, Village Manager, later present

Approval of Minutes

Trustee Hurd moved to adopt the minutes of February 28, 2006 with the following correction, Page 19, fifth paragraph, change 860 to 1860. Seconded by Trustee Norman. All ayes. Minutes adopted.

Public Comment

Diane Sandbothe, 90 Liberty Street stated that there is a light out on the high bridge. There is also lights out in the Orchard Street parking lot. When she was at the February 14th meeting she asked the manager several questions about Jacobs Ridge, she would like to know if he has found anything out. Also, in the January 24th minutes it stated that the board went into executive session regarding Small Cities funds for the Iko property sewer problem. She asked what kind of sewer problem this person had and how do you seek Small City funding. She's had problems and no one has offered funds for that. Why was it done in executive session?

Mr. Dowd explained that the reason the board went into executive session was to discuss the economic where-with-all of the Iko's and potential litigation. They came out of executive session, as they are required to do, when they made a decision and voted as in the record to expend the Community Development monies. They were talking about personal finances.

Mrs. Sandbothe asked who qualifies.

Mr. Dowd explained that there are economic criteria and certain kinds of projects that are qualified and certain projects that are not. In this particular case we had a problem that resulted in damage to some property and there was a threat of litigation and we were trying to resolve both litigation and the problem.

Payment of Audited Bills

Trustee Hurd moved to pay the audited bills of March 14, 2006. Seconded by Trustee Norman. All ayes. Motion carried.

NIMS Emergency Management Contact Appointment

Manager Politi stated that he received a letter from Don Green regarding his recommendation to designate a NIMS point of contact.

Trustee Hurd moved to designate the Village Manager as the NIMS point of contact. Seconded by Trustee Norman. All ayes. Motion carried.

Housing Rehab Guidelines

Kerron Barnes stated that he has the housing rehab guidelines final draft with the changes the Board asked him to make two weeks ago. The main change is on page six which is the rehabilitation schedule, which he explained to the Board.

Deputy Mayor Matisse asked if there was anything incorporated regarding ideas for early payment.

Mr. Barnes stated that they have increased the number of people who would be required to make payments. Regarding a bonus for paying early he doesn't know what you could give them. You could waive the interest if they pay early. What he would do is do fewer loans that are 15 or 20 years.

Mayor Pearson asked if that would deter people.

Mr. Barnes stated that it might.

Deputy Mayor Matisse asked if there was anything in the guidelines that if they were to refinance they would consolidate our loan into their new refinancing and pay us back.

Mr. Barnes stated that what they have been doing is if they refinance a new first mortgage we subordinate. He saw it becoming a problem when you have houses appraised at \$240,000 and people had a \$60,000 mortgage. He would discourage subordination unless the family really needs to.

Deputy Mayor Matisse asked if people show proof of homeowners insurance and do they show that they have enough coverage to cover their mortgage and the new debt.

Mr. Barnes stated yes. He also stated that he thinks they add the village to their policy as a second mortgage. They need to tighten that up because a lot of times he gets notice that someone's insurance has been cancelled. A week later he gets a statement that it's been reinstated. They should look at that.

Deputy Mayor Matisse asked about people lowering the terms of their insurance.

Trustee Hurd stated that's very rare. Most insurance companies insist insurance to value. They also use outside inspection firms more and more now.

Trustee DeJesus stated that on Page 4, Conflict of Interest, last part of the paragraph, after their tenure of office, employment, etc., he asked for how long. It looks like a lifetime description.

Mr. Barnes stated that we incurred that language from an earlier set of guidelines.

Trustee DeJesus indicated that it should be two years.

It was the consensus of the Board that it be changed to two years.

Mayor Person stated that she would like Mr. Barnes to inform the Board six months down the road if he feels this is not working in the best interest of the Village.

Trustee DeJesus stated now that we have these guidelines we need a more aggressive marketing of the program.

Mayor Pearson asked if there is a brochure.

Mr. Barnes stated yes. He also goes door to door on Main Street and the entrances to the Village. He also informed the Board that the guidelines change once a year without the Boards action. The change is the new income.

Deputy Mayor Matisse moved to adopt the rehab guidelines with the change on Page 4, add for a period of two years, to the end of paragraph eight. Seconded by Trustee DeJesus. All ayes. Motion carried.

Hy Hilzen Planning Board Fee Request

The Village Manager explained that Mr. Hilzen is requesting the return of his \$1,150 of Planning Board fees for his self storage application. He has been sent to the Zoning Board.

Mr. Dowd stated that Mr. Hilzen appeared once and there was a long conversation. There were no expenses for the engineer or himself that would be charged to the Village. He wants to withdraw and go to the Zoning Board.

Mayor Pearson asked why he went before the Planning Board to begin with.

Mr. Dowd stated that he needs approval from the Planning Board, but first he has a major zoning use issue which requires a use variance. If he gets the use variance he has to come back to the Planning Board and pay the fees again. He may not get the use variance.

Mayor Pearson stated that she has a problem with Mr. Hilzen building something without anybody knowing whether there was a building permit or not a building permit. She went to the Planning Board meeting and she still doesn't understand why people on the Planning Board did not know he built something in that building. That concerns her. The communication really needs to happen so the Planning Board members know what is going on.

Trustee DeJesus stated that Mr. Hilzen built something in there without a permit, he should be asked to tear it down.

Mayor Pearson stated that the storage units shouldn't be in that building and to give a thousand dollars back to someone that shouldn't be building something in the first place.

Mr. Dowd stated that you have to be careful; the application fee is for a process to the Planning Board. He was directed there by the Building Inspector because he wanted to get approval to put storage units on his property. You can build anything you want, but you can't use them without being in violation of the zoning law. He came to the board and they had a long conversation about what he could or could not do and the history of the zoning on the property. It was clear that the Planning Board could not give him approval without him getting a use variance because it's not permitted in the zone.

Deputy Mayor Matise asked why he would be sent to the Planning Board knowing that even in an I-1 that use is non conforming.

Mr. Dowd stated that he was told that under the existing law or the new law he wouldn't be allowed to do this without a variance.

Trustee DeJesus stated that the fact that he went ahead and built them without a permit is not good. It shows total disregard for the codes and process. He's concerned that the Zoning Board will give him approval because they are already there.

Mr. Dowd stated that if he was using them there would be recourse through the court to stop him from using them.

Mayor Pearson asked if he needed a building permit.

Mr. Dowd stated that it may not be a structural alteration that would require a permit. He further stated that for clarification purposes Mr. Hilzen's property was I-1 before it was changed and self storage units are special permit in the I-1 so that is why the Building Inspector sent him there. When he got there the law was about to be adopted by the Board.

Mayor Pearson stated that he had plenty of time to get to those Planning Board meetings.

Trustee Hurd stated that we should make sure that it is clear that we are dealing with this issue and this issue only, for the Board's protection.

Mr. Dowd stated that if this was well into the process and he was to the Planning Board two or three times and the engineer was reviewing the plans and we've having public hearings on the project that he wouldn't be entitled to all his money back, maybe not any. He made one appearance and it went no where. There was no action taken on the project.

Deputy Mayor Matise asked why they don't just continue if he appeared before the Planning Board.

Mr. Dowd stated that when you change the law everything stops. He has no vested rights to continue that application.

Mayor Pearson stated that if he goes to the Zoning Board and gets approval does he have to go back to the Planning Board.

Mr. Dowd stated yes he does.

Mayor Pearson why don't we just wait and see what happens.

Deputy Mayor Matise asked if we give him back his money we're acknowledging that his process with the Planning Board has stopped because we changed the zoning and he has to fall under the new guidelines.

Mayor Pearson stated that he thinks it falls also as a responsibility of the Village because people told him to go there. Also, she has a problem that it got on the agenda without her knowing it was going on the agenda. There is no information in the packets.

Manager Politi stated that they said they were going to discuss it here. Discussion items can turn into action items. Mr. Hilzen handed this to him and asked that it be put in.

Mayor Person stated that it would have been nice if she got a phone call and was asked to put this on the agenda. She feels he had plenty of time to go to the Planning

Board because the manager told him to go to the Planning Board. He had plenty of time from fall until now to get Planning Board approval and he chose not to do that. So her problem is if you don't chose to move forward on your project that is not her fault.

Deputy Mayor Matise stated that more information should be given to the applicant.

Mr. Dowd stated that on the application for the Planning Board it explains the process. The Building Inspector has been very good with applicants.

Mayor Pearson asked the attorney to explain what the hardship would be.

Mr. Dowd stated that he has to prove by dollars and cents proof, satisfactory to the Zoning Board that he cannot use his building for any of the permitted uses in the mx zone and get a reasonable return on his investment.

Mayor Pearson stated you will never know if he's renting the units.

Mr. Dowd stated because he put these units in his building doesn't mean he can't use them for his own purposes. If he uses it for rental purposes he's in violation of the zoning law and if we find out about it we can prosecute him.

Deputy Mayor Matise moved to refund Mr. Hilzen's Planning Board fee of \$1,150.00. Seconded by Trustee DeJesus. On roll call Trustees Wynkoop, Hurd, Norman, DeJesus, Keator and Deputy Mayor Matise voted yes. Mayor Pearson voted no. Motion carried.

Audrey D'Angelo – Wesley Hall

Ms. D'Angelo stated that she is here to answer questions regarding Wesley Hall and she hopes the Village will continue supporting them.

Mayor Pearson stated that there were questions regarding funding and what programs are available to the seniors in Wesley Hall verses a club that the Village has here that we give funding to.

Ms. D'Angelo stated that Wesley Hall is a senior recreation center and they have different programs on different days and it runs like a library. If one person shows it was worth opening the doors. The center is used twice a month for New Horizons. The clubs are social groups and they have coffee and cake and talk about going on a day trip or over night trips. They don't do exercising or dancing, card playing or game playing. They also do trips. They don't receive any funding for buses. The \$3000 the Village of Walden has given them in the past is not a lot of money, but to Wesley Hall it's a tremendous amount of money.

Trustee DeJesus asked how many people from Walden actually use the facility.

Mrs. D'Angelo stated that it is difficult to say how many people. They don't require people to give their addresses.

Deputy Mayor Matisse asked if most of the casino trips pay themselves.

Mrs. D'Angelo stated yes. They are a not for profit organization and whatever they get they turn back to the seniors.

Deputy Mayor Matisse stated that Wesley Hall is for the Town of Montgomery, Town of Crawford.

Mrs. D'Angelo stated that Wesley Hall is for anyone who wants to come in the door. They accepted Federal Funding which makes it that anyone can come in. The Town of Montgomery, Town of Crawford, Village of Montgomery, Village of Walden and Village of Maybrook gives funding.

Deputy Mayor Matisse asked if they have ever approached Hamptonburgh.

Mrs. D'Angelo stated that there are people who attend the New Horizon meeting from Hamptonburgh, but she is not positive.

Deputy Mayor Matisse asked when Wesley Hall was set up was its charter only Town of Montgomery, Town of Crawford.

Mrs. D'Angelo stated no. She wasn't there when it was set up.

Deputy Mayor Matisse asked if Mrs. D'Angelo has you ever considered going to Hamptonburgh and ask for funding.

Mrs. D'Angelo stated that she goes to Hamptonburgh and tells the seniors what is available. The people are from all over.

Mayor Person stated there are people from other towns that attend and has Ms. D'Angelo attempted to raise funds from those other towns.

Mrs. D'Angelo stated that they do fund raising.

Mayor Pearson asked if they would consider going to other towns.

Mrs. D'Angelo stated that she would have to know how it was formed, if there was a charter.

Mayor Pearson stated that she did hear from some people that go to Wesley Hall that was concerned the Village was going to cut funding. They live in the Village of Walden and they feel it's a great program.

Mrs. D'Angelo stated that since they don't receive any funding for the buses that comes out of this funding.

Mayor Pearson stated that some people who go to Wesley Hall don't go to the Walden Club, so they don't overlap.

Trustee Hurd stated that our contribution has been \$3000 since he can remember, it hasn't increased.

Mrs. D'Angelo stated that Maybrook puts in \$5000, Crawford puts in \$3000, Village of Montgomery is \$13000 and the Town of Montgomery is \$13000. The Village of Montgomery has also taken over their cleaning expenses and the electric.

Mayor Pearson asked about their new building.

Mrs. D'Angelo, Wesley Hall stated that there is a structural problem and they are going to be building a new building.

Mr. Dowd stated that the Village of Montgomery has \$170,000 community development grants and the project will be \$350,000/\$400,000 and the Village will bond the balance. The plans have been drawn up by an architect and the grant is in place. The site is in the park. They are waiting for the final approval from SHIPO and Community Development. They are also waiting for the final cost so they can go out and bond it. The Village has authorization to do a partial reconstruction of Wesley Hall. Periodically the Village will continue to rehab that building.

Trustee Hurd stated that we might want to increase our contribution to Wesley Hall.

Mrs. D'Angelo indicated that their computer crashed months ago and that is why the calendar looks the way it does.

Mayor Pearson asked if Village could donate our old computers.

Trustee Norman indicated that they are going to the recreation department

Parking Fines on Main Street

Manager Politi stated that there was a meeting with the businesses from the Main Street business district which was a follow up to the first one. They went over the parking enforcement. He outlined what came out of that discussion. There was a consensus to continue the parking enforcement. The Oak Street parking lot they would like to see finished. The Maple Street parking lot access is not going to work, Mr. Spanos said no.

Deputy Mayor Matise asked about the lighting in the Maple Street lot.

Manager Politi stated that the lighting has to be upgraded. They are putting a survey together regarding the dumpster issue in the Orchard Street parking lot.

Trustee DeJesus asked if the Village could get them information.

Manager Politi stated that we were going to call Interstate Waste.

Deputy Mayor Matise stated that there is a couch in the alley way.

Manager Politi stated that the Building Inspector spoke to the owner today. Permit parking never panned out. It seems there was a problem with that. We will leave that alone for now. The cost of the parking fines did come up. The tickets predated the law that we have so we now have matched the ticket to the current law. It was \$5.00 and now is \$25.00. The business community felt that was excessive. He called other communities to see what they were doing. He called New Paltz, Cold Spring, Goshen, Warwick and Cornwall. The parking problem we have is common among smaller villages. The hours are the same. The ticket cost varies, we're at \$25.00 now, you have a progressive style in New Paltz and Warwick, Goshen is \$10.00 and Cold Spring is \$45.00 and Cornwall is \$25.00. A 15 minute parking space they tag you \$50.00 in Goshen and \$25.00 non meter parking. The businesses are asking the Board to adjust the ticket costs. He suggested a progressive style.

Trustee DeJesus stated that he is willing to work on the payment; but if you're parking you should see how long you can park there for. If you go over the limit there are fines.

Mayor Pearson stated that the businesses are picking up the tickets. Some of these businesses are not in and out. People are there for a long time.

Trustee DeJesus suggested they increase the hours in the Orchard Street parking lot.

Deputy Mayor Matise suggested the sign in the Orchard Street parking lot be changed from 11pm to 6pm.

Mayor Pearson stated that the second key is they don't use the Oak Street parking lot. The third key is people are parking where they don't belong in the Orchard Street lot. She suggested four hours in the Orchard Street parking lot.

Manager Politi stated that wasn't an issue.

Mayor Pearson asked if there was any conversation on employee parking.

Trustee Hurd stated lots.

Mayor Pearson stated so that is the other issue.

Manager Politi stated there is an office that there employees park in the Oak Street parking lot and they pick them up. Most businesses feel it should be customer based.

Trustee Hurd stated that what we have done is try to make Main Street more attractive. He doesn't want the word to get out that we are trying to clobber people who come in the village.

Trustee Keator felt the fine should be \$15.00 and after 5 days \$25.00.

Trustee DeJesus felt it should be \$10.00 and after 7 days \$25.00.

Deputy Mayor Matisse felt it should be \$10.00 and after 7 days \$25.00.

Trustee Hurd felt it should be \$10.00 and after 10 days \$25.00.

Trustee Norman felt it should be \$10.00 and she feels the whole thing is terrible because if she came to the village to shop and walked out and had a \$25.00 fine she wouldn't shop here again.

Trustee Wynkoop felt it should be \$10.00 and after 10 days \$25.00.

Mayor Pearson felt it should be \$10.00 and after 10 days \$25.00

Deputy Mayor Matisse changed to \$10.00 and after 10 days \$25.00.

Mayor Pearson stated that the rest of the parking law will be left alone.

Mr. Dowd explained that this has to be done by local law.

Mayor Pearson stated that she did have a comment on the Oak Street parking lot. She knows people park there and they've talked about the lighting, paving and drainage which is also an issue and we have to deal with the MS4 regulations soon. She asked the manager to find out what it would cost to pave the lot and the cost of the drainage.

Trustee Wynkoop stated that he has been down to the Oak Street lot and the lighting is adequate.

Manager Politi stated that one of the solutions would be to put the sign up, repave the entrance and get new stone. Someone suggested a fence around the parking lot.

Trustee Hurd stated that people just don't want to walk.

Manager Politi stated that it wasn't clear if we put all that money into the parking lot that they will use it. He further explained that a parking garage would cost \$20,000 to \$25.00 per space.

LRMS Contract

Manager Politi stated that the chief put the information regarding the LRMS Contract in his report.

Trustee Hurd stated that he would like the chief to come in and explain this.

Deputy Mayor Matisse suggested the Chief go over this when he makes his budget presentation.

Manager Politi stated that he will be in next Wednesday night.

Townhouse Zoning Review

Mayor Pearson stated that she would like to set up a meeting with Mr. Dowd, Mr. Sorensen, Trustees Hurd and Wynkoop and herself.

Trustee Hurd suggested the building inspector too. He was wondering if they should invite Mr. Liebman who is an architect who would have a feel for what's currently being done.

Mayor Pearson stated that she would like to meet with Mr. Stickles, Mr. Sorensen, Trustees Hurd and Wynkoop, Ed Leonard and herself.

The meeting was scheduled for Monday, March 27, 2006 at 7pm.

Brian Sebring asked if he could attend.

Mayor Pearson indicated yes.

Support of Collateral Source Bill (S.1544/A.4354 of 2003-2004)

Mr. Dowd explained that this has been hanging around the state government legislative chambers for three or four years. There are two bills in the house, one in the Assembly and one in the Senate that they call collateral source bill. If you are a private employee and you have a law suit by your private employee and the private employee wins damages for future wage damages for future waage earnings the award by the employer is reduced by any other sources of income or insurance that the private employee has available. Unfortunately there is a quirk in the New York State Law that says if you have a public employee that sues you and has the same kinds of findings, same kind of jury award your damages to your employee are not off set by any other insurance or any kind of money to off set their loses. The taxpayers pay for it because

the municipality has to pay the full boat on the damages. For years the corporation council of the City of New York has been trying to help push this through the legislature. Almost all the counties in the area and throughout the State of New York and most of the municipalities in this county have at least adopted a resolution that says we are in support of the Senate and Legislative bill. They are asking for the villages support. The Association of Towns of the State of New York and NYCOM has supported this legislation for the last three years. The governor is in favor of it too.

Trustee Wynkoop moved that the Village of Walden Board of Trustees is in support of the Collateral Source Bill. Seconded by Trustee Norman. All ayes. Motion carried.

Square Footage Minimums for Apartments

Mayor Pearson stated that she spoke to the Building Inspector about this and she feels it should be raised. Members of the Planning Board feel that 550 sq. ft. is too small for an apartment. The Building Inspectors memo is in the packet.

Trustee Hurd stated that the reason they are small is at that time most of the effort was towards the use of our upper stories of our Main Street buildings. To make it so that it was livable but that they would get some return on their investment.

Mr. Leonard stated that people are paying much more and to get back their money they have to add more apartments.

Mayor Pearson stated that people purchase property all the time and they should know what they are getting into. That is not a hardship.

Trustee DeJesus stated that when you purchase property there is a permitted use so you should not buy that house with the intention of doing something that is not permitted and then claiming hardship.

Trustee Hurd stated that if they change the law they should communicate to the Zoning Board that we don't want waiving of the area variance for apartments. The study that Mr. Stickles did was remarkable and his recommendation might be what we want to do.

Mr. Dowd stated that the Building Inspector's suggestion is that if you look at the number of homes that are single family and two families that perhaps you change the zone from RM-2 to R-6 which is one and two family and therefore you capture most of the single families and two families as one and two families and the vacant lots will be one and two family, not multiple family. You will still have some grandfather issues, but if those discontinued you would be back to a one or two.

Trustee Hurd stated that he feels going from RM-2 to R-6 is really a good idea. If we say any apartment now has to be 900 sq. ft. or bigger what effect is that going to have

on some of the old buildings that the only use is to have apartments. Would it poison it so no one is going to touch those buildings and they use their usefulness?

Mr. Dowd stated that if you raise the apartment size from 500 to 900 sq. ft. you would have to put a provision in there that any project that has received approval from the Planning Board would continue to allow to be built and operate as 500 sq. ft. Any future application would have to comply with the 900 sq. ft.

Trustee Hurd stated lets say there is an old run down building and we want someone to buy and fix it up because it's an eyesore. Everybody looks at it and says, it costs so much money that at 900 sq. ft. I can only get four apartments and with the rents that are available I can't buy it.

Deputy Mayor Matise stated that there is a way to do it, getting involved in the land trust, hold the land so you take the price of the land out of the equation and then you can make fewer apartments, but still carry the cost of the building.

Trustee DeJesus stated that he is ready to increase the square footage of apartments. Maybe this would encourage a different kind of apartment, instead of four tiny apartments just for the purpose of generating rent and being a dump, maybe it would have a different kind of tenant and rent.

Trustee Wynkoop stated that he feels it's a good idea to change the zoning and square footage.

Trustee Norman agreed.

Trustee Hurd stated that he doesn't know what the magic number is. He feels at 500 sq. ft. we're getting too many smaller apartments, but at 900 sq. ft. he doesn't know what the effect is.

Trustee DeJesus asked if the committee was looking at this.

Mayor Pearson stated that they are looking at townhouses.

Trustee Hurd stated that it wouldn't hurt to include that in their discussion.

Mayor Pearson agreed and stated that they will report back to the Board.

Deputy Mayor Matise stated that she was impressed with the Building Inspector's recommendation. He would like to go forward.

Trustee DeJesus stated that he liked Dean's report too, it's really good.

Trustee Keator stated that she feels they should go from RM-2 to R-6, not the square footage.

Mr. Dowd stated that he thinks the Board is trying to accomplish the goal they discussed. They are saying there is this multi family zone in the Village that if we make it into a one or two family zone any vacant properties of which there are only a few, will only be approved for a one or two family and if anybody wants to tear a number of properties down the most they can build is a one or two family home.

Mayor Pearson stated that we were just talking about going to all one family, that would leave the door open on that.

Trustee Hurd stated that the square footage change would give the Board almost everything they want.

Granite Curbs on Main Street

Manager Politi explained that he will bring a sample of the granite curb for the Board to see after executive session.

Public Comment – Discussion Items

Ed Leonard stated that when the Board finalizes the rehab guidelines they should have a fact sheet and include it in the monthly mailings.

Marcus Millspaugh stated that on the square footage of apartments he feels some consideration should be given to lot size as far as steep slopes go; in the descriptions slopes over a certain percent can't be considered as part of the required lot size and also the banks of the Wallkill. Also, regarding the Oak Street parking the right of way going up to the Methodist Church parking lot should be improved. He asked if the alley way going to Pine Street was part of the parking lot.

Manager Politi stated no.

Mr. Millspaugh stated that he thinks where Canal Street is should be investigated and make it handicapped parking.

Manager Politi stated that it is incorporated.

Brenda Martin asked for clarification on the apartment size issue, what happens if you have a very large apartment and you have extending families living there, it could cause the same problems.

Richard Baxter also asked about the square footage. At the candidates night the people were talking about affordable housing. Being a landlord he knows what he has to do to get to be able to afford having a two family house. Smaller apartment substantiates the landlord to pay for his building.

Informational & Village Manager's Report

Manager Politi indicated the department reports are in the Board's packet and there is a schedule for the retention ponds and storm water basins is also in the packets. The East Avenue sewer replacement is out to bid. They will be paving East Avenue from Route 52 out.

Mayor Pearson asked about the paving of the boulevard.

Manager Politi indicated that they applied for multi modal funds for that project.

Board Comments

Trustee Wynkoop stated that the Building Inspector has to take a look at Sam Wrights building on the corner of Pleasant Avenue. The building is falling down.

Trustee Norman thanked Brenda Martin, Pat Glass, Anita Vandermark, Becky Pearson, Roy Wynkoop, Mary Ellen Matisse, Richard Baxter and Jose DeJesus for their help at the yard sale. Also, on Madison Avenue Mr. DeGroot is putting up modulars and there is a lot of garbage on the property.

Manager Politi stated that a letter went out to Mr. DeGroot and he has until March 17th to clean up the property and if he doesn't the Village will go in and clean it up and charge the cost back to the owner.

Trustee Norman stated that on Lafayette at the bottom of the hill there is a house and there is stuff all over.

Trustee DeJesus stated that there is a hardship with the house on Lafayette. He thinks they are in the process of moving out. We have to monitor it.

Trustee Norman asked Mr. Lamendola how far DPW is with the skateboard park.

Mr. Lamendola stated that all the blacktop is out.

Manager Politi stated that they will start hauling stone. The question right now is are they going to go with blacktop or concrete.

Trustee Norman stated that she would like to see the computers go to Wooster Grove.

Trustee Hurd stated that we are coming up on budget time and he would like the Board to consider is a leaf sucker.

Deputy Mayor Matisse stated that March is National Women's History Month. She wants to acknowledge all the women who served on village boards, planning board,

zoning boards and the women who serve the community in the different community organizations. She also indicated that the economic summit is March 24th and she would like to attend. She asked about timed parking for handicapped parking.

Manager Politi stated that time runs with the space.

Trustee Hurd asked if its been rejected to close of one of the entries to the Orchard Street parking lot to get more spaces.

Manager Politi stated that he has to get measurements.

Deputy Mayor Matise asked the attorney if the timed handicapped spaces were in the code book. She asked him to check and let her know.

Deputy Mayor Matise asked about the bond for the Wooster Grove project is there a work plan.

Manager Politi stated its part of the application.

Deputy Mayor Matise stated that she would like to see it.

Deputy Mayor Matise asked if the railing at Wooster Grove has been checked.

Manager Politi stated that they will be putting gabion baskets behind it.

Deputy Mayor Matise stated that in New Paltz they had to house people in their town hall because of the shelter agreement. She has been assured by the manager that Bobby Lynn, Fire Department has a boiler plate agreement forms. We would need six locations throughout the village.

Trustee DeJesus stated that he is also concerned with the houses on Seely and Lafayette Streets.

Trustee Keator stated that someone keeps leaving the lights on in the third floor meeting room and she comes up to turn them out. She suggested a timer.

Mayor Pearson stated that the Walden Women's Club is honoring John Howland on Monday night at the Most Precious Blood school. She also asked about the legion agreement.

Manager Politi stated that he is working with the ambulance corp. to get a date. Everyone else is free.

Mayor Pearson asked if the budget is ready.

Manager Politi stated that he's required to file the budget by March 20th, if its ready sooner he will get it to the Board.

Mayor Pearson asked if the cleaning of the Girl Scout Cabin has been taken care of.

Manager Politi stated yes.

Mayor Pearson asked about the youth center.

Manager Politi stated that they need to install the blowers and them new carpet will go in.

Mayor Pearson asked about the fence around the retention basin at Jacobs Ridge.

Manager Politi stated that he has someone coming.

Mayor Pearson stated that she received a letter from the Office of the Aging and there will be a recognition dinner and the Board is invited. They will be honoring 32 volunteers who serve the Walden Senior Dining and home delivered program. It will be on May 4th. She received from NYCOM for the local government achievement awards which we can apply for, for downtown revitalization or the comp plan. There's new grant applications for several programs, the Hudson River Estuary Program Brownfield Opportunity, community action for renewed environment care program which is about programs providing public and private institution and higher education county government, city governments for developing, understanding on sources of risk and toxic environment pollutants set priorities. There's another grant for historic structures works of art authentic artifacts due on April 18th.

Deputy Mayor Matise gave the manager information on grants that NYSEG does Brown Field grants.

Mayor Pearson stated that there is a program for neighborhood watch and she would like to attend on May 24th. She also received an agreement for pavement marking in non county roads, do we do anything with that.

Manager Politi stated that he's looked into it before and we don't want to get locked into it.

Mayor Pearson stated that the Hudson River Valley Greenway is having a two day workshop. Also, the Main Street Economic Development Conference in White Plains, April 24th and 25th. She would like the manager to go. She also stated that the Tree City application has been passed through the state and is now on to the Arbor Day Foundation. Arbor Day is April 28th and letters are going to the school to have 10 children write back why they would like to be care takers for the tree the Village is

planting. She would like to purchase a tree for Bradley Park. The tree would cost \$165.00.

It was the consensus of the Board to approve the purchase of a tree for \$165.00.

Mayor Pearson asked the attorney if executive session could be taped recorded.

Mr. Dowd strongly advised against it because everything you say is confidential and you don't want a tape floating around.

Executive Session

Trustee Hurd moved to hold an Executive Session pursuant to 105 – (f), Board of Ethics Recommendations, of the Public Officers Law. Seconded by Trustee Wynkoop. All ayes. Motion carried.

Trustee Hurd moved to adjourn. Seconded by Trustee Wynkoop. All ayes. Meeting reconvened.

Trustee DeJesus moved to deny the Police Departments request pursuant to, 1.11,A,3, Employment Outside of Department. Seconded by Trustee Wynkoop. All ayes. Motion carried.

Adjournment

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

Respectfully submitted,

Nancy Mitchell
Village Clerk