

**Village of Walden
Board of Trustees Meeting
February 27, 2007**

Mayor Becky Pearson 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	Becky Pearson
	Deputy Mayor	Mary Ellen Matisse
	Trustees	Mary Jean Norman
		Richard Hurd
		Jose DeJesus
		Edmond Leonard

Absent:	Trustee	Roy Wynkoop
	Village Clerk	Nancy Mitchell

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

Approval of Minutes

Trustee Hurd indicated that he was present at the January 17, 2007 joint board meeting.

Trustee Hurd moved to adopt the minutes of January 17th and February 13, 2007 with the following corrections to the February 13th minutes: Page 1, add, Alan Sorensen Present, Page 4, twelfth paragraph, change sated to stated, Page 10, ninth paragraph, change to, Deputy Mayor Matisse asked Mr. Sorensen how much would he recommend for the project, not how much he could get on the site, Page 14, third paragraph, change spade to spayed, Page 17, sixth paragraph, change, water is puddling to water was puddling, Page 20, fourth paragraph, change parking to painting, tenth paragraph, change Chiardullo's to Ciardullo's, Page 22, change Regional to Region. Seconded by Trustee Norman. All ayes. Minutes adopted.

Public Comment

Brenda Adams, 31 Valley Avenue stated that she was walking around the village and noticed all the sidewalks that haven't been shoveled, signs that have come down and not put back up, and no parking here to corner signs where people park. She asked why they were adding another law, (kennels), which would only be enforced if a neighbor or someone complained.

Mayor Pearson explained that the law is there already except there is no definition of kennel. It's just finishing the law as opposed to making a new one.

Manager Politi stated that he can show Ms. Adams the list of sidewalks that are being shoveled.

Mayor Pearson asked what the procedure for not shoveling sidewalks was.

Manager Politi explained that the property owner is served notice and they have 24 hours from the end of the event to clear the sidewalk and if its not cleared we send our crew or a private crew out to shovel. The whole process takes 72 hours.

Luke Muehlin, 36 Oak Street asked if there was anymore information on dumpsters.

Manager Politi stated that they have compiled a list and they are looking at how they can look at dumpster use within the residential program. He is gathering costs.

Mayor Pearson stated that Mr. Muehlin is also asking about he's still paying garbage bills where other people are not paying them.

Manager Politi stated that he doesn't have an answer for that.

Mr. Muehlin stated that cars don't stop at the end of Bank Street where it intersects with Bergen Avenue. When there is church you can only fit one car through. He suggested making Bank Street one way. He also asked about the gray building on Pleasant Avenue, it looks like its ready to fall down; there are holes in the roof.

Manager Politi stated that the owner has been cited.

Deputy Mayor Matise stated that there are complaints about motorists not stopping at stop signs. She suggested the police department do stepped up enforcement on it.

Mayor Pearson stated that it has to start at the top, because she was told that there are even police officers running through stop signs. Why give the people in the village a ticket if the officers don't stop. They are not above the laws. They have to obey the law just like a regular citizen.

Audited Bills

Trustee Hurd moved to pay the audited bills of February 27, 2007. Seconded by Trustee Norman.

Mayor Pearson stated that she questioned the bill for the timer and that is paid through donations from Walden Savings Bank and Jim Smith. On Mr. Sorensen's bill he

has mileage for tonight and his presence at the meeting was cancelled because Mr. Jacobowitz is not prepared to come to the meeting tonight, the plans are not ready.

Deputy Mayor Matise stated that Mr. Sorensen is billing the village at \$.45 per mile.

Manager Politi explained that Mr. Sorensen bills at federal rate which is \$.45 per mile. The Board approved \$.40 for village employees. Consultants can use the federal rate.

Trustee DeJesus stated that the employee rate has to be changed to be uniform, which should be \$.45 per mile.

Mayor Pearson stated or change Mr. Sorensen's rate to \$.40.

Manager Politi stated that it's contractual, you would have to change his contract.

Mayor Pearson asked for a copy of Mr. Sorensen's contract.

All ayes. Motion carried.

Downtown Directory Agreement Approval

Manager Politi stated that it will be single spaces going down.

Trustee DeJesus asked if the lettering will be uniform.

Manager Politi stated yes, but if they have a logo that they want in there that will be fine. They won't be able to have for sale signs.

Trustee DeJesus asked about the colors.

Manager Politi stated that the structure itself is green, so it matches the green poles, the signs will be tan or off white and the lettering you could choose some colors. The sign slat is eight inches.

Deputy Mayor Matise asked if there was as schematic.

Mayor Pearson indicated that she wanted to see what it looks like.

Deputy Mayor Matise moved to table the downtown directory agreement approval until the board sees schematics.

Manager Politi stated that he will be requesting a executive session and at that time he will look for the schematics and he would like this brought back to the table.

Deputy Mayor Matise stated that she wasn't on the board when this concept came up and most communities you go to if there is a directory and informational sign its usually in their parking lot.

Manager Politi stated that the communities he's seen put it at the street head so you know there are businesses on that street. It forces you into the square or down Oak Street. They were hoping to put it at the end of Orchard Street but with the bank and gas station you can't get one there. In our downtown strategy you were going to put two up. You could put one in the parking lot, but the idea is to get people into the square and down Oak Street.

Deputy Mayor Matise stated that Carl Winum expressed an interest in developing something for the parking lot as a volunteer project for the Community Council. That is why it is important to see the schematic. She also suggested the farmers market go on the sign as an add on in season.

Manager Politi stated that you may want to give it to the businesses first.

Mayor Pearson stated that you're talking about right and left arrows, down toward the Thruway Market or left into the square, no other businesses. Nothing on Main Street or West Main Street would be affected by that.

Manager Politi stated correct and that this is to get you off of Main Street to let you know that there's other business districts.

Mayor Pearson suggested an arrow that goes straight ahead toward West Main Street.

Manager Politi stated that the spaces are tough.

Mayor Pearson asked about the spaces, who gets preferential treatment, how do they get picked.

Manager Politi stated first come first served.

Mayor Pearson asked if there would be a fee.

Manager Politi stated that they would pay their share of the sign which would be thirty dollars.

Trustee Hurd asked if there was time pressure on this.

Manager Politi stated no.

Trustee Hurd stated that the picture Mr. Sorensen showed the board of the upstate communities they had the signs on almost every corner, so as you walked around it gave directories of where everything was.

Manager Politi stated at the time they were doing the street scape upgrades they wanted to get rid of the stacks on top of the sign poles and you wanted a better look.

Trustee DeJesus stated that in other communities the signs are on the poles and not just on street signs. That would be another possibility. As part of putting the signs on poles you would have to have agreements with the utility companies. That would allow more coverage.

Manager Politi stated that the signs are already built. They have a roof and on the bottom there is a planter.

Trustee Leonard stated that there should be a directional sign for parking.

Manager Politi stated that there are some out there and they can try something more.

Mayor Pearson asked if the signs that are already built were they approved by the board.

Manager Politi stated yes, as part of the downtown stragedy.

Trustee Leonard seconded the motion. All ayes. Motion carried.

Bond Resolution – New Well Development

Deputy Mayor Matise asked if the \$175,000 which is the difference that is not accounted for on the first page, does that include the \$65,000 that we received from the open space grant or is this just community development money.

Manager Politi explained that the community development money is \$175,000 and the open space grant is \$55,000, so that will get applied back to the project.

Mr. Dowd explained that \$55,000 will go toward the purchase of the property so it will reduce your overall cost.

Manager Politi stated that the total estimated project cost is \$850,000, so when you add \$275,000, \$345,000, \$175,000 and \$55,000 you come out to \$850,000.

Trustee Hurd moved to adopt A Resolution Authorizing the Issuance of \$345,000 Bonds of the Village of Walden, Orange County, New York, To Pay Additional Costs of the Purchase of Land and the Exploration and Development of Wells Thereat In and For

Said Village, (attached). Seconded by Deputy Mayor Matise. All ayes. Resolution adopted.

Street Light Authorization – Capron Street

Deputy Mayor Matise moved to authorize the street light on Capron Street. Seconded by Trustee DeJesus. All ayes. Motion carried.

Little League Request

Manager Politi stated that Walden Little League is requesting use of Bradley Field for the season from the first week of March to the first week of November. They would also like permission and invite the board to participate in the opening day parade Saturday, April 7th, 2007.

Trustee DeJesus moved to allow the Walden Little League use Bradley Field from the first week of March to the first week of November and to approve the opening day parade on April 7th, 2007. Seconded by Trustee Norman. All ayes. Motion carried.

Pine/Maple Street Park Stormwater Improvements

Manager Politi stated that what Mr. Sumner is requesting is he was approved to receive a \$15,000 grant from DEC and in order to do that there has to be a partial matching of \$10,000.

Trustee DeJesus stated that it's actually \$15,000, they are providing \$5,000 and they want \$10,000 from the village.

Manager Politi stated that this is for the next bio retention pond that comes off of Rifton and Riverview.

Deputy Mayor Matise moved to approve the Pine/Maple Street park stormwater improvements. Seconded by Trustee Leonard. All ayes. Motion carried.

Stormwater Management Local Law Discussion

Manager Politi stated the items that have to be done by March 2008, some are ahead and some are slightly behind. This one is slightly behind. Right now if the building inspector sees a stormwater issue and the way to have any affect or fines would be to call DEC, with this local law now we can enforce the issue.

Trustee DeJesus stated, providing we don't accept projects that are already in progress. In Section 5 you can accept projects that have already been approved, so this can come out.

Mr. Dowd stated that Section 5 exemption says that you may select to include some or all of the exemptions, but you don't have to. You would have to decide which ones you want in your local law.

Manager Politi stated that first he would like the engineer, building inspector, attorney and himself to meet and review this to see what functional stuff we need and what is already in our law and then it will be brought to the board for the policy questions.

Trustee Hurd asked that the engineer be at the meeting when the board discusses this.

Manager Politi stated that the building inspector will also be present.

Deputy Mayor Matise asked when the next MS4 has to be done.

Manager Politi stated that he will ask the engineer.

Deputy Mayor Matise stated that she has a copy of the introductory local law from the town from 2005, how does this ducktail with that.

Manager Politi stated that he has no idea, we have our own system.

Mr. Dowd stated that the village has its own obligations.

Mayor Pearson stated that it talks about a stormwater management officer. She knows the supervisor talked about sharing that with the town as one officer because a lot of our properties will connect with the town.

Mr. Dowd stated that you need to appoint a stormwater management officer and whether you appoint the same person as the town comes at a later date. You have to decide what is best for the village and who can respond quicker to your problems.

Manager Politi stated that he will get a copy of that law.

This was tabled and will be brought back to a work session.

Fraud Policy

Manager Politi stated that he gave the board a copy of the fraud policy what was given to the village as a format that's used in other communities which came from our auditor.

Trustee DeJesus stated that on page 2 the new procedure should be appended to this because it talks about a new procedure will be provided. He doesn't have a problem with this; maybe the paragraph should be shorter. The appeals procedure should be spelled out.

Trustee Hurd stated if we adopt something like this it still seems very broad. Does the manager actually know what he would follow as a procedure?

Mr. Dowd stated that having been involved in these normally when it comes to the supervisors attention it immediately goes up the chain at which point he is called and depending on what we have we interview the person making the complaint they may check some records to see if they can find evidence to substantiate what has been said and if its criminal they would bring the state police in and/or the district attorney's office. It is brought to the board's attention as they know what's going on without jeopardizing the investigation. There really isn't any game plan.

Trustee Hurd stated that it sounds like this happens right now with or without this paper. Is it possible it might make it worse?

Mr. Dowd stated no. It's always good to have a policy and that also tells people not to be afraid to come forward.

Trustee DeJesus stated that people have to understand that if the director or deputy director and the treasurer are involved that they can go to someone above that.

Manager Politi asked if it would be easier to go to the manager's office and if you have a problem with the manager to go to the board.

Mayor Pearson stated that she doesn't have a problem with that. Sometimes you can get too many people involved.

Mr. Dowd suggested they leave it up to the manager as to whether he wants to involve the supervisor.

Manager Politi stated that he will define who to go to in two steps and put the appeal procedure in and bring it back to the board at the next meeting.

Deputy Mayor Matise stated that the attorney would be the key person.

Manager Politi stated that he would call him immediately.

Commercial & Multi-Unit Inspections

Manager Politi stated that the building inspector approached him and suggested they start inspections on commercial properties on Main Street and he has sent out letters. That would leave two family and up. He will feather out from Main Street.

Jim Presutti-Tree Survey Presentation

Manager Politi stated that Mr. Presutti wasn't able to be here tonight so he will get packets to the manager which he will get to the board.

Bradley Assembly Room Dais Construction

Mr. Ozman suggested they identify any problems with the room or any goals they are going to accomplish, let's decide if we're going to commit on something to improve it and decide if we're going to fund it. He thinks they are in agreement that they want to make some changes to the room. We are never going to change the acoustics of the room, but there are a couple things that can be done. If they put the staging area down here the room lends itself to better sound. There is a lot of different sound systems that are far more advanced than what we have and they are more sensitive.

Manager Politi stated that the Town of Wallkill was contacted because they have a new sound system. They did purchase it from Alto's.

Trustee Hurd asked if it's been determined that the board will go with an elevated stage.

Mr. Ozman stated that hasn't been determined. An overriding theme in any progressive municipality throughout New York State is a raised platform and sound system and that should be considered. Being on a raised platform puts on par with people because most of the time they are standing when they are in front of you.

Trustee Hurd stated that facing the way the board does is almost like a theatre. Sometimes an arrangement that is more effective for the board to work wouldn't be perfect for the public to get the feeder type feel.

Mr. Ozman stated that there has been talk of a circle or u shaped design and that could be a compromise.

Trustee Hurd stated that wouldn't fit the court.

Mr. Ozman stated that it wouldn't so he thought they could do something that came out as a forty five at the ends. It will be suited to fit the board and he will use it. He's not going to have a spot for a witness stand or things a court has and he's not looking for that. He wants it to appear to be a municipal meeting room, but something that will work for the court. If it's built in a permanent fashion it avoids the constant moving around and time consuming nature of moving the tables a couple times a week. It could be straight for three or four people and then it could have two 45 degree ends to it. Fishkill has a mobile unit and he would like to take a look at it. He further stated that it might be a little cumbersome to get the sound system on board unless you go wireless.

Mayor Pearson stated that she would rather have it movable and do wireless. This would need to serve both and the court does need something. She would like it to be movable.

Brian Sebring indicated that the planning board is in the same situation on the second floor that this board is in on the third floor.

Trustee DeJesus stated that we need something that will be useful for the judge and this board. There has to be some elevation for the court room.

Mr. Ozman stated that if it's movable you can do something else in the room. The primary use of the room is the board meetings and court. The secondary is for a public function and the last use should be for a dance or event like that.

Trustee Hurd stated that he's wondering if the acoustics in this room could be improved if there was some sort of sound absorbing material on the wall.

Trustee Leonard stated that a platform can be constructed in sections locked together and can be picked up and moved.

Trustee Hurd stated that the one he saw wasn't in sections but was movable.

Mr. Ozman will contact Fishkill and go over there on Thursday.

Mayor Pearson stated that she liked the meeting room set up the other way because you could hear better because of the shorter distance. We also need more chairs.

It was the consensus of the board to have Mr. Ozman look at the raised platform at Fishkill and see what the cost would be.

Mayor Pearson asked who was looking into the sound system.

Manager Politi stated that he will get prices on the modular that can be built in or wireless.

Mayor Pearson asked if the board was thinking about something for the second floor too.

Trustee Leonard stated that he feels its worth looking into. If the cost is too high we can put it off until next year.

Sidewalk Café Law

Mr. Dowd stated that he is looking for guidance from the board. The manager gave him a copy of Ossining's law. We have an existing café law that required everything on private property, so he doesn't think they should get rid of that all together because as they develop the mx zone at Railroad Place as people start building things and they build buildings with set backs you would want them to have the café on their property, not on the sidewalk. He was trying to mesh the Ossining sidewalk cafes with

our existing outdoor café law on the private property law. Our regulations in our codes for outdoor cafes are a lot like the Ossining code already. He wants to make sure that the board wants to maintain their authority to issue the permit.

Trustee Hurd asked if the board has decided that they really want café type settings on public property. When the board did the last one they were pretty much decided they didn't want them.

Mr. Dowd stated that because of recent discussions he was under the impression and he thought he was given the mission to take a law such as Ossining and make it applicable to the village that would allow under certain circumstances cafes on village sidewalks.

Trustee Hurd asked if there was enough demand for that.

Mr. Dowd stated that would be a policy the board would decide.

Trustee DeJesus stated that it is also the width of the sidewalk. The bagel shop has space, but he doesn't know how much of that sidewalk falls into village property.

Mayor Pearson stated that it is all village.

Trustee DeJesus stated that there is also the liability issue they need to discuss.

Mr. Dowd stated that it would be written into the law that they would have to indemnify the village as well as have insurance. If you're going to use a café and any portion is on village sidewalks they will have to sign and get approvals from the owner of the building, tenant of the building and insurance.

Trustee Hurd stated that our insurance agent spoke to the board about hold harmless. The thing he sees is that the hold harmless agreements are only good up to the limit of their liability insurance.

Mr. Dowd stated that they have to provide the first line of defense and obviously the village's insurance will kick in.

Trustee Hurd stated that's his whole point, the hold harmless agreement is worthless. He doesn't know if the board wants to create an additional hazard.

Mr. Dowd stated that right now the hours of operation are, if you're in mixed zone 7am to 9pm and any other business zone its 7am to an hour that the board would determine is appropriate for that business zone. In the Ossining code it says must cease by 10pm Sunday thru Thursday and 11pm Friday and Saturday. It doesn't make a distinguish between mixed use and business. The other issue is what you want to do about alcoholic beverages. Ossining specifically says that if you serve alcoholic

beverages at one of the sidewalk cafes you are not subject to the local ordinance about open containers and it has specific rules.

Deputy Mayor Matisse asked, what about smoking.

Mr. Dowd stated that smoking on the outside is permitted.

Trustee Hurd stated that it's not that he doesn't want to promote the downtown area, because he really doesn't know if it's worth it.

Trustee Leonard stated that they are looking at this for the mx zone in the future.

Trustee Hurd stated that if it's in the future and they know it's on their property they could build appropriate space.

Mayor Pearson stated money is where it's at and if they can get a bigger space of building for the same amount of money they won't set it back because they will want the most out of their piece of property.

Deputy Mayor Matisse stated that the intent of the mx guidelines was that people could bring the building up to the front, up to the sidewalk.

Trustee Hurd stated that they might allow for a side space if you knew for a fact that you were going to have a pizza type restaurant and you would have outdoor seating in the summer.

Mr. Dowd stated that is why he didn't want to get rid of what we have.

Trustee Hurd suggested they get a consensus of the board.

Mayor Pearson stated that she is for the law.

Trustee Norman is also for the law.

Trustee Leonard asked if there would be a rope to define the area.

Mr. Dowd stated yes.

Deputy Mayor Matisse asked about waiter and waitress service

Mr. Dowd stated that he wrote the law stating that it may include waiter service on the outside, it doesn't have to.

Trustee Leonard stated that he is in favor of the café local law.

Trustee DeJesus asked if they have determined how many facilities in the village can actually use this. We were supposed to get a sense of how many facilities would be able to have a café.

Deputy Mayor Matisse stated that Dominick's is interested in having a sidewalk café and he wants to participate in the Farmers Market by having seating outside.

Mr. Dowd stated that the other issue was what if someone wants to take their sandwich and sit at a table, not buy the merchandise from the merchant.

Deputy Mayor Matisse stated that it's the village's sidewalk. She is in favor of the law. She also stated that the permitting process should be kept with the board because say the Mexican restaurant wanted to have a sidewalk café, the board would really want to look at that because if the doctor stays there and Planned Parenthood is there, you have two medical offices, you may not want it there because it might be an obstruction.

Trustee DeJesus stated that you would be creating a law for one specific person.

Mr. Dowd stated that they may not have the clearance.

Mayor Pearson asked what the clearance would be.

Mr. Dowd stated that the Ossining law stated that it has to be at least eight feet in width and a minimum clearance distance of four feet.

Deputy Mayor Matisse stated that the other issue is if they would need an outdoor liquor license. She also stated that the board can prohibit alcohol on public property.

Mayor Pearson stated that she would say no alcoholic beverages unless it's on their private property. She is fine with the food.

Mr. Dowd asked if the board wanted to keep the permit fee \$50.00 per year. Do they want to change the hours of operation? Ossining says that you can have a café between April 1st and October 31st. We weren't that specific, we just said anywhere after January 1st you can get a permit and it expires automatically December 31st.

Manager Politi stated that if they do the April through October 31st it would be a way to get everything cleared out and have them come back for their permits.

Mr. Dowd stated that you don't want to say if the café is on the street you get X and if it's private you get Y.

Mayor Pearson asked what the time frame was now.

Mr. Dowd stated that the permit is issued anytime after January 1st and it expires automatically December 31st.

Trustee Hurd stated that he would like it left that way.

The Mayor agreed. She also stated that the fee could be raised to \$100.00.

Trustee Hurd suggested \$200.00.

Trustee Leonard stated that he thinks it's too high, they have to buy insurance.

Trustee DeJesus stated that there are not going to be very many people in the immediate area that will qualify for this.

Mayor Pearson suggested \$150.00.

Trustees Leonard and Norman felt that \$100.00 is fine.

Deputy Mayor Maise stated \$150.00.

Trustee DeJesus suggested \$100.00.

Trustee DeJesus asked about the hours of operation.

Mr. Dowd stated that right now in a mixed use zone its 7am-9pm. In a business district its 7am until what the board decides. Ossining just has a closing time of 11pm on Friday and Saturday and 10pm other days.

It was the consensus of the board to have Ossining's hours.

Public Comments-Discussion Items

Althea Mullarkey, 3 Watkins Drive stated that the town is approving storm water fees. The village might want to consider that while they are considering the café law at the same time. Those fees should also be passed on to the developer.

Correspondence

There wasn't any correspondence.

Information Items-Village Manager's Report

Manager Politi indicated that the board has the department head reports, a program status report from Kerron Barnes, and a year end report from Patricia Henighen on the Wallkill River Task Force. Page two of Ms. Henighens report, study of SPEDES permits, the Town of Wallkill sewage treatment plant has one of the worse compliance records and the Village of Walden had one of the best. This is for sewage plants along the Wallkill.

Mayor Pearson asked about the DPW report, truck accidents, where do we stand.

Manager Politi stated that the accident on Route 52 is clearly not our issue. The other accident and nothing has occurred from that. No tickets have been issued. There was minimal damage.

Mayor Pearson asked if the forman has been replaced.

Manager Politi stated that he has to find out how long Anthony Lamendola will be out.

Mayor Pearson stated that in the audited bills there were two 25 mph speed limit signs, where did they go.

Trustee Leonard stated South Montgomery Street.

Mayor Pearson asked about the chipper rental.

Manager Politi stated yes.

Mayor Pearson stated that the town has a chipper, can we possibly use theirs.

Manager Politi stated yes as long as they are not using it. We do contact the town before we rent one.

Mayor Pearson asked about the recreation report about the ceiling falling down.

Manager Politi stated that the roof is new so it wasn't water related. It looks like one of the screws came loose.

Board Comments

Trustee Norman stated that the hall painting in this building looks very nice. She would like to see pictures hung and planters.

Trustee Hurd complimented the manager for getting employees certified for the water.

Deputy Mayor Matisse asked about the painting of the curb on S. Montgomery Street. She also stated that Ms. Mullarkey indicated that the 15th of March the town will have the draft of their animal control law ready. Ms. Mullarkey will be sending a copy to the village.

The Deputy Mayor also indicated that the assessor has a state form which is an exception for people that on active duty to provide them relief on money that they owe us.

Trustee DeJesus addressed snow removal from corners; there are places where you can't walk by. There is a problem on the corner of East Main Street and Hepper Street and also Valley Avenue and East Main Street. Your view is also obstructed at these intersections.

Trustee Hurd stated that the kids are walking out in the street because they can't get through.

Deputy Mayor Matise stated that she received complaints from people who shoveled their sidewalks and then the plow came back and put snow back on the sidewalks.

Trustee Leonard stated that the manager and he attended the NYCOM conference and the AMI funding they are not happy because some cities and villages will be exempt under Stitzers formula; they want to get that money restored. Modification for the Wickes Law looks good.

Trustee Hurd asked what the threshold is going to be.

Trustee Leonard stated 10, 20, and 50 to a million. Also, Governor Sptizer's appointee for security is very impressive and the two economic czars impressed him. The comptroller's office was there speaking on pensions.

Trustee Hurd asked if a fund can be set up for excess pension contribution.

Mr. Dowd stated that he doesn't think so.

Mayor Pearson asked if the board received a copy of the audit and would they like to meet with the auditor.

Trustee DeJesus asked if the village would have to pay for them to attend the meeting.

Manager Politi stated that he would ask them.

Trustee Leonard stated that for the next audit he would like definitions for the audit terms.

It was the consensus of the board to meet with the auditors if there's no charge.

Trustee DeJesus stated that on page 3 of the audit it suggests hiring an additional part time employee, would this have an impact on the board's role.

Manager Politi stated that it would remove the board's ability to audit.

Trustee Hurd stated that would be typical of a public school system.

Mayor Pearson asked if the manager checked out the car expenses on the engineering bills.

Manager Politi stated that he hasn't.

Mayor Pearson asked about meeting with David Kurtz, Police Chief and Mobile Life regarding the emergency plan.

Manager Politi stated that they are trying to get some dates.

Mayor Pearson asked about police negotiations.

Mayor Pearson asked if the seat belt law and the cell phone law has gone to everyone it should go to. She still sees people not wearing seatbelts. DPW is the biggest offender.

Mayor Pearson asked if the manager has met with the Murray's from Linden Avenue.

Manager Politi stated that he's not received any correspondence from them.

Executive Session

Trustee Hurd moved to hold an executive session pursuant to 105-(f), personal finances, of the Public Officers Law. Seconded by Trustee Leonard. All ayes. Motion carried.

Trustee Leonard moved to reconvene the regular meeting. Seconded by Trustee DeJesus. All ayes. Meeting reconvened.

Trustee Norman moved to approve a grant for Ethel Eckert. Seconded by Trustee DeJesus. All ayes. Motion carried.

Trustee DeJesus moved to authorize the manager to sign the sign contract. Seconded by Trustee Leonard. All ayes. Motion carried.

Adjournment

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

Respectfully submitted,

Nancy Mitchell
Village Clerk