

**Village of Walden
Board of Trustees Meeting
March 13, 2007**

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
		Mary Jean Norman
		Richard Hurd
		Jose DeJesus
		Edmond Leonard

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

Approval of Minutes

Trustee DeJesus moved to adopt the minutes of February 27, 2007 with the following corrections:

Page 5, 7th paragraph, change to; Mayor Pearson asked if the signs that are already built were they approved by a previous board.

Page 5, 8th paragraph, change stragedy to strategy.

Page 7, 7th paragraph, change ducktail to dove tail.

Page 9, 9th paragraph, change aviolds to avoids.

Page 11, 13th paragraph, change distinguish to distinction.

Page 13, 2nd paragraph, change Dominick's to Bagel Café

Page 16, 4th paragraph, change AMI to AIM

Page 16, 6th paragraph, change Sptizer's to Spitzer's

Seconded by Trustee Leonard. All ayes with the exception of Trustee Wynkoop abstained. All ayes. Motion carried.

Public Comment

Fred Smit, 108 Orchard Street indicated that the people in the audience can't hear the board.

Presentation – Jimmy Presutti, Village Arborist

Mr. Presutti stated that this was a pilot program through the U.S. Forest Service. They did a survey of the trees on the eastern part, east of the river. They will catch the other streets this year. The trees by number and physical address report are being printed by the forestry service. They will use this report to work with the manager and dpw so when someone calls about the tree in front of their house they will know exactly where it is and what kind of tree it is. GPS information also is not printable yet. The state has the geographic information system and he has to subscribe to that to get the maps of the village. He has done the parks on a Google map. He has also spoken to the village Manager about the budget and the amount for this year is fine. They only had one dead tree of all the trees they surveyed. The pruning schedule the village has is working fine. There were 21 trees in decline which means you just have to keep an eye on them. You actually have more spaces for trees than you have trees. The village might want to concentrate on a planting effort. The maintenance program is doing okay. They can work the tree planting program through Tree Power through the State of New York. They will work with New York State Electric and Gas and Tree Power to get the trees.

Trustee DeJesus asked how big the trees were.

Mr. Presutti indicated that they are usually an inch and three quarter caliber. They are also a reasonable price. The Village would say they have X amount of dollars to put trees in and then they would coincide with New York State Electric and Gas, the trees would be delivered here and then the DPW would plant them.

Deputy Mayor Matisse stated that there is also an opportunity to get trees from DEC through the Conservation Advisory Council of the town. The manager can talk to Pat Henighen about that.

Mr. Presutti stated that unfortunately the trees through DEC and the Soil and Water Conservation District are the size of your pinkie or finger and they aren't very high. If you use them as street trees they will get trampled. You can put them in a park. The Village is all set to do what they want to do with trees.

Mayor Pearson asked when plantings should be, spring or fall.

Mr. Presutti stated fall is for planting. He took tree number one which is a Norway maple and he pulled Google up on the computer and put in the gps coordinates and it brought him right to the water tower on Gladstone Avenue where the tree is.

Deputy Mayor Matisse asked if he could overlay that on the GIS system that Jay Baumont is doing for the Town of Montgomery.

Mr. Presutti stated that he could.

Deputy Mayor Matisse asked the manager if there are any trees they need to worry about people coming in the middle of the night, that the wood is worth something.

Mr. Presutti stated no, the majority of the trees are Norway maple.

Deputy Mayor Matise asked if Golden Range Trees were good for street trees.

Mr. Presutti stated that they are not that salt tolerant. They do make a great yard tree.

Trustee DeJesus asked what would Mr. Presutti suggest for the boulevard as a flowering tree.

Mr. Presutti stated that what you have there is the most hardy of a flowering tree that you can get. You have to keep an eye on them because they get ice damage as they get older.

Audited Bills

Trustee Hurd moved to pay the audited bills of March 13, 2007. Seconded by Trustee Leonard.

Trustee Leonard asked about the bill for a wheel and tire 19.5 inches which was damaged.

Mr. Edwards, DPW Superintendent explained that the F550 wasn't speced with a spare and the rim got bent.

Mayor Pearson stated that she emailed the manager about the snow removal trucks and why they are all different prices and whether the village should be doing quotes.

Manager Politi stated that they are all different size trucks. It's a snow emergency process and they call in multiple haulers.

Mayor Pearson asked if they could get quotes in the beginning of the season. She feels it could be more uniform.

Manager Politi stated that they could.

Mayor Pearson stated that anything over \$1,000 should have two quotes.

Trustee DeJesus stated that it makes sense in the terms of the cost. You need to know the prices the others are charging and come up with an average. It would be good to know what other municipalities are paying.

Deputy Mayor Matise asked if it depends on who is available.

Manager Politi stated yes.

Deputy Mayor Matisse asked where they take the snow.

Manager Politi stated that some goes behind the garage.

Mr. Edwards stated that the haulers come to him to get on the list and it goes by who is available.

Trustee Leonard stated that this is something they should be looking at in October.

All ayes. Motion carried.

Scheduling of Budget Hearings

Manager Politi stated that next Monday he will be handing off the tentative budget to the Village Clerk.

Trustee Leonard indicated that he will be going on vacation on March 28th and returning April 6th.

After a brief discussion the following dates were scheduled for budget hearings; March 28th at 7pm, April 2nd after the reorganization meeting and 3rd, 4th, and 5th at 7:00pm.

Park Comprehensive Plan

Manager Politi stated that he was requested by the deputy mayor to put this on the agenda. This will be brought up during budget sessions.

Mayor Pearson asked if Schoor DePalma has given the village a cost. She also asked if its an ala carte and whether the master plan is what the village needs or possibly conceptual planning for what we already have in the parks.

Manager Politi stated that if you were to look at the village's master plan and our Main Street Strategy, one is a small comprehensive plan for one street and one is village wide. Within that comprehensive plan you could mimic what they see here.

Mayor Pearson stated that we don't have any further purchase of park land unless it's through a development.

Manager Politi stated that when Schoor DePalma came in we want to find out if we're using the space for our community. Do we have the items we need now and for the future? Make sure we're going in the right direction and have a program for the future. To use them for design we may not need to.

Trustee DeJesus stated that the village doesn't need all that Schoor DePalma lists. We need more proposals.

Deputy Mayor Matisse asked if someone recommended this company.

Manager Politi stated that Graham Skea recommended them.

Deputy Mayor Matisse asked if the village has had any professional help with our parks, up until now.

Manager Politi stated that there was an assessment done a few years ago.

Deputy Mayor Matisse asked if that is available.

Manager Politi stated yes.

Mr. Howland stated that he said he could do another assessment and/or with meetings and input from the public.

Mayor Pearson asked how long ago was that done and could she get a copy.

Mr. Howland indicated that it was done in 2003.

Trustee Leonard stated that would be a good starting point based on what was done for the planning board and at that time we were under facilitated for the number of people in the village.

Mayor Pearson stated that this was brought up again to look at this during budget time to see if we have to put funding and whether we need to do it in house or not in house.

Mr. Howland stated that the advantage of using people like that is that they have done it a lot of different places.

Mayor Pearson asked for more information before budget time and other proposals.

Dumpster Use in Refuse Program

Manager Politi stated that the question that has come up is dumpster use in residential settings which is not allowed in the law. He checked with our present garbage company, Interstate Waste and they have no problem issuing dumpsters for multiple units. The cost will not change, for a five unit building it would be five times twenty seven dollars and fifteen cents. There would be no reduction in cost for dumpsters.

Trustee Hurd stated that residents are supposed to keep their garbage cans out of sight, whereas a dumpster you can't tuck that under a porch.

Trustee DeJesus stated that the board has to decide in terms of the number of units and what requirements would there be, what space is required, you have to screen the dumpster and you have to decide how many units.

Mayor Pearson stated that her concern is that this law was put into place prohibiting dumpsters in residential areas and that was what it was supposed to be. She has questions for the attorney on the law, it talks about at the end of this that the board had to pass a resolution setting fees and collection and times and when and where. She did get a copy of a resolution on that and all it says is we're going to be collecting garbage.

Mr. Dowd stated that was approved by resolution of the board when they authorized a contract and the contract would have all that information.

Mayor Pearson stated that her other issue is enforcement and the law states that the provisions of this article shall be administrated and enforced by the Village Manager or an individual employed by the Village of Walden. She is not sure why this is before the board again. The manager has every opportunity to say that they can't have it. She understands why its before the board because someone is contradicting what someone else is getting and she understands why they are saying that, but she doesn't think it has to come before the board.

Manager Politi stated that he has stated that he will continue to bill the Muehlin's because he can't take them out of the program. Why someone was taken out of the program that still has to be researched.

Trustee Hurd stated that person can be put back into the program.

Mayor Pearson stated that the manager would have that authority.

Manager Politi stated that the person came to the board and the board was discussing whether they wanted to use dumpsters in multiple unit settings. That became a discussion item. So now he is asking for that discussion so that they can make that decision.

Mr. Dowd stated that is sort of a policy as to whether the board wants to go to dumpsters for multi family.

Deputy Mayor Matise added, in residential zones.

Trustee Hurd stated that there might be some dumpsters that can be successfully screened but there may be many others that cannot be. Since there is no financial

incentive it would seem to him that most would be reluctant to go that way. If one was given permission somehow incorrectly to have a dumpster it will have to be removed.

Mayor Pearson stated that where the other person is, is that residential.

Manager Politi stated yes, but the decision you make for someone else, the constituent who is asking will affect that one.

Mayor Pearson stated that she thinks he was asking because he felt he wasn't being treated fairly.

Manager Politi stated that he's not going to enforce what he has here until a decision is made.

Trustee Hurd stated that if something is found that gave this person permission there's nothing stopping the board from saying revoke it.

Trustee DeJesus stated that there is a law and it has to be enforced equally across the board. We don't need to start another policy tonight. There is a policy that they are asking the manager to enforce.

Mayor Pearson stated that is what she got out of this and she understands where Mr. Muehlin is coming from, he doesn't feel he's being treated fairly and she does understand that. She is not sure the village is going to change the law because its not being enforced the way it should be enforced. If the manager wants the board to take that piece of paper out of the equation he can.

Trustee Wynkoop stated that he feels that if they are going to pay for a dumpster what difference does it make. If they have ten garbage cans or one dumpster it will be the same price. We are just offering the convenience of a dumpster.

Trustee DeJesus stated that it goes to another level in terms of then that requires a policy whereby you say where you can have it and for how many units.

Manager Politi stated that he asks the board to enforce what we have.

It was the consensus of the board to have the manager enforce the law.

Trustee Hurd stated that it was actually inappropriate to ask the board to change a law because of an enforcement issue. If any board at some future date wanted to readdress that it could, but it really should do it in a setting whereby its not based on compliance, it should be based on policy.

Manager Politi asked if the board wanted him to enforce this policy, as it stands.

Mayor Pearson stated, but, the question is do you want to have dumpsters in residential neighborhoods.

Trustee Wynkoop stated that he doesn't have a problem with that.

Mr. Dowd stated that right now it's not allowed in the law.

Trustee Leonard stated that it's also accessibility for the garbage truck.

Trustee DeJesus stated that is for a work session.

Mayor Pearson stated that they came before the board because they didn't get answers and they shouldn't have to come here to get those answers.

Workplace Violence Policy

Manager Politi stated that New York State enacted legislation creating a new Section 27-b of State Labor Law that requires public employers to perform a workplace evaluation at each worksite and to develop and implement program to prevent and minimize workplace violence caused by assaults and homicides. We fall into this program of having to put a program into place because we have 20 or more full time permanent employees. This policy went to our insurance carrier who has a risk management advisor for his review.

Deputy Mayor Matisse asked if the library would have to do their own.

Mr. Dowd stated that is for school, not library, 2801 does not apply to them.

Deputy Mayor Matisse asked the attorney to check on that.

Trustee DeJesus stated that they are excluded because they are covered under the safety plan.

Retirement System

Manager Politi stated that a question has come up from a former employee who was an elected official and justice and in order to be in the retirement system you have to gauge how many hours you've worked so that you get time toward as an elected official. This is not standard hours. A resolution has to be passed defining a work day. Six hours would be considered a day that would be credited to you. You have to take a typical month and have the board write down anything they do during the day that has to do with village business at all. We have to come up with a generalized number. He has a sample resolution.

Deputy Mayor Matisse stated that she will go back through her calendar.

Trustee Norman volunteered to keep track of her hours to come up with a generalized number.

Public Comments on Discussion Items

John Muehlin stated that Mr. Schufa has eleven units and two dumpsters, is he going to be back billed from time this went through. He is about to hire an attorney. There are other dumpsters in the village that shouldn't be there and his rate is going up because of this. He asked again is Mr. Schufa going to be backed billed.

Mr. Smit stated that Mr. Muehlin's problem has been going on for a while. He feels the system in itself has worked well. He wonders if the board would consider taking the garbage collection in house and having a subcontractor and he also asked if a study has been done.

Mayor Pearson stated that the manager put together a package when the board reviewed the garbage contract, how much it would cost for the village to do the garbage collection. The total was \$664,000 and our bid was \$637,000. She feels every contract should be looked at that way. The deputy mayor has been doing research.

Mr. Smit stated that there is better control when you have it in house. Those places that could have dumpsters in multiple residential areas could be screened. Those people that have sidewalk pick up only they will have to have garbage cans.

Mayor Pearson stated that the manager could also do that now. If you chose to say I want to waive that just like if Mr. Schufa was waived, you may have that opportunity to waive what people are wanting and give them a statement and say if you feel its feasible for that space. The manager has that opportunity.

Manager Politi stated that the board just told him not to. He does not have the ability.

Trustee DeJesus asked how many trucks were considered in the study.

Manager Politi indicated two.

Trustee DeJesus stated that he thinks there was a need for a third truck, employees, workers comp, pensions, and health cost.

Trustee Leonard stated that we had to hire another foreman because of the start time being earlier and there was significant lead time to purchase the trucks through state bids. Also, who is going to maintain these trucks?

Trustee Hurd stated that it's been looked at more than just the last time and contracting always came ahead.

Manager Politi stated that it's the start up cost and our ability to store the trucks and there are facility issues.

Presentation – Nugent and Hauessler

Gary Theodore, Nugent and Hauessler stated that they conducted the audit this year and that this is the best type of audit report you can have, it's an unqualified opinion. He reviewed the financial statement and stated that on page nine is a comparison of the revenues and expenditures from last year to this year which were steady from one year to the next. The new type of financial statement comprises all of the funds together and the only thing that is excluded is the trust and agency fund which is stated separately. On this type of basis of accounting the top section shows the total assets at 9.1 million, the middle section shows the liabilities at 3 million and the bottom shows the fund balance at 6 million which are very healthy numbers. On page 18 is the income statement on the GASB 34 basis, on the right hand side the third number up from the bottom this basis of accounting they see that the income is more than the expenses by 1.2 million dollars. You started the year with a fund balance of 4.8 million leaving you with 6 million dollars in the fund balance, so those numbers are healthy and good. On page 19 is how it was in the old days, fund by fund. He called the board's attention to the second line up from the bottom which is the fund balance, difference between the assets and the liabilities. Going from the general fund over you can see a positive fund balance in each of the funds until they get to the capital fund, but all the funds have a positive fund balance which means they are being managed correctly. The reason the capital projects fund has a negative fund balance is because the expenses are made on the project before the permanent financing comes in so the negative will be wiped out when the financing comes in. Page 21 is the income statement which you will see all the way across positive numbers showing the income is more than the expenses; you will see most of the way across there is positive numbers showing the income is more than the expenses for the general fund, community development, water and sewer. The capital project is a negative which is nothing out of the ordinary and the library fund had expenses more than income of \$21,000, but had a fund balance every year of \$31,000 which was enough to absorb that. Page 45 is the supplemental schedules which show how the actual income and expenses compare to what was budgeted through the year. The last column is a variance column, if the number is positive it's good and if it's negative it's bad. When you look at the total revenues you'll see that the total revenues for the general fund came in \$63,000 higher in the budget and when you go to the very bottom of the last column you'll see that the expenses for the year were less than what was budgeted. You will see that as you go fund by fund that there was a demonstration of fiscal restraint and they didn't overspend any of the funds in total and they did a good job budgeting because those variances aren't that high. Page 49 lists every capital project of the village and shows its status. Page 51 shows all the debt of the village.

Trustee DeJesus stated that there was a recommendation in the audit for hiring an employee who would have auditing duties, why was that and wouldn't that take away the responsibility from this board.

Mr. Theodore stated that was in the management letter and what that does is several things. One being if they found a problem they would report that to the board, second if they felt that something could be done a little better they would make that recommendation in the management letter. The third is an overall suggestion for the board's consideration. It doesn't mean you have to do any of them. All of the school districts they audit have an internal auditor that comes in from the outside and reviews the paid bills. It's an extra layer of protection and extra internal control. The village has a smaller office staff than the typical school district. Here the board reviews all the paid bills and if they want to continue doing it that way that is fine.

Trustee DeJesus stated that the management letter sounded cautionary to him, different from the report Mr. Theodore just gave. He asked if there was any reason for that.

Mr. Theodore stated that his accounting firm audits a lot of school districts and towns and villages. They've used school districts as being one step ahead as far as your feet in the fire, as far as the regulatory process that is coming. New York State Law required school district board members to have so many hours of education per year. They also said they are going into every school district and do an audit even though an independent audit is done. They feel towns and villages are not far behind and that will be their next logical step once they've been through every school district. A lot of the suggestions in the audit are suggestions that school districts have gone through and when the comptroller's office comes in to audit the school district these are the things that are asking for.

Trustee DeJesus stated that he understands now why it was put there, but when he looked at the letter red flags went up. When you look at the document it's a good document.

Deputy Mayor Matise asked what letter B. meant, it stated that they found that duties were not segregated in the business area to maximize internal control. There are no specifics, so what are you talking about.

Mr. Theodore stated that they are talking about is in comparing the village to the Valley Central School District where the office staff might be twice the size and where you have more people you can segregate your duties and have one person looking over the shoulder of another person making two people responsible for the same thing, which would minimize the opportunity for one person to do something dishonest.

Deputy Mayor Matise asked what duties is he talking about.

Mr. Theodore stated that if someone here tried to do too many duties then that person is doing too much of the process and the duties aren't segregated.

Deputy Mayor Matise asked if that is happening here and what is happening.

Mr. Theodore stated that what he is saying is that under normal general controls you would have more people in your office and because there were more people the duties could be segregated more. They could look at the duties people have and maybe start to segregate that more among the people that are here. Because you have a small office staff its hard to do everything that is required to completely segregate duties.

Deputy Mayor Matisse asked who would do that, changes to the duties that the staff has.

Mr. Theodore suggested maybe someone from the board or hire them as an accounting fire to come in and do a study and make recommendations or assign that to the village manager.

Deputy Mayor Matisse stated that when you go down to C it's the same thing. We did a lot of research about GASB 34 the year before and he's saying here that you need policies to address capitalization thresholds, useful lives, depreciation methods and disposal reporting. Does he have any guidelines or templates that the village could use?

Mr. Theodore stated that he does and he will supply the board with that.

Deputy Mayor Matisse indicated that would fit into the budget. She asked if the village was doing it under the GASB 34 model.

Mr. Theodore stated that there is a depreciation register where it's listed all the assets, where its being depreciated, but they would like to see a board adopted policy for what is already being done.

Trustee Leonard asked if the auditor could supply the board the definitions of the terms they use.

Mr. Theodore stated that what is happening in the school districts is that the state requires all the school boards to form an audit committee and that audit committee would actually sit and meet with the auditors to go over the audit before it went to final print and before it was presented to the board. He suggested the village form something like that.

Manager Politi stated that the treasurer is the board's appointment and she is independent, he can work with her to try and do that, but it's her office to make that happen. The committee is up to the board, but you're under the manager format now, that's up to the board.

Mr. Theodore stated that even though these financial statements have the Nugent and Hauessler name on them these are the village's financial statements and he as an auditor also works for the village as an auditor and he is available to the board at any time. During the course of their audit everything they needed was given to them, every explanation that they asked was given to them, everyone cooperated with them very well and everything was in the open.

Deputy Mayor Matise asked about the bail money, is that being addressed by the judge.

Manager Politi stated that if you go through the last three items, the fraud policy we're working on, the vehicle use policy is done and the bail money issue will be going to the judge.

Trustee Leonard asked about the bond rating and how that compares.

Mr. Theodore stated that would be a question for the bond council. The school district ratings are c, b and a.

Trustee DeJesus stated that Mr. Theodore continues to compare the village to the school district and they are two different things. We are a tiny village and we have 41 employees. He understands what Mr. Theodore is trying to accomplish and what is going on with the school districts, but he doesn't think in comparing our budget, it has to be apples to apples and orange and oranges. Comparing us to the Valley Central School District or any school district doesn't do it for him. If he was talking about other villages then we would have something more to compare.

Mr. Theodore stated that compared to other village they do this village is healthy.

Correspondence

Mayor Pearson stated that she received the NYCOM Empire State application form for local government achievement awards. If anyone has anything they want to address they can fill this out and send it in.

Manager Politi stated that he also received the application and is working on it.

Mayor Pearson stated that she received correspondence regarding the flowers on Main Street. The cost is \$600. We need to know if he should go ahead.

Trustee Norman stated that she doesn't have a problem with that, but she would like to see flowers on the west side of the village.

It was the consensus of the board to go ahead with the flowers on Main Street.

Trustee Norman stated that she will let the mayor know how many pots of flowers would be needed on the west side.

Mayor Pearson asked if the manager got the letter about the CHIPS award.

Manager Politi stated that he hasn't seen that.

Mayor Pearson stated that she received notification from Time Warner regarding channel drops. She also received correspondence regarding Walkables Community, Corning, New York, April 17-18. The Humane Society animal shelter is having its annual classic car show on Sunday, July. 8th with a rain date of July 15th.

Manager Politi indicated that the letter from Time Warner is not necessarily that they are dropping those stations; it's an extension of their contract that they are negotiating.

Informational & Village Manager's Report

Manager Politi stated that he checked into the cost of the sectional seating for the second floor meeting room. Judge Ozman went to Fishkill but it wasn't what the village is looking for. He would like to know if the board wants a permanent setting or portable for the third floor. He will put this on the agenda for the next work session.

Manager Politi also stated that he has the department head reports.

Deputy Mayor Matisse asked if the manager wanted to bring up the parking issues that the chief has brought up for Albany Avenue and Grant Street.

Manager Politi stated that what the chief is doing he hears when it comes up and he's giving the board his perspective.

Mayor Pearson stated that the chief didn't say anything about St. Patrick's Day.

Manager Politi stated that he will be adding more patrols.

Mayor Pearson stated that the parking issue on Grant Street and the trucks should be an agenda issue for later.

Mayor Pearson stated that she has had complaints that the children don't get equal time on the basketball court. There was also an issue of people doing things in the back of the building.

Manager Politi asked if it was during open time.

Mayor Pearson stated yes.

Mr. Howland stated that what they do is divide up in groups, they play and the winners play the next group.

Mayor Pearson asked if the building inspector would be doing unoccupied buildings.

Manager Politi stated he will be doing all apartment buildings.

Board Comments

Trustee Norman stated that the youth of the Village of Walden is having a yard sale at Wooster Grove, April 29, 9am-5pm. The committee met last night and the fund raising they are looking at is they want to put a miniature Village of Walden at Olley Park. They would like to see Olley Park move along.

Deputy Mayor Matise stated that she gave the manager information on veteran's extensions.

Manager Politi stated that he is putting something together.

Deputy Mayor Matise stated that she asked the manager for a list of outstanding loans.

Manager Politi stated that he is getting that together too.

Deputy Mayor Matise stated that the board has adopted various policies and she would like the final copies. She also asked if the retention basin on Pine Street was going to get cleaned out.

Manager Politi stated yes.

Mr. Edwards stated that Soil and Conservation advised him to call them in the spring and they will show him how to clean it.

Deputy Mayor Matise asked that the curb on S. Montgomery Street by Reardon's Insurance be painted with reflective paint. She also asked for a web site report and a garbage report. She also asked that more new information be put on the web site. She would also like the minutes on the web site.

Manager Politi stated that he needs a better web site director.

Trustee DeJesus stated that we've been talking about that for years.

Deputy Mayor Matise suggested the web site director be invited to a meeting.

Trustee DeJesus stated that the snow still hasn't been removed by Nub's Graphics on East Main Street. By the Walden Mall the sidewalk is blocked. He also asked about the building by Dominick's that is boarded up, there is a mailbox and a sign that says knock hard, is someone living there. Someone should check that.

Deputy Mayor Matise asked that the manager have the code enforcement officer find out about the railroad property where the scalper was, that doesn't get shoveled.

Trustee Leonard asked for an update on the Capron Street apartments.

Manager Politi indicated that he will get the board a report.

Trustee Leonard advised the board that Adam Bosch of the Wallkill Valley Times is leaving to go to the Times Herald Record. He has always been here for this board.

Trustee Leonard asked what the outcome of the vandalism to the meeting room was.

Manager Politi stated that they know who did it and they are gathering up all the damage costs.

Trustee DeJesus asked if the Historical Society was advised to the vandalism.

Manager Politi stated yes.

Deputy Mayor Matisse stated that the doors to the meeting room should be locked.

Mayor Pearson asked about the lights that are out on the bridge. She also stated that Arbor Day is the end of April; hopefully they will have something and if anyone has any ideas let her know. April 6th is Col. Bradley Day and Nancy Phelps fourth grade class would like to be involved. She asked if there was a schedule for cleaning storm drains.

Manager Politi stated that there is a schedule for cleaning storm drains.

Trustee Wynkoop asked about the park by the bridge.

Mayor Pearson stated that she is waiting for the state to get back to her.

Adjournment

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

Respectfully submitted,

Nancy Mitchell
Village Clerk