

**Village of Walden  
Board of Trustees Meeting  
September 25, 2007**

Mayor Becky Pearson called the 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 Matisse
	Trustees	Mary Jean Norman
		Roy Wynkoop
		Richard Hurd
		Jose DeJesus

Absent:	Trustee	Edmond Leonard, later present
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Also Present:		James C. Politi, Village Manager
		Nancy Mitchell, Village Clerk
		Kevin Dowd, Village Attorney

**Public Hearing – Introductory Local Law I-6 of 2007, “Zoning”**

Mayor Pearson presented the affidavit of publication, affidavit of posting notice and notice of hearing, which she read. She also presented the transmittal to the Orange County Planning Department and the letter from the building inspector indicating that the planning board recommends the adoption of the local law.

Mr. Jacobowitz stated on behalf of the adoption of the local law, Orange County Planning just switched the people who review Walden’s submissions and Cathy Murphy got a big work load walking into this new position, so she hasn’t had time to get to it as of last week. She has received the transmittal and the board will receive a response in time for the next meeting. The short form EAF should also be in the file.

Deputy Mayor Matisse moved to close the public hearing. Seconded by Trustee Hurd. All ayes. Public hearing closed.

**Public Hearing – Restore New York Grant Application**

Mayor Pearson read the resolution regarding the Restore New York Grant application. She also stated that she feels this is a wonderful thing. She also presented letters from Ray Lustig, Town Supervisor Cockburn and Alice Dickenson, Rural Development Corp. who endorse the board’s efforts to obtain this funding.

There were no public comments.

Trustee DeJesus asked what the villages' matching component would be.

Mr. Barnes stated that it's 10% of the grant amount which the property owner/corporation has agreed to provide.

Trustee Wynkoop stated that he feels this is the greatest thing they can do is restore this New York funding proposal. It's a very important step to the future of our village and helps us grow and prosper in the future. He can't think of a better way to start then with the old NELCO property.

Trustee Norman agreed.

Trustee Hurd moved to close the public hearing. Seconded by Trustee Leonard. All ayes. Public hearing closed.

Mr. Barnes stated that this round is one hundred million dollars which is state wide. We are looking at applying for ninety nine million dollars. It will be a considerable hill to climb to get that. The last round the Mid Hudson region received five grants. It's a very complex application.

Trustee DeJesus stated that as a board we can contact elected officials because it's a benefit to our community.

Trustee DeJesus moved to adopt the resolution authorizing the Village manager to submit an application on behalf of Elmco of Orange County Inc. to Empire State Development Corporation under the "Restore New York Communities Initiative" for funding of the rehabilitation of the structure located at 3 Elm Street; and that the Village Board hereby certified that the project has the full legislative support of the Village of Walden. Seconded by Deputy Mayor Matisse. All ayes. Motion carried.

Mayor Pearson thanked Mr. Barnes for the work he did on the two grants, Walden Day Care \$40,000 and East Main Street sidewalk replacement. This is not finalized yet. There is a legislative meeting on October 18<sup>th</sup> at 5:30pm.

Mr. Barnes stated that in the restore application there is a required share. In the plans for the building some of it will be retail space, some will be commercial offices and six apartments over the main floor of the brick building. It is possible that the village could also say that we will support this application by committing \$90,000 toward the renovations of six apartments. You have two ways to do that, one the HODAG fund, which you may not want to use because it has to be used for apartments by lower income persons and the village does not want to have subsidized housing in this neighborhood. The Small Cities fund requires that first tenant in each apartment meet the HUD limits, but beyond the first tenant the owner is free to rent to anybody they want. It may help the application.

Mr. Ozman stated that the reason why Mr. Barnes brings that up is solely because if there is a commitment on behalf of the village, its generally looked upon more favorably by the state. Whether those funds are accepted and utilized will be the decision of the applicant. However, if the village were standing behind the project and showing some sort of firm commitment, that in the eyes of the state would strengthen the application.

Trustee DeJesus stated that wasn't part of the public hearing notice that the village would be making a commitment.

Mr. Barnes stated that this came up recently because of the cost figures.

Trustee DeJesus stated that he doesn't like curve balls at the last minute. This should have been brought up earlier.

Mayor Pearson stated that you're making a commitment that you will at least look at it and consider that to happen. She doesn't know if she has a problem with that.

Deputy Mayor Matise stated that in light of the other things that are being done there that we have a rail feasibility study going on, that we've spent other money out of this fund planning for that area she doesn't see a problem with saying that we would consider it. We've already committed funding to other things that are going on in that area.

Mr. Barnes stated that if they put it in the application without telling the board that wouldn't be right. The owner of any property in Walden, if they meet the guidelines can apply.

Trustee DeJesus stated that he feels they can say this is a priority for funding.

Mayor Pearson asked about the HUD requirements.

Mr. Barnes indicated that the first tenant would have to meet the HUD eligibility limits, which is 80% of median income.

Mayor Pearson asked if that was any one apartment.

Mr. Barnes stated that it would be any apartment that would receive subsidy would require these guidelines. If you assist all six apartments, all six would have to be rented to eligible tenants.

Deputy Mayor Matise asked if the other things that are going on in that area have been included in the application.

Mr. Barnes stated that they talked about the railroad and the site and the MX zone and the whole concept of railroad place.

Trustee Leonard stated that 80% of family median income is \$60,000.

Deputy Mayor Matisse asked Mr. Ozman how many apartments he is talking about.

Mr. Ozman stated that it appears to qualify for six units, more geared to artist lofts and such. The description of that in the application would not be misleading at all. Even if you don't have a full commitment the idea is just to show that the funding may be available.

Trustee DeJesus stated that was his question before, what was the villages' commitment and that should have come up then when he asked. You have to bring those things up front instead of at the end of the public hearing.

Mr. Ozman stated that one of the reasons it didn't come up is because the way the application is laid out it specifically asks if there is a commitment from the village with respect to the 10% and it was agreed that the applicant would commit the 10%. It wasn't until after they got into the very minute details of the application that you realize there is the potential to have a different type of commitment.

Trustee DeJesus stated that he didn't about the 10%; he asked if there was a village commitment to this.

Mr. Barnes stated that the only required commitment is 10%.

Trustee DeJesus stated that he feels they can work around it, but in the future lets have everything lined up.

It was the consensus of the board to direct the manager to write a letter in support of this funding possibility.

### **Approval of Minutes**

Trustee Leonard moved to adopt the minutes of September 11, 2007. Seconded by Trustee Norman. All ayes. Minutes adopted.

### **Public Portion**

Diane Savage, 31 Alfred Place addressed the board regarding her concerns with the idea of selling the skateboard park that was gotten by grant money. A lot of hard work went into that. Ms. Norman worked very hard on that.

Trustee DeJesus stated that he was the one who brought that up. He has talked to the kids and they said they don't want to use the park because they have to use the helmets and the other gear.

Ms. Savage stated that helmets were not the issue; it was the other elbow and knee pads. Her son Joseph was hassled by the village police and neighbors for his skateboarding. She asked about the helmet law for kids fourteen and under riding bikes. Why don't the police enforce that? Wooster Grove is so dark it's like going into an alley way. New kids that go down there are hassled by the kids that are there every week. Maybe someone should sit down with these kids and ask what you can do for them. She is willing to help anyway she can. She asked why it took so long for the insurance company to lift the regulations.

Trustee DeJesus stated that if you look at the minutes he has been asking for a report from the insurance company.

Ms. Savage asked why all of a sudden this was lifted.

Manager Politi stated that our insurance broker has been working for a number of months to find an alternative policy. Just last week our broker worked with Selective to have them look around the area and see how our skateboard park is run and see how other skateboard parks are run. So at that point they relaxed the requirements.

Mrs. Savage stated that on Friday 38 kids, within 2 hours showed up at Bradley Park with helmets to use the park. Why couldn't have this been done before. There has to be something else for these kids to do in this village. She also asked why parents can't be more accountable for their children. They hang out all hours of the night on Main Street.

Mayor Pearson stated that the village does not have a curfew.

### **Audited Bills**

Trustee Norman moved to pay the audited bills of September 25, 2007. Seconded by Trustee DeJesus.

Mayor Pearson questioned the bill that was for food for an accident.

Trustee Wynkoop stated that was the accident by Stewart's, they were there all night.

Deputy Mayor Matise stated that there is a bill from Stantec for the Wooster Grove welcome center. In here they keep saying, preparing for meeting with village officials, who do they mean?

Manager Politi stated that it was himself, the Building Inspector, and the camera person to make sure the light was in the right spot. This is a state grant and the grant has to have stamped plans for that work, so it adds up quickly.

Deputy Mayor Matise stated that she is asking who they are referring to when they say meeting with village officials. This goes back to June. Until now this is really the first report that we are getting on what is going on there.

Manager Politi stated that the board knew all about the project.

Deputy Mayor Matise stated that's not what she is asking for. All of this work that is being done we're asked at the end of it to sign off on it, but up until now they've not been updated on it at all. At first she thought village officials meant the village board and they never met with them and they never showed them a report at all.

Manager Politi stated that you are at a point now where all those plans are completed and you're seeing all the bills coming in now. The complete specs have been delivered to the state.

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

Manager Politi stated that was the preparation of a plan to do the welcome center and the lighting, which he's explained several times, to submit to the state. Because it's connected to a grant they have to be stamped plans.

Deputy Mayor Matise stated that they never had an interim report or a report saying what is going on.

Manager Politi asked if she wanted reports on all projects.

Deputy Mayor Matise stated that the board is asked to approve the bills and they are not given the information to back it up.

Manager Politi stated that the information is in the bill.

Deputy Mayor Matise stated that she is asking to be updated more frequently.

Manager Politi stated that there is always an agency that has to approve everything and reviewed.

Deputy Mayor Matise stated that she is just asking to be kept informed. She also mentioned the Nelson/NYGAARD bill.

Manager Politi stated that he explained that bill to her.

Deputy Mayor Matise stated that she would like to know what's going on rather than just see a bill at the end.

Manager Politi stated that he was already to tell the board that they are ready to put this out to bid. The rail trail is getting ready to go out to bid over the winter.

Deputy Mayor Matisse stated that one sentence is not a report. She wants more information. She feels an intelligent decision can't be made based on the information that is being presented.

Manager Politi stated that the decision was made years ago to process that grant and we are following through.

Mayor Pearson stated that a few meetings ago she asked that when the manager does his report at the end of the meeting, rather than saying this is the recreation department, to update on what was happening and she thinks the board agreed at that time.

Trustee DeJesus stated that this could all be resolved if the board could come to an agreement that everybody submits a report to the board. It could be submitted TO the manager and he could submit a comprehensive report. He suggested the manager use a chart.

Manager Politi stated that because there are a lot of capital projects that in itself is a chart. Where do we go now? When he brings a chart on capital projects do they want a treasurer's report?

Trustee DeJesus stated that they want a status of things. An example of tonight with the grant, he asked a question which was very clear, not the 10%, but what the village commitment is. He feels they are all committed to this project; they want to see it happen as a center piece of that they want to do. The fact is that Mr. Barnes has a tendency of just throwing things in at the last minute and asking this board to make a commitment last minute. He doesn't like that. It could be a monthly thing.

Manager Politi stated that information on contract negotiations goes beyond this table.

Deputy Mayor Matisse stated that a lot of it is capital projects, so that when they are asked questions they know.

It was the consensus of the board that there will be more information from the manager on capital projects and projects that are on going in the village.

Trustee Hurd stated that he would like more time to discuss this, because we're asking the village manager to add more time for preparing reports. The nature of the information has to be meaningful, measurable and make some sense to the board members. It can't be detailed engineering studies where they have no common reference to judge.

Trustee Leonard stated that he would like an update of the capital projects once a month.

Manager Politi stated that he will get the board the information on the capital projects. He further stated that every time you have anything dealing with a grant everything has to be stamped by our engineer for approval. Many of our capital projects are funded with stated and federal grants. Thus, all contracts, plans and specs must have engineer's stamps.

Deputy Mayor Matisse stated that if they knew something was being discussed on a certain date maybe they would have had some input that they would have wanted to contribute.

Trustee Leonard asked if its time to look for an intern.

Manager Politi stated that he is talking with Marist and Pace for interns.

All ayes. Motion carried.

### **Set Date for Joint Meeting with the Town for the Annexation Request**

Mr. Dowd stated that after conversations with the town it was decided to have the joint meeting on November 15<sup>th</sup> at 7:30pm. The town clerk will be publishing the notice.

Trustee DeJesus moved to hold a joint meeting with the Town of Montgomery on November 15<sup>th</sup>, 2007 at 7:30pm. Seconded by Trustee Leonard. All ayes. Motion carried.

### **Supplemental Bond Resolution**

Deputy Mayor Matisse moved to approve the supplemental bond resolution authorizing the village to borrow an additional \$175,000 for Well No. 8. Seconded by Trustee DeJesus. All ayes. Motion carried.

### **Request for Special Meeting to Discuss Parking Concerns in the Village Of Walden**

Manager Politi stated that he is requesting a special meeting to sit down as a group to discuss parking concerns. This Thursday a committee will be reviewing the snow emergency policy. You also have handicapped parking spaces on private property enforcement to discuss and fire lanes.

Deputy Mayor Matisse asked if they could have a facilitator for the meeting.

Mayor Pearson stated that she will be the facilitator.

Trustee Norman moved to hold a special meeting on October 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2007 at 7:00pm to discuss parking concerns. Seconded by Deputy Mayor Matisse. All ayes. Motion carried.



## **Skateboard Park Regulations**

Mayor Pearson stated that she was at the skateboard park and there was no sign.

Mr. Revella stated that the sign is done.

Manager Politi stated that the original sign was stolen and a new sign was made which needs to be corrected.

Trustee Hurd stated that he really didn't think the regulations they had were really onerous considering the balance between the interest of all the residents, the insurance and lawsuit ramifications and the minimal requirement for protection. The safety precautions are for the benefit of the people that are going to use it. He didn't buy the argument that the elbow and knee pads were really a burden.

Trustee Leonard stated that he's not happy that it took Selective eight months to figure out that we were being discriminated against. Here we are sitting with the red faces, they're not.

Deputy Mayor Matise stated that she went to Keith Hunter last year and asked him if he could look into this and do something about it and there was no action.

Manager Politi stated that we did what we had to as per Selective Insurance rules so that we had coverage.

Deputy Mayor Matise stated that she went over there yesterday and the kids were having a ball.

Trustee Wynkoop stated that he feels the helmets are most important.

Trustee Norman stated that she doesn't feel anyone on this board has been through the hell that she has been through with the skateboard park. There wasn't anyone more excited than her when the manager called her about the insurance. Why after eight months did the insurance company decide to lift it. She has been over there the last three days and it's been packed. After she heard from the manager she road around the village letting the kids know that it's been lifted and to go to the park. She agrees with Mrs. Savage that we need to do other things in this village for the kids. We're not going to get them off of Main Street until we give them what they want.

Trustee DeJesus stated remember when we talked about the youth officer and also that he brought up was that they had to be a component of the youth officer and some program for the kids. The fact is that in many communities they have programs and you have the youth officer working with the recreation department doing things with the kids and getting their trust. He agrees that there has to be more programs. The programs have to be from 5-9pm or 4-9pm. We did talk about computers.

Deputy Mayor Matise stated that Pine Bush has been running a program with the Boys and Girls Club out of Middletown and they had leadership programs and gave awards to the kids. The kids were doing community service projects. They have a lot of stuff going on. Mary has been wanting to do that. We had a meeting here at the Bagel Café and no one takes it seriously.

Trustee Leonard stated that Camp Robins has a lot of facilities and they are only a short distance away. Maybe we can work in conjunction with them.

Deputy Mayor Matise stated that the village has facilities.

Mayor Pearson stated that some kids don't have transportation.

Deputy Mayor Matise stated that it's the programs.

Trustee Norman also stated that you need programs.

Deputy Mayor Matise suggested they see if the Dial a Bus would take kids to the pool at the school.

Trustee Norman stated that some people can't afford the bus.

Deputy Mayor Matise stated that we can deal with that.

Trustee Norman stated that we have a recreation department with a lot of employees and we have a great summer program, why can't it continue into the fall and winter. This year they changed the Halloween parade to be at Woosters Grove with a haunted house.

Trustee DeJesus stated that you have to have programs for the kids when they get home.

Mayor Pearson stated that there is a director and a manager who are responsible for those programs that should be in placed. They met as a group for the parks master plan and at that point they were torn between programs and long term. There could be a group doing programs and a group doing the future. The issue is what is happening now. Maybe this should be on the agenda.

Trustee DeJesus stated that it should be a separate agenda item so they can talk about it and come up with ideas.

Mayor Pearson asked if they do or do not need a monitor at the skateboard park.

Manager Politi stated that according to the insurance company you have to have a monitor at the skateboard park. The park will be kept open until November.

Mayor Pearson stated that for budget purposes next year they should talk about the need for a monitor. She asked if legality wise is the village fine with lifting the rules.

Manager Politi stated yes and there is no increase in cost. It was highly suggested that they wear elbow and knee pads.

Deputy Mayor Matise asked if there is a limit of how many kids can be in the skateboard areas at one time and the capacity should be on the sign.

Manager Politi stated that he will find out.

### **CHG&E Transmission Line – Tree Removal**

Mr. Dowd stated that as he understands the boards concern, the representation by Central Hudson where they put the new transmission line through the village in the actual new part they have a very wide easement that they said they were going to clear cut all the trees in the entire easement and he talked to their counsel and when he told him of the boards concern he said that when the PSC came in with their suggested regulations for transmission in order to try and avert what happened a few years ago when the entire east coast went out, the idea is to continue to supply energy in a more efficient way and to avoid major outages that they want the area of the easement around the transmission lines cut so that there are no trees that can fall into, break off and fall down on by a tornado or hurricane into those transmission lines. The issue is that it is not a requirement that the entire easement be clear cut. It was suggested that it be cut and it is required that the areas around the transmission line be cut, it is not required to cut the entire 100 foot easement. The attorney told him that Central Hudson will come up with a landscape parameter and whatever they take down they will try and replace it in some form. They will have lower growing trees that would not present any trouble to the transmission lines. When they have their plan they will come back and show it to the village board and planning board.

Deputy Mayor Matise stated that their presentation was misleading.

Mr. Dowd stated that when the lines go down it takes a while to get them back up again.

Deputy Mayor Matise stated that they like to have brush along the line so people don't have access around the poles.

Trustee Leonard stated that the outage had to do with the lines being heavily loaded and they had a bad rep as far as maintenance.

Mr. Dowd indicated that he will get the board members a copy of the rules and regulations.

Trustee Leonard stated that this should be presented to the planning board too.

## **Stormwater Law Changes**

Manager Politi stated that there were two questions that the board had at the end of the meeting, the difference with the major versus the minor disturbances. They go by one acre and that can't apply, so you have to knock it down to a smaller lot size to have this apply.

Deputy Mayor Matise asked what a full plan was.

Manager Politi stated that if you have a house and property that is sub dividable up to two lots you want that included in the law. The other question was that you needed a procedure and he feels it has to be something we're going to monitor, people can see and that procedure would start with the building inspector. He will have some fall backs, the DPW Superintendent or engineer.

Deputy Mayor Matise asked if it would also be the code enforcement officer because illicit discharge has to do with sump pumps into storm drains.

Manager Politi stated that anyone can see it and contact the village.

Mayor Pearson asked about weekends.

Manager Politi stated that you report it; our guys are out there on the weekends. Call the police department, we have 24 hour dispatch. He also stated that the only thing missing is the penalties.

Mr. Dowd stated that he asked Mr. Fitzsimmons and the building inspector to sit down with him to go over this and come up with fines or penalties.

Manager Politi stated that this has to be passed by January 1<sup>st</sup>. You are 95% there.

Mr. Dowd stated that this should be done by the end of November.

Mayor Pearson asked about the procedure for things happening and we are designating the building inspector to do that.

Manager Politi stated that would be your first contact.

Mayor Pearson stated that he's salaried and he will be coming in on the weekends to do this.

Manager Politi stated that he does anyway for fires, subdivision issues, etc.

Mayor Pearson stated that the board will be looking at a fee schedule at the meeting in October.

## **Public Comment on Discussion Items**

Anita Vandermark, 76 Highland Avenue asked, when they had their meetings to discuss programs with the youth who attends the meeting, a police officer?

Mayor Pearson stated that the meeting they had was for the park master plan which was to start that. She met with Mr. Howland to see if he had any ideas for the future. It's not for the programs it's for what the parks would be looking like. Deputy Mayor Matis and Trustee Norman are also on that committee. They met to see what direction they were going and then they were going to bring everybody together. It was not to include the public at that time. They were torn between programs and what they wanted to see at Olley Park. The recreation committee should be the ones to come back to the board with ideas for programs.

Marcus Millspaugh, Jessup Street stated that he heard a discussion one night about increasing the ability to hear in here and he was wondering how far they've gotten on that.

Manager Politi stated that it's in the hands of the judge. The judge has to design something for himself and once that is done we can buy a new system.

Mr. Revella, 16 Church Street asked about how much area is the annexation request.

Mayor Pearson stated that it's two acres to annex into the village.

Mr. Revella asked about the rail trail, if the village has committed any money to it yet.

Manager Politi stated that yes, the town was \$50,000 and the village pledged up to \$100,000. There is in kind for the two towns.

Mr. Revella asked about the transmission line, will there be an access road to the lines.

Trustee DeJesus stated that they are widening it to 100 feet so they have access to drive in and out.

Mr. Revella asked about how the access road will be incorporated into the landscaping.

Trustee Hurd stated that we don't know.

## **Correspondence**

Mayor Pearson stated that a letter was received from Nancy Calhoun about Governor Spitzer signing legislation to amend the real property tax law in relation to authorizing a real property tax exemption for cold war veterans. There is a memorandum of support. She will make copies for the board and have it on the agenda for the next meeting. She doesn't know if it would be the town or the village.

### **Information Item & Village Manager's Report**

Manager Politi presented the board with a chart of the projects. He asked the board if this is the format they are looking for. The board also asked him for the cost of expenses for special events in the village. This was for materials and overtime. He will have to quantify the expenses for work done during a work day. Twenty five hundred dollars was allocated in the budget for the Harvest Fest.

The manager stated that the code enforcement officer pulled all the dumpster violations out and listed them.

Mayor Pearson asked if there were a lot of comments back from people who were cited for dumpsters.

Manager Politi stated yes. He is working with some of the people.

Deputy Mayor Matise stated that at the code enforcer regular report contains the whole year's violations and some have no resolution to.

Manager Politi stated that sometimes they have to go through the court process and they extend themselves out for a long time.

Manager Politi stated that the video cameras are being installed and hopefully they will be on shortly. Also, Maybrook has asked us to run the DARE program, so there is an agreement to do that.

Deputy Mayor Matise asked what new local law is the building inspector talking about in his report.

Manager Politi stated that this flood plain local law will have to be in place in February. You have to have that in place or you can't get flood insurance. We are waiting for the final map from the county.

Deputy Mayor Matise asked if there was changes to ours.

Manager Politi stated that they were minimal.

Deputy Mayor Matise asked if the clerk went to the census training.

Ms. Mitchell stated that she did.

Manager Politi stated that Mr. Raymondo's septic system was inspected and is in compliance.

Mayor Pearson stated that the police chief was going to put together some recognition for some officers and crossing guards.

Manager Politi stated that he will look into that. He further stated that the bids for the Lafayette sidewalks was received. Upstate Concrete Masonry Contractors was \$25,500, which was the low bid. All the documents were in place. We are waiting for the okay from the county and you can't award the bid until you receive that.

It was the consensus to award the bid at the special meeting on October 3<sup>rd</sup>, as long as the okay is received from the county.

Mayor Pearson asked if there was a completion date.

Mr. Dowd stated that he doesn't have the bid documents in front of him.

### **Board Comments**

Trustee Norman advised the board that they will be decorating the square on Sunday at noon if anyone would like to help.

Mayor Pearson requested the pumpkins and mums be put in back of the building. She has hay bales.

Trustee Norman stated that she felt it was great that they won the trophy for their float. She also stated that they will be building a haunted house and if anyone would like to join them they can.

Deputy Mayor Matise asked if Mr. Dowd has gotten a chance to look at the information she gave him regarding Bradley Lane.

Mr. Dowd stated that he is getting to it.

Deputy Mayor Matise asked about the active duty loan extensions, nothing has been done on that. Also nothing has been done with the shelter agreement.

Mr. Dowd stated that the emergency management plan isn't in place yet.

Deputy Mayor Matise stated that she doesn't know if the ambulance corp. has renewed their contract with the town. Ms. Cockburn stated that she wasn't going to entertain this until they got their new bays done and now they are done and people who are on Medicare and if the Town of Montgomery ambulance shows up and a mobile life support technician gets in the ambulance with them they get a bill and the patient has to

pay it. Medicare won't pay it because the volunteer ambulance corp. does not bill. She feels this is a big problem and the village should look out for the residents.

Trustee DeJesus suggested these people call the supervisor's office.

Deputy Mayor Matise stated that she spoke to Kevin Hayes who said the mobile life support wants to resolve this problem. The sticking point is with the town, town attorney and the town board not addressing this issue with the volunteer corp. It's only an issue in New York State. She asked Mr. Dowd to help them with this.

Mayor Pearson stated that she will send a letter.

Trustee Norman stated that she feels we should get involved with a town issue.

It was the consensus of the board to start with a letter.

Trustee DeJesus stated that the manager was going to look at the issue in the audit regarding the \$500,000 grant, was it one grant or accumulative. He also asked the mayor about the committee. He would like to come up with a date after the meeting.

Trustee Leonard asked about the street light installation at Galloway Place.

Manager Politi stated that he will find out.

Trustee Leonard asked if the attorney had a chance to review the paperwork for the buffer at Beazer Homes.

Mr. Dowd stated that he is reviewing that.

Trustee Leonard asked about the gate at Olley Park.

Manager Politi asked if they wanted Wooster Grove gated. Bradley Park is used in the winter for parking.

It was the consensus of the board to gate Olley Park.

Manager Politi stated that a lot of the vandalism is walk-ins.

Deputy Mayor Matise suggested they light Olley Park and have Friday and Saturday night sledding.

Trustee Leonard asked if the mayor got the map of Central Hudson's transmission lines, the current proposal. The planning board said they haven't seen a map.

Mayor Pearson stated that she has it at home and will bring it in.



Mayor Pearson asked about the joint board training in October. She invited the board members. She asked if someone has been appointed to the planning board.

Manager Politi stated that Mike Ciardullo has agreed to try it.

Mayor Pearson asked if anything has been done to lower the bid on Well No. 8.

Manager Politi stated that they are trying.

Mayor Pearson asked about the Bank Street project.

Manager Politi stated that they were waiting to have the contracts stamped and all the submittals are coming in. As soon as the shop drawings are in they will start.

Mayor Pearson asked about the amount for the well for the engineering firm.

Manager Politi stated that the treasurer is getting that.

Mayor Pearson asked about the time frame on the well.

Manager Politi stated that until the county says go we can't do anything.

Mayor Pearson asked about the grant for the Girl Scout Cabin.

Manager Politi stated that they are working on the ramp plans now.

Mayor Pearson stated that she would like to see something start happening on the Scofield Street house. Money was put in the budget for that.

Mayor Pearson stated that the Harvest Fest was very nice.

Mayor Pearson stated that she spoke to the treasurer and there is no policy covering the counting of miles of personal use of village vehicles. She went on the internet and spoke to NYCOM. It is a law that someone that uses a village vehicle for personal use is responsible to pay mileage. There have been multiple fines in communities. IRS is checking.

Trustee Leonard suggested this be discussed further at the next meeting.

Trustee DeJesus asked the mayor to bring more information.

Deputy Mayor Matisse asked if the manager would be sending letters to the other people who applied for the planning board.

Manager Politi stated yes.

## **Adjournment**

Trustee DeJesus moved to adjourn. Seconded by Trustee Leonard.

Mayor Pearson stated that she would like to go into executive session for personnel and negotiations.

Trustee Hurd stated that the attorney should be present.

Manager Politi indicated that no one has been hired for the highway department.

Mayor Pearson asked where do they stand.

Manager Politi stated that you are now going into executive session.

Trustee DeJesus stated that there is a motion to adjourn and a second.

Mayor Pearson stated that she would like to know what's happening and what do we have to do. She wants to know.

Manager Politi stated that he brought that whole issue to the board as a courtesy, but it's his hire and he will give the board something in writing.

All ayes. Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Nancy Mitchell  
Village Clerk