

**VILLAGE OF WALDEN
BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING
March 11th, 2008**

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

On roll call the following were:

Present:	Mayor	Becky Pearson
	Deputy Mayor	Mary Ellen Matisse
	Trustees	Mary Jean Norman
		Jose DeJesus
		Edmond Leonard

Absent:	Roy Wynkoop, later present
	Richard Hurd, later present

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

Justice Court Budget

Judge Ozman stated that the upside of his budget is that he doesn't need any additional funding for court offices. There will be an incremental increase for the salary of the court clerk which will be a 3% increase. He received funding from a grant that he and Mr. Barnes worked on and that is the Justice Court Assistance Program. In addition to the \$4109 they received in funding from the state they also received a tentative grant for security related items in the amount of \$450.00. This will help other departments within the building. He has \$8200 to spend on facility enhancement to enhance this room. This would help with a PA system and a movable bench. He also has \$1800 for furniture for chairs for the room. They also have a records support management grant. He will purchase video equipment too.

Mayor Pearson thanked the Judge for his hard work in getting these grants.

Trustee DeJesus asked if he had enough money to make the changes.

Judge Ozman stated that the question becomes what the board ultimately decides. It was on the back burner because he expected some funding and he didn't know how much, so he didn't want to come to the board and ask for funds. It is the consensus of the board to build something and \$8200 is a little short to make it nice. Fifteen would be about the amount required. They can also utilize the money for a PA system.

Trustee DeJesus stated that they didn't make a decision.

Mayor Pearson stated that there was money in the budget from last year for tables that may be put towards that.

Public Comment

Brenda Adams, 31 Valley Avenue stated that on behalf of the Friends of the Walden Youth she thanked the board for their contributions towards their indoor yard sale, which was very successful yard sale.

Mayor Pearson stated that the board thanks them, because without citizens and people in the public that help with those projects, it's what it's all about. She also thanked Trustee Norman and everybody.

Trustee Norman stated that they also have to thank Trustees Wynkoop, DeJesus and Deputy Mayor Matisse. They were there both days and did a tremendous amount of work.

Mike Lynch, 54 Albany Avenue stated that there is a pot hole at the intersection of Albany Avenue and Pleasant Avenue.

Approval of Minutes

Trustee DeJesus moved to adopt the minutes of February 19th, 2008 with the following corrections: Page 2, eighth paragraph change throw to threw and id to ID. Seconded by Trustee Leonard. All ayes. Minutes adopted.

Trustee Norman moved to adopt the minutes of February 26th, 2008. Seconded by Trustee DeJesus.

Trustee DeJesus stated that on Page 9, sixth paragraph, his question was not as to if there was an adverse decision they have to give a copy of the report to the people applying for the loan. His question was related to if they make a negative decision on the loan does it have to be reported to the credit company.

Mr. Dowd stated no.

Mr. Barnes stated that you report it to the applicant.

All ayes. Minutes adopted.

Audited Bills

Trustee Norman moved to pay the audited bills of February 26th, 2008. Seconded by Trustee Leonard.

Mayor Pearson asked about the phone bill for the Chief, \$700.

Manager Politi stated that the new phone was costly.

Deputy Mayor Matise asked about the Stantec bill for Bank and Main Street, it says that Lanny developed a punch list. She asked if the village has a copy of that. During the rain storm the other day the storm drain on the Lustig building side on the corner is not catching any water at all the way the street is paved. All the water is being directed into the center of Bank Street and right into the intersection of Routes 208 and 52. There is also water going down the Ulster Avenue sidewalk by Walden Savings Bank. That needs to be looked at.

Mayor Pearson stated that also on a Stantec bill, she knows the village made an agreement for a certain amount per level and she sees that two of the rates have changed on a couple of them. Lanny's rate went from \$80.00 to \$85.00 and Jim Fitzsimmons rate went up to \$147.00 from \$138.00. She questions why they are charging more money when the board set the rates to begin with. She also commented on the lights on Bank Street that are not right.

Manager Politi stated we have not finished paying on that and the collar and top piece has to go in.

Deputy Mayor Matise stated that someone was there today looking at the grate. She would like the manager to find out what they were up to.

Mayor Pearson asked that the manager get back to her about the engineers bill.

On roll call Trustees Norman, Hurd, DeJesus, Leonard and Deputy Mayor Matise voted yes. Mayor Pearson stated that she only approved the bills she signed. Motion carried.

Sun Rise Service

Manager Politi stated that Reverend VanHouten requests permission to have Easter Services on March 23rd at 7am.

Deputy Mayor Matise moved to allow Reverend VanHouten to have Easter Services on March 23rd at 7am.

Main Street Grant Resolution

Deputy Mayor Matise moved to adopt the Main Street Grant Resolution. Seconded by Trustee DeJesus. All ayes. Resolution adopted.

Materials Exchange Presentation

Jill Gruber, Director of the Hudson Valley Materials Exchange stated that they are a nonprofit dedicated to resource conservation and they are in the process of moving their program to Walden and must submit a site plan application to the Planning Board. They requested the Board waive the application fee and any other fees. Having been closed for 5 months they have no revenue from sale of materials and are much in debt. She also asked the board to participate with them as a nonprofit to apply for grants. There is nothing they need to do with the building.

Trustee Leonard asked what they were going in front of the Planning Board for.

Mr. Dowd indicated that it was site plan approval.

Mayor Pearson asked why they needed site plan approval if it's going into a business district.

Mr. Dowd stated that it's a change of use.

Mayor Pearson stated that it's zoned MX, wouldn't that be retail.

Mr. Dowd stated that it was not retail.

Mayor Pearson asked if they change the whole area that doesn't automatically make that MX until it gets changed.

Mr. Dowd stated that it's a different use that needs to be approved by the Planning Board.

Mayor Pearson asked what does that constitute. They need to have an engineer look at it. What is the process?

Mr. Dowd stated that he doesn't know what they are going to present to the Planning Board as far as site plan and/or drawings, and/or how much space out of the building they want, how many employees they're going to have, how many visitors they're going to have that would require parking spaces.

Mayor Pearson asked Ms. Gruber what she's gone over with the building inspector.

Ms. Gruber stated that she submitted the application and except for having to run around and get the plans and everything the application was straight forward. They don't have money for engineers or architects or lawyers, so she did it herself with the guidance of their contractor. They used the original NELCO plans and they superimposed what they are going to do. They are using 8000 square feet of the building which shows everything.

Mr. Dowd indicated that they need written permission from the owner to make that applicant; otherwise they don't have the authority.

Mayor Pearson asked if they need that before they go to the Planning Board.

Mr. Dowd stated before she gets to the Planning Board.

Mayor Pearson stated that the request is to waive the fee to get to the Planning Board. When does she have to pay the fee?

Mr. Dowd stated that normally you pay the fee up front before you go to the Planning Board. He also stated that historically the Village has considered waiving fees for not for profits that were also the owners of the property. In this case the not for profit is not the owner of the building and the owners clearly are not nonprofit. The problem is the approval runs with the land. So the benefit would not only be for the tenant, but also the owner and it's his understanding that they do not have a lease yet. They could go through a process where you waive the fees, get the approval and then they don't sign a lease because they can't come to an agreement with the landlord and the landlord would then have approval with fees paid for which were waived by the village for a profit operation. The Village has never done this before. The owner is the one you look at for whether or not there's a not for profit that needs the waiver of fees. Besides the fees for the application there are also the fees that are generated by the engineer and legal.

Mayor Pearson asked with a building like that because its retail we would have to have the engineer look at what part of it? What would they look at?

Mr. Dowd stated that they look at the space being used; they do the calculations of how many parking spaces have to be dedicated to that use. The building inspector would have to look at it.

Mayor Pearson asked if the building inspector could figure out how many spaces have to be used by this size space, you have to have an engineer tell you that.

Mr. Dowd stated that the normal procedure is to have the consultants for the planning board review application.

Mayor Pearson stated that this is new to us, this MX part that they are changing.

Mr. Dowd stated that the zoning has changed, but the Planning Board process has not changed. What you are asking for tonight is a waiver for a tenant into a building who is a not for profit. The property is owned by a for profit corporation.

Mayor Pearson asked if the Day Care Center had to pay all those fees when they went before the board.

Trustee DeJesus stated that they are the applicant with the permission of the building owner and because of their nonprofit status he thought the fees could be waived.

Mr. Dowd stated that they paid their fees and they bought the building. He further stated that the board can waive the fees; he's just saying they've never done this before. After the application fee you then have the review fees that are normal with the Planning Board process and they are asking to have them waived as well. It's his understanding they've never waived those at all even for not for profits. Those are an out of the pocket expense of the taxpayers. The application fee isn't out of the taxpayer's pocket.

Deputy Mayor Matise asked why the application is the tenant's responsibility and not the building owner's responsibility.

Mr. Dowd stated that it's the owner's responsibility, depending on what arrangement they have with the owner. A lot of times the owners of the building, through an agreement either for a contract of sale or for a lease, pass the obligation to get the approvals to the tenant and/or purchaser.

Trustee Hurd asked what the engineering fees would be.

Mr. Dowd stated that it would depend on what is presented to the Planning Board. There would probably be a public hearing.

Mayor Pearson asked Ms. Gruber if they were making changes to the space. They are just moving in?

Ms. Gruber stated that she was assured that there was enough parking on the plan to cover the whole building. There are bathrooms and everything they need.

Mr. Dowd stated that there are enough parking spaces in the sense that what it was used for by NELCO. The problem is as you start breaking the building up into different uses each use could generate different traffic volumes, so what the owner has to be aware of is that he will have enough parking spaces if they take this use in 8,000 square feet and then they have another 20,000 square feet. Say they put in a medical plant which is a highly intensive use of the property.

Mayor Pearson stated that then he would have to deal with that parking later on. Each can be done separately.

Mr. Dowd stated that the Planning Board is going to look at it also from a comprehensive plan.

Deputy Mayor Matise stated that they also have the additional lot across the street. There is a lot of parking.

Mr. Dowd stated that the building is 30,000 square feet and you give 8,000 square feet to this use and you don't know what the traffic generation is and what kind of customers they have on a daily basis.

Ms. Gruber stated that on a good day you would have about ten.

Mr. Dowd stated that leaves about 22,000 square feet of space that could be rented by the owner and he has to have parking.

Mayor Pearson stated that's not the issue right now. The Planning Board will have to make that decision later on. Maybe she can't stay there if he's doing a new proposal and the owner will have to deal with that.

Mr. Dowd stated true, and that is why the Planning Board wants to know if the owner is aware and is consenting to this applicant coming before it for 8,000 square feet of space. Is he willing to dedicate the parking needed for that use?

Deputy Mayor Matise asked if they can do something conditional to the planning process going forward.

Mr. Dowd stated for what, to waive the fees?

Deputy Mayor Matise stated at least the application fee.

Mr. Dowd stated that they can waive the application fee, but remember they have never done this before as far as waiving a fee for a nonprofit that is not the owner of the property.

Ms. Gruber stated that they can do it.

Mr. Dowd stated yes.

Deputy Mayor Matise stated that they can do it conditionally upon getting a letter from the owner and getting a lease.

Trustee Hurd asked at what point you obtain a lease from the owner.

Ms. Gruber stated that they are waiting for a draft. Mr. Ozman wanted to wait to find out what the Planning Board was going to do.

Trustee Hurd asked if they explained to the building owner what they do.

Mr. Gruber stated that he knows what we do.

Mr. Dowd stated that they can sign a lease contingent upon getting the approval from the Planning Board.

Mr. Gruber stated that if they can't get a lease from the owner the board's waiving the fee doesn't matter, because they won't come before the Planning Board.

Mr. Dowd stated that is not true, because if you get a letter from them allowing them to go forward, get the approval for 8,000 square feet of retail space and then they don't sign a lease, the board have approved the 8,000 square feet to the owner of the building.

Mayor Pearson stated that they can make it conditional only for this nonprofit business only.

Ms. Gruber stated that she was told there is a special permit.

Mr. Dowd stated that it's his understanding that its site plan approval to allow 8,000 square feet of space to be used as retail and a combination of warehouse. Maybe it's the warehouse that requires a special permit.

Mr. Gruber stated that every inch of their space is retail.

Mayor Pearson stated if its retail why would they need a site plan approval.

Mr. Dowd stated because it's a change in use.

Mayor Pearson stated that it's all retail, then what happens.

Mr. Dowd stated that there is no special permit, but there is a site plan approval necessary.

Mayor Pearson asked about the engineers fees. There's no minimum fee.

Mr. Dowd stated it's a pay as you go.

Trustee DeJesus stated that the change is not just for them, the change is for the building.

Mayor Pearson stated that the bottom floor is retail. We already did that change. Its MX zone, it is retail on the first floor.

Mr. Dowd stated as long as the board understands that if you waive the fee for this particular application and they don't sign the lease, but the approval is given by the Planning Board, in essence you gave a waiver of fees to a for profit owner.

Mayor Pearson asked if they can make it conditional.

Mr. Dowd stated no, because the approval runs with the land. Suppose they don't sign the lease with the landlord. Now the owners can come in and rent 8,000 square feet of retail space and not have to come to the Planning Board.

Trustee Hurd stated that we're not changing the process, we're waiving a fee. Let's say she came in and said here's your \$1,000 and went ahead, signed the lease and left the next day. What's stopping anybody from doing that?

Manager Politi stated that you're going to have other buildings that are going to go through that process.

Trustee Hurd stated that she's here asking, will you waive the fee, not, will you change the process.

Mr. Dowd stated that he understands that, but in the past you have refused to waive fees for any property owner who is not a not for profit, including engineering fees.

Trustee DeJesus stated that he could make a tax deductible donation in terms of the fees.

Ms. Gruber stated that's time consuming and it's time they don't have.

Trustee DeJesus stated that it's a process and they are trying to work with her.

Mr. Dowd asked when do they think they will get before the Planning Board.

Ms. Gruber stated that they are supposed to go next Wednesday.

Trustee DeJesus stated that it doesn't mean they will get approval Wednesday. There has to be a hearing. A number of things have to take place.

Mr. Dowd stated that the Planning Board may decide they want a public hearing on this.

Mayor Pearson stated they can waive the public hearing.

Trustee Leonard stated that they can call a special meeting for a work session.

Mr. Dowd stated that will still put it in the beginning of April.

Mayor Pearson stated that she still doesn't understand why it can't be under a condition, if they do not move in that it goes back to the beginning and it doesn't affect that piece of property anywhere.

Mr. Dowd stated that it is illegal in New York to approve the use of a building based upon who the tenant is.

Mayor Pearson stated that we're giving the waiver to the nonprofit we're not giving it to the owner of the building.

Mr. Dowd stated that the approval runs with the building.

Trustee Hurd stated that the issue before the board is not the procedure. What she is asking the board to do is waive a fee, one time. Mr. Dowd is saying you have to be careful because we've set a precedent by not doing that. He asked if that was correct.

Mr. Dowd indicated that it was correct. If you give a not for profits a break it's because they are the owner of the building or they are under contract to purchase the building. In this case you've never done this before. You have a right to do it, but once you do it and you get other applicants like this in the future you have to give them the same consideration you're giving these folks.

Trustee DeJesus stated that he doesn't have a problem with that, but the engineer fees and other stuff is another ball game. If you give it to them and you give it to another not for profit he doesn't see the big deal with that, its just when you get into other costs associated with the process he's not on for that.

Trustee Hurd stated that he doesn't feel the cost of the other side of it is going to be that extensive.

Trustee Leonard stated that if there is an existing site plan all they have to do is bring that in and it will be reviewed to see that it is valid and that's all they have to do.

Mr. Gruber stated that they did that yesterday.

Trustee DeJesus stated that he doesn't have a problem with the application fee, because it's something they can do for other not for profits, but the engineering fees is another ball game.

Trustee Leonard stated, go.

Trustee Hurd stated that he was in favor of waiving the application fees.

Deputy Mayor Matisse stated that's fine.

Trustee Norman stated that she understands that what they are doing is something that should be done. Her only problem is for a year and a half Walden Day Care came before the board and they absolutely moved on nothing. We didn't do it for them and they are nonprofit and they provide a service. We've had other people come before us and if we do it for them and we've set this precedent, then we better do it for the next people. She understands they need a place to go, but if we are going to do it for one make sure we do it for all.

Trustee DeJesus stated that when it comes to the application fee that's the only thing he's willing to do and it has to be done for other not for profits. Ms. Gruber said lets take it one step at a time; there are no other steps in terms of waiving. He's not willing to waive any other fees except the application fee.

Trustee DeJesus moved to waive the Planning Board application fee only for the Hudson Valley Materials Exchange. Seconded by Trustee Leonard. All ayes. Motion carried.

Review of Landlord Registry Laws

Trustee DeJesus asked if the board received all the stuff they were supposed to get. He's not moving on this until he's seen what was done before.

The Village Clerk indicated that she reviewed the minutes and found nothing.

Mr. Dowd stated that he didn't find any draft local laws, but will look further.

Trustee Hurd stated that he feels before the board actually considers a specific law they should decide just what purpose it's going to be. He remembers they had a significant number of illegal rentals and they were looking to try and get a fix on what they had and to curb the illegal two and three families. The initial purpose was to try to stop the illegal use and find out what they had.

Trustee DeJesus stated that to begin with we have to know who is an absentee landlord and how do we contact them in case of an emergency. That would be the primary task here. If you live out of town how do we know who to contact in case of an emergency.

Deputy Mayor Mattie stated that some do both.

Mayor Pearson stated that you can be very extensive and get into the whole fees and making sure you have more fees and register every year.

Deputy Mayor Matise stated that if a property is leased to Mr. and Mrs. X and all of a sudden Y, Z and whoever show up and are living there too.

Trustee DeJesus stated that is a function of the landlord to monitor that. Are we going to police this now if I rent an apartment and the kids leave and they come back?

Mayor Pearson stated that it's not for kids; it could be a safety issue, one bedroom with six people living in there.

Trustee DeJesus stated that it's up to the landlord to monitor that. Isn't it a part of the building department.

Mayor Pearson stated that it is a part of the building department.

Deputy Mayor Matise stated that what happens in situations like that is a two family building then it becomes a three family because they section off part of one apartment. They may not rent it out separately but they put other people in there.

Mayor Pearson stated that there is a house on Maple Street that had three apartments in it, a person was going to buy it and use it but wanted to put a fourth apartment in and he was told no, so he didn't buy the property. Now there are four mailboxes. Does that mean there are four apartments? That will show through the inspections that there are illegal apartments coming in. An inspection within the next year will show additional apartments.

Trustee Hurd asked if they were going to try and inspect existing apartments or are we going to be looking for single family homes that were converted illegally.

Mayor Pearson stated that is what your discussion should be, where you want this to go.

Trustee Hurd stated that what they came up with before is it's going to be prohibitably expensive.

Deputy Mayor Matise asked if this is why Beacon zoned everything single family as a way to deal with this.

Mayor Pearson stated that they did that because there are so many illegal apartments. The only way to get that back to the way it needed to be was to rezone single family.

Trustee Hurd stated that zoning is still just zoning and without long enforcement you're not going to stop people from breaking the law. The law doesn't provide enforcement, enforcement provides enforcement. You're going to have to have a mechanism for inspection, it wasn't just registering, it was inspecting it. When we got to the inspection part we found out how expensive it would be.

Mayor Pearson stated that we are inspecting multi family homes now. That is the code. We're already doing it so it might make it easier if we had the registry to go along with it, since you're already doing that process.

Trustee DeJesus stated that if the building inspector is doing this then we need a report from Dean as to what he has found and based on that report then we start talking about this, but not before. We need to know what he has found and then move on from there.

Trustee Hurd asked if the board is looking for a process of creating a register, by itself.

Mayor Pearson stated yes. That was their initial thought just because there are many absentee landlords. There should be someone here in Orange County that is responsible for that house if that landlord is in Timbucktoo somewhere. They should be able to get to them if there is a problem.

Trustee DeJesus stated that we actually don't know what we have, do we. We need to find out what we have.

Trustee Hurd stated that if you start a registry and complete the registry then you have a preliminary idea of what you have.

Mayor Pearson stated that when she spoke to the building inspector he indicated he liked Maybrook's registry. She feels they should start in stages and start with the registry. He's doing those inspections anyway.

Trustee Hurd suggested the building inspector attend the next work session to give the board an idea of where they are at and is he going to create a computer data base of these illegal apartments.

Mayor Pearson asked the manager if he knew what the building inspector's procedure is.

Manager Politi indicated that he will have the building inspector come in and explain everything. He just completed Walden View Apartments with the owners.

Mayor Pearson stated invite him to the next meeting and maybe take the board in a direction which he would like to start in too.

Review of Cyber Policies

Mr. Dowd stated that if you took the best of all the policies and make one streamlined there are some good ones, but the question is what you are trying to achieve. You should have a policy so that people who are working on village computers are not downloading information and they are not using programs that are not authorized and they're not visiting my space and other web sites that are not related to their job. How far out reaching do you want that policy to go? If you look at the policy they really cover all the bases that you want. The cyber policy that was the local government's cyber security that is more generalized.

Mayor Pearson stated that was too general for her. She wanted something meatier.

Mr. Dowd stated that gives you the basic areas to cover and when you look at the Borough of Magnolia it puts flesh on the bones, but the question is how much flesh do

you want on the bones. The next question is you don't have a network yet. Until you go network there's not much of a chance of people stealing other people's files.

Mayor Pearson stated that you can restrict people from putting things into that computer, because it's still a village computer whether you have a network or not.

Mr. Dowd stated that since you have individual stations unless you have somebody's code to get into their station you can't get there.

Mayor Pearson stated that the police have networking, so it should be put in there.

Manager Politi stated that is quite restrictive in what you can get into.

Trustee DeJesus stated that you have to start with a basic premise that you're not allowed to install hardware or software that is not authorized by the village. You're not to remove any hardware or software and you also need to talk about the type of information you mail out. You can use the internet for work related research. He doesn't have a problem with people during lunch looking at something. That is not the intent. The issue is that what you send out becomes a serious matter if you're using the computer to intimidate, harass or annoy somebody else and you're doing that during work hours.

Mayor Pearson stated that Magnolia said what she was thinking. Even though we don't have a network now, we should put it in there so we don't have to change it again.

Trustee DeJesus stated that it's not just downloading its also viewing.

Mayor Pearson stated that it also states that personal use of the internet shall be limited to personal time with the permission of, and we can say the manager or who ever.

Mr. Dowd stated that there is also the Town of Marlborough's.

Mayor Pearson stated that she likes that one too. She would go to Marlborough, and the middle one.

Mr. Dowd stated that he will take Marlborough and Magnolia and try to consolidate them. He also stated that he doesn't know what it means when it states, intentionally wasting limited resources.

Mayor Pearson indicated that means time. Maybe they just didn't say time. In the other one it tells you about time lose and it talks advertising, destructive programs.

Trustee DeJesus stated that could be copying things.

Mayor Pearson stated that she likes Marlborough and Bernard's Township so combine the two. She further stated that it was the board direction at the last meeting to come up with a policy.

Mr. Dowd stated that he will take these polices and come up with a policy for Walden and email it to the board. He further stated that part of the problem is that there is a lot of junk mail that comes in and a lot of stuff that is communicated to computers that you will get and no one solicits this, it just shows up. One of the policies says you're supposed to report someone else for sending the email. If the person is not within the village government it's useless to tell them to stop sending the stuff. You have to make sure no one else from the village system is sending unwanted email.

Deputy Mayor Matise asked if the village computers have fire walls.

Manager Politi stated yes.

Trustee DeJesus stated that all you have to do is delete the Spam. If you're getting unwanted email tell the person that's sending it.

Mayor Pearson stated that the direction is for Mr. Dowd to go through the policies and put something together for the next meeting.

Annexation Update

Mr. Dowd stated that the town has distributed all the documentation on the SEQRA process from the applicant. They are waiting for the town's comments. It's his understanding that this will be on the town's agenda this Thursday to make any comments on SEQRA. If they have no comments this board can take SEQRA action at their next meeting and vote on the annexation.

Credit Criteria

Mr. Barnes stated that he contacted Walden Savings Bank and they sent back the criteria they use for loans, minimum credit score, no open judgments, no open collections, and no charge offs. His thought in having reviewed credit reports and seeing other problems that we also take, the first four would be minimum standards. If someone has any of those first four problems they don't get a loan. The next three are items where we would want a written explanation. That leaves if flexible for recommendations. A pattern of late payments could be from medical bills or they are out of work, but they've had good credit all along.

Trustee DeJesus stated that they usually don't pay the loans back until they sell the house.

Mr. Barnes stated with the new guide lines you're going to find half the cases or more will be making monthly payments.

Mayor Pearson asked about the first four things. If things look good they will get the loan.

Mr. Barnes stated that any of those four knocks you out.

Mayor Pearson asked if you're fine with the four and you go to the bottom three you're saying that they need in writing.

Mr. Barnes stated that rather than making it a yes, someone with these three problems is automatically out or maybe an explanation of that.

Trustee DeJesus stated that a policy should be put together.

Mr. Barnes stated that he will add them to the guidelines.

Deputy Mayor Matise moved to accept Mr. Barnes report and follow his recommendations and add them to the guidelines. Seconded by Trustee DeJesus. All ayes. Motion carried.

Public Comment on Discussion Items

John Revella stated that he was glad the board approved the waiver for the Hudson Valley Material Exchange. He also stated that other things you should consider when you consider the landlord registry are building codes, fire codes and health violations. Also, he thanked the board for the resolution for Main Street.

Correspondence

Mayor Pearson stated that a letter was received from Ed Diana which stated that the County of Orange will celebrate its 325th anniversary of incorporation. They encouraged our municipality to adopt a resolution giving a short history of Walden and its unique contribution to the fabric of our county.

Mayor Pearson asked if anyone wanted to form a committee to work on this.

Deputy Mayor Matise stated that she would like to work on this.

Trustee DeJesus stated that he would like to be a part of that.

Pat Eisley also stated that she would like to work on that committee.

Mr. Millspaugh indicated that tonight's trivia is that the Village of Walden was not a part of Orange County then, we were Ulster County.

Mayor Pearson stated that she gave the manager the correspondence on the Transportation Enhancement Program regarding grant money.

Mayor Pearson stated that she also gave the manager a copy of the correspondence regarding dam safety and regulations. Whether we own the spill way or not and whether we need to work on something there.

Notice was received regarding household hazardous waste collection at Orange County Airport, April 11th and 12th. It will be posted on the blue screen and in the calendar.

The Walden Women's club is calling all volunteers April 27th – May 3rd is volunteer week. They will be sponsoring a volunteer fair that is an evening for each and every organization or group to display wares and have a huge membership drive. They will meet at Wooster Grove Teen Center from 7-9pm on May 1st. Mayor Pearson and Trustee Norman will have a volunteer sign location by then.

A letter was received from the Walden Little League about their program in the gym. The board still needs to discuss that. The Mayor asked if the manager got an email from Bill Pullar regarding maintenance of Bradley Park.

Manager Politi stated that he will check.

Mayor Pearson stated a letter was received from DEC congratulating the village for becoming a Tree City for 2008.

Village Manager's Report

Manager Politi stated that there are the department head reports.

Manager Politi also stated that during the budget process there were some questions about calcium chloride salt versus magic salt. He's been in touch with DEC with several people and calcium chloride is not prohibited in any way. He did make inquiries about the magic salt. Magic salt comes from barley and whenever you use an organic in the mix, the concern right now is you impact the BOD's and BOD's are your most critical levels that you have to watch in your wastewater plant. Because it's organic based it could be a problem in the water. They don't have a lot of literature in the states. If the board wants he will research that.

Mayor Pearson stated that she would like the manager to research this, only because calcium chloride sounds much more dangerous than your magic salt.

Manager Politi stated that BOD's is what hurts your aquatic life.

Mayor Pearson stated that by the time it goes through the plant it's all treated.

Manager Politi stated that there is no issue with salt or calcium chloride because what they affect is your immediate areas.

Mayor Pearson stated that she is thinking of people's property and their pets and the people who live on the street that this is getting all over.

Manager Politi stated that there is no where in this state that they are going to tell you that you can't use that.

Deputy Mayor Matise asked the manager if he received the 2004 report that was done by the DEC.

Manager Politi stated yes.

Deputy Mayor Matise stated that maybe some of it has to do with reduced salt levels.

Manager Politi stated that it will with calcium chloride. Calcium chloride dissipates a lot quicker than salt.

Trustee Hurd stated that there are a lot of streams and water ways in the village.

Manager Politi stated that you still use salt with the coating.

Mayor Pearson stated that you're going to use it with the calcium chloride, so you're using it either way.

Deputy Mayor Matise stated that the town uses a combination of salt and sand. She suggested for next year to find out what kind of levels the state uses on Route 52 near our wells.

Manager Politi stated that they use straight salt.

Deputy Mayor Matise stated that they did wind up contaminating the towns wells off of Route 84 by over salting.

Mayor Pearson stated that she would like more research.

Manager Politi stated whether you're using calcium chloride or the magic salt additive your going to reduce the amount of salt. That is one good thing.

Mayor Pearson stated that she was also looking for a cost analysis between the calcium chloride and the magic salt.

Manager Politi asked if you want to watch your impact water ways or is it price.

Mayor Pearson stated both.

Mayor Pearson asked if there was a report on the projects.

Manager Politi stated that the report is on line.

Mayor Pearson asked about the inspection of the Walden View Apartments.

Manager Politi stated that the board will get a report to the board.

Mayor Pearson stated that she would like to know how many complaints and what he found.

Trustee DeJesus stated that would be a part of the discussion when the board meets with the building inspector. Not only there, but what he found throughout the village.

Board Comments

Trustee Hurd stated that some of the residents on Wileman Avenue have complained about speeding.

Deputy Mayor Matisse stated that Bank Street has to be looked at.

Trustee Norman stated that they wanted to locate the volunteer sign on the west side of the village, but there is no place there. They decided on Olley Park. They will put it by an Oak Tree; have a bench and a garden.

It was the consensus of the board to have the volunteer sign at Olley Park.

Trustee Norman stated that it's been months since they've discussed anything on traffic.

Manager Politi stated that it was to be the next meeting. He was asked to find anything in the minutes, first on Albany Avenue. Ninety percent of the information is compiled and he will have it for the next meeting.

Trustee Norman suggested the residents be notified so they can come and voice their opinion.

Trustee DeJesus stated that it's not just Albany Avenue.

Trustee Norman stated that she was upset with the article in the Times Herald Record about police consolidation.

Trustee DeJesus stated that the only thing this board authorized was an application for a grant. He made that very clear. He doesn't know if the police department consolidation is the first to look at when there are other things to look at. Also, any attempt to move in that direction has to take an impartial survey, not by the

town or Walden or Montgomery or Maybrook. Its years of study. It's not something that just happens; there are issues that need to be addressed. You have a work force that is covered by a contract. It's not something that happens over night and it's not something this board has entertained. That is what needs to be made clear.

Trustee Norman reminded people to come out and vote.

Mayor Pearson stated that everyone got a packet from Time Warner for their review.

Mr. Dowd stated that they should bring Time Warner before them if they have any questions about the franchise.

Deputy Mayor Matisse stated that the seniors are concerned because they don't get a discount and the people who bundle get a much bigger break. They feel they are subsidizing that service.

Mayor Pearson asked about General Code.

Mr. Dowd stated that he and the building inspector met for four hours last week. They got up to the subdivision regulations.

Mayor Pearson asked about the emergency management plan.

Manager Politi stated that he has been in touch with someone.

Mayor Pearson stated that she would like an answer by next meeting.

Mayor Pearson asked about the lights on the bridge.

Manager Politi stated that he hasn't gotten an answer from the state.

Mayor Pearson asked what the village's next step would be.

Mr. Dowd suggested they need to talk to the representatives.

Manager Politi stated that he will call the state.

Executive Session

Trustee DeJesus moved to hold an executive session pursuant to 105-(f), Personnel, salaries for non contractual employees. Of the Public Officers Law. Seconded by Trustee Leonard. All ayes. Motion carried.

Trustee Wynkoop moved to reconvene the regular meeting. Seconded by Trustee Leonard. All ayes. Motion carried.

Adjournment

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

Respectfully submitted,

Nancy Mitchell
Village Clerk