

**MOTIONS AND RESOLUTIONS
VILLAGE OF WALDEN
BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING
APRIL 8TH, 2008**

Close Budget Hearing

Trustee Hurd moved to close the public hearing and to continue to receive written comments by April 15th, 2008. Seconded by Trustee Wynkoop. All ayes. Motion carried.

Adoption of Minutes

Mayor Pearson moved to adopt the minutes of March 25, 2008. Seconded by Deputy Mayor Matisse. On roll call Trustees Norman, Hurd, Deputy Mayor Matisse and Mayor Pearson voted yes. Trustees Wynkoop, Rumbold and Millsbaugh abstained. Minutes adopted.

Audited Bills

Trustee Norman moved to pay the audited bills of April 8, 2008. Seconded by Trustee Wynkoop. All ayes. Motion carried.

Resolution No. 18-07-08, Orange County Municipal Parks Planning Program

Trustee Rumbold moved to adopt Resolution No. 18-07-08, Orange County Municipal Parks Planning Program. Seconded by Trustee Hurd. All ayes. Resolution adopted.

Community Development Grant

Deputy Mayor Matisse moved to authorize the Mayor sign the 2008 CDBG Municipal Agreement. Seconded by Trustee Rumbold. All ayes. Motion carried.

Albany Avenue

Trustee Norman moved that the signs on Albany Avenue be put up tomorrow. Seconded by Deputy Mayor Matisse. All ayes. Motion carried.

Trustee Norman moved to amend her motion of the no through. Seconded by Deputy Mayor Matisse. All ayes. Motion carried.

Deputy Mayor Matisse moved that Mr. Dowd research how the site plan for the Thruway and how it impacted the street and the implications for the village. Seconded by Trustee Rumbold.

Deputy Mayor Matisse moved to authorize the Village Manager to contact Bruce and Les Concors and to talk to them about this matter and to have Sue tell them the experience

she had or have them put someone in their parking lot to view these traffic patterns and see that their parking lot is being used as a through thorough fare and see what kinds of suggestions that can be developed out of that to maybe reconfigure some of their parking lot so cars don't come down the hill straight along the edge there and back out and up Oak Street in either direction and to work with them on this to see if we can't come to some kind of solution that way first and maybe after that do physical things that we can do. Seconded by Trustee Millspaugh.

Deputy Mayor Matise withdrew her motion

Computer Use Policy Review

Deputy Mayor Matise moved to adopt the computer use policy. Seconded by Trustee Wynkoop. All ayes. Motion carried.

Summer Program Review-Consideration of All-Day Parks Program

Deputy Mayor Matise moved to develop this program based on no cost option that the program pays for itself from 9am until 5pm. Seconded by Trustee Rumbold. All ayes. Motion carried.

Village Volunteer Sign Location Discussion

Trustee Rumbold moved to approve the volunteer sign. Seconded by Trustee Millspaugh. All ayes. Motion carried.

Flowers for the West Side Light Poles Discussion

Trustee Norman moved to do the west side, Main Street and square with flowers. Seconded by Trustee Rumbold. All ayes. Motion carried.

Adjournment

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

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

On roll call the following were:

Present:	Mayor	Becky Pearson
	Deputy Mayor	Mary Ellen Maise
	Trustees	Mary Jean Norman
		Roy Wynkoop
		Susan Rumbold
		Marcus Millspaugh, Jr.
Absent:	Trustee	Richard Hurd, later present
Also Present:		James Politi, Village Manager
		Nancy Mitchell, Village Clerk
		Kevin Dowd, Village Attorney

FY2007-2008 Budget Hearing

Mayor Pearson stated that there was a budget work shop last night which was open to the public. The budget is still not set in stone; there are still issues after speaking to the public. The increase over the current budget is 1.9% and you have to add in the library which brings it to 4.2% increase.

Manager Politi stated that its 4.2% over the library budget. We are proposing a 1.9% increase in the general operating budget.

Mayor Pearson stated that for \$100,000 it would raise \$4.02 for the library portion of the budget and the village portion would be \$26.00 per \$100,000.

Manager Politi stated that a home assessed at \$250,000 to \$300,000 range it's a \$30.00 difference over last year.

Mayor Pearson explained that they talked about many things in trying to keep the budget as tight as they can. They are looking very closely at what positions the village has. There are a lot of big issues such as the digester which is bonded out; there are also things that still have to be paid for. They are looking at a new police car and water telemetry.

Manager Politi stated that they are also buying a truck for DPW which will be fully outfitted. The goal was to maintain services at the same levels and 1.4% is as close as they can get while holding onto the services with the staffing we have.

Ed Leonard asked if there were any changes from last nights work session.

Mayor Pearson stated that they are looking to move money from one spot to another for a recreation aide. We need someone in the position to follow through with some more of the ideas. It would be a full time position, recreation aide, not assistant coordinator. They also looked at health care for trustees and whether they should have a superintendent of public works or not.

Manager Politi stated that they hope to shave a little off the 1.9%.

Keith Millspaugh, Millspaugh Furniture Store stated that he has more of a multi statement. He started out with the opinion that was in the Wallkill Valley Times which is saying the Village Manager is required to submit an annual budget which must be approved by the Village Board and must work within that budget. There is a lot more to that than what is being said. Since 2003 he's been expressing his opinions at every budget hearing. He feels he's been talking to a board that doesn't want to hear what he has to say. He feels there needs to be an over haul in how the budget process is being done, because he doesn't feel that the budget has been truly addressed to the significant increases that have happened over the years. He would like to know if the current board has a vision of Walden that the budget is based on. What vision does the board have to each department and therefore come up with the budget value that should be established to make that vision happen if that would be a vision that the whole board can agree to. Is there a vision that the board worked on or is it a budget document that they worked on?

Mayor Pearson stated that she believes most of the time it's a document that they are given. She can't say that other people on the board do not have a vision of directing which way to go. We have talked about a zero based budget before and had information on that and starting from scratch and going forward. She can't say that has happened with the past boards. She doesn't know what will happen with the new boards. We may have a different scenario of what happens. There are visions. Looking at the parks we are working as a committee right now trying to work on a master plan.

Manager Politi stated that the capital plan which would lend itself to the department of public works, water and sewer. There is going to be a renewed interest in the police department. There are other things besides the police department. It's not that the departments are not scrutinized by the board. They do look at the budget and they do look at every line.

Trustee Rumbold stated that having to come into this process late, all she can speak to is previous experience in being on the school board and they never started with their document from scratch rather what they did was as a board express a policy or a vision for the district and then the business manager took that vision and put it into the budget, places of concern that the board had. She doesn't know if this board has a vision statement or policy statement. That may be something as a board they can work on and formulate a vision for the village and translate that to the manager who would then implement it in the virgin document for the board to work on. She agrees that should be a consideration when they are formulating the budget. The document she sees, she is ignorant as to how it's compiled, if it's just a document or if it reflects board visions and goals. That is something

she feels would be important to establish how they see Walden and how do they get it there through the budget process.

Mr. Millspaugh stated that he asked that question because the budget is in total over 8.4 million dollars. That is a lot of money for a small community. 6.5 million of that is in the general fund. The general fund from the 01-02 year to this current proposed budget is showing a 57% increase over those seven years. Using the internet government inflation table, it's a 20% number that should be what inflation has done to the budget. So there is an extra 37% of our budget above the inflation number that we have grown by. The categories that have grown significantly, most specifically employee benefits, 131% increase, which is a \$737,000 increase of which \$624,000 of that would be above the inflationary number. He understands the cost of benefits go up. He's just talking about the mission and policy statements; he wants to make sure the board is using those things to determine where they would like to go.

Deputy Mayor Matisse asked if one of those years was the equalization year the state imposed on the pension contribution.

Manager Politi stated yes, that was a big, big difference.

Mr. Millspaugh stated that public safety has gone up 65%, \$615,000, \$425,000 above the inflation rate. Home and Community has gone up 80%, which is \$347,000 which is \$260,000 above the inflation number. Recreation and Culture has gone up 85%, \$146,000 which is \$112,000 above the inflation number and General Government has gone up 40% which is \$314,000 which is \$156,000 above inflation. We have been able to do this because the board has been riding on the wave of increase sales tax, mortgage tax and increased assessments. Otherwise the tax rate would be sky high. Its still tax dollars that is paying for this. We have to choose what we want our government to be, but we want to provide for the tax payer who is footing the bill. What do the taxpayers get for this spending? Are they seeing all the benefits of all these increases? A lot of the increases are in personnel. The general fund increase over the year, he calculates the general fund increase this year as 2.3%, the tax rate is the 1.9% and last year it was 3%. The last two years have been reasonable, more in keeping in line with inflation. Year before that was 7.3% and the year before that 7.1%, year before that 5%, year before that 14.4%, that is when the town added its new assessment and we had extra money. We were able to reduce the tax rate slightly but we spent an extra \$500,000 that year and that continues to stay in the budget every year. He likes to measure dollars spent in productivity. Are you getting the productivity, in your opinion, that you should be getting for all the money that is being spent? As one voice in a group of a lot of taxpayers he doesn't see any change in productivity. Last year he complained that he didn't see the infrastructure improvements that he felt were not visible to the eye out there, which they still needed to be taken care of. He doesn't see them in the budget again this year. He doesn't see anything that addresses the infrastructure aging problems that we are dealing with. Last year the digester had a problem, there was a question whether it could have been prevented or not prevented. That's a \$600,000 possible expenditure of money. What are we doing as a board to make sure these things are caught before they happen and not after they happen when they become much more expensive? Is there something for infrastructure in the budget this year? He doesn't see it.

Manager Politi stated that you can go to the village's website and see all the work we are doing that is planned to be done. There is a new well going on line, digester, getting ready for the Tinbrook, getting ready for a by pass in the sewer. Let alone the work that has been over the last few years. It may not be visible because a lot of the work is underground. We have been very productive in our roadwork, taking care of our road surfaces throughout the village.

Mr. Millspaugh asked what percent of roads were done last year. He didn't see too many.

Manager Politi stated East Avenue, the Boulevard, this year was Bank Street and there were other streets involved. They have tried to maintain the 10% per year and we are close to that, but it's hard to maintain, because it's costly. We've come close to the 10% over the years, 8 or 9%.

Mr. Millspaugh asked what streets are scheduled this year.

Mr. Politi stated that each year you allocate money for road work and that has not been finalized or determined yet. \$500,000 has been allocated.

Mr. Millspaugh asked what line is that.

Manager Politi stated that it's bonded money.

Mr. Millspaugh stated that he didn't see any allotted. He asked if someone had that budget so he could see that.

Manager Politi stated that Mr. Millspaugh has a budget. If you look through it you'll see debt service.

Mr. Millspaugh stated that debt service is down.

Manager Politi stated that we've done well paying things off.

Mr. Millspaugh stated that it means that we're not adding new things to it.

Manager Politi stated that we're adding a great deal to it.

Mr. Millspaugh stated that debt service this year is \$455,000, last year it was \$516,000 and the year before that it was \$552,000, year before that \$527,000, year before that \$514,000, so it's the lowest it's been in seven years.

Manager Politi stated that \$500,000 is what he is looking at.

Mr. Millspaugh asked if that got changed from the original budget.

Manager Politi stated that it was proposed and submitted to the board.

Mr. Millspaugh asked, the total that is coming off the general fund is some of that coming from water and sewer.

Manager Politi stated that the \$500,000 is coming off the general fund and you're working the water and sewer funds through the sewer and water departments.

Mr. Millspaugh asked who watches the budget line items and the fact that so many line items don't get spent year after year after year. Where other line items continually, year after year after year are greatly over spent.

Manager Politi indicated that would be our role as well as the board.

Mr. Millspaugh asked if there was discussion on it. In the meetings he attends he doesn't hear discussion on why those are so greatly over spent.

Manager Politi stated that he could show Mr. Millspaugh where you started out at a \$400 or \$300 you'll see it over spent \$57,000 dollars. That will be replaced with grant money.

Mayor Pearson stated that some of us try to watch those line items. She questions them.

Mr. Millspaugh stated that building maintenance, under shared services, it showed \$20,000 budgeted for many years, he sees \$30,000 spent to date as of February 29th, \$36,000 was spent last year and \$91,000 the year before that. What is in building maintenance under shared services that would vary that much.

Manager Politi stated that it could be anything in any one of our buildings. It's discussed every year.

Mr. Millspaugh asked, if you budget \$20,000 why did you spend more than \$20,000.

Manager Politi stated that they can stay at the \$20,000 but something may break along the way and if it breaks it will stay broken. He further stated that this is a public hearing for the public to give comment.

Trustee Hurd stated that Mr. Millspaugh had a chance to attend all the budget work sessions and they went through the budget line by line and we're not prepared at this meeting to go through the budget line by line.

Mr. Millspaugh stated that he's prepared to go line by line because he feels there is an issue here.

Trustee Norman asked what the issue was.

Manager Politi stated that the opportunity to go line by line is right there in the budget sessions that you have every year.

Mr. Millspaugh stated that he feels these are valid questions. Look at legal miscellaneous and look at the significant amount of money that is spent over the seven years on that one item, which is mostly for contract negotiations. You've spent far more in negotiations that you would in settling a contract which makes no sense. He doesn't understand why the board hasn't said in years address that issue to fix the issue. He feels at a public hearing those questions are valid to come out and say what's going on.

Trustee Hurd stated that it's the PBA contract and they try to negotiate it in good faith as they are required to do every time the contract comes up and that requires the services of the labor attorney. Some years it goes poorly and this year we're going to arbitration.

Mr. Millspaugh stated that your document is peppered with line items like that. They are set with an annual amount that is significantly over spent every year. The answer is not to adjust it to that number, the answer is to analyze why money is being spent.

Trustee Hurd stated that we try to operate a government in a business like fashion.

Mr. Millspaugh stated that he thinks they operate it in a government like fashion where all you have to do is raise the tax rate to pay for your expenses. He runs a business; he has to increase sales in order to increase expenses.

Trustee Hurd stated that if you look at the rate of increase every year over the last 10 years he thinks it was well within the inflationary rate.

Mr. Millspaugh stated that the beginning of his presentation showed that you're 37% above the inflation rate.

Trustee Hurd stated, no, you're talking about total spending and you're using an artificial CPI number which has no real reflection on government.

Mr. Millspaugh asked if the village is in a different world.

Trustee Hurd stated that we're in a different world and we get mandates from the state on retirement benefits and we have no control over it and we have negotiations with the CSEA and PBA that we have very little control over. We're a government.

Mr. Millspaugh stated responsible for every dollar that you raise from the taxpayers in order to spend that money. He started his comments with the quote from the Wallkill Valley Times, what the responsibilities of the manager systems are. He summarized to say that the Wallkill Valley Times is right in saying the manager system works, but it only works if the board is functioning properly, if the manager is capable, and if the public is informed about what is going on so they know what's going on and comment about it. If people paid attention to what is going on and how their money isn't necessarily producing what he feels it should be producing and it's the board's decision what it is producing and he's just telling the board that he disagrees to what is being produced out of 8.4 million dollars that is spent.

Trustee Hurd moved to close the public hearing and to continue to receive written comments by April 15th, 2008. Seconded by Trustee Wynkoop. All ayes. Motion carried.

Public Comment

Greg Raymondo stated that he has a comment regarding the IDA. He handed out information regarding the most recent Assembly bills passed in reference to the IDA. He just found out that the village is planning on doing away with the IDA and the members were not notified. If you read his handout the state has no intension of doing away with the IDA, the state wants to restructure the IDA. He doesn't feel it's a wise move for the village to do away with the IDA.

Presentation-David Fields of Nelson/Nygaard-Commuter RR Feasibility Study

David Field, Nelson/Nygaard stated that he is going to give an update on the Walden Passenger Rail Feasibility Study. The objection of this study was to figure out two things, physically could passenger rail be provided to Walden and is there rider ship demand for that. Not in depth physical calculations, but very basics of is this something worth studying. The full studies can be very, very lengthy, so the idea was to see if this is even a solid idea. They worked with the village and Metro North Railroad to provide service on the west side of the Hudson River through New Jersey Transit and they completed four primary tasks. They developed a service plan, capital budget, cost estimates and rider ship demand. They looked at a few different options for the service plan. The first was, if tracks were laid on the freight tracks that currently exist all the way up to Walden and were used for passenger rail could service be provided all the way down to Newark, New York and Secaucus transfer. In working with the railroad they learned that there is actually not enough space on the rails in the peak hour to allow more train service. So a through running service from Walden down to the southern points would not be feasible. The next step is are there alternate trains that already run on the Port Jervis line that could be rerouted and take those train slots. They were told that wouldn't be feasible from the railroad standpoint. The next alternative was is there a way to shuttle people from Walden to existing rail service having changed trains to not add anymore slots in the crowded southern area and that has potential, so that was the operating plan that got moved forward. So if the tracks were available to provide operating from Walden to Campbell Hall they would connect there and use the existing train slots. They did analyze capital improvements to upgrade the track because the track for freight is not at the same standard that you could use for passenger service. They proposed a building at Walden as well as a Montgomery stop, improve the existing station at Campbell Hall which would also need an over pass, they looked at an underpass also and that was dismissed by the railroad for feasibility reasons, the purchase of rolling stock as well as a signal system because what is out there for freight doesn't work for shuttling people up and back. The capital cost of all that is 31 million dollars. The projected increases in population and employment in the area, people who work today doing a commute down to those areas who will switch and some new people coming in that was estimated out to 273 people per day. The railroad just this week submitted comments which later than they were hoping. They come up with these primary factors, the railroad is interested, they think its an interesting idea, they think some of the factors were too conservative, which means the rider ship should be more than what they are estimated, and at the same time they think more detailed analysis should be done. The bottom line is physically the rail can be upgraded; demand

wise there are people who would take it. What they feel should be done at this point would be an alternative to get people to Campbell Hall and they would recommend taking a quick look for the cost to make sure they are still within that 31 million dollar range and do the final recommendations short of doing the very, very, very in depth, very, very, detailed and complicated study. Lets give the railroad their last pieces to make sure we're in the right range and if that is acceptable to the village working with the railroad to do a more in depth analysis.

Trustee Hurd stated that he knows much of the Port Jervis line is single track, but when they complete the ARC project is definitely a go, go, go, and if that is completed in 12 it sounds like they are really pushing and he believes they are also discussing the idea of making portions of the Port Jervis line double track.

Mr. Fields stated that what the railroad told them was any additional track space that is being planned has been taken up by somebody.

Trustee Hurd asked if the 31 million includes the rolling stock.

Mr. Fields stated that it does, but not the operating cost.

Trustee Hurd asked if there were any shuttles existing now.

Mr. Fields stated that there is the Danbury branch where they shuttle people to Stanford. It was definitely within their realm of, you could do this.

Trustee Hurd asked why they couldn't use a Y instead of an overpass.

Mr. Fields stated that would be time that the railroad is not willing to commit to. Once they go down the line it takes 10 minutes of turn around to come back. They looked at pulling the train straight ahead. They don't want to have the front blocked because the next train pulling out can't go and they don't want to commit to having the train behind, so they said it has to be next to each other.

Trustee Hurd asked if the trains could be parallel.

Mr. Fields stated no, there's not enough room.

Trustee Hurd stated that he thought the overpass was more expensive than a platform itself.

Mr. Fields stated that it's not just the cost of the platform; it's the spreading of the track. The new alternative the railroad is asked to look at which would be at the same cost is to have a new track picked south straight through the line so the front of the Walden shuttle would touch the main line.

Deputy Mayor Matisse asked if this only deals with upgrading the track and the possibility of service. She saw there were surveys from Metro North about a catch men area, where the riders were coming from and which towns, zip codes, etc. People who aren't

coming directly from the village she thinks the problem to the village becomes parking and who is providing the parking facility and where does that money come from.

Mr. Fields stated that they did include in the station cost, a small lot at each station. You can meter your own spaces near there and it can mean a residential permit parking zone.

Deputy Mayor Matisse stated that she doesn't think you can think about inundating your downtown area with parked cars unless you have a solution. Part of it too is not just on street parking, but maybe the need for land acquisition. She asked how many parking spots they are talking about.

Mr. Fields stated that the number is in the report, but they've also laid out some land right along the right of way where the station would be. You have to remember it's your land and if they have the demand to come its yours to regulate monetary what you want. It's a series of parking management steps, but it also means more people coming to your village which means more people shopping in your stores.

Trustee Millspaugh stated that when they speak about 273 possible rider ship did they look at the possibility of competition, we keep hearing about Stewart Field direct rail to New York, how that would play into these numbers or as previous planning board chairman of Walden wrote a letter to the editor made the observation that why wasn't there a bus service now. Does that contradict the numbers of 273, why isn't a bus company jumping on that?

Mr. Fields stated that this does not assume rail connecting to Stewart. Many people do already take the bus because there is no straight shot out of Walden to get to the rail it makes a much straighter shot down. The time and cost would be higher than the rail is going to be.

Trustee Hurd stated that the idea of the Stewart run, they do not have an existing rail bed, so they would have to start from scratch and condemn land which takes a long time.

Mr. Fields indicated that he can't speak about the Stewart train study.

Trustee Hurd asked what Metro North's feelings are about this study.

Mr. Fields stated that the closest points that attract people today on the east side of the river are filled and there is demand above that. From that point of view getting any potential riders accommodated by rail on this side would be great.

Trustee Hurd stated that if it's only going to be a shuttle does it need to have the track upgraded to the same standard.

Mr. Fields stated yes. That track is not owned by Metro North, that's freight owned track so they're not going to let you rip it up very quickly.

Trustee Rumbold asked about the next study, what questions would that answer.

Mr. Fields stated that would be measuring every length of the track. It would go through the Federal process for the signal requirements, using the actual regional projections for employment and population.

Trustee Rumbold stated that if she was the railroad she would look at spending 31.4 million dollars on a shuttle service verses something at Stewart Airport and she heard that rumor as well. In her mind if she was the railroad she would look to which option would recoup my investment at a quicker pace. They are only going to one or the other. She would hate to see us go forward and at the eleventh hour be told they are going to Stewart because we can make more money, and that's what it's all about.

Mr. Fields stated that the railroad is people rider ship oriented. The next step would be a joint effort, the village partnership with the railroad.

Trustee Rumbold stated that she doesn't want the village to do their work for them. She doesn't want to spend a lot of time and effort to do these studies and have them say, oh look, thank you Walden you figured out. She doesn't want to be used in this. If we're going to continue this she wants it to be for the good of Walden, not Stewart Airport.

Mr. Fields stated that a part of this study was funded by Orange County Transportation Council.

Deputy Mayor Matisse asked who would finance the next indepth study.

Mr. Fields stated that he can't answer that.

Trustee Hurd stated that the MTA is a public facility and they only receive about \$.55 on the dollar. Because of the nature of the fact that the rail proposal that we have all the towns that the rail line passes through plus the villages signed on, so politically MTA knows that the people who are along the rail line that exist are in favor of this project. But, whereas with the Stewart situation where there is no existing rail line it would be a long process. They don't really know how much cooperation they would get.

Mr. Fields stated that when they come into the next process you might see an environmental assessment. The issues of building a house aren't the same as building rail track.

Manager Politi stated that when you talk about the funding source understand that this was not funded by the village. It was completely funded by Metro North Railroad, Orange County, Greenway, and Department of State. So, we would replicate that.

Mayor Pearson asked what the estimate of the cost would be.

Deputy Mayor Matisse asked what the cost of this project was.

Manager Politi stated that it was \$75,000.

Mr. Fields stated that the next study would be approximately \$700,000.

Mayor Pearson stated that the study made mention of the difference between rider ship of a train verses car from Campbell Hall to Walden. The amount of money it would save someone.

Mr. Fields stated that he doesn't recall.

Mayor Pearson stated that she thinks a lot of people from the Beacon station are going to a different place in the city where Campbell Hall riders go to a whole different end of the city so did the report say how many people from Beacon would be riding here or not.

Mr. Fields stated that they didn't have that detail so they assumed mid point between Penn Station and Grand Central. So either station would work. There are probably enough people to fill the seats in both directions.

Trustee Hurd stated that when this study started transportation cost for fuel energy has doubled.

Deputy Mayor Matisse stated that the cost for fuel is going to affect transit cost eventually.

Trustee Rumbold asked if this takes into consideration if people abandon Beacon and use Campbell Hall, any thought to what this would do to the Path.

Mr. Fields stated that it doesn't because with the Secaucus transfer station most of the people should be going across to Penn Station.

Mr. Leonard asked if this took into count all the work done on the track this past summer.

Mr. Fields stated that they did the best they could not to have any of their specs of what they put in. It won't make a big difference because it's coming up from what it is to passenger service.

Mr. Leonard asked if New Jersey Transit following through with providing a couple cars that were mentioned in the study.

Mr. Fields stated that any of the service Metro North is going to have, the west side of the river Metro North funds anything New Jersey Transit has, so anything still has to be given to New Jersey Transit.

Mr. Leonard stated that in the study it mentioned New Jersey Transit has the cars and that means they have the parts and the people are trained to maintain the shuttle. The other thing mentioned is there is the potential to go as far as New Paltz in the future and there is rider ship. They are shuttling people to Ulster County because there is no more parking in Poughkeepsie. Right now 89% of Beacon is being used. This feasibility study is very close to being complete whereas Stewart is just starting. Also, Stewarts focus will be on passengers for the airport and not necessarily on the commuter.

Mayor Pearson stated that they will figure out where most of the money is coming from and if they are going to put in a parking garage and have a train station there it doesn't matter whether they are coming off a plane and going on a train or whether they're going to drive there.

Mr. Leonard stated that he spoke to the head of DOT who said there was money in DOT's budget for capital improvements for rail transportation. He and the manager did a lot of political contact on this, they don't have the final feasibility study, but they will have it shortly so there has been groundwork laid to raise money.

Presentation – James Beaumont-Groundwater Guardian Program

Mr. Beaumont indicated that he is a member of the board of directors of the Groundwater Foundation and the Groundwater Foundation has a national program called well water guardian, which recognizes local activities to protect water. This is very important because any community could be in terrible trouble if someone was to cause pollution on the ground which might get into the wells. They are seeing communities with high levels of chlorox in their water because of road salt.

Mayor Pearson asked if there was an alternative for the road salt.

Mr. Beaumont stated that there are alternatives which are more expensive. There are salts that are organic in nature that break down.

Mayor Pearson asked Mr. Beaumont if he's heard of magic salt.

Mr. Beaumont stated no.

Trustee Hurd stated that the village has been using road salt for a long time and he assumes the water here runs to the Hudson River and out to the ocean which is salt water. He hasn't seen too much in the way of damage.

Mayor Pearson stated that ground water is different.

Trustee Hurd stated that he understands that migration is very slow.

Mr. Beaumont stated that if ground water runs a foot a day that is very fast. In shallow aquifers a foot a day you don't have to go very far to get to your well. They are seeing a steady increase in the level of salts seeping into the water. Right now its levels that don't have any impact. They are also seeing impacts on the ego system.

Trustee Hurd asked what the rate of change was over a 10 year or 20 year period.

Mr. Beaumont stated that it is still very, very slow. As the snow melts and the salt gets into the ground water it travels steadily through the system and eventually affects the whole groundwater system.

Trustee Hurd asked, to have a real impact on groundwater would require what.

Mr. Beaumont stated that the impacts on the groundwater are still, the big impacts are localized, along Route 84, 87 and 9.

Trustee Hurd asked if they were going to curtail salt usage on Interstate 84.

Mr. Beaumont stated that the safety issue of icing roads trumps the whole issue.

Deputy Mayor Matisse asked who would we contact to have a low salt area near our wells along Route 52.

Mr. Beaumont stated that state. He suggested the village keep watching their wells.

Trustee Hurd asked if the communities that have the problem do they use the reverse osmosis process.

Mr. Beaumont stated yes.

Manager Politi stated that he called DEC and there is no restriction on the use of salt. Right now your wells are not impacted by road salt.

Trustee Millspaugh stated that Mr. Beaumont talked in his survey about well head protection and rules for that, do we have formal rules for well head protection

Manager Politi stated that is set by the Department of Health and it's in your permits.

Trustee Millspaugh asked if the village wanted to improve on that would Mr. Beaumont's organization available to help.

Mr. Beaumont stated that up until lately the Department of Health wouldn't let anyone do them because they didn't have the staff to review it.

Trustee Millspaugh stated that he has seen a modular home going in on Route 52 and he hasn't seen any work for a disposal area, he wondered if they got grandfathered in to using some ancient system.

Mr. Beaumont stated that you have to be aware of where that disposal system is. You should hire a consultant firm to draw the outlines, the area around the well.

Trustee Millspaugh stated that it's about 50 feet from the water way.

Deputy Mayor Matisse stated that she received different samples of well head protection provisions that we could adopt.

Approval of Minutes

Mayor Pearson moved to adopt the minutes of March 25, 2008. Seconded by Deputy Mayor Matise.

Deputy Matise asked if the manager has the revised copy of the letter mentioned on Page 18, support for the Main Street Grant.

Manager Politi stated that he will get it to her.

On roll call Trustees Norman, Hurd, Deputy Mayor Matise and Mayor Pearson voted yes. Trustees Wynkoop, Rumbold and Millspaugh abstained. Minutes adopted.

Trustee Rumbold stated that there seems to be minutes missing. There was a special meeting called on April 4, 2008 which was an executive session. She was noticed of that meeting which was for personnel. The notice didn't say that there might be action taken after executive session. If you notify the public and its executive session should it say maybe action will be taken especially if they will be expending tax payer's money?

Mr. Dowd stated that there should be minutes that reflect that the board convened, who was present, that the board went into executive session to discuss whatever personnel matter there was, there should be a motion to come out of executive session and if there was action taken the action should be recorded in the minutes. The actual notice does not require to say that action will be taken. The notice would say they are convening a special meeting for the purpose of entertaining a motion to go into executive session to discuss personnel matters. That is all it has to say.

Trustee Rumbold stated that the public wouldn't come if they knew the board was going to go into executive session to discuss something they wouldn't be able to hear.

Mr. Dowd that they could come to see if the board actually goes into executive session and to see if when they come out of executive session whether they voted on something. There is no requirement in the open meetings law to state in the notice that there may or may not be action taken.

Trustee Rumbold stated that if the public is noticed that there is a meeting that is going to be specifically executive session and they assume then that there is not going to be action taken and they decide to stay home.

Mr. Dowd stated that they shouldn't assume that.

Trustee Rumbold stated she thinks people do.

Mr. Dowd stated that it's not the correct assumption. They could turn around and say they don't want to go into executive session, it depends on what it is.

Trustee Rumbold asked if the board comes out of executive session and takes a vote shouldn't there be some kind of minutes reflecting that.

The Village Clerk indicated that the minutes are done and they will be in the board's next packet.

Audited Bills

Trustee Norman moved to pay the audited bills of April 8, 2008. Seconded by Trustee Wynkoop.

Trustee Rumbold indicated that she likes the bill list format.

All ayes. Motion carried.

Resolution No. 18-07-08, Orange County Municipal Parks Planning Program

Trustee Rumbold moved to adopt Resolution No. 18-07-08, Orange County Municipal Parks Planning Program. Seconded by Trustee Hurd. All ayes. Resolution adopted.

Community Development Grant

Deputy Mayor Matisse moved to authorize the Mayor sign the 2008 CDBG Municipal Agreement. Seconded by Trustee Rumbold. All ayes. Motion carried.

Albany Avenue Parking Review

Mayor Pearson stated that two weeks ago the board had a discussion on parking on Albany Avenue. A survey was sent out to the homeowners and some of the homeowners attended the meeting. There have been differences of opinion on what to do because the street goes from Ulster Avenue to Albany Avenue to a private road. The comments were that there is a lot of traffic because it's a cut through to get to the west side. They talked about additional stop signs, taking parking away on one side, but they felt the cars would go faster and there are children that play on that street and all over. Her street is pretty wide and has parking on it and you still have to wait for people to go by. A lot of the streets in Walden are like that.

Sam Wright, Albany Avenue thanked the board for the great job they're doing. He has given this a lot of thought through the years. As a homeowner, why they moved there was because it was a dead end and there was a park. There was a fence and the only time it was open was when the Thruway Market was getting a delivery. Once that fence was destroyed the traffic starting sneaking past, illegally, pass the sign that said no thru way. The homeowners got so outraged that they put things in the road to stop people from coming down the road. He spoke to Chief Brilliant about it and the year before he retired he told Mr. Wright that they got 30 mph and a stop sign, the rest he didn't know about. He waited years to find some way to protect his children. Albany Avenue should not be an illegal conduit to get to the Thruway Market and that illegal conduit puts the children in a great deal of danger. No one stops at the stop signs. He has called the police many times about squirrels that have been killed and they behave very much like children, so if you're going

five miles an hour over the speed limit or even the speed limit in that area is very dangerous. Albany Avenue was a dead-end and should still be a dead-end.

Mr. Stoudour stated that he moved here 25 years ago and his wife says there was a chain link fence across that road, but in talking to people who have been here a long time said no. It doesn't matter there is a heavy traffic problem and if they open it up they will have a bigger problem. If you take the parking off the street you're going to kill the guys who have no place for their cars. You're not going to solve anything making it one way. You say you can't dead-end it because the fire department needs access, why. Put a no through traffic sign as far down as the village permits.

Trustee Wynkoop stated that he went up there and he found a sign laying there along side the road which says no thru traffic, emergency vehicles only, do not enter.

Mr. Wright stated that there is also a Children at Play sign laying on the ground.

Trustee Norman stated that she has parked in that area and she has seen many cars go through the stop signs. She's never seen anybody race. If there was a police vehicle there it would take care of any tickets for the year.

Trustee Rumbold stated that after reading this she wondered why 10,000 cars were going down Albany Avenue in a week. At first she thought maybe they were selling tours past Sam's house. She bribed her husband to be a stalker on Albany Avenue for two days. He parked at the end of the village to see how many cars were out of our community. He refused to count the cars but he did say a lot of cars were out of village people coming in from Wallkill. A majority of the cars were turning down Albany Avenue. She then made him park at the end of Albany Avenue to see where the cars were going and they were going to the Thruway Market. She then sent him to the Thruway Market and these cars were not going to the Thruway Market. What they are trying to avoid is the light at the intersection of Routes 208 and 52. She and her husband parked at the end of the village, they did this ten times, she went Route 208 and he went Albany Avenue through the Thruway parking lot and eight out of the ten times he beat her, because of the left hand turn at the light. She asked if there was anyway they could stagger those lights.

Mayor Pearson stated that the village is aware of the problem with that light. She also feels the signs should be put back up.

Deputy Mayor Matisse suggested the village go to Bruce and Les Concors and talk to them about reconfiguring the parking in their lot.

Trustee Norman stated that before anything is settled the Children at Play sign has to be put up immediately.

Trustee Norman moved that the signs on Albany Avenue be put up tomorrow. Seconded by Deputy Mayor Matisse.

Mr. Dowd asked where the no thru traffic sign will go.

Mayor Pearson stated that it's on village property.

Mr. Dowd stated that the project was approved with that entrance way having access onto Albany Avenue for a specific reason.

Mayor Pearson stated that if they were using that road at one time for fire trucks and emergency vehicles then it would not have through traffic.

Mr. Dowd stated that he wasn't on board in 1984 when that project was approved so he doesn't know the exact conditions that access was allowed.

Deputy Mayor Matisse asked the attorney to research that for the board.

Mr. Dowd stated that he doesn't know if the village should put up that sign.

Manager Politi stated that there is no sign requirements on those plans for any signs. The children at play is easy enough to do.

Mr. Dowd stated there is nothing in the code that says there is no through traffic to the Thruway Market.

Mayor Pearson stated that maybe the sign was put up so people would say I can't go that way.

Ms. Wright stated that people used to get tickets for cutting through the Thruway Market parking lot.

Jose DeJesus stated that the sign was there and then we built a parking lot and the sign came down. He and Trustee Wynkoop propped the sign back up. He also recommended at the last meeting to put up a sign that says do not enter from Albany Avenue. You can put it on village property. Removing the parking is not a good thing because the cars will go fast.

Dennis Wageman stated that he's lived in Walden for sixty years, his concern is that the history of Albany Avenue has been rewritten. He is completely against that. Before the Thruway was there he can remember going down that road, it was dirt. There was never a fence and people never threw stuff in the road. It was a right of way to the Thruway. He just doesn't like to hear the history of Walden being rewritten in somebody's favor. He has issues with the village, but he's not trying to rewrite the history of Walden. People ignore stop signs all the time, you can't tell people they can't go down the street.

Mr. Wright stated that if you don't do something about it you're going to have a dead child. The forefathers who established Walden and Bradley Park made it a cul de sac so it would be safe for children. If you put through traffic on that road and a viaduct to get through to the Thruway you're putting our children at risk.

Dawn Poujay, Walnut Street stated that she has lived in Walden her entire life, she would like to know where are our police that we are spending all this money on. Why isn't

there an officer by Bradley Park to give tickets to the people that go through the stop signs? She doesn't see the police on Main Street or at Wooster Grove and we're spending a lot of money.

Mr. Dowd advised the board that the code says that Albany Avenue is a through highway for its entire length. If you want to change that you have to do a local law.

Deputy Mayor Matisse stated that their private road is not considered Albany Avenue.

Mr. Dowd stated that it has access to Albany Avenue. If you have frontage on a village street you have access to that street. He believes that entrance way, however it was designated on the site plan 25 years ago; they have access to that village street, Albany Avenue, which in your code right now is a through highway.

Deputy Mayor Matisse stated that it has to be a through road just like all our other streets.

Mr. Dowd stated that not all your streets are through right of ways.

Mayor Pearson asked for a definition of a through highway.

Mr. Dowd stated you can go straight through and the stop signs are normally on the side streets that intersect with that highway.

Deputy Mayor Matisse moved that Mr. Dowd research how the site plan for the Thruway and how it impacted the street and the implications for the village. Seconded by Trustee Rumbold.

Deputy Mayor Matisse stated that she thinks if they don't have the information of how this came about then how can we decide how we're going to deal with it.

Trustee Hurd indicated that there are several streets in the village that are used as cut through so be careful making a special law for one street.

Deputy Mayor Matisse stated that it's not a special law. This is a special situation so first we want to find out how this came about. This is nothing new. It's been going on for many years and if we first can research this and then she has another proposal and maybe we can work on it bit by bit to see what kind of solutions we can make for this street and then if the board wants to do a traffic study on the whole village that is a whole different issue.

Trustee Rumbold stated that this one is unique because this allows access to private property and the paved road into the Thruway Market is like someone's driveway. How can you say it's a through street?

Mr. Dowd explained that when you call it a through highway it means that the intent is that it is a road that you can go from one end to the other without having to stop, that the roads that intersect with the through highway are where the stop signs are. The only reason they did something different with Albany Avenue is because we have a park there.

Trustee Wynkoop stated that coming up the hill from the Thruway that stop sign isn't at Pleasant Avenue.

Deputy Mayor Matisse stated that the motion is that the attorney research how the land use plan for the Thruway expansion in the 1980's and how that road became opened up to traffic and to let the board know what their possibilities are for dealing with the junction of the private road and the public road.

All ayes. Motion carried.

Mr. Dowd stated that somewhat undoes what she did in the prior motion. Not the children at play sign that can go up.

Trustee Norman moved to amend her motion of the no through. Seconded by Deputy Mayor Matisse. All ayes. Motion carried.

Deputy Mayor Matisse moved to authorize the Village Manager to contact Bruce and Les Concors and to talk to them about this matter and to have Sue tell them the experience she had or have them put someone in their parking lot to view these traffic patterns and see that their parking lot is being used as a through thorough fare and see what kinds of suggestions that can be developed out of that to maybe reconfigure some of their parking lot so cars don't come down the hill straight along the edge there and back out and up Oak Street in either direction and to work with them on this to see if we can't come to some kind of solution that way first and maybe after that do physical things that we can do. Seconded by Trustee Millspaugh.

Trustee Rumbold stated that she would prefer if the attorney did what he was directed to do first and find out what the legalities are of the situation so when the manager speaks to Mr. Concors he knows the history of it and how it came to be a through street so he has the knowledge to speak with them and not have to say I will get back to you.

Trustee Hurd stated that the board should be aware of the consequences which is you can't move traffic from one place without directing it somewhere else. We may help people on Albany Avenue only to harm someone on another avenue. We should look at all the solutions, not just one.

Mayor Pearson stated that they are getting the information to make those decisions. We're not really at that point yet.

Mr. Dowd stated that you don't need a motion to do that, just direct the manager to do that.

Mayor Pearson stated that in the mean time she would like to see more enforcement. Little League has started and there will be more children out there.

Manager Politi stated that there has been detail out there and the counter is also out there.

Deputy Mayor Matisse withdrew her motion.

Trustee Rumbold stated that the board discussed the line being put by the stop signs by Bradley Field.

Manager Politi stated that when they come in they do all the lines in the village at once. The weather is breaking now so he will plan it.

Trustee Rumbold suggested they do the one by Bradley Field first.

Sally Spencer stated that there should be a meeting on a lot of streets in the village. This street right out front is one of the worse streets.

Deputy Mayor Matisse stated that on October 23, 2007 there was a meeting regarding streets and those minutes are on the internet.

Mr. Stoudnour stated that 10,000 cars a week goes down Albany Avenue. That is a lot of traffic. This is a through highway, does the village have the authority to change that.

Mayor Pearson stated that they do. Hopefully in a week and a half we will have some information back to them and it will be at the next meeting.

Computer Use Policy Review

Deputy Mayor Matisse moved to adopt the computer use policy. Seconded by Trustee Wynkoop. All ayes. Motion carried.

Code Enforcement Review

Mayor Pearson stated that this was put in after the last meeting. Discussion on this is being up on it and having it done and she likes having it done. She likes seeing more in her book, so the board knows what's happening.

Trustee Rumbold stated that she appreciates it too, but she would like to know that it's working. She likes seeing the letter being written and sent. What she doesn't like seeing is this is the fourth time I'm writing you. It annoys her to see we have to beg people to obey our laws.

Mayor Pearson asked what his next step is after sending out the letters.

Mr. Stickles stated that what he generally does is send a courtesy letter explaining what the problem is and what needs to be done. They are usually given 15 days to take care of it. If nothing is done they get a violation. If he gets no response to that he has recourses. He can bring them in front of the village board or he can bring them to court. He has chosen in the past to bring them to the board because he gets a quicker answer.

Deputy Mayor Matisse asked what the time frame was.

Mr. Stickles stated that all the codes have a different time frames.

Manager Politi advised the board that the trailer on Overlook has been removed.

Mr. Stickles stated that the dumpster at the Orchard Street parking lot has been resolved. He further indicated that he doesn't beg anybody to get a response.

Trustee Rumbold stated that you can't be patient. Send them a letter and if they don't comply then do what you have to do. Stop wasting your time. If they're going to be prudent they will say I have to take care of this.

Deputy Mayor Matisse asked Mr. Stickles to set his reports up on Excel.

Mr. Stickles indicated that he's not a computer person. It's easier to update the board the way he is doing.

Trustee Rumbold suggested the building inspector include the completion in his report to the manager and that way it will be in the board's packet.

Mr. Stickles stated that anytime the board members have a question or comment from someone on the street and they don't know the answer to call him to find out. If he doesn't have the answer he will get it and get back to them.

Mayor Pearson stated that she will be meeting with the attorney and building inspector on Thursday regarding the landlord registry.

Little League Donation for Bradley Park Maintenance Request

Manager Politi stated that Little League would like to offer a donation to the village to get for summer help for maintenance at Bradley Field. He'd rather take the donation and the village hire the help specifically for Bradley Field.

Mayor Pearson asked if they do not do this who will maintain the park.

Manager Politi stated that we do it. As the grass is growing quicker you will see the parks and dpw doing the work. Sometimes the work gets away from the village as the season goes along.

Deputy Mayor Matisse asked if the donation would be an issue since we give the exclusive use of the field.

Mr. Dowd stated that the question he has is whether the Little League can as a not for profit donate money to the village for the purpose that might be outside the parameters of their corporation. We can receive donations that are earmarked for something specific. It's very unusual to have somebody donate so you can hire workers. They will have to find out from their own attorney's.

Deputy Mayor Matisse asked if that can be misconstrued that they are paying for the exclusive use of the field.

Mr. Dowd stated no, that is our field, we are still the owner of it.

Deputy Mayor Matisse asked if the village can charge them for the use of the field.

Mr. Dowd stated that it's a public park, you can't do that. They have the right to maintain it, if they want to mow or weed whack around the fence. We're not going to stop them.

Trustee Hurd stated that would be an insurance liability if they were doing work on public property.

Mr. Dowd stated that we have insurance right now for the operation of the Little League.

Manager Politi stated that if it's legal they can make the donation, but he'd rather have them seasonal workers under the village's umbrella. It wouldn't be 40 hours a week, it would be much less.

Trustee Hurd stated that Mr. Dowd says we're covered under the liability, so we're not in any danger that way. Why even involve us.

Trustee Norman stated leave it the way it is.

Manager Politi stated that he doesn't know if they have the equipment to bring in. We have the equipment.

Mayor Pearson asked if they could hire someone to do that job.

Mr. Dowd stated that you would be getting into another level. Now you're hiring someone to do work on our property and who is going to insure that work.

Trustee Norman stated that the village has always maintained the park. She doesn't understand why we need a donation from Little League to do the fields.

Manager Politi stated that it was just to take pressure off of our crews. We sometimes have to pull in DPW to catch up and keep things maintained.

Mayor Pearson indicated that she would rather keep DPW on it.

Trustee Hurd stated that if they are unhappy with the grounds conditions maybe they could do some stuff.

Manager Politi stated it's not about the grounds conditions, which are not what he brought forward. There were no strings or no complaints, it was just a gesture back to the village.

Trustee Rumbold stated with working with Montgomery's Little League for years, sometimes what happens especially when it rains and the sun comes out the grass grows three feet, DPW is in other areas doing whatever and the fields aren't what they consider playable and they may need a little extra grooming. Maybe that is what their issue is.

Manager Politi stated that could very well be, but there was no issue.

Trustee Norman stated that Dave Green did the mowing last year and the fields were in very good condition.

Mr. Howland asked, if they did the work wouldn't we have an insurance problem.

Manager Politi stated that we would.

Mayor Pearson asked who would investigate this.

Manager Politi stated that he will find out if there is another reason for this.

Mayor Pearson stated that the direction from the board would be to have the manager speak to Mr. Pullar to receive more information for the board.

Deputy Mayor Matisse asked if Little League has written to the board asking for exclusive use of the field.

Manager Politi stated that Deputy Mayor Matisse keeps using the word exclusive; you can use the field when they are there, and they are not keeping anyone out.

Trustee Norman stated that they have a chain across the road.

Mr. Howland stated that they sent a letter during the winter.

Trustee Norman indicated that it bothers her to see chains across the road. She was told she can use the park at anytime, try it, and you're not going to be able to do that.

Manager Politi stated that chain is there to prevent vehicles from going down there during the games.

Trustee Norman stated that once the games are over with it would be nice to have the chain removed.

Manager Politi stated that he will get more information.

Summer Program Review-Consideration of All-Day Parks Program

Mayor Pearson stated that this was brought up recently so she put it on the agenda for discussion. The village has a parks program in the summer. It is from 9am to 1pm.

Manager Politi stated that the board has information and Mr. Howland has updated it.

Mayor Pearson stated that the village is possibly looking into a longer program.

Mr. Howland stated that last year they had 200 children in the summer program so they based the figures on 200 children. The 9am-1pm is the program the children go to so they wouldn't pay any more. That money is in the proposed budget. To have the program from 9am-3pm, not every child would have to stay until 3pm, and 9-4 or 9-5. He put the cost per child if we chose to charge them it would be \$207.00 for the entire six weeks. Until 4pm would be \$250.00 and 9am-5pm would be \$290.00. We would have increased costs in staff and supplies. The additional cost for the 9am-3pm would be \$11,200, trips and supplies would be \$2,000. From 9am-4pm the total cost would be \$49,950., the additional for the staff would be \$18,050.

Mayor Pearson asked how much more staff.

Mr. Howland stated that by the rules of the health department you have to have one staff person for every 12 children.

Manager Politi indicated that they haven't finished the budget yet, so this is all doable.

Mr. Howland stated that the supplies and trips for the 9am-4pm program would be \$3,000. Additional staff for the 9am-5pm would be \$24,900 and \$4,000 trips and supplies. In all those three programs there would be revenues. The first one 9-3 program there would be \$41,400 in revenue, 9-4 program \$50,000 and 5-9 \$58,000. We have to decide if we are going to charge the children. You also have to decide whether they can choose one of three program or one program. They have to spell it out clearly when they come to register. The only problem is they don't know who they are going to have until the day it begins. If they register for those days they have to come for all the days, we don't give refunds. It is doable but it will take organization.

Deputy Mayor Matisse asked if Mr. Howland sees a demand for the program to go beyond 1pm.

Mr. Howland stated that very few have asked him. He suggested they try it to see what happens.

Deputy Mayor Matisse stated that they'd be committing personnel to it.

Mr. Howland suggested hire the people and they will have to know there will be a schedule.

Deputy Mayor Matisse asked if Mr. Howland thought of staggering the release time, letting kids go at 3 or 4 or 5.

Mr. Howland stated that they could but it will be confusing.

Mayor Pearson asked if the program will be paying for itself.

Mr. Howland stated that he hopes so.

Mayor Pearson asked if trips were extra.

Mr. Howland stated yes.

Manager Politi stated that the all day park programs are well attended. He thinks there will be a good response.

Mr. Howland stated that the other problem would be rainy days. He can hardly imagine keeping them in Wooster Grove from 9am to 5pm.

Manager Politi stated that he doesn't see other programs leaving because of rain.

Mr. Howland stated that he can't see putting 100 in that gym for a long period of time.

Mayor Pearson stated that if you have the staff you can put some in the teen center.

Mr. Howland stated that right now the older group go in the teen center and little kids go in the gym.

Trustee Rumbold stated that Mr. Howland's report mentions the water pressure, that toilets will be difficult to flush.

Mr. Howland stated that the problem is with the pipe entering the park it's very thin and the toilet is on a special kind of thing that gives them three flushes every time it gets filled. After a great number of uses we hardly have any water.

Mayor Pearson stated that there is a porta potty.

Manager Politi indicated that they will have water.

Mayor Pearson stated that there was an issue with the pavilion and the older group.

Mr. Howland stated that it's better to keep them separated.

Mayor Pearson stated that someone suggested renting a tent of the six weeks. That gives you a rainy day tent and sun protection.

Trustee Rumbold asked if the tent would stay up the entire six weeks. There could be vandalism.

Deputy Mayor Matisse asked Mr. Howland what his preference was.

Mr. Howland stated 9am to 4pm.

Mayor Pearson stated that she wants to make sure that the numbers Mr. Howland gave the board will cover the cost.

Mr. Howland stated that he doesn't know how many will show up.

Trustee Norman moved to have the summer program from 9am to 5pm. Seconded by Deputy Mayor Matisse.

Trustee Rumbold asked how are they going to know that it will be self supporting.

Trustee Norman stated that John will tell us.

Trustee Rumbold asked if the motion was to have the program or is the motion to get more information to better decide whether they will have the program.

Manager Politi stated that he will lay out different scenarios just to see what the cost may lay out for.

Trustee Rumbold stated that given the closeness that they figured their budget she just wanted to make sure they worked within the parameters of the plan so we didn't end up having to take money from somewhere else in the budget to make up a short fall of the program.

Mayor Pearson and Trustee Wynkoop stated that was their concern.

Trustee Norman rescinded her motion.

Deputy Mayor Matisse moved to look into the feasibility of expanding the hours of the summer program to the point where the revenue stream will pay for the cost of the program and the manager will present the board with this proposal at the next budget work session so when they have the budget for approval it will be in there.

Manager Politi stated that Mr. Howland has made the assumption that those numbers work for 200, just figure out what it costs for 50 or 100, so no matter what it is it works. So if you decide to have a program you have a program. We will fit it to the kids. Don't worry about the number.

Deputy Mayor Matisse moved to develop this program based on no cost option that the program pays for itself from 9am until 5pm. Seconded by Trustee Rumbold. All ayes. Motion carried.

Mr. Leonard asked if the will charge more for the out of the village kids.

Mr. Howland stated that they can't do that.

Village Volunteer Sign Location Discussion

Trustee Norman presented the board with the design for the volunteer sign. They decided to put, A Special Thanks to Our Volunteers of the Village of Walden and not list all the organizations. They will unveil the sign on Volunteer Day at Wooster Grove. The sign will be located at Olley Park. The cost is \$520. without the posts. They will need DPW to put the posts in.

Trustee Rumbold moved to approve the volunteer sign. Seconded by Trustee Millsbaugh. All ayes. Motion carried.

Industrial Development Agency

Deputy Mayor Matisse stated that the question came up when a letter was put in the board's packet which stated that the now disbanded Walden IDA. The question was put to the manager, when was this disbanded. They are looking for clarification on that. She contacted the comptroller's office to ask how they would find out if they could continue the IDA. The board and the IDA itself might feel that there is a role for this agency even though the general municipal legislation says that it shall cease to exist. The attorney at NYCOM said, "shall" is a funny word. There are many interpretations. Mr. Raymondo just came up with some amended legislation about IDA's. Her question is how could we keep our IDA up and running or if in fact the state, unrenowned to us has sunsetted the IDA, how could be recharter it. Kingston or Newburgh did revitalize their IDA. If IDA's haven't had activity for 10 years all of a sudden the state is saying you have to close this down. Spence Engineering paid up at the end of 2006, so we're only talking about a year out.

Mr. Dowd stated that the enabling statute that created the IDA says that after there is no outstanding debt or bonds it shall cease to exist. They were going to extend the bond of Spence at one point but it turned out that it wasn't possible. They then hoped there were other interest around that time period that they thought they wanted to borrow from the IDA, but that did not pan out. It's now 2008 and there has been no activity of the IDA and you've received notification from the state to try and get rid and to make sure all these dormant authorities and public entities that were created many moons ago that have done nothing that they dissolve according to the statute. It's his legal opinion that it ceased to exist as of December 2006. The first piece of information Mr. Raymondo gave the board seems to say that provisions of the IDA law were extended to January 31, 2008, that's since past. The second piece of legislation only passed the assembly as of January 2008 and it seems to be a particular part of the statute, not the part of the statute that says that it ceases to exist upon the retirement of all debt. He doesn't see where that is saving the sunset of our debt. The question is how do you get it back. This was a creature of the state legislature and so the only way to get it back is for the state legislature to create it again through special state legislation. We can require of Senator Larkin and our assemblywoman to see if that has anyway of passing.

Deputy Mayor Matisse stated that this is a time of growth in our area where having the IDA would be beneficial to us.

Mr. Dowd stated that we don't need our own IDA. The Town of Montgomery has an IDA and the county has one. He doesn't see any exception to this IDA of ours having sunsetted.

Deputy Mayor Matisse asked if it sunsets automatically when they do not file a report or is there a whole procedure you have to go through where you finally agree that this is sunsetted.

Mr. Dowd stated that there is no agreement. There are reports that are supposed to be filed and the treasurer was looking into exactly what we need to file pursuant to law. The statute is very self evident that this has seized to exist upon the termination of those loans.

Deputy Mayor Matisse stated that the impression she had from the person in the comptrollers office was that a query could be made, he even cited some communities where they floated a loan for \$100. just to keep it open and on the books.

Mr. Dowd stated that it has to be \$100,000.

Manager Politi stated that the comment was made about no notification to the IDA board; he did talk to the chairman. Right now they are trying to find out if we even have it. It wasn't even a choice of the board to keep it. We were trying to find out what the state was saying. We were trying to hold onto it for the longest time.

Deputy Mayor Matisse stated that this fellow looked it right up.

Manager Politi asked looked what up.

Deputy Mayor Matisse stated the language of our IDA. He didn't say it was sunsetted or inactive.

Manager Politi asked who she spoke to.

Deputy Mayor Matisse indicated that she will tell him privately and he can call him. His recommendation was that our attorney look into it for us.

Manager Politi stated, let's not assume this person is right because we have a totally different response to that.

Mr. Dowd stated that we were hoping, if we couldn't extend Spence that we could find some other entity that might take a bond from IDA. We were trying to maintain it. We are getting calls from the state asking us when are we filing our paperwork. The best question is how can we get it back.

Trustee Rumbold asked if someone was aware that this was going to sunset back in 2006.

Mr. Dowd stated that we knew that could happen.

Trustee Rumbold stated that as the attorney for the IDA you knew if you didn't get another loan at that point it was going to sunset.

Mr. Dowd stated that they knew it was going to sunset. Back in the mid 90's the village actually thought the IDA had sunsetted and in fact it was dissolved and a new board was created. It turned out that the information was incorrect and Spence was out there. Then they had to undue the creation of the community development board and put the money back in the account for the IDA.

Trustee Rumbold asked what happens to the money that is still in the IDA.

Mr. Dowd stated that it goes to the Village of Walden and it has to be used for purposes consisting of what the IDA used them for. There is \$60,000.

Mayor Pearson asked what account is that in.

Mr. Dowd stated that it is in the general fund and it is earmarked in the books for facades and new businesses.

Deputy Mayor Matisse stated the letter was saying that money would be used to support the Main Street grant. He also said that a lot of people turn around and say they use it to promote prosperity. So it's not just big projects that you are talking about. The value of having the IDA reinstated or continued is that the Spence loan was seven and a half million dollars.

Mr. Dowd explained that the village got a 1% or one half of 1% as a commissioned and or piece of the action. They paid to the village a fee of \$75,000 or \$80,000 dollars and that money had been used in smaller increments for various things and \$60,000 is still out there. You can't use it to lower your tax rate.

Deputy Mayor Matisse stated that the value of the IDA as a facilitator you're leveraging money if you need to.

Trustee Hurd stated that you have the town and county IDA.

Mr. Dowd stated that they can inquire if the state representatives will allow what they think is viable to try to get legislation to recreate or reconstitute the IDA.

Trustee Rumbold stated that we can sit here and debate all night the value of having our own personal IDA and she happens to agree, but at this point they don't know if that is possible. Can we leave the discussion that the attorney will research this and come back to the board with the information.

Mr. Raymondo stated that the IDA board never had notification of the letter. They are totally in the darkness. He can't understand why the village wants to do away with the IDA.

Manager Politi stated that Mr. Raymondo is making accusations.

Trustee Rumbold stated that she is not dismissing the importance of the IDA. When you put your destiny in someone else's hands, she understands the value of having the

question is she wants to know from the attorney if its still feasible to have the IDA and is there anyway it can be reinstated. She agrees that it's a grievance of the state as the agency who sunsetted the IDA. She can understand Mr. Raymondo's anger over not being notified.

Mr. Raymondo stated that he just didn't like the way it was handled.

Trustee Hurd stated that this is state law.

It was the consensus of the board to have the attorney and manager look into this.

Deputy Mayor Matisse asked the board if there was a consensus of the board that they are more interested in keeping it then dissolve it.

Trustee Wynkoop stated that it all depends on what the attorney finds.

Mayor Pearson stated that she doesn't understand where that money is going. She needs all that information first.

Flowers for the West Side Light Poles Discussion

Mayor Pearson stated that she contacted another vendor for flowers. We have 22 pots for flowers left. We need new pots and hooks. If we did the west side, every other poles, Main Street and the square it would be 40 pots. They are \$17.10 for flowers only and with the pot is \$20.00, for a total of \$800.00. She will also need hooks. We have to look at how they are going to get watered. If we don't have a system to water them she is not going to spend \$1000. and throw it out the window.

Deputy Mayor Matisse asked what type of flowers.

Mayor Pearson stated as hardy as possible. She suggested a truck with a 50 gallon drum with a siphon hose and have the recreation beautification people do it.

Manager Politi stated that they can do an independent tank.

Trustee Rumbold stated that she is for the flowers as long as they get watered properly.

Manager Politi stated that if you take the donation from the Little League that will free up a worker to go out and water.

Mayor Pearson asked the manager if he can get them watered.

Manager Politi stated yes.

Trustee Rumbold asked, with or without the Little League donation.

Manager Politi stated yes.

Trustee Norman moved to do the west side, Main Street and square with flowers. Seconded by Trustee Rumbold. All ayes. Motion carried.

Public Comment – Discussion Items

No comments.

Correspondence

Mayor Pearson stated that she received a letter for the Town of Montgomery stating that the appreciation dinner in memory of Ruth Gardner, April 30th.

Mayor Pearson also received a letter from the PBA, she will pass it to the board members.

Manager's Report

Manager Politi stated that the engineer is receiving an award for the design of the digester.

Mayor Pearson stated that the next meeting is May 14th.

Manager Politi stated that the Town of Montgomery Chamber spring dinner is April 16th. If anyone wants to go see the Village Clerk or Treasurer.

Mayor Pearson asked that plaques be order for the recipients of business of the year.

It was the consensus of the board to get the plaques.

Manager Politi stated that he has more information on salt.

Mayor Pearson stated that she wants more information on magic salt.

Manager Politi stated that he wrote back to DEC about it and he will do more research.

Manager Politi stated that he has the department head reports if there are any questions.

Deputy Mayor Matisse asked about one sergeant being on while everyone else is on vacation.

Manager Politi stated that it will happen at times because you have someone out.

Mayor Pearson stated that you plan two vacations at the same time.

Manager Politi stated that the chief won't be out the whole week and you have a sergeant out on 207-C. There are senior officers that will be used.

Mayor Pearson stated that scheduling is different than being out on injury.

Mayor Pearson stated that she would like reports on gasoline usage.

Manager Politi stated that there has been a great deal going on these past couple of weeks, so if they are asking for a report he will give the board a report at the end of this week.

Deputy Mayor Matisse stated that it would be nice to have a written report from the manager. They have mentioned it before. She asked for it at the next meeting.

Manager Politi stated that he will have a report for the next meeting. There is a great deal of information on the web.

Deputy Mayor Matisse stated that the other day she heard Habitat for Humanity came around.

Manager Politi stated that he doesn't have the information. They came to inquire. They asked that it not go too far. They want to present it to the board.

Board Comments

Trustee Wynkoop stated that Mr. Palma would like to come to the board for direction on what he can do with his business.

Mayor Pearson stated that she did speak to him and she told him to see the building inspector.

Trustee Wynkoop stated that he'd like to be put on the agenda.

Mayor Pearson suggested he see the building inspector and she will touch base with Mr. Stickles. She asked the manager to speak to the building inspector.

Deputy Mayor Matisse asked if Mr. Dowd has gotten in touch with the town attorney to find out what is going on with the rail trail.

Manager Politi stated he is the one in contact with him.

Deputy Mayor Matisse asked if he's contacted the property owners.

Manager Politi stated that he has.

Trustee Millsbaugh stated that on the animal control report it states unfounded. Does that mean he didn't find the dog.

Manager Politi stated that he will ask him for an explanation.

Trustee Millspaugh stated that on the police report for DWI's it says 000, does that mean everyone is sober in Walden.

Too many people talking at once, didn't hear manager's explanation.

Trustee Rumbold thanked Mary Ellen for the great job she did for Col. Bradley's birthday. Trustee Norman also helped out.

Mayor Pearson stated that DARE graduation is Friday at 10am. She also stated that there are lots of pot holes on Elberton Street.

Manager Politi stated that they have been out with cold patch and that only lasts so long.

Mayor Pearson stated that the sink hole is also back in that area.

The Mayor further stated that Arbor Day is April 29th.

Mayor Pearson stated that she received comments about Ayre Court regarding the kids. Letters need to go out. There is a basketball court on the right of way. The kids are riding skate boards in the street.

Mayor Pearson stated that she received calls and email from people regarding the police and patrolling. They see people hanging around again. She will be talking about a curfew again. She doesn't know about foot patrols and what they are doing. She like those issues looked at.

Adjournment

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

Respectfully submitted,

Nancy Mitchell
Village Clerk