

MOTIONS AND RESOLUTIONS
JULY 22ND, 2008

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Trustee Rumbold moved to adopt the minutes of July 8th, 2008. Seconded by Trustee Hurd. All ayes with the exception of Deputy Mayor Matise abstaining. Minutes adopted.

Audited Bills

Mayor Pearson moved to pay the audited bills of July 22nd, 2008. Seconded by Trustee Millspaugh. All ayes. Motion carried.

Executive Session

Deputy Mayor Matise moved to hold an Executive Session pursuant to 105-(f), Police Personnel, of the Public Officers Law. Seconded by Trustee Rumbold. All ayes. Motion carried.

Trustee Millspaugh moved to reconvene the regular meeting. Seconded by Trustee Hurd. All ayes. Meeting reconvened.

Adjournment

Trustee Hurd moved to adjourn. Seconded by Trustee Wynkoop. All ayes. Motion carried.

**Village of Walden
Board of Trustees Meeting
July 22nd, 2008**

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

On roll call the following were:

Present:	Mayor	Becky Pearson
	Deputy Mayor	Mary Ellen Matise
	Trustees	Roy Wynkoop
		Mary Jean Norman
		Richard Hurd
		Marcus Millspaugh Jr.
		Susan Rumbold

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

Absent:	Kevin Dowd, Village Attorney
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Moment of Silence

Mayor Pearson asked for a moment of silence for James Olley, former mayor who passed away.

Mayor Pearson moved to present the family of James Olley with a plaque and a Walden flag. Seconded by Trustee Millspaugh. All ayes. Motion carried.

Public Comment

Dennis Wagemann, 27 Ulster Avenue asked where the garbage contract stood. He also stated that he went to the fireworks and parked on Albany Avenue was a state fire truck. He also indicated that there were eight policemen at the fair. He inquired about the state fire truck and was told that he had every right to be there because it was an emergency vehicle. He hopes when the trash situation comes up its looked at what's right and what's wrong. He also took pictures of the house that is two houses down from him on trash day and he will present the Board with the pictures when he gets them back. It's a reminder of how bad the situation is.

Orange County Records Management System Agreement

Mayor Pearson stated that the Board has a letter from Mr. Dowd stating that the county was fine with the change to the contract. She indicated that the Board does not have the wording back.

Manager Politi stated that the Board can approve the contract pending the change in the wording.

Mayor Pearson stated that there was supposed to be another agreement with the other agency. Was the attorney supposed to look at that to see if we could get out of that too?

Manager Politi stated that the county has a contract with that company and what they are saying in the document is he's talked to the county and it's not an issue on those levels.

Mayor Pearson stated that maybe the attorney can find out from the company that we would have a contract with. She asked the manager to speak to Mr. Dowd about that.

Manager Politi stated he will have that for the next meeting.

This was tabled until the wording is changed in the agreement.

Homeowner Request for Payment Relief

Manager Politi stated that correspondence was received from Kathy Avelin asking that the penalty on her tax bill be waived. She claims she never received a tax bill and once she was aware of the tax bill she immediately came in and paid it.

Trustee Rumbold stated that she is concerned that this will open up a whole situation. She feels bad but she feels its part of being a homeowner knowing you have tax bills.

Mayor Pearson stated that people don't get anything when they become a new homeowner telling them when taxes are due. Maybe the bank or their attorney should be telling them.

Manager Politi stated that at the closing you should become aware of the taxes.

Deputy Mayor Matisse asked if she had an escrow account.

Manager Politi stated that she said she never received it at home. If it was an escrow account she would have said that. She did pay the bill on July 14th.

Trustee Millspaugh stated that he would be willing to have the manager investigate this and if he was convinced that she got into this innocently then he could waive it.

Manager Politi stated that he doesn't want to be the one to make that decision.

Trustee Norman stated that the only concern she has is if she didn't receive the bill why didn't it come back to the Village.

Mayor Pearson stated that she talked about mail going into other mail boxes.

Deputy Mayor Matise suggested the Village create a 10 day grace period.

Mrs. Vandermark stated that she's had problems with her mail going to other people's homes and it not getting to her for awhile.

The consensus of the Board was Trustees Wynkoop, Norman, Millspaugh, Deputy Mayor Matise and Mayor Pearson yes. Trustee Hurd and Rumbold no.

Mileage Rate Increase Request

Manager Politi advised the Board that IRS's mileage reimbursement is \$.58 per mile. He's has a resolution which was passed by the Board at \$.45 per mile. He asked the Board to raise that to maybe \$.50 per mile.

Deputy Mayor Matise suggested that the Code Enforcement Officer use the Building Inspector's car.

Trustee Hurd moved to raise the mileage rate to \$.50 per mile. Seconded by Trustee Norman. All ayes. Motion carried.

Deputy Mayor Matise stated that people should be encouraged to use the Village vehicle.

Timed Parking Request

Manager Politi stated that the owners of the Bagel Café are requesting two 15 minute parking spaces in front of the Bagel Café. Also the New York School of Music asked for a space.

Trustee Norman moved to allow one 20 minute parking space in front of the Bagel Café. Seconded by Trustee Rumbold. All ayes. Motion carried.

Planning Agenda Review

Mayor Pearson stated that she still feels that cost cutting is a big issue. She asked the manager if he was looking at cell phone usage more closely and gas consumption too. She wants to be reassured that they are looking at those numbers. The manager has commented that possibly in the spring this budget will be hurting. They are all

responsible for this budget and spending that money so they want to make sure where they spend it and what projects they are working on.

Manager Politi stated that he is giving it thought. He further stated that NYSEG was in to do an energy audit. In terms of energy saving that will take some capital improvements. Some work is immediate and some is long range.

Trustee Rumbold stated that someone mentioned to her that the cost of asphalt is sky rocketing. She asked if the manager was anticipating that impacting the paving we're going to do and will we have to take money from somewhere else to pay for the paving.

Manager Politi stated no. The cost of asphalt has doubled since last year. You would try to achieve a mile and a half of road surface in a year. That is 10% of your roads. This year they are only going to be able to approach one mile. They are scheduling the paving for September. They are not using all the money because they don't know what will happen between now and then. There is \$350,000 after we buy the truck, the projects are a little over \$200,000 and then we will see what is left and get to the spring and see if they can do anymore overlays.

Mayor Pearson stated that the washout on the side of Maple Street by the park and school parking lot is huge.

Manager Politi also indicated that he's gotten prices from local contractors for sidewalks, per linear foot based on a four foot sidewalk. They will concentrate the efforts in the Albany, Pleasant, and Capron area.

Deputy Mayor Matisse asked if the big hole at the bottom of Scofield and Orange is the Village's responsibility. Someone fell in it today.

Manager Politi stated that if it's around the catch basin it's the Village's responsibility.

Trustee Rumbold stated that the Board made this budget and they did not anticipate the costs to be where they are. She just wants to be so careful to stay on top of where they are with usage. Figures are ambiguous of what they may have to spend with plowing and fuel. Maybe they should be more frugal on this end of the fiscal year, see how winter goes. She is concerned about the budget. She is concerned about the fuel costs over the winter. She doesn't want to have a short fall. She would rather pull the reins in now. She would like to see the time lines rethought and reworked.

Manager Politi stated that they were talking about capital improvements and that is a fixed number. There is nothing extra. They are not using the operating budget. The sidewalk work is coming from CHIPS which is a fixed number and you can only use it for that.

Deputy Mayor Matise stated that the costs that are sky rocketing is sending the trucks and police cars out that are consuming gasoline or diesel. There's two different things going on and one is we budget our use of gasoline and diesel right now. She asked for truck mileage and she still hasn't gotten that in a way they can see what is being used or a comparison of what is being used. This week there was no report at all on that. That is what you need to get a tight grip on. It's like people going to the grocery store; you make one trip not three. Bob Walsh from NYSEG is going to do an inventory on replacing the high wattage street lights. He also said that we are buying from the highest priced supplier in terms of our electrical supply. We need to look at that.

Trustee Rumbold suggested the Manager do a comparison of where we were last year in the first quarter of the fiscal year.

Manager Politi stated that the first quarter is a busy quarter because of the summer.

Deputy Mayor Matise said that maybe the Village should mow less often.

Manager Politi stated that you want to keep the same level of service. That's a question of policy with the Board.

Deputy Mayor Matise stated that you have to be a little realistic too.

Trustee Rumbold stated that she would like to be aware of where they are with the budget so if they have to change direction they can do that.

Trustee Hurd stated that the energy costs could possibly be permanent. We may be looking at \$4.00 or \$5.00 fuel costs. If we are going to maintain our level of service and our capital program and keeping and maintaining our physical plant then maybe looking at higher cost and whether we'd like to entertain it or not we may have to entertain it.

Manager Politi stated that you often see your cost cutting with your capital programs. You've been trying to get your facilities back over the past five years. You don't want to loss pace with that.

Deputy Mayor Matise asked about the shelter agreements, are we going to develop a list and approach different places.

Manager Politi stated yes.

Deputy Mayor Matise stated that they need places that have kitchens and bathrooms.

Manager Politi stated that there are Village facilities that could help out in the interim.

Deputy Mayor Matisse asked if the insurance concern with people using their own vehicles was that if they have an accident on village time it will impact their own insurance policy.

Manager Politi stated that it will impact their own insurance policy.

Deputy Mayor Matisse asked if he's discouraged people using their own vehicles.

Manager Politi stated that he has made some adjustments.

Planning Agenda 2008 Continued

- **Park Master Plan**

Manager Politi stated that they did develop a survey and that should go out.

Mayor Pearson stated that the manager had a real good idea for the property on the west side. They should discuss it at a meeting.

- **Cleaning of the Parks**

Mayor Pearson asked if the parks department does the cleaning. She had a complaint about spiders in the bathroom.

Manager Politi stated that Mr. Lamendola, DPW Supervisor is making sure that all equipment is on the trucks before they go to a site. As for the parks, he spoke to Mr. Howland and Mr. Bliss and the key to the parks is cleanliness. It has been effective and he has been keeping an eye on it.

- **New Programs**

Mayor Pearson stated that will be part of their discussion.

- **Olley House and Trail Maintenance**

Mayor Pearson indicated that the trail would be a great Eagle Scout project.

- **Girl Scout Cabin**

Mayor Pearson stated that she was in the Girl Scout Cabin recently and it wasn't very clean. The floor needs to be mopped.

- **Welcome Center Staffing**

Manager Politi stated that they will do the best they can with someone from the parks department.

Mayor Pearson asked if they could leave the center unmanned.

Manager Politi stated that you could if it was just informational.

Deputy Mayor Matise stated that's where the handicapped bathroom will be, aren't you going to leave it open.

Manager Politi stated that they will figure that out. He doesn't know if they can use volunteers. He further stated that the bid for the rail trial is out.

Police Department

- **Monthly Meeting with Chief**

Mayor Pearson stated that she finds that sometimes she hears things on the street that she should know. She's back to communication.

Manager Politi stated that the Mayor has told him before not to listen to what's on the street, just do what's right.

Mayor Pearson stated that she was talking about rumors.

Manager Politi stated that the Chief's biweekly reports are the most comprehensive out of all the reports.

- **Youth Officer/Dare/Neighborhood Watch**

Mayor Pearson stated that she spoke to the Chief about the youth officer and he said he was going to be the Dare Officer and she also spoke to him about the neighborhood watches.

- **Parking Review**

Mayor Pearson asked if the Board felt they needed a new parking review.

Trustee Wynkoop stated that he doesn't feel there is a problem with the parking. Half the time the Orchard Street Parking Lot is empty.

Manager Politi stated that he has brought this subject up to the Business Association and they believe what we are doing now is working.

- **Foot Patrol**

Deputy Mayor Matise stated that one of the cost cutting move that a lot of municipalities are making is to tell their officers to get out of the car and turn the

car off for fifteen, twenty minutes and do foot patrol. The Chief's report has 162 hours in July for foot patrol and 168 in March and 120 for business contacts. It's much more effective.

Manager Politi stated that when they began the Walden Business Association process that was one of the very first things they brought to them, to make sure the officers get out of the cars and lock the cars and stay out of them. Sergeant Metzger has been very successful with his officers.

- **Retirement Shields**

Mayor Pearson stated that the Board has dealt with this.

- **Graffiti and Vandalism**

Mayor Pearson stated that Deputy Mayor Matisse has talked about a graffiti law.

Manager Politi stated that he can get sample codes.

Deputy Mayor Matisse stated that they have had them, but never adopted anything.

Mayor Pearson asked if the Manager and Chief have seen any graffiti happening.

Manager Politi stated that he's not getting over whelmed with it.

Deputy Mayor Matisse stated since we are going over the code of General Code maybe this law can be looked into. She also stated that she's heard complaints about vandalism and she's told them to report it.

- **Emergency Notification**

Mayor Pearson stated that the Board went through this with the emergency management plan.

Department of Public Works

- **Check Street Widths and Curbing to Accommodate New Dump Truck with Salt Spreader and Plow**

Mayor Pearson stated that Deputy Mayor Matisse was concerned about the new dump truck that the streets were wide enough to go down with the cars there.

Manager Politi stated that the truck is no bigger than any other ones.

Mayor Pearson stated that the fire chief mentioned that the fire apparatus was getting larger, so she thought the dpw trucks might be too.

Manager Politi stated that's not a concern.

Deputy Mayor Matisse stated that it isn't when they are plowing its when they are spreading salt and cars are still parked on the street, so the streets are narrower and they have to use the smaller trucks therefore they have to go to the barn for salt more often.

- **Mileage List**

Deputy Mayor Matisse asked that they identify the trucks and use a spread sheet. She wants to see a comparison of fuel consumption.

Manager Politi stated that it depends on the job as to how much gas they use.

Deputy Mayor Matisse stated that she was told that DPW leaves the truck running on a job so the flashers are working. Why can't they have a cart with a battery with flashers so they don't run the truck?

Manager Politi stated that he will find out why they have to have the truck running to keep the flashers on.

- **Fire Hydrants**

Manager Politi stated that they will be doing Pine Street next.

Trustee Wynkoop asked when they were going to fix the hydrant on Hill Street.

Manager Politi stated that they have to do a wet tap on that.

Trustee Rumbold asked who is responsible to keep hydrants clear of brush and snow.

Manager Politi stated the fire department keeps them clear.

Trustee Rumbold asked that it be put on the calendar for homeowners to keep the hydrants clear.

Manager Politi stated that if its brush the Village will take care of it.

- **Flowers**

Deputy Mayor Matisse asked about the flowers.

Mayor Pearson stated that the flowers look good and the Village has a new watering system. She called about the second set of flowers and she never called the Mayor back.

- **Establish Committees to Work on Various Issues**

Mayor Pearson stated that the Village sort of does that. Deputy Mayor Matisse, Trustee Millspaugh and Pat Eisley are on the historic committee. That has to happen. There is a consolidation committee with Trustees Wynkoop, Rumbold and herself. More committees can be added.

- **Website**

Mayor Pearson stated that they've talked about the website and legislation on the website and what more can go on the website.

Trustee Hurd stated that his visions are to get the bidding on the Rail Trail, which has been done, continue to work for grant funding of the feasibility study for the commuter rail service and to continue with the MX zone with or without the rail service and to continue to try to find grant money for the overpass.

Mayor Pearson asked what about Main Street and downtown Main Street. She understands that the Business Association is working well together trying to come up with ideas. She hears from people that the Village should be more involved in creating businesses getting here. Is it the trustees job or the manager's job, how do we recruit people.

Trustee Hurd stated that if we get commuter rail service that alone will place us on the map and bring a whole new set of opportunities to the Village.

Mayor Pearson stated that the Village has design guidelines for the comprehensive plan, but we don't have them as law. Do we need them? Do we need to be more stringent so the Planning Board can make those decisions? Do we want to look at that? The sign law has to be looked at again. We call it historic downtown, but we have anything stating that it is historic downtown.

Manager Politi stated that at some point the Board should meet with the Business Association to understand their concerns.

Deputy Mayor Matisse stated that we could do certified local government which would help the businesses and open them up to whatever grants might be available. She attended the last meeting and they were talking about parking and maybe some of the requirements they have for parking for businesses should be looked at. Maybe we are requiring too much. Maybe we're cutting down on people being able to use smaller spaces or create smaller shops. Not every location can provide parking spaces.

Mayor Pearson suggested a work session with the WBA.

Fraud and Travel Policy Review

Manager Politi stated that he talked to Jeff Travers, we're going into redeveloping the handbook, and we've signed contracts to move forward. There is also the work place violence law. Before you get too far into discussion let them review what we have.

The Board was fine with that.

Health Care for Trustees

Mayor Pearson stated that Mr. Dowd did write the letter to the Attorney General. He sent the Mayor an email stating that the AG called him because she wanted more background. She wants to make sure that the AG's office does not issue an opinion that is inconsistent with the comptroller's office. That is in regard to the buy out and the pay back of the buy out and how to make it legal. The Manager was to do some calculations.

Manager Politi stated that he could give it to them now but it's not truly complete. The availability is out there to go to another plan and save money. He did a comparison with other companies that offer health insurance. The Board has to say whether they want to offer insurance to the board members.

Deputy Mayor Matise stated that she would like to have Kevin's answer.

Trustee Hurd stated that one of the things he was working on rather than any of this stuff, insurance or buy outs. So if the trustee wishes to surrender salary as permissible for a benefit. It benefits the trustee but it doesn't harm the village.

Mayor Pearson stated that's only allowable with the new plan.

Trustee Hurd stated that if it's a minimum of 20% the Village has to participate in, if set a salary, and if the trustee says okay, 20% goes to the Village, 20% contribution and the rest goes to that. He doesn't have the exact numbers yet.

Mayor Pearson stated that there are three questions, either you have health care, or you don't, you have family plan or you don't have family plan, you have buy outs and you don't have buy outs. If you change insurance companies you can do basically what you want to do.

Trustee Hurd stated that it was to address what was fair so the people who didn't get insurance were receiving some form of compensation.

Manager Politi gave the Board cost comparisons for health insurance.

Mayor Pearson stated that they are going to make it that any board member that comes on is offered health care, for a single person. If you want the family plan you pay the difference. The question is whether these three other plans work that way.

Manager Politi asked the Board to keep it in mind that the Judge is a part of this.

Deputy Mayor Matise asked that the Manager to find out what the cost of a medigap policy.

Mayor Pearson stated that the Board would like to know what the coverage's would be.

Trustee Rumbold stated that you're never going to find anything that is exactly like NYSHIP, but you want to be somewhere in the ball park.

Mayor Pearson stated that the first question is does the Board want to follow through with having health care for Trustees.

Mayor Pearson asked the Manager to have the information is the packet not at the meeting.

Trustee Rumbold stated that this seems to be taking a ridiculous amount of time to get answers, to get information and she feels it's being doled out piece meal. If this is on the agenda again it would be nice to have answers from the attorney, paperwork, numbers, and comparisons whatever the Board needs to sit down and make a decision or take it off the agenda. In view of the fact that we are looking at fuel costs the Board is going to make a decision and we're going to have money in the budget because we will be saving on health care costs, it would be nice to know before winter.

Trustee Hurd suggested this not go back on the agenda until council has the information.

Mayor Pearson indicated that is for the buy out and that is completely different.

Deputy Mayor Matise stated that it's not even the idea of the buy out going forward it's the idea of legitimizing the buy out from the past.

Trustee Rumbold stated that the buy out was totally separate because it was done improperly. Now we have that whole issue. The issue first was, if you're going to offer health care what kind are you going to offer. She would be in favor of doing comparisons and when you get that make that decision. The buy out was totally separate.

Albany Avenue Parking Review

Mayor Pearson stated that she asked the Manager to put in the Board's book the law that the Chief had on the T section and its not there.

Trustee Wynkoop stated that they can't park on the street and get a fire truck through there.

Mayor Pearson stated that they have to make sure that people get a parking permit for the parking lot.

Trustee Wynkoop stated that most of them have driveways.

Trustee Rumbold stated that there was concerns about if they had company where were they to park.

Manager Politi stated that the law was given to Mr. Dowd to see how we implement it.

Mayor Pearson stated that they'd only be taking away maybe 4 spaces.

Trustee Rumbold stated that they requested that law on the 26th day of June, it's July 22nd and they still don't have the law.

Manager Politi stated that you're typical law for curb line is 15 feet when you put no parking here to corner, so if it mimics that it doesn't help you anyway. You will still have to create a local law based on the 130 feet.

Deputy Mayor Matise stated that part of doing it would be to set up a permit system for the residents on that street to park in the parking lot on Albany Avenue and Bradley Field, over night parking. She also asked why the present law isn't being enforced.

Manager Politi stated that it's not about if there is a T intersection law; you need 130 feet, which means you're going to have to change all parking.

Mayor Pearson stated that the Village actually made that street smaller because where the catch basin is sits back, that is where the curb line would have been and now this juts out. She asked if they could take that curb line back further.

Manager Politi that it will shorten the radius you need but he doesn't know how much.

Mayor Pearson stated that the people from the park down didn't have a problem either not parking there.

Trustee Hurd suggested they wait on passing the law until all the T intersections are identified.

Deputy Mayor Matise stated that the list is there.

Trustee Hurd stated that he can't see how the Board is going to take away parking from the residents on Albany Avenue based on the needs for the fire truck to make a turn and then ignore the other intersections where the fire truck can't make the turn without the Village doing the same thing. We should be consistent with our thinking and actions.

Trustee Norman stated that Albany Avenue has been on the agenda for 10 years. She also stated that right now we should take care of this intersection.

Trustees Rumbold, Millspaugh, Norman, Wynkoop and Deputy Mayor Matisse wants to do Albany Avenue now and Trustee Hurd wanted to do all the streets.

Manager Politi asked if it was based on 65 feet from center line.

The Board agreed.

Mayor Pearson stated that the Manager can talk to the Chief about a permit system and how that will work and be fair to everybody. Also, have the Fire Chief prioritize the list of roads.

Deputy Mayor Matisse asked if the draft local law will be ready for the next meeting.

Manager Politi stated yes.

Agenda Format

Trustee Millspaugh stated that he would like to see the manager's report at the start of the meeting. Also, do the minutes before public comment.

It was the consensus of the Board to change the agenda format the way Trustee Millspaugh described.

Public Comment on Discussion Items

Jessica Metzger stated that in regard to the Albany Avenue discussion, from what she just heard was that the Chief of the Fire Department has identified seven different intersections including Albany Avenue. If the Fire Chief has identified other intersections and you make the change for Albany Avenue and not the other six and someone on the other six loses their home after the Fire Department has come to the Board she feels the Board is wasting time by not doing all at one time.

Trustee Wynkoop stated that the Fire Chief is not really sure yet. The Board does not have a list. He did state that he had other intersections for the Board to look at.

Ms. Metzger further stated that she didn't think the Board could go into executive session without council present.

Trustee Norman stated that they can have executive session without the attorney.

Anita Vandermark stated that she is in favor of Trustee Millspaugh's suggestion.

Mr. Wageman stated that he wasn't aware that Trustees get health insurance and he is interested in more information.

Mr. Revella stated that he would suggest that the Board ask Mr. Dowd about special duty rules, once you are on notice of a situation you have a duty to act upon it. Also, because of the rise in asphalt cost the Village shouldn't wait too long to start the paving project.

Approval of Minutes

Trustee Rumbold moved to adopt the minutes of June 30th, 2008. Seconded by Trustee Wynkoop.

Trustee Millspaugh stated that he made a comment that didn't get picked up, which was that after Mike Ciardullo spoke, he agreed with his observations. He asked the question about weren't there other alternatives to having it developed in public, such as a written financial statement. He also asked several other questions, could there be some kind of licensing or limited permissions. The attorney stated no, there wasn't.

All ayes. Minutes adopted.

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Audited Bills

Mayor Pearson moved to pay the audited bills of July 22nd, 2008. Seconded by Trustee Millspaugh.

Deputy Mayor Matise asked about the bills from New York State City/County Management Association, it says full membership, can she call and ask questions.

Manager Politi stated that it's like NYCOM that the Board is in, he's ICMA and New York State. They will give her an answer.

Deputy Mayor Matise asked if the Orange County Chamber could participate in the Main Street Development and get them involved with the WBA.

Manager Politi stated that someone is coming from the Chamber to speak to the WBA.

Deputy Mayor Matisse asked about the bills for Coffee Systems.

Manager Politi stated that he's waiting for an answer as to whether they will still deliver the water if we purchase our own machine.

Manager Politi stated that he is researching that.

Deputy Mayor Matisse asked an ARP or SOP manual with the sewer system.

Manager Politi stated that SOP is Standard Operating Procedure and ARP he can't remember, but will get that information for Deputy Mayor Matisse.

Deputy Mayor Matisse asked about the bills from Jackson-Lewis.

Manager Politi stated it's their retainer.

Deputy Mayor Matisse stated that its extra charges.

Manager Politi stated that the Village pays \$1600 per month and if you burn that \$1600 you get charged.

Mayor Pearson asked if the Manager interviewed other firms.

Manager Politi stated yes.

Mayor Pearson stated that she feels that for the services and for that money we might have had the same outcome with a firm that cost less money.

Manager Politi stated that we don't have an outcome.

Deputy Mayor Matisse asked about the bill from NYSEG for the youth center, May 21st to June 18th \$358.00.

Manager Politi stated that the youth center gets more use during the summer.

Mayor Pearson stated that there was some concern on one of the engineer's bills for sending an engineer at \$85.00 an hour to pick up paper work.

Manager Politi stated that he advised the Mayor that he would get an answer to that question.

On roll call Trustees Hurd, Millspaugh, Deputy Mayor Matisse and Mayor Pearson voted yes. Trustees Wynkoop, Norman and Rumbold voted no. Motion carried.

Correspondence

Mayor Pearson indicated that she received a letter from Ed Diana stating that the Village of Walden has been awarded \$8480.00 for solar lighting, seating and trash receptacles for Wooster Grove under the Orange County Municipal Parks Grant program. This is a matching grant.

Mayor Pearson stated that she received a resolution for the next meeting regarding the Justice Court grant. She also received a notice that there is a tree sale through the Orange County Audubon Society. They are looking for a \$45.00 donation per tree and they are 3 to 5 feet tall.

Manager Politi stated that at 3 to 5 feet you might want to keep them to the parks. They are too small for street trees.

Deputy Mayor Matise asked the manager to speak to Mr. Pursutti.

Mayor Pearson stated that she will have a report on tree sale for the next meeting.

Village Manager's Reports

Manager Politi stated that that he's hoping that the Department of Health will be at the well site this week so we can get the well on line.

Mayor Pearson asked what the fuel tanks were for at the well site.

Manager Politi stated that they are for the generator.

Manager Politi stated that the MS-4 compliance certification was sent in. He also advised the Board that the Attorney wrote a letter to Mr. Malnic. Also, Stan Plato and James Corbett were reappointed to the Planning Board and Zoning Board. Ed Leonard was appointed to the Zoning Board.

Deputy Mayor Matise asked if the Manager ever answered Mr. Alleyne.

Manager Politi stated that he was told that Mr. Alleyne doesn't want anything to do with Zoning and Planning. He applied two or three years ago.

Deputy Mayor Matise stated that there's been a problem with the Planning Board getting a quorum.

Manager Politi stated that there were two Eagle Scouts awards recently. He also has the department head reports.

Mayor Pearson asked about the Building Inspectors report on the house on Scofield Street. She wasn't under the impression they were going to side the whole building again.

Manager Politi stated that it would be hard to match it. We want wall space not windows, so we have to patch the window areas and you can't match what is there. He explained the project to the Board.

Trustee Millspaugh stated that the siding that is on that building now is the cheapest on the market; he thinks they should be looking at this place on the long term basis and go for a good vinyl that has the styrofoam backing and to think of central air. Also, he thought a handicap ramp required no greater than 1" per running foot.

Manager Politi stated that its one on ten is the minimum.

Trustee Millspaugh stated that its 13 feet, he doesn't think there is any place that a first floor is less than two foot. He asked if there was a sketch of the layout of the building.

Manager Politi indicated that the Building Inspector has the layout.

Board Comments

Trustee Norman stated that she spoke to the Building Inspector about a real estate sign that was chained to a street sign. There were about four or five real estate signs on Wait Street. A couple of weeks ago there were three or four real estate signs by the McKinley Monument.

Manager Politi stated that the Building Inspector did cut the chain and remove the sign.

Mayor Pearson stated that Beazer's signs are still up.

Trustee Norman stated that she would like to see the Police Department patrol Wooster Grove after the concerts.

Trustee Rumbold asked for a bill for the badge and she hasn't received it yet. She had two new families come into her office who told her how nice the Village is and how friendly people are here and how wonderful the Walden column is in the Wallkill Valley Times.

Mayor Pearson stated that in regard to the benches they were discussing them and the ones she likes sits 6 people and for two benches its \$5,000. Regular park benches that seat two people is \$700 to \$800 plus shipping. So, you're getting the amount of sitting space for the same amount of money. She asked the Board what they wanted, three benches or one beautiful bench.

It was the consensus of the Board to get the arched benches.

Mayor Pearson asked about Computel.

Manager Politi stated that they are going back and forth with Time Warner.

Mayor Pearson asked about water levels.

Manager Politi stated that water levels are good. We are doing better than last year. Because of the dry spell it's always a good time to conserve.

Mayor Pearson asked about the digester.

Manager Politi stated that they were just doing some field work.

Mayor Pearson asked for something for the next meeting regarding General Code. Also, Nancy Phelps is putting together an ecology class in September and she said if the Village can build garbage cans her students could paint them.

Executive Session

Deputy Mayor Matise moved to hold an Executive Session pursuant to 105-(f), Police Personnel, of the Public Officers Law. Seconded by Trustee Rumbold. All ayes. Motion carried.

Trustee Millspaugh moved to reconvene the regular meeting. Seconded by Trustee Hurd. All ayes. Meeting reconvened.

Adjournment

Trustee Hurd moved to adjourn. Seconded by Trustee Wynkoop. All ayes. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Nancy Mitchell
Village Clerk