

**Village of Walden  
Board of Trustees Special Meeting  
August 26<sup>th</sup>, 2010**

Mayor Brian Maher called the special meeting of the Village of Walden Board of Trustees to order at 7:00PM.

On roll call the following were:

Present:	Mayor	Brian Maher
	Deputy Mayor	Susan Rumbold
	Trustees	Mary Jean Norman
		Richard Hurd

Absent:	Trustees	Bernard Bowen, later present
		Edmond Leonard
		Randi-Lee Penney

Also Present:	John Revella, Village Manager
	Nancy Mitchell, Village Clerk
	Kevin Dowd, Village Attorney

**Audited Bills**

Trustee Norman asked about the bill for the portable potties for the summer fest.

Mayor Maher stated that it was a mistake that the bill came to the village.

Deputy Mayor Rumbold moved to pay the audited bills of August 26, 2010. Seconded by Mayor Maher. All ayes. Motion carried.

**Bid Award - Telemetry**

Manager Revella stated that the low bidder for the telemetry was Aqualogics System for \$48,000. This is \$2000 more than what the village bonded for, but it's still within the parameters. They were checked out and by Mr. Dowd too. They have done work for the village.

Mr. Dowd stated that John Queenan from Lanc and Tully checked their references. He checked their bid documents and there was a cash bond. Everything is in order.

Trustee Hurd moved to award the bid for the telemetry to Aqua Logics for \$48,000. Seconded by Trustee Norman. All ayes. Motion carried.

**Bid Award - Municipal Building Roof**

Manager Revella stated that the bids came in for the municipal building roof and the low bidder was Shamgar, Inc which also does business as Liberty General Contracting for \$30,990. This was \$19,010 under what was bonded for. The references were checked out.

Deputy Mayor Rumbold asked if they could use the money saved toward the cost to fix the decorative railing.

Manager Revella stated that they don't have a cost for that.

Mr. Dowd stated that the bid bond was in cash.

Deputy Mayor Rumbold asked if there was anything in the contract for work that they find that's not in the contract.

Mr. Dowd stated that there would be a change order. The process would go through the engineer and village.

Trustee Hurd moved to award the municipal building roof to Shamgar, Inc, d/b/a/ Liberty General Contracting for \$30,900. Seconded by Deputy Mayor Rumbold. All ayes. Motion carried.

Manager Revella informed the board that the tennis work will begin, the pre construction walk through is September 8<sup>th</sup> and they should be done by October 22<sup>nd</sup>.

### **Announcement of Retirements**

Mayor Maher stated that we have are three very hard working and dedicated employees retiring, Village Treasurer, Village Clerk and Account Clerk. They are retiring as of September 17<sup>th</sup>. There are no words you can say to explain how much they have done for this village. At times he doesn't feel he's done enough to let them know. He wanted to come to the office one morning to have a meeting to let them know and he wasn't able to do that. They have put their whole life into this village over the past 30 years. They are as close to irreplaceable as you can get. They will be surely missed. He would like to suggest that the board go above any certificate that they've given out and have a resolution made for the next meeting on September 14<sup>th</sup> to recognize the service that they have provided to the Village of Walden for the last 30 plus years.

### **Advertisement of Employment Vacancies**

Manager Revella stated that the treasurer and clerk ad will be in the Times Herald Record on August 27,28 and 29. It was in the Wallkill Valley Times on August 25<sup>th</sup>. The account clerk position was posted today.

Mayor Maher asked if someone could take the test for the account clerk position and be on the list.

Manager Revella stated that if they haven't taken the test he's not sure if they will get on the updated list before they are ready to hire.

Trustee Norman stated that this should move along. They should be able to sit with Ms. Weiner or Ms. Mitchell so they have an understanding of the job.

Mayor Maher stated that he doesn't disagree with that, but there is a process. They might have to call another special meeting.

Mayor Maher stated that when he gets twenty resumes he will contact the board members to come in and look at them.

### **Request to Waive Dumpster Enclosure Requirements - Main Street**

Manager Revella stated that this is for the back of 56 Main Street. There is not a lot of room to enclose the dumpster and it would be hard for the garbage truck to get to.

Trustee Norman asked if it can be seen.

Manager Revella stated that if you knew where it was and were looking directly at it you would see the maroon dumpster.

Trustee Hurd asked if this would fit the requirements for a waiver from the board.

Manager Revella stated yes.

Trustee Hurd moved to approve the request for a waiver of the dumpster enclosure requirements at 56 Main Street. Seconded by Deputy Mayor Rumbold.

Deputy Mayor Rumbold asked if the dumpster was visible from Oak Street.

Manager Revella stated that he couldn't see it from Oak Street.

Trustee Norman stated that Millspaugh's dumpster still isn't enclosed and the village has taken them to do about it.

All ayes. Motion carried.

### **Request to Waive Late Payment Penalty for Tax Bill - Wileman Avenue**

Manager Revella stated that there was a resident on Wileman Avenue who has a sight issue and relatives did not realize that the tax bill came for them to pay it on time. As soon as they saw it they immediately came to the office and paid. They are requesting the waiver of a 2% penalty.

Trustee Hurd indicated that he knows this person and he knows that she cannot see.

Trustee Bowen stated that the biggest point is that she came right away to pay it.

Ms. Weiner, Village Treasurer stated that she sent out a letter stating that the bill was unpaid and they came in right a way to pay it. She is requesting the penalty be waived.

Trustee Hurd moved to waive the late payment penalty for the tax bill on Wileman Avenue. Seconded by Trustee Bowen. All ayes. Motion carried.

### **Employee Contribution toward Medical Benefits - New Employees (non-union)**

Manager Revella stated that most of the employee benefits are dictated by contract so it's not a discussion about that. Non union employee medical benefits contribution, there is a cost they will be looking at in the future. There is a policy currently in place as to what the contribution should be. They should discuss what they want to do in the future. The non union employees follow the CSEA contract. For single coverage there is no contribution and for family its 24% of the difference between the family and single premium. That is in the PBA contract.

Trustee Hurd stated that with his insurance the premium is increasing by 25.7%, every year. He would like to think that all the employees would recognize the huge value they receive from the village, they do earn it, but they might consider contributing some portion to it, because it's increasing so rapidly, even if it's voluntarily.

Mr. Dowd stated with the new clerk and treasurer coming on board they should consider a new policy for non union employees and as you're renegotiating contracts you can negotiate a new policy.

Manager Revella stated that he will ask the treasurer how much they should consider contributing and how much it will help.

Deputy Mayor Rumbold stated that there are CSEA employees out there that pay a portion of their single premium. She asked Ms. Weiner if she would be prepared to give a recommendation by the next meeting.

Ms. Weiner stated that she will try.

Mayor Maher stated that Senator William Larkin will be speaking at the next Walden Business Association meeting at Donna Hall's New York School of Music. He will be speaking on the effect of the new legislation and the impact it will have on local businesses and municipalities. The meeting is September 10<sup>th</sup> at 8am.

### **Resolution No. 4-10-11-Budget Amendment**

Mayor Maher read the resolution.

Trustee Norman moved to adopt Resolution No. 4-10-11, Budget Amendment. Seconded by Trustee Hurd. All ayes. Resolution adopted.

### **Executive Session**

Trustee Hurd moved to hold an Executive Session pursuant to 105-(f), Personnel, Police Department and Parks and Recreation and Retirement Settlements. Seconded by Trustee Norman. All ayes. Motion carried.

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

Mayor Maher moved to set the salary for the recreation coordinator at \$50,500, the amended increase is \$5,931.32 for the remainder of the budget year. Seconded by Trustee Bowen. All ayes. Motion carried.

Mayor Maher moved to increase the recreation aides salary \$23,076 for the remainder of the year. Seconded by Trustee Bowen. All ayes. Motion carried.

### **Adjournment**

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

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Nancy Mitchell', with a large, stylized flourish extending to the right.

Nancy Mitchell  
Village Clerk