

**Village of Walden
Board of Trustees Regular Meeting
March 22, 2011**

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

On roll call the following were:

Present:

Mayor	Brian Maher
Deputy Mayor	Sue Rumbold
Trustees	Midge Norman
	Richard Hurd
	Bernard Bowen
	Edmond Leonard
	Randi Lee Penney

Also Present:

John Revella, Village Manager
Lori Pinckney, Village Clerk
Kevin Dowd, Village Attorney

Mayor Maher announced the passing of past Recreation Coordinator John Howland and a moment of silence was observed. The funeral will be this Saturday at Most Precious Blood Church at 11 am. Wake is 9am at Gridley Horan Funeral Home. There is a reception at the John Howland Youth Center following.

Trustee Leonard presented a framed picture of the Walden Community Park project from 2001 which was sponsored by the WLDC and the Friends of Walden Youth.

Mayor Maher presented Trustee Hurd with a certificate for outstanding attendance during his tenure and a certificate of achievement.

Trustee Hurd thanked everyone and commented on what a privilege it's been holding the office of Trustee.

Village Manager Report

- damage from recent rainstorm amounts to \$95,000; working with Orange County Emergency Management to get assistance.
- Jim Persutti – Village Arborist – available 4/14 for Arbor Day Celebration @ 10am
- Met with IWS regarding bulk pickup – to start May 1st
- Village-wide yard sale on April 30th – possibly from 9 -4; will be on blue channel and calendar
- Been repairing catch basins, mostly due to storm and severe winter
- Demolition of Olley Park barn; the area's been prepped for bathroom and storage facility; still receiving estimates for the Olley House
- Kevin's coordinating with the State DOT regarding catch basins on State Routes; if it's a shared responsibility
- New draft budget is completed; starting session next week.
- New AVL is up and running with PD: vehicle locator system – functioning well
- Repaired a few water service lines

- Sewer backups due to heavy rains
- DEC inspected sewer plant and Tin Brook pump station; recommendations were made – 2 refrigeration systems needed for testing, each cost approx \$6500.
- Started to get bids in for Olley Park water line
- Planning Board has 2 projects moving along: Kidd Farm Project & Agataros Project

Mayor Maher asked if there is any follow up with Lanc & Tully regarding project funding

Manager Revella responded the funding to replace the sidewalks on Pine Street was approved. Discussed getting RFP's for sidewalks by the foot so that we have them on file. There are several other sections that need repairing.

Public Comment

Lynn Schwandt, 143 N. Montgomery Street, commented about Mike Bliss being put in charge of the recreation department and her asking about his salary and how much more he was making than John Howland and now there are rumors he is asking for an assistant. She thought we are trying to keep the budget down. She asked about the house next door that is being used for storage, is anything else going to be done with it.

Manager Revella responded that Mr. Bliss is not making more than Mr. Howland did, he makes less. He doesn't know that an assistant will be hired. The house next door was discussed at the last comprehensive plan meeting regarding what we are going to do with it.

Mayor Maher responded that in the preliminary budget there is a spot for a vacancy for another recreation aide, but it is not guaranteed in any way.

Jessica Metzger, 4 Gracewood Court, asked about action item #2 and if that happens tonight, she's hoping DPW will be plowing.

Steve Flickenschild, 6 Linden Drive, commented about a letter his dad received on February 17th from the building department concerning the requirement of fire and safety inspections of properties within the Village once every 24 months. According to the NYS Uniform Code, that's based upon multi-family, two-family residents, every 2 years and commercial buildings every year. On Oct 31, 1989, his father received a building permit (#936) signed by Rusty Sweed for an addition made to his house. Dated March 6, 1991 is a Certificate of Compliance which he read and is available. He stated this Certificate of Compliance shows the residence has never been a two family, but since 1990 his father has been paying the refuse charges for a two family residence.

Patricia Hanagan & Erin Pike commented they are concerned over the WVT article dated Feb 16 titled Walden urged to save Olley Park Farmhouse and in the edition dated March 2, there's an article titled Walden to demolish Olley Park Farmhouse. She quoted the Mayor from the article. She commented that the Board did not follow the recommendations of the committee about preserving the historic portion of the farmhouse. She contacted a stone mason, Richard Phelps, in June 2010 to get an estimate to make available to the Board. At the last meeting, it was mentioned that \$11,000 being a possible cost for demolition but that doesn't take into account asbestos or lead paint. The estimate from Mr. Phelps on the high end is between \$35,000 and \$40,000. We were hoping to have volunteers to lower costs. She asked the Board to really look into it and come up with

hard figures. It's a historic house; it was decreed very historically significant by several reputable historians. She mentioned Neil Larson's and Lisa Melville's thoughts on the house. She read a letter by Lisa Melville.

Erin mentioned working on collecting 47 signatures for a petition to save the Farmhouse. She read a copy of the flyer that was given out on the history of the Farmhouse while obtaining the signatures.

The estimate, petition and letter by Lisa Melville were provided to the Board.

Mary Ellen Matise, 21 Clinton St., asked for an update on the Farmer's Market. She asked if it will be at the same location.

Manager Revella responded it's going well; Diane Lepinski is no longer able to participate due to conflicting schedules. June Garcia has happily taken over, and he and Stephanie Faso are working on it. Location is up for debate.

Becky Pearson, 167 Walnut St., asked if the budget is online. She provided the Village Manager with another proposal of securing the foundation on the Farmhouse from her other brother. She asked about Gracewood Court and dedication – what is happening with Pat Glass' property and she asked if all the engineering reports are complete, is the black top okay and about the catch basin that's there.

Mayor Maher responded the budget is not online yet, the treasurer is away, but he's been emailed to get the electric version to upload it.

Marcus Millspaugh, 10 Jessup St., commented regarding the bricks for Veterans Park. He recommended the Village or Recreation Dept do a brick for the Wooster Family's (Edith & Floyd) son who was killed in action.

Business of the Board of Trustees

Action Items

1) Budget Transfer – Resolution 19-10-11

Manager Revella commented that during the budget process and year end closing, the Chief was concerned with a few items.

Chief Holmes commented there are issues with the foot patrol line which is also the part time patrolman line. We will be short in the foot patrol line and the overtime line. He provided a handout. He went over the revenues expected.

Trustee Rumbold asked if there were any expenditures that go along with the revenues listed in the handout.

Manager Revella responded that some of them are overtime expenditures, like Stop DWI, but we've been reimbursed for it.

Chief Holmes commented that with speaking with Mr. Sullivan, there were some areas other than Chief's budget that money could be transferred from.

Mayor Maher responded there really is no option to not transfer the funds; most of it is union obligation.

Trustee Rumbold asked how much are we over?

Manager Revella responded the amount just needs to be reduced by \$13,805

Trustee Hurd made the motion to pass resolution 19-10-11; budget transfer. Seconded by Trustee Penney. All ayes. Motion carried.

Trustee Rumbold asked when the police contract was signed. She asked why is it taking so long.

Manager Revella responded the new contract is not signed; it's just a memorandum of agreement. There are language issues preventing it from being signed. The union drafted the document.

Mayor Maher commented there has been correspondence with the Union and they've provided us with a draft final.

Manager Revella responded that PBA had to review it and edit it; it was submitted to us. Labor counsel is talking to them about wording.

Trustee Leonard asked if it is strictly a language issue and there are no real changes. He asked how long the contract is.

Trustee Rumbold asked how much we are over in overtime. She asked where the money is coming from.

Manager Revella responded since beginning of the year approximately \$40,000. He indicated the money is from the lines listed on the front page of document supplied by Chief.

Trustee Bowen asked if this will be in the next budget.

Manager Revella responded we've made adjustments. We did anticipate resolving at least one of the 207c issues; it should be resolved by May.

2) Gracewood Court Dedication

Mayor Maher commented there is a meeting scheduled Tuesday, April 5th at 5:30 pm here at Village Hall. The Engineer will be here for questions.

Kevin commented the developer has done everything required from a legal point, updated title report, paid all the taxes, posted all the bonds, provided with all documents on roads and drainage facilities. Everything is in place to accept dedication. It sounds like you are waiting until after that meeting.

Manager Revella commented that we are almost through the winter and we discussed waiting until the end of winter.

Mayor Maher commented we have to wait until after the April 5th meeting and reevaluate at the next Board meeting.

Trustee Leonard asked about keeping 10% of the original bond as maintenance.

Kevin noted that the 10% has been in our account since January; equals \$3100.

Mayor Maher asked if the Board would like to table it – all agree to table it.

3) 401 Ivy Hill Rd – water/sewer bill dispute

Richard Wilson spoke about receiving a card to get an inside water reading. He received a call back asking to verify the reading and was told there could be a problem or a leak. The water dept said the outside meter could be running slow because it doesn't match the inside meter. He used 43,000 cu ft of water which is approximately a \$4000 bill. He commented he has been there for 11 years and feels the Village is responsible for the maintenance of the meter.

Kevin commented that if the inside meter is correct, it seems the homeowner has been underpaying for several years.

Manager Revella commented that there will probably be several more of these coming up. There were problems with batteries.

Richard commented an inside reading with the card notification should be done annually. He filed a FOIL request but has not received it yet. He has some information back to 2008; the water he's used has been erratic so it doesn't seem like just a slow running meter. All this usage is being billed at current rates also.

Manager Revella responded the bill could be pro-rated going back and set up a payment plan.

Trustee Hurd commented it's not like it's a toilet running for past 10 years. The question is if the meter was wrong.

Kevin commented water was used and it should be paid for. He stated an average yearly use could be determined and use the rates for those years to pro-rate and waive any penalties.

Trustee Hurd commented this has been done in the past when there's been a break, but to have something like this and hold a homeowner responsible for nearly 10 years is not reasonable.

Mayor Maher asked if we can put it on a hold.

Trustee Rumbold commented she has no problem adjusting the bill and waiving penalties.

Trustee Bowen commented he feels the homeowner is responsible for water usage, but at the rates the Village was charging.

Richard commented then if it's over a 10 year period, he expects 10 years to pay the bill.

Kevin commented tonight you can waive any penalty after the 31st and authorize the manager to work out the proration of the usage over a number of years.

Trustee Bowen commented you can check the usage over the next three months.

Richard responded he has a new meter now and has been checking his usage. He's averaging 150 cu ft per week or 1800 cu ft per quarter. He is willing to pay for 2000 cu feet next week when the bill is due.

Trustee Hurd asked if lawfully, there is any limitation on the liability concerning the meter.

Manager Revella responded the limit is 6 years.

Trustee Norman made the motion to waive penalties and interest after the 3/31 until it's resolved. Seconded by Trustee Leonard. 6 ayes, 1 abstention by Trustee Hurd. Motion carried.

4) Resolution 20-10-11 – Support of SYLA Grant

Mayor Maher commented this is the Student Youth Leadership Academy Grant submitted by the parks and recreation department. A group of 7th & 8th graders from the Village are selected by guidance counselors and the Orange County Youth Bureau to take part in 5-6 week student youth leadership academy. It's completely funded by Orange County. Need a Board motion to approve the grant.

Trustee Norman made the motion to approve the SYLA Grant. Seconded by Trustee Bowen. All ayes. Motion carried.

5) Little League Parade

Manager Revella commented the parade is scheduled from April 9th. It's the same route as last year and the same personnel requirements.

Trustee Penney made the motion to approve to the Little League Parade. Seconded by Trustee Leonard. All ayes. Motion carried.

6) Resolution 21-10-11 – Support of Solutions Grant

Mayor Maher commented this is another grant for the orange county youth bureau. It's \$12000 and will fully fund the Walden youth employment and education workshop program. The program lasts 5 weeks to employ 22 Walden Youth ages 15-18. Some of the employers include: Jacobowitz & Gubits, Village of Walden Rec dept & Library, Police dispatch center, Thruway, Walden Savings, Hudson Valley Conservatory, NY School of Music and Young Dental.

Trustee Norman made the motion to pass Resolution 21-10-11. Seconded by Trustee Bowen. All ayes. Motion carried.

Discussion Items

BAS proposal

Manager Revella commented we have received a proposal for a system that offers software service, maintenance costs, and tech support for code enforcement and building departments. The treasurer is in favor of it and it's been budgeted for. Also have a system

for utility billing and ACH billing, which is not included in this proposal. Current system is pretty antiquated. We are still taking proposals for other systems.

Kennel Law

Mayor Maher asked if anyone on the Board is willing to define what a kennel is.

Trustee Rumbold commented that it needs to be determined at some point.

Mayor Maher responded there are two arguments: one defining the kennel and two – do we want a kennel law that states how many dogs a resident can have.

Trustee Rumbold responded there are citizens that are upset with their neighbor and we need to think about someone that could have what was found at the house on Sherman Avenue. It's a tough issue.

Trustee Hurd commented that our overall duty is to the health, safety and welfare of the residents. We need a controlling mechanism.

Trustee Norman and Trustee Penney asked about a limit on cats.

Trustee Penney does not feel the Board should tell residents how many dogs they can have.

Trustee Leonard asked if this concerns noise. He is undecided.

Trustee Bowen has no opinion.

Trustee Rumbold commented it needs to be determined; we have a responsibility to discuss it.

Trustee Hurd commented there needs to be a controlling mechanism or it could create a serious problem.

Trustee Norman does not feel the board should tell residents how many animals they can have.

Mayor Maher commented initially he was in agreement with Trustee Norman and Penney. He would like to research the zones this would affect and his first number of dogs would be more than 4.

Trustee Leonard asked about what other municipalities have done.

Kevin responded this was all looked into back in 2007 when he drafted the introductory local law.

MPB Knights of Columbus Event

Mayor Maher indicated this was brought up over a month ago. Members of the Knights of Columbus submitted a proposal and have met with Chief Holmes, Manager Revella, and Park & Rec. Director Bliss. They would like to have a car show and the total cost to the Village would be just over \$400, to cover 2 part time officers to patrol. There is no other cost to the Village, except DPW to put up the stage.

Timothy Beers, Grand Knight of the KOC, introduced other members of the organization. He indicated he is a Village resident. The KOC is attached to the Most Precious Blood Parish, a fraternal order of Catholic gentlemen, with approximately 55 active members. They work to raise money and disseminate it to vary charities. He is asking the Board for

use of the same footprint the Walden Harvest Fest uses to hold a Classis Car Show with live entertainment, vendors – both retail and food. The date of the event is Saturday, July 16th with a rain date of July 23 from 9am – 4pm. Target is 100 vehicles and estimate nearly 500 people in attendance at any one time. He explained the classes of the vehicles and location of said vehicles. They will provide the Village to appropriate insurance, portable toilets, they will remove garbage generated that day, they will post restricted parking signs, they will assist the PD at the end of the show, they will arrange paramedics on site, they will do all advertising. Mr. Beers feels there are multiple benefits including increased foot traffic in Village, stimulate commerce among local businesses and the event will attract visitors from further than Orange County. They are asking the Village for: access to the Square, access to Village property for advertising, supply of garbage receptacles, and possible use of Village hall for staging purposes.

Mayor Maher indicated the KOC have gone out of their way to cut every cost that would be put on the Village for an event like this. It should cost the taxpayers next to nothing.

Trustee Rumbold asked where the cars would be located and where would the spectators park. She mentioned the parking lot on Oak Street.

Manager Revella responded they would be parked where the vendor locations are normally placed for the Harvest Festival.

Tim recommended not keeping the Orchard Street parking lot open due to placement of the classic cars along Orchard. He mentioned a possible shuttle service from the Thruway.

Mayor Maher indicated the event would be similar to harvest festival, but less people.

Trustee Norman moved to approve the Knights of Columbus event pending appropriate paperwork being submitted. Seconded by Trustee Bowen. 6 ayes, 1 abstention by Mayor Maher. Motion carried.

Trustee Penney asked why are we in a hurry.

Mayor Maher indicated we would like to provide the KOF time to advertise their event.

Trustee Rumbold commented we are asking the same citizens to be inconvenienced that are inconvenienced during the Harvest Festival. She feels if this is authorized, the local residents should be notified.

Authorization to set up Paypal Account

Mayor Maher commented this is needed to use online auction sites, like ebay or craigslist to sell surplus vehicles and equipment.

Trustee Rumbold asked who would have access to this account. She asked what the fees are.

Manager Revella responded only the treasurer would have access to the account.

Trustee Hurd commented the Village could receive higher revenue with more people bidding on surplus items.

Mayor Maher commented that they've talked to NYCOM and it's helpful to communities. There are fees to post an item.

Trustee Rumbold asked if nobody wants your item, you've paid a fee to list it and now you are out that fee.

Lori Pinckney explained there is a listing fee, based on the initial listing price, although there are times when the listing fee is waived. There is a final value fee which is based on the selling price and paypal also takes a percentage of the final price.

Trustee Leonard made a motion to set up a Paypal account. Trustee Hurd seconded. All ayes. Motion carried.

Trustee Rumbold asked who is watching these auctions.

Mayor Maher responded the treasurer with the manager as well.

WLDC Status Update

Mayor Maher commented that last meeting there was an issue discussed and he personally apologized for the misinformation that was stated.

Bill Kirnan, Walker St., president of the WLDC. The WLDC was formed in mid 1990's to assist and work with the Village in moving forward. They are probably best known for overseeing the Walden Playground project. He commented they were dismayed they weren't invited to the March 8th meeting. He wants to clarify the statements/comments from the last meeting. The WLDC is trying to upgrade 29 Grant St; Walden granted \$50,000 – it is not a loan. He read the contract. It is to be used for the purpose of due diligence, inspections, testing and analysis of the property for purposes of preparation of a development plan for a mixed use project. The scope of the activity shall include marketing, legal, environmental, construction, engineering, architectural, and design surfaces; the contract is not limited to environmental only. The WLDC will contract with service providers and the Village will not be a part thereof. The purpose was to isolate the Village in the event anything went wrong. The WLDC could have taken the whole \$50,000; we only put in for what is needed as the project proceeds to keep the money in the Village coffers to receive interest. The completed environmental report shall be reported to the Village together with such portions of the report as will not prejudice the rights of the WLDC with respect to the purchase of the property, contracting services or the performance by service providers. The property owner stated when signing the purchase contract that they would retain ownership of any reports generated on the property until which time the LDC took possession. There were comments at the last meeting about the WLD breaching the contract. Mr. Kirnan read #8 in the contract which states in the event of any violation of contract, Walden shall give written notice of such alleged default and WLDC will have a reasonable time to correct it. If there was a question at any time, the village should have just written a letter and the LDC would have responded and explained. The environmental report has been completed and there is a minor issue; there is some contamination of ground water. He assured the Board that there is no possibility of any type of problem with the property as far as safety. The report was presented to the seller

and the seller reported it to the DEC although it didn't need to be reported immediately. The DEC advised that within two weeks a letter will be sent advising of corrective actions. The WLDC goal is to see the project go through.

Manager Revella asked about any additional grant money you might be applying for.

Bill responded we took \$24,000 to date. \$14,000 with the environmental report; \$10,000 started what we call the pro forma. We have a contract with the project manager in three stages; the down payment of \$10,000 is the first stage and to proceed with pro forma, which took place in conjunction with contracting with the environmental report. There is presently a stop on the project. We could request additional money for legal fees which might come up. He commented that Jacobowitz and Gubits is not their legal representation.

Mayor Maher commented the Board was under the impression that you were invited to the last meeting. He apologized.

Bill commented within two weeks, the full report should be on the DEC website. He will provide a copy to the Board as well. He personally assured the Board there is nothing volatile on the property or any safety issues. Based on previous instances on other sites, the DEC will more than likely require additional tests. It looks like it was part of the process of cleansing, it looks like it contained right on site in the center of the site.

Trustee Rumbold asked what was tested.

Bill responded the entire property was sampled. Test pits were dug to 20 feet looking for soil contamination, there were wells dug and water extracted and tested – that was done randomly around the site. The building itself has not been tested yet.

Manager Revella asked if they have received any other grant funding besides the Village.

Bill responded no; no other grant funding.

Arbor Day Proclamation

Mayor Maher stated the annual Arbor Day Event will be April 14th @ 10am at Bradley Park.

Trustee Leonard proclaimed April 14th as the Arbor Day event. Seconded by Trustee Rumbold. All ayes. Motion carried.

Public Comment on Business of Board

Helen Schoonmaker, Westwood Drive, thanked the Board for including home schoolers in the SYLA Grant. She asked if the Village could provide a summary sheet of average water uses per person. Her opinion regarding the 401 Ivy Hill resident's water bill is that he should not be responsible for the water bill since the Village is responsible for the meter.

Diane Sandbothe, 90 Liberty St., commented regarding the Gracewood Court dedication. She reminded everyone that her and her husband sued the contractor and the Village over Jacob's Ridge. She asked that the Village make sure everything is checked before dedication of Gracewood. She asked about the Solutions Grant and how the businesses

were determined and asked to participate. She asked if the Walden Humane Society was asked to participate. She commented about the Kennel Law and an email sent to Mayor Maher and Deputy Mayor/Trustee Rumbold that indicated according to NYS Dept of Agricultural, a kennel is anything over 6 dogs, the Town of Montgomery says 4 dogs, Town of Gardiner states anything over 2 dogs. She cited Sherman Avenue and that should not happen again, so a decision should be made for the village as to what is a kennel.

Mayor Maher responded they are located in the Town of Montgomery and not the Village.

Jessica Metzger, 4 Gracewood Court, asked about a letter that was mailed to her about a meeting on April 5th at 5:30pm. She commented that this has been going on for months and months and last fall they were told they would be contacted by someone and to date, she's never been contacted by person, by phone or mail by anyone. She asked about the Knights of Columbus event and it possibly needing more than 2 part time officers. She commented that during the Harvest Festival, there is a crossing guard stationed at the barriers. She doesn't know if that is a law or not. She asked if someone will be at those barriers for the Knights event.

Mayor Maher responded regarding the letter that it was written today.

Manager Revella responded regarding the Knights event and the barriers that the Chief took that into consideration. He could have taken into account some crossing guards.

Jessica responded the Chief must know what he's doing. The Board was told the Chief took into consideration two part time officers and a cost of \$400 to the Village.

Mayor Maher responded it was a little over \$400, he believes its \$420.

Jessica commented that the DPW is setting up the stage and she recommended a fee or a permit be required for this service. She asked the Board with it being budget time, if there is no money for National Night Out, then she feels there's no money in the budget for the TLC Event. If it comes down between the two, she asked the Board to support NNO. She commented that the total budget is \$8 Million, for approximately 8000 residents and she asked the Board to consider reinstalling a full time Village Clerk. She was in the village offices last week and there was nobody in the clerk's office. She feels there's been a cut in services. She asked the Manager if he had a preliminary numbers regarding the budget, last year there was a .4% increase but several hundred thousand was bonded.

Manager Revella responded that we will continue to bond several hundred thousand.

Jessica requested he present how much will be bonded and how that is expected to be paid off. She asked when the budget sessions will be.

Mayor Maher responded budget sessions will be Mon, Tues, Weds next week, then Tues and Weds of the following week. Monday – Police Dept, Tues – Library, Weds – DPW, Tues – Parks and Rec, Weds – roll over. The Budget should be online; otherwise it'll be at Village Hall.

Jessica commented the kennel issue needs to be determined; pick a number. She asked if it's in the law.

Mayor Maher responded it's not in the Code.

Jessica commented regarding the water bill complaints that have been presented to the Board. She felt would take too much time to go through years of bills, she recommended settle for 10% of the bill and be done. She recommended that be discussed in Executive Session. She congratulated Midge, Ed, Brian and Tara on their election wins.

Tara Lown, 23 Northgate, asked how old the current system is that being used at Village Hall. She asked how many proposals are expected.

Manager Revella responded the EOS system is more than 13 years old. He responded we have received three proposals so far.

Tara commented about the quality of life of the dogs not just the people or the neighbors when it comes to the Kennel Law. She commented she's happy to see the Village participating with the Orange County Youth Bureau.

Steve Flickenschild, 6 Linden Drive, commented he loves the idea of the classic car show and discussed several he's attended. He introduced three documents during public comment and asked they be returned. He asked for acknowledgement from the Board that the one document is certificate of compliance from 1990. He asked for a statement from the building department for the realtor concerning the house being an illegal two family residence.

Becky Pearson, 167 Walnut St, commented she loves car shows and has attended several. She commented there was a conversation Candidates night regarding tax money paying for church organizations. She asked Kevin if he could confirm there wouldn't be a problem.

Kevin responded with all due respect, he will not answer that in public, he will answer it to the Board.

Trustee Rumbold responded that if there was a conflict of church and state, the attorney for the Village would bring it to the Board's attention.

Marcus Millspaugh, 10 Jessup St., would like the water to be measured and billed in gallons instead of cubic feet. He asked if there is a policy existed conforming the inside meter with the outside meter on an annual basis.

Mayor Maher responded there would be a cost to the change and it is being looked into.

Manager Revella responded regarding the meters that it has been discussed with the state auditors.

Approval of Minutes – March 8, 2011

Trustee Leonard commented he does not have a copy of the minutes.

Trustee Rumbold made the motion to approve the minutes from March 8, 2011. Seconded by Trustee Hurd. 6 ayes, 1 abstention by Trustee Leonard. Minutes approved.

Payment of the Audited Bills

Trustee Norman made the motion to pay the audited bills. Seconded by Trustee Leonard. All ayes. Motion carried.

Trustee Rumbold commented there were a few bills she doesn't like and there were many past due bills.

Manager Revella responded we are disputing the bill and they need to rectify their invoice before we pay it.

Correspondence

Trustee Penney commented the VFW is looking for permission for Memorial Day Parade on May 30th, 9:30 am line up with a 10 am start. She described the route ending at the Municipal Square. They are requesting the stage be set up and the large flag.

Manager Revella commented he received a notice from Town of Montgomery Seniors Independence Committee celebrating volunteers with an Appreciation Dinner on 4/27 @ 6pm, honoring 2011 volunteers of the year.

Miscellaneous Comments from the Board of Trustees

Trustee Leonard asked if Mr. John Howland's funeral arrangements can be posted on the website.

Trustee Bowen asked if there was any way every homeowner audit their water bills.

Mayor Maher commented maybe we could use the calendar. He believes Stephanie put something on the calendar about homeowner's checking for leaks.

Trustee Rumbold had comments for outgoing Trustee Hurd. She commented she will miss him and she respects what he has given to the Village.

Trustee Norman commented that she will miss Trustee Hurd and she learned a lot from him. She congratulated Tara. She thanked Anita Vandermark for Candidates night. She announced the Friends of Walden Youth are having a yard sale on April 3rd.

Mayor Maher commented about St. Baldrick's event this Saturday.

Trustee Hurd thanked everyone and commented that it's been a pleasure serving on the Board. He commented that local government is the toughest because we're dealing with friends and neighbors. He commented he's excited for the new Board with Tara on it. He congratulated the Board on moving forward with new ideas.

Executive Session – Litigation

Trustee Hurd made the motion to go into Executive Session to discuss litigation. Trustee Leonard seconded. All ayes. Motion carried.

Reconvene

Trustee Leonard made the motion to reconvene the regular meeting. Seconded by Trustee Penney. All ayes. Motion carried.

Motion to settle Gutterman 50%

Trustee Rumbold made the motion to settle Gutterman at 50%. Seconded by Trustee Penney. All ayes. Motion carried.

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