# Village of Walden Board of Trustees Regular Meeting June 14, 2011

Deputy Mayor/Trustee Rumbold 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: Deputy Mayor Sue Rumbold

Trustees Edmond Leonard

Bernard Bowen Randi Lee Penney

Tara Lown

Absent Mayor Brian Maher

Also Present: John Revella, Village Manager

Lori Pinckney, Village Clerk Kevin Dowd, Village Attorney

Deputy Mayor Rumbold explained that Mayor Maher was absent due to Leadership Orange Graduation and congratulated him.

#### **Presentation – Taylor Biomass Project**

Manager Revella commented he has met with James Rollins from Taylor Biomass Energy along with the Mayor about receiving the garbage from different municipalities. He introduced Mr. Rollins.

James Rollins thanked the Deputy Mayor and the Board for allowing him to present tonight. Taylor Biomass is working to support NYS and Orange County initiatives to reduce waste and improve recycling. He discussed the 3 R's: reduce, reuse and recycle; Taylor has added a 4<sup>th</sup> R – Recover energy content. Taylor has developed the technology to convert municipal solid waste into green, renewable energy. He has the responsibility of visiting all municipalities in Orange County: there are 41 of them. There are 12 municipalities that do their own garbage collection, there are 12 municipalities that have bid out their waste services and 17 fend for themselves – meaning the residents take care of it themselves. Taylor has developed a clean method of separating biomass. 65% of what is generating everyday is considered biomass; 5.1 pounds of garbage per person per day. Taylor converts the waste into electricity, materials are separated. Taylor separates the waste then changes the material from a solid to a gas during the gasification process, then the gas. That gas becomes the fuel which generates green, renewable electricity. The Taylor process is not incineration. The process changes the solid to a gas which is fed into a turbine to generate electricity. It will generate enough power to supply 23,000 homes with electricity. Taylor has elected to offer services to municipalities first and not offer it to private haulers. This is a long term solution that is cost effective to the Village of Walden. Currently, the disposal fee for the Village is the largest cost at \$85 per ton. Taylor Biomass is offering the Village the right to bid out services for collection only and charge \$66 per ton for disposal. The electricity produced is going to help Stewart Airport reduce their carbon footprint. Taylor will produce 24 mega watts of electricity; we will use natural gas for the 1<sup>st</sup> 18 hours then 4 mega watts will be used to power the facility, so a net of 4 mega watts will be provided to the grid. The

Orange County landfill is an open-air facility which creates problems and will close once Taylor is up and running, leaving the nearest landfill as Goshen. Taylor is a closed facility. Taylor has partnered with the Dept of Energy and expects to be online Dec 2012; however Dept of Energy wants Taylor to start taking waste 8 months earlier to perfect the process. Taylor Biomass is offering the Village \$66 per ton for 20 years with a 2.25% increase each year. Therefore, it wouldn't be until year 11 before the cost would be at \$80 per ton. Taylor Biomass would replace nearly 240,000 barrels of oil, it will employ 400 employees, and it would provide \$1.1 Million in taxes to local school beginning with year one. Municipalities will be given first shot and private haulers will be considered if capacity is still available.

Trustee Leonard asked if the contract between the Power Authority and Taylor Biomass Energy been signed yet.

James responded he believes so, but is not sure. Every community has the exact same price.

Manager Revella asked if Taylor is offering anything for recycling.

James responded we do offer services for recycling, it is separate agreement. Recycling has been profitable and could serve as a revenue stream for the municipality. Taylor Biomass will handle recyclables and will pay for it.

Manager Revella asked about bulk pickup and would it be at the same rate.

James responded we will handle bulk pickup; it won't be at that rate, but is shouldn't be far, possibly \$71/ton. Taylor won't take household hazardous waste.

Trustee Penney asked then we would still have to bid out the pick up/collection of the garbage.

Manager Revella responded we have 2 options. One option is to bid out the pick up/collection and one option is to do it ourselves.

James commented that many municipalities signed on with Masada and they have minimums and maximums. Taylor doesn't have any minimums or maximums in their agreements.

Trustee Rumbold asked if the Board would have any objection to allowing the public to ask questions.

There were no objections.

Mary Ellen Matise, 21 Clinton Street, asked if the Village would be protected against a lawsuit, as happened before with the landfill, if Taylor is sued or fined by DEC.

James responded absolutely. The Village would be protected; anything that happened against the facility is our responsibility. Our waste is gone, there is nothing left. We generate less emissions than natural gas. The material is completely used; we are sorting and separating to remove the undesirable material. Anything not organic will not go into the gasification process.

Kevin Dowd asked what is done with the white goods.

James responded white goods are metal and they would be sent to metal recycling.

Jessica Metzger, 4 Gracewood Court asked if Taylor Biomass is offering hauling services.

James responded we are just accepting now; hauling services later on he reserved his comments.

Jessica commented she is not sure if this will be saving us money.

Kevin responded our hauler is paying for the picking up, hauling and disposal of garbage at landfill.

Jessica commented we are looking at trucks, employees; it's a lot to look at.

Trustee Rumbold responded that is if we do it ourselves.

James commented other municipalities will bid out only for hauling and that saves money.

Becky Pearson, commented \$65 per ton for disposal and a credit for recyclables, what about bulk pick up.

James responded the hauler would still pick up the bulk and that would be approximately \$71 per ton for those few items.

Becky recommended working with the Village of Montgomery since they already do their own garbage. She asked besides the county, would Taylor accept from other places. She asked about the haulers for the Town of Montgomery.

James responded we will only accept waste from Orange County; we are permitted for 500 tons. He responded the residents of the Town of Montgomery would have to find their own and it would not cost \$66 per ton.

Kevin Down responded the Town could create a garbage district.

Diane Sandbothe asked if Taylor location is in Maybrook. She has concerns about all the haulers going through all the small towns with tractor trailers.

James clarified they are located in Montgomery. There are 3 transfer stations in Orange County. He commented that wouldn't be the case. The Village of Maybrook, their trucks would go directly to Neeleytown Road.

Manager Revella asked Mr. Rollins what he would need from the Board; what kind of decision.

James responded he didn't need a contract, just a commitment. They would like a commitment by the end of the month.

Kevin commented the process has been started with the Village of Montgomery. They would be the same contracts.

Trustee Leonard made a motion to agree to contract with Taylor Biomass Energy contingent upon the Village Attorney's review of agreement. Seconded by Trustee Bowen. All ayes. Motion carried.

James provided a handout about the project and the website www.taylorbiomassenergy.com.

Trustee Rumbold commented that she had spoken previously and he stated he would be in favor as well. She also commented there has been a request from Trustee Leonard for Executive Session regarding property purchase and CSEA negotiations.

# **Village Manager's Report**

- still testing near Mobil and Hess station
- discussing with insurance agent, attorney lease on dam
- patching roads and pot holes.
- Met with Mayor, Trustee Leonard and Chris White from Maurice Hinchey's office regarding funding sources
- 8" water main break on Riverview & sewer break at same location
- Met with Mayor & Vanguard Energy regarding solar energy and panels
- Met with Trustee Leonard, Mayor Brescia & DPW of Montgomery to discuss services
- Received signed agreement from the Village of Montgomery regarding shared services.
- Received new insurance cards for vehicles
- Met with NYCOMCO regarding leases on handheld radios; frequency issues.
- Met with Building Inspector and Rec Coordinator regarding property maintenance.
   Our own employees have been doing property maintenance.
- Met with Treasurer and Vanacore to discuss price structure and audit
- Rec Coordinator and self did interviews for summer employees
- Met with Chief, Rec dept regarding parking and traffic concerns for Buddhist Event.
- Met with sewer plant engineers, operator and contractor regarding change orders; took ½ off list and others were reduced.
- Salt allocation is in for next year
- Repairing catch basins and water valves
- Have fuel logs which will be reviewed every month
- The Village repaired Highland Ave & Route 52; the state was taking too long
- Met with Chamber tractors and Village mechanic regarding old tractor parts, we negotiated new materials.
- Mayor, Trustee Lown, Rec Coordinator, police chief, building inspector & wife, treasurer and wife all attended dinner at Buddhist Temple. Very moving ceremonies.
- Cooling stations set up at Municipal Building last week; will again if heat indexes over 100.
- Followed up with a second letter to the company that provides fluoride due to no response.
- Seal king paving has volunteered to assist us with a secondary entrance to Olley Park.

Trustee Bowen asked if there is any feedback from Mike regarding the park at Alfred.

Manager Revella responded they haven't started yet; he is meeting with a contractor tomorrow regarding the basketball court.

Trustee Leonard asked if the Buddhist event is a one day or two day event.

Manager Revella responded it is a 2 day event. Sunday is to be the larger event.

Trustee Rumbold asked what can we do about NYS ignoring their responsibilities; we pay a lot of taxes and they ignore us.

Manager Revella responded we have sent them letter correspondence and received no response.

Kevin responded the understanding is that most of the state agencies, including the DEC, don't have enough man-power due to budget cuts and they are relying on local building and code enforcement people.

Trustee Rumbold responded but it's the state's responsibility. She asked if we could reduce our taxes.

Trustee Bowen asked if we could send them an invoice.

Kevin responded we can not withhold payment to the State. The manpower is just not there; they get to it eventually.

Trustee Rumbold commented we are trying to be very cost effective and mindful of tax dollars and now we are spending money on items that are not our responsibility.

Kevin responded the best thing to do is to contact our representatives.

Trustee Rumbold asked Kevin to write a letter.

Manager Revella commented he is meeting with the regional director on the 21<sup>st</sup> and if the letter is ready he could hand deliver.

Trustee Leonard commented that will be a public forum and it might be the best recourse.

Trustee Rumbold commented that she collected phone books along Main Street and feels it's littering.

# **Trustee's Committee Reports**

# **Economic & Community Development Committee – Trustee Lown**

Trustee Lown commented she was thrilled to meet with the Comprehensive Plan Meeting for the Recreation Dept. There are some great ideas and are moving forward with the Comprehensive Plan. She toured the parks the Mike and the Village Manager and discussed plans. Regarding the Economic committee, the first meeting will be in July, a date has not been set yet and we are still waiting for a few confirmations of who will be on the committee.

# **Energy Efficiency Committee/DPW liaison – Trustee Leonard**

Trustee Leonard commented the committee hasn't met yet, but he has a report from the planning board for the Kidd Farm on Coldenham Road. The public hearing for the Draft Environmental Impact Statement, there are 4 outstanding issues, the project is moving forward and they should get final site plan approval soon.

#### Liaison Treasurer/Clerk - Trustee Bowen

Trustee Bowen commented he spoke with the Treasurer regarding the new financial system. 8 RFPs were sent out and an open house was held today. One vendor called and one vendor was present. All RFPs are due back on the 27<sup>th</sup>. Hoping to do all the bills online.

#### **Shared Services Committee**

Trustee Rumbold commented she has spoken to the other Villages about municipal agreements. We received them back from the Village of Montgomery. We are waiting for Town of Montgomery and Village of Maybrook about various shared services. Equipment they have that we don't and vice versa, the possibility of sharing personnel and equipment.

Manager Revella commented we discussed garbage and how they are doing it. We could buy one truck and share their reserve truck.

Trustee Leonard commented we got a feel for their costs. They pick up twice a week.

Manager Revella responded we also talked about the revenue they receive for the recyclables.

Trustee Bowen asked if the numbers were crunched and what would we save.

Manager Revella responded including the cost of buying a garbage truck, supplying 55 gallon cans for every household, the cost of personnel which we figure 3 with benefits, the first year cost would be more than years after, but it broke down to \$200,000 to \$250,000 less than we are paying now.

Trustee Leonard commented we would buy a truck with a flipper in the front so we could have one driver. We have to think of the lead time when ordering the garbage truck.

Manager Revella responded it would be something to consider in next years budget.

Trustee Rumbold commented municipalities are all discussing shared services. The governor wants smaller government and wants smaller governments merge.

#### **Action Items**

#### 1) Parking Summons – need updated ones

Manager Revella commented that Trustee Leonard has come to him and the Board has talked previously about changing the wording on the parking tickets.

Trustee Rumbold responded we already made that determination and we were waiting to get rid of that supply.

Trustee Leonard commented we decided the language was wrong and needed to be upgraded, want to include an envelope that can be mailed in to pay the fine. He has been

collecting parking tickets. He would like to see some type of official parking and would like to provide vendor/guest parking as well.

Trustee Lown responded personally she just parks and walks a bit further.

Trustee Rumbold responded she parks in Orchard Street and will stop at the police station to tell the dispatcher, she races to beat the meter maid.

Trustee Leonard would like to see some type of pass to provide to vendors or guests/consultants.

Trustee Bowen responded we should speak to the police dept about a temporary tag.

Trustee Leonard commented the new parking enforcement person is doing one heck of a job. He asked the Manager if we can get a report from the Justice on how the collection agency is doing.

#### 2) 5 Sunnyside (sewer relief)

Manager Revella commented this property was discussed at last meeting. They are asking for sewer relief on the next bill.

Trustee Lown made the motion to approve the sewer relief for 5 Sunnyside. Seconded by Trustee Bowen.

Trustee Lown commented that the homeowner has been coming in and paying the payments.

All ayes. Motion carried.

# 3) 56 Wait Street (payment plan request)

Manager Revella commented this resident was getting estimated bills and then received an actual. They are asking for a payment plan of \$75 per month until it's paid off.

Trustee Rumbold asked the amount that needs to be paid off.

Manager Revella responded \$221.

Trustee Lown made the motion to approve the payment plan on \$75 per month. Seconded by Trustee Leonard. All ayes. Motion carried.

# 4) 5 Clinton Street (water/sewer bill)

Manager Revella commented the resident has asked the sewer portion be relieved since they had a leak, but by looking at their average usage, there is no way to tell that there was any water use that was lost outside the building that didn't correspond to sewerage use. Their average is actually higher than the bill she received; there's no way to tell what we could relieve.

Trustee Lown commented the difference between the two bills in the packets is \$19.50.

Manager Revella responded the last 2 bills, but the previous bills were even higher.

Trustee Lown made the motion to deny the request. Trustee Rumbold seconded. All ayes. Motion carried.

#### 5) 98 Walnut Street (dumpster request)

Manager Revella commented they are requesting a dumpster be placed in the road while doing construction on the building for a maximum of three days, which is the normal amount of time.

Trustee Leonard made the motion to approve the dumpster request. Seconded by Trustee Bowen. All ayes. Motion carried.

#### 6) 17 Highland Avenue (water/sewer bill)

Manager Revella commented a new meter was installed but have been receiving estimated bills for the two years prior. They would like the bills prorated for the previous years and time to pay it.

Trustee Lown made the motion to approve prorating and allowing time for 17 Highland Ave. Seconded by Trustee Penney.

Trustee Lown pointed out that the meter was fixed on June 10<sup>th</sup>.

All ayes. Motion carried.

# 7) Tractor Trade – even trade (2WD tractor)

Manager Revella commented that we have an old 2 wheel drive tractor that has not been used for over a year. We need a mower deck for the tractor we do use; we have worked out a deal with Chambers to make an even trade.

Trustee Leonard made the motion to approve the tractor trade. Seconded by Trustee Bowen.

Trustee Rumbold asked if we get a warranty on the deck.

Manager Revella responded yes, as if it was a new purchase.

All ayes. Motion carried.

#### 8) 43 Ulster Avenue (refuse bill)

Manager Revella commented the landlord is complaining about the late charges on the refuse bill. The bill was sent to the tenant as it should have been. The landlord refuses to be directly billed. It seems to be a landlord-tenant issue.

Kevin commented that the Village mailed the bill to the tenant, but the tenant had moved out. It took six weeks for the mail to be returned, so that the Village could get it out to the landlord. It was returned undeliverable.

Sue clarified the chain of events.

Kevin responded the landlord is disputing the late charge.

Trustee Bowen asked how much is the late fee. This is what we are hoping to do with the new financial system; have all the garbage bills be put on the tax bills.

Kevin stated the bill was not paid and it went on the tax bill and she doesn't want to pay the late fee.

Lori stated she believed the late fee is \$7.58.

Trustee Lown commented that is she is late with her garbage bill, she pays the late fee.

Trustee Bowen responded that whatever time frame it took for the mail to be returned, we are going to worry about \$7.

Kevin responded this issue could be avoided if the landlord would take the bill directly from the Village.

Trustee Lown made the motion to deny the request. Seconded by Trustee Penney.

Roll call:

Trustee Penney – yes

Trustee Lown – yes

Trustee Bowen - no

Trustee Rumbold – ves

Trustee Leonard - yes

4 ayes, 1 nay. Motion carried.

# 8) 19 Walden Estates Road (property damage)

Manager Revella commented there was an issue with water pressure. We went over to test the pressure, while testing it, there was such high pressure that the tester gauge blew off and the faucet broke.

Trustee Rumbold asked the cost.

Manager Revella responded \$159.60.

Trustee Leonard asked if the replacement was equivalent to what was there.

Manager Revella responded he was told it was a fancy long neck faucet, so it should be similar.

Trustee Leonard made the motion to replace the faucet. Seconded by Trustee Penney.

Trustee Lown asked the Manager if it was his recommendation to pay for it.

Manager Revella responded he believed we were responsible.

Trustee Bowen asked if he the Manager had seen the previous faucet. He commented that we won't waive \$7, but we'll pay out \$159.

Manager Revella responded no. He made a policy change that we won't test pressure in homes any more.

Trustee Leonard withdrew his motion.

Kevin commented that motion stands as is.

Trustee Rumbold asked who is in favor of paying for the broken faucet.

Trustee Penney – aye Trustee Rumbold – aye Trustee Leonard – nay Trustee Bowen – no Trustee Lown – nay

Trustee Lown made the motion to pay for the new faucet contingent on verification of the value of previous faucet. Seconded by Trustee Leonard. All ayes. Motion carried.

#### 10) 126 East Avenue (property maintenance)

Manager Revella commented the person claims we did maintenance and charged them for maintenance to property that was not theirs. We had pictures to verify the location of the property; one picture shows the property marker to verify that is was their property.

Trustee Rumbold asked if they are the listed property owner and pay taxes on the property.

Manager Revella responded yes.

Trustee Lown made the motion to deny the request. Seconded by Trustee Rumbold.

Trustee Rumbold asked how they are saying it's not theirs if it's listed as their property and they pay taxes on it.

Manager Revella responded they say it was the property next to theirs. It was verified by locating the iron pin.

Trustee Rumbold asked for the bill for the property maintenance, does it list the property as their property.

Manager Revella responded yes, it is their property.

All ayes. Motion carried.

#### 11) Approval of payment to LD Excavating

Manager Revella commented this is for the comfort station. The Engineers have verified the portion of the work that has been completed. The request is for 35% payment which is \$52,324.65.

Trustee Penney made the motion to approve the payment to LD Excavating. Seconded by Trustee Lown.

Trustee Rumbold clarified the Engineers have verified and signed off for this payment.

All ayes. Motion carried.

# **12) Approval of Accounting Contract**

Manager Revella commented this is the contract for the audit to be done this year.

Trustee Leonard made the motion to approve the accounting contract. Seconded by Trustee Lown.

Trustee Rumbold commented that she spoke with the Treasurer and he is happy with the company.

All ayes. Motion carried.

#### **Public Comment**

Helen Schoonmaker, 7 Westwood Drive, asked what happened to the first public comment period.

Trustee Rumbold responded it was a Board decision at the reorganization meeting.

Helen asked if it could be brought back.

Trustee Rumbold responded it has been requested and we are keeping with the new format.

Helen commented that she is not hearing all the discussion regarding the twelve items. She has been sitting through all this action and she just wanted to come to the meeting to say one thing. She asked that the first public comment period be brought back.

Diane Sandbothe, 90 Liberty Street, asked about the storm drain at the end of Liberty at Route 52. The storm drain was paved over, she has brought this up before and would like it fixed.

Manager Revella responded we can't put a catch basin back where it was due to a gas line. We would have to re-pitch the road and put drains in different locations.

Diane asked about the new streetlights.

Manager Revella responded we are waiting for NYSEG to put the three on Main St.

Diane commented there is an ordinance in the town that garbage cans need to be adequate for the amount of garbage a residence puts out. There are no lids on cans; there is non garbage items put out on garbage days, we don't really need bulk pickup.

Manager Revella responded there is an ordinance and they should be cited.

Jessica Metzger, 4 Gracewood Court, asked the Board to please consider restoring the public comment period. She asked Kevin if the Village of Montgomery agreed to sign on to the Biomass project and if the contract is identical for each municipality. She asked him to confirm that Montgomery does their own hauling.

Kevin responded Montgomery is interested but are waiting for him to report back on the contract. He doesn't know if all contracts are identical, but according to Mr. Rollins it should be. Montgomery has done their own hauling since about 1991; they own their own trucks, have own crews, they pick up resident garbage twice per week and recyclables once per week so they are working for 5 days.

Jessica asked if the number of residents for Montgomery is half of Walden.

Trustee Leonard responded 3700 + according to the 2010 census.

Manager Revella responded Walden has 7007.

Jessica responded then Walden would need double the manpower.

Trustee Leonard responded no; they don't use the flipper, they do it all by hand. Plus they pick up garbage twice per week.

Jessica asked for clarification on what action was done this evening regarding Taylor; the Board agreed to it contingent upon Kevin being okay with the contract.

Kevin confirmed and added that the Board sees the contract and okays it. It will come before the Board on the 28<sup>th</sup>.

Jessica commented there have been more requests on bills and waiving fees then she's ever seen.

Manager Revella responded there were similar issues done before in the office and not brought before the Board for a vote. Not sure why.

Trustee Bowen responded he believes it's due to the new meters and accurate readings. We may need to have a time frame cut-off once everything is in and no further disputes will be accepted.

Jessica asked about the refuse bills and shouldn't they go directly to the owner of record on the tax bill.

Manager Revella responded he thinks it goes with the senior program and if you are a senior living in the building, then you get the senior discount.

Jessica responded that's a double standard, she asked if she had a senior living with her then she could get the senior discount. She believes the property owners should be receiving the bills.

Trustee Rumbold asked if there are tenants that receive water bills as well.

Jessica suggested that any bills that go to the tenants, a copy should be sent to the landlord and an additional \$2 should be added to their bills to cover the extra expense.

Becky Pearson, 167 Walnut Street commented regarding the garbage with the flipper and there would be no parking on the street.

Trustee Leonard responded if there is no on-street parking the garbage can be picked up with the flipper.

Becky asked how many streets do we not have cars parked.

Manager Revella responded the whole new section on the west side and Walden Estates. She asked if that would be a new law; no cars can be parked on the street on garbage day.

Trustee Leonard responded we would duplicate what County Waste did.

Becky asked if it would be a part time position or a full time position and has it already been discussed.

Trustee Rumbold responded it would have been in public; it was under shared services, what do you do and how do you do it; it was a committee.

Manager Revella responded they have asked about our sewer plant and our upgrades.

Becky commented that they are already picking up the garbage; is there a way to pay them to pick up ours without having to hire new people.

Manager Revella responded paying them to do our garbage would be the same as hiring IWS. They don't have the manpower and the time to do our garbage.

Trustee Leonard responded they have twice per week garbage, they keep their guys busy. We are hoping to do it part time with once per week. A full time person, but only once per week – that's what we are thinking; we are doing our homework to get ideas.

Trustee Rumbold responded we are gathering information and research, talking to other municipalities. Everyone is in a panic that the governor is going to get this 2% tax cap and everyone will have to provide services for less money. Therefore, shared services.

Becky agreed, but why can't we go to the County.

Manager Revella responded no; they are talking about the transfer station prices.

Trustee Leonard responded they will be maintaining New Hampton transfer station.

Manager Revella responded this was brought up at contract time and then got more serious at the NYCOM conference.

Trustee Leonard commented that garbage from here has been going to western NY and PA and either of those stop taking it, it would put us in a fix. Taylor's plant is sized relatively small and his model would be to build these plants all around with a 25 mile radius to keep the garbage local.

Manager Revella responded other states are already looking at building facilities.

Becky commented there was also talk about supplying electricity to the Villages.

Manager Revella responded that is still being talked about.

Mary Ellen Matise, 21 Clinton St, commented on the great Flag Day Ceremony and she thanked the committee. She also commented that in Goshen a plaque was unveiled for Camp Wickham. She asked about the light on Oak Street needing to be addresses. She asked about Bank St/Main St and not blocking the box with possible pavement markings. She commented about the crosswalks; a statement of do not block the crosswalk. She commented about the ditch by Bruce Vandermark on Route 52. She spoke with Rich Mayfield regarding hazardous waste collection and the possibility of more collections or keeping the site times/locations consistent from year to year, instead of rotating them. She asked about the truck that was parked on Route 208 for over a week. She spoke to Sergeant Metzger and the State Police; it took them over a week to find a clause in the Village Code that could be applied to that truck. She asked if something is in the Code, can it be posted on the entrances to the Village. She also commented that she would vote to have a public comment period twice.

Anita Vandermark, 76 Highland Ave, thanked everyone who participated in the Flag Day Ceremony; Randi Penney for all that she did that day. She thanked Randi for all her work on the Relay 4 Life.

Manager Revella commented the banners on the bridge will be changed on Friday.

Becky commented there is a banner on Route 208 that is wrapped around the pole.

Manager Revella responded he has to borrow a bucket truck from Montgomery. He requested approval to sign the agreement for shared services. Additionally, he commented approval was needed for an agreement with Hess regarding the business directory.

Trustee Leonard made the motion to approve the shared services agreement with the Village of Montgomery. Seconded by Trustee Bowen. All ayes. Motion carried.

Trustee Lown made the motion to approve agreement with Hess Station regarding business directory. Seconded by Trustee Bowen. All ayes. Motion carried.

Trustee Leonard asked that the sign be more visible due to the right-a-way.

Manager Revella responded it will be right on edge of sidewalk.

#### Approval of the Minutes – May 24, 2011

Trustee Lown made the motion to approve the minutes from May 24, 2011. Seconded by Trustee Penney. All ayes. Motion carried.

#### **Payment of the Audited Bills**

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

Trustee Rumbold commented she has spoken with the Manager and there are some bills where the left side information was blank and she wants to know why.

Manager Revella responded some of them don't get sent to the vendor. We'll go through them, some don't get signed by the vendor and won't get filled in; all the rest should be filled in.

# Correspondence

Trustee Leonard commented about the number of speeding tickets being low.

Manager Revella responded we can not implement a quota system. He will speak to the police department.

Manager Revella commented he received a letter from the Buddhists while attending their dinner. He read the letter, which included a donation of \$5000.

#### Miscellaneous Comments from the Board of Trustees

Trustee Lown attended the Buddhist dinner and commented that we have a great community with so many different affiliations and organizations within that community. She asked everyone to support the Buddhist event. Kudos to everyone involved in the Memorial Day Ceremony. She reminded everyone about the Farmers Market on Thursdays from 12 -6. She commented that John and Mike in the Rec dept are doing a great job with the comfort station and camp registrations are higher than they've ever been. There are a lot of great things going on in the Village.

Trustee Rumbold agreed with Trustee Lown. We have a great community and it's a great place to live and there are some people that make sure everyone feels welcome and she's very proud to be from Walden.

# **Executive Session – Property purchase, CSEA negotiations**

Trustee Bowen made the motion to go into executive session to discuss property purchase and CSEA negotiations. Seconded by Trustee Penney. All ayes. Motion carried.

#### Reconvene

Trustee Lown motioned to reconvene the regular meeting. Trustee Penney seconded. All ayes. Motion carried.

#### Adjournment

Trustee Penney motioned to adjourn. Trustee Lown seconded. Meeting adjourned.

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Trustee Lown made the motion to pay for the new faucet contingent on verification of the value of previous faucet. Seconded by Trustee Leonard. All ayes. Motion carried.

#### 126 East Avenue (property maintenance)

Trustee Lown made the motion to deny the request. Seconded by Trustee Rumbold. All ayes. Motion carried.

#### Approval of payment to LD Excavating

Trustee Penney made the motion to approve the payment to LD Excavating. Seconded by Trustee Lown. All ayes. Motion carried.

#### **Approval of Accounting Contract**

Trustee Leonard made the motion to approve the accounting contract. Seconded by Trustee Lown. All ayes. Motion carried.

# **Approval of Shared Services Agreement – Village of Montgomery**

Trustee Leonard made the motion to approve the shared services agreement with the Village of Montgomery. Seconded by Trustee Bowen. All ayes. Motion carried.

# **Approval of Agreement with Hess Gas Station – Business Directory**

Trustee Lown made the motion to approve agreement with Hess Station regarding business directory. Seconded by Trustee Bowen. All ayes. Motion carried.

# Approval of the Minutes – May 24, 2011

Trustee Lown made the motion to approve the minutes from May 24, 2011. Seconded by Trustee Penney. All ayes. Motion carried.

#### **Payment of the Audited Bills**

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

# **Executive Session – Property Purchase**

Trustee Bowen made the motion to go into executive session to discuss property purchase and CSEA negotiations. Seconded by Trustee Penney. All ayes. Motion carried.

#### Reconvene

Trustee Lown motioned to reconvene the regular meeting. Trustee Penney seconded. All ayes. Motion carried.

#### Adjournment

Trustee Penney motioned to adjourn. Trustee Lown seconded. Meeting adjourned.