

**Village of Walden
Board of Trustees Regular Meeting
May 8, 2012**

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	Edmond Leonard
		Bernard Bowen
		Tara Lown
		Sean Hoffman
		Willie Carley

Absent

Also Present:	John Revella, Village Manager
	Lori Pinckney, Village Clerk
	Austin DuBois, Village Attorney
	Rita Rich, Village Attorney

Public Hearing – I LL 5: South Montgomery Street Parking

Deputy Mayor Rumbold moved to open the public hearing on Introductory Local Law I-5 to establish a no-parking area on South Montgomery Street. Seconded by Trustee Lown. All ayes. Motion carried.

Mayor Maher read the local law. This was developed from our Engineer's presentation two meetings ago about the need to eliminate parking on South Montgomery Street to allow emergency vehicles easier access and so the natural flow of traffic could move more appropriately.

Mary Ellen Matise, 21 Clinton Street, demonstrated and recommended making South Montgomery Street one way and keep Cross Street one way but allow the left hand turn and no parking will need to be eliminated.

Trustee Hoffman responded South Montgomery Street is a County road.

Randy, manager of the Reardon property, commented that the two commercial spaces in the building will be greatly affected by this law. The barber shop has many handicap people that would have difficulty walking down the hill if they parked on Walker Street. The sidewalk is elevated off the road greatly and the road is all tore up. He believes it will kill the businesses.

Mayor Maher responded he doesn't disagree with Randy.

Trustee Leonard responded there will be 1.5 parking spaces available in front of those two businesses which is 42 feet worth and he spoke with the barber shop owner and he asked for at least on spot in front of his business. The owner himself parks on Walker and is okay with that, Ed spoke with that owner again this morning and nothing changed.

Randy responded he has a longer term vision for that building than just the barber shop and has bigger concerns.

Deputy Mayor Rumbold asked if there is any parking behind the building; she asked if that parking lot is full 24/7.

Randy responded there is parking for the tenants and it is maxed out for their parking. He indicated there are four units above in the building and each one of them has 1 or 2 cars and he can't let their guest's park there. He responded the lot is not full 24/7 but it has to be available to them. He commented if patrons to the businesses have to park in the back, they will have to walk down and around and it might affect the business or future business for those units.

Trustee Carley commented the business might not be there.

Randy responded yes, if this goes through there might not be any businesses there. He asked why this law is being considered, that it was due to the fire trucks.

Mayor Maher responded it's not being done specifically for the fire trucks; there were concerns by many residents, concern about the traffic pattern and near accidents. This Board has attempted to fix the situation and other issues have been created and the Board is doing their best to take on all the issues and have a long and thorough discussion. He commented he appreciates Randy's concern about not losing those spots since it will hurt our commercial district.

Manager Revella commented that if Randy is doing a site plan review to do something else with the building the on-street parking is not counted as part of the parking requirement.

Jessica Metzger, 4 Gracewood Court, commented the Mayor touched on why this is happening. She indicated she travels that road daily and nearly 4-5 times on a weekend and it seems more of an issue since the change was made than it ever was before. She believes there have been more near-accidents than before. She respectfully asked the Board to backtrack and revert the intersection back to the way it was.

Becky Pearson, 167 Walnut Street, asked if anyone looked up in the Code for height of the bushes.

Manager Revella responded new bushes, yes, they have to be 2 feet, but pre-existing bushes, we can not touch them. He doesn't think the bushes can grow to any height but if there is at a pre-existing height that they are at he is not sure if the Village can make the owner cut them any lower.

Becky commented the code has been in the book for years so it shouldn't be a new issue; it's an issue that should be able to be enforced. She commented that she agreed with Jessica and in the haste of changing it, all this discussion should have taken place before changing it and she agrees to go back; which won't hurt the businesses on that street.

Trustee Bowen commented that he would like it to go back to the way it was.

Trustee Leonard commented he sees the issues for tractor trailers, particularly 48' or as long as 53', they are the ones having trouble making the turn. They also had trouble

making the turn onto Cross Street which needs to be considered if it goes back to the way it was.

Trustee Lown commented that while attending the Walden Business Association meeting, this was discussed and they are vehemently opposed to taking away those parking spots.

Trustee Carley commented that when he moved to Walden Cross Street was two way traffic and there were several times when he would meet an oncoming car and there would be some jockeying for position. He commented that when he did the ride-along with the fire department they did the turn maybe 5 times and each time the truck had to make the turn differently typically because there was oncoming traffic but if there were 2 parked cars there, the turn could not be made. He sees public safety as a greater need in his opinion due to time response. He asked Becky if the height of the bushes was enforced while she was Mayor.

Becky responded it never came up as an issue. It should have been enforced; it's between the Manager and the Building Inspector to do that job.

Trustee Bowen commented that Mary Ellen brought up a good point as well of it just going down. He also suggested going back but cleaning up the bushes and widening the street.

Mayor Maher responded that is a viable option but creating 2 one-ways will still create a problem for our emergency vehicles in the event they have to go the wrong way on the one-way. He commented he will not support any local law that would take away on-street parking for our business community.

Randy suggested the possibility of a traffic mirror.

John Queenan, Engineer for Lanc & Tully, commented there are options; a traffic mirror would require State and County approvals. If the Board wishes to revert back, Cross Street would need to be widened at the top, the bushes would have to come out and he would recommend adding a right turn lane off of South Montgomery Street. Everything would need to be coordinated with the County and be brought up to County specifications.

Mayor Maher asked for a cost estimate.

John Q. responded he does not know; he would have to go out and see what the County requirements are. If the intersection is reverted back now, there will be a problem with sight distance. He recommended leaving the intersection as is for now and explore all options. The intersection is safer now since the sight distance has improved.

Trustee Hoffman asked if the sight distance orientation is a function of the hedge or more because of the geometry.

John Q. responded both; the hedge is really the limiting factor and there is the down-slope.

Trustee Bowen asked if the Manager has spoken to the resident that lives there.

Manager Revella responded no.

Trustee Lown asked the Engineer if the hedges had to come out or if they could be trimmed to the two foot level.

John Q. responded he would have to check it in the field.

Trustee Lown recommended talking to the homeowner to discuss the hedges.

Trustee Bowen agreed that the homeowner should be contacted. He indicated he preferred the intersection to go back to the way it was.

John Q. commented step one would be to contact the resident about the hedges. The entrance up at the top of Cross should be widened also.

Mayor Maher recommended holding off on the Local Law tonight and talk to the homeowner by the next meeting and maybe have some options. The public hearing will be left open.

John Q. commented he will contact the County in the meantime.

Trustee Hoffman asked the attorney what the process is moving forward, if there are no further comments from the public, can the public hearing be closed and he asked if there is a time clock for taking action on the local law.

Attorney Rich recommended keeping the public hearing open.

Becky commented about Mr. Flickenschild's comments last meeting about when he sat on the Board when the village enforced the bush height, it has been done before and she cited two other residents that were asked to cut their bushes.

Deputy Mayor Rumbold asked if the bushes are in the right of way.

Manager Revella responded that has to be determined.

Trustee Carley recommended to check into the previous resident's that had been asked to trim their bushes if they lived on a County Road, etc.

Village Manager's Report

- Met with DOT regarding drainage permit for East Main Street and trees along Ulster Ave for the project. They did remove dangerous trees.
- Meetings with FEMA – going over projects and reimbursements, only a few small left to submit.
- Met with Planning Board Chairman to discuss consultants
- Put in salt allocation for next year
- Received DEC correspondence, they appreciate our I & I work
- Engineer and Water works is working on Water Quality Report
- Bradley Park improvements; bathrooms & fencing
- Comprehensive Plan Meeting; committee reviewed changes/corrections, anticipate presenting Plan at next Board meeting
- Using Shaker Machine at DPW to separate fill; have a large pile of clean fill ready
- Inspected more garbage trucks; have permits in.
- Discussed with Engineer issues with Pond Rd pump station

- Meeting with Congresswoman Hayworth at Senior Lunch; talked about healthcare issues. Now the 18th district.
- Talked to resident near the water valve issues and near the bridge where the brush is; he is very happy with what the village is doing.
- Spoke with Ken Jones of Orange County Sheriff's Department regarding getting the Village prosecutor to schedule on the same date as the State Troopers to do the Sherriff's Dept tickets, trying to save money.
- Arbor Day Celebration at Olley Park; planted a tree for Midge and the kids planted many trees near the playground area.
- Meeting at Senator Larkin's office to review Rail Trail concerns and extending it to the Walkkill Valley Rail Trail. Had a conference call with Commissioner Fisher of the Dept of Corrections and many County officials.
- Meeting with Village Engineer and Water Works regarding Well 4; one of our Capital projects to rehab well 4; issue with the casing being off-center and not sure if any contractor will warranty work on a new pump.

John Queenan, Lanc and Tully, commented that we are in the middle of rehabbing well #4, it's one of the older wells and the capacity has been increased from 85 gallons per minute to 240 gallons per minute. The old well pump is about 44 years old and can not handle the 240 gpm. A replacement pump has been ordered. The well driller noticed the casing is crooked, about ½ inch off, it is not uncommon. He believes the turbine will work; the contractor is just informing that he will be making his best effort.

Trustee Hoffman asked if the other items that contractor does would be covered under a maintenance bond.

John Q. responded he is only installing the pump; the electrical contractor would be covered.

Trustee Carley asked how much further will the Rail Trail be extended.

Manager Revella responded almost 15 miles and it's possible to go another 100 miles more, up through Kingston; another goes up through Highland and to the Walkway over the Hudson and then south.

Trustee Lown asked about the Comprehensive Plan being given at the meeting and if a decision has to be made right away. She asked about an update on the speed humps.

Manager Revella responded the Comp Plan will be given at the meeting and there is plenty of time, there is no deadline. In response to the speed humps, there hasn't been much time to work on it.

Chief Holmes responded there was a lot of work in the fall and there were recommendations that the DPW guys take a look at it and put it off; it's not dead.

Manager Revella recommended someone from the Board should reach out to the resident's to get a town hall meeting going.

Mayor Maher responded he has heard both positive and negative feedback from the residents.

Trustee Lown asked for an update on the business directory from back in January.

Deputy Mayor Rumbold responded there was an issue with the property that it was private.

Manager Revella responded the property is owned by the Thruway.

Mayor Maher commented the Walden Business Association will work with the private owners and with the Village.

Manager Revella confirmed it's the business directory on Oak Street, the one by Hess is not happening, DOT won't sign off on it. He commented it is not the Village's decision to make; it is not the Village's property.

Trustee Bowen commented that he went to the meeting and the owner of the property did not have a problem with other business owners putting a sign up. There was concern about impairing the vision of drivers but it would not be high enough to impair the vision of drivers at the intersection. He offered to give his information to Trustee Lown so she can provide the info to the WBA.

Trustee Lown asked about the Sign Law and isn't it time.

Manager Revella responded yes, it will be on the next agenda.

Trustee Hoffman commented he spoke with the Building Inspector and he has been working on a list of non conforming signs.

Deputy Mayor Rumbold asked the Village's policy on when the village removes a tree and a stump remains; she was approached by a resident who was told they still have a stump. She asked about the brush by the Tin Brook and if it can be cut back again.

Manager Revella responded there is no policy regarding the stumps; usually we wait until we have a certain number so we can borrow the stump grinder. He will get the address of the resident from Sue.

Deputy Mayor Rumbold asked about the ladies room on the third floor. She recommended getting a new toilet since it can't be cleaned.

Manager Revella responded the cleaners were here last night; he will look into getting a new toilet.

Trustee Carley commented there are many stumps at Alfred Park that could be removed.

Trustee Lown asked if the property damage has been repaired along the railroad bed from back in February.

Manager Revella responded Central Hudson has made written acknowledge of the issues and written that they will repair it to the residents.

Trustee Bowen asked if we are cutting grass. He asked for an update on Alfred Park and he asked who Bruce Chapin is.

Manager Revella responded grass is being cut. In response to Alfred Park, we are waiting for the bids to come back on the fencing. In response to the question on Mr. Chapin, he is a former teacher and runs the basketball program in Montgomery and there has been discussion about consolidating the basketball program and charging a different rate.

Trustee Leonard commented that Chief Lynn and Chief Pullar would like to be included in any road hump discussion.

Mayor Maher gave kudos to Ed and John for progress on the Rail Trail and the meeting with Senator Larkin.

Approval of the Minutes – April 24, 2012

Deputy Mayor Rumbold moved to approve the minutes from April 24, 2012. Seconded by Trustee Bowen. All ayes. Motion carried.

Trustee's Committee Reports

DPW liaison – Trustee Leonard

Trustee Leonard recommends looking into getting some type of portable building for our DPW like the one at the Sloboda property since there is so much equipment left outside.

Deputy Mayor Rumbold asked if it would be allowed on the current DPW property.

Manager Revella responded it is possible.

Mayor Maher commented it might increase the life of the equipment if it is protected.

Village Office Liaison (Clerk, Treasurer) – Trustee Bowen

Trustee Bowen asked Peter to give update.

Peter Sullivan, Treasurer, commented that it's not likely we will have the ability to pay bills online in July, the software vendor is severing their relationship with the one we were waiting on to get us online. He will keep the Board posted.

Police Department Liaison – Trustee Rumbold

Deputy Mayor Rumbold commented she meets with the Chief on Fridays to discuss what's going on in the Village and the police response, suggestions on being more efficient and overall changes in calls for service, different demographics and different issues in the Village. She gets a good idea of what's happening in the police department and she is surprised by the difference, compared to 5 years ago, of the issues we are facing in the Village. She appreciated it and thanked the Chief.

Chief Holmes commented we have better software programs now; Sue saw a breakdown of the calls for service.

Trustee Bowen asked if Chief could do a demo for everybody using what has changed in the community.

Chief Holmes responded the calls for service are still primarily dealing with juveniles and domestics; he doesn't believe that has changed since he's been Chief. The incidents can be broken down, right down to Park checks and house checks or funeral details.

Deputy Mayor Rumbold commented that a lot of people don't know that they can fill out a form if they are going away on vacation and the department will go and check the residence. She didn't think the residents knew this is available.

Community Liaison & Library Board Liaison – Trustee Lown

Trustee Lown commented the library has many wonderful programs going on and recommended checking out their website, they have a Board meeting on 5/21 at 9am. She thanked the Historical Society for their fabulous tea on 4/29. She had heard the Arbor Day Ceremony was a great time and was sorry to have missed it. She announced the Walden Community Council meeting 5/9 at 7pm at Foxhill and the Walden Business Association meeting 5/25 at 8am in the Community Room, 2nd floor. She mentioned they had the first Harvest Festival meeting and it was great, there are a lot of things to do moving forward. The next meeting will be 5/23 at 7pm, second floor. The Memorial Day Parade will be on 5/28 and the VFW will have their breakfast that morning too. She mentioned the Youth Employment Applications should be ready by this weekend and hopes to get them on the website as well. She made a presentation to the WBA regarding the program.

Building Department Liaison & Planning/Zoning Board Liaison – Trustee Hoffman

Trustee Hoffman commented he met with the Building Inspector today and in addition to what was mentioned earlier, there is an update on DSS and they talked about the Comp Plan. Dean provided some comments which will be forwarded to the Board. He attended the Zoning Board meeting; there were 2 public hearings and both area variances were granted. He has not had a chance to contact the Planning Board Chairman but anticipates a tri-board meeting in the next 4-6 weeks.

Parks and Recreation Liaison – Trustee Carley

Trustee Carley commented John touched on the Parks earlier and they are all looking really good. He announced on 5/12 there is a recognition ceremony for the Diehl Family at 12pm at Olley Park.

Deputy Mayor Rumbold commented that there was a lady sitting outside the Howland Building on a bench smoking and Sue had told her there was no smoking in the Park and the woman responded she didn't see a sign. She asked if there is a sign at the entrance.

Manager Revella responded yes, there is a "rules" sign at the Y when you drive in. Many of the signs will be updated.

Mayor Maher asked Trustee Carley about getting together with Mike to get a Committee together for the Midge Norman Park to help monitor the park.

Public Comment on Business of the Board

None

Business of the Board of Trustees

Action Items

Introductory Local Law 5 of 2012: South Montgomery Street Parking – tabled

Introductory Local Law 4 of 2012: Taxi Code

Manager Revella commented there were several discussions about changing the Code for Taxis about where they can park on Village streets. It was discussed with the Taxi

Company owner regarding possibly putting two designated spots near their shop. In contemplation of that, the taxi owner made arrangements with another property owner to park the taxis there and is now curious to know when the taxi stand would be going in so the two spots on Main Street would be there for her. He indicated he is not sure what the Board would like to do. There were concerns about the law in its original format excluding taxis from all Village streets.

Trustee Bowen commented in the last several weeks there haven't been too many taxis on the street and he recommended leaving it alone.

Manager Revella responded the taxi owner made a financial arrangement with someone to park the taxis somewhere else because she was told the Village Board would be putting two spots on West Main Street.

Deputy Mayor Rumbold commented part of the deal was those two spots for her older drivers to be able to park there. The owner indicated that was part of the discussion and now where are the spots.

Mayor Maher asked if we can create a local law where it establishes two spots for the taxis but not restrict them to other spots so it serves its purpose but it doesn't ensure that people that drive a taxi to work can not park it on the side of the street.

Attorney DuBois responded it is possible but it seemed like the reason for making that concession was so there wouldn't be taxis parked all over the place.

Mayor Maher responded the legislative intent is a little contradictory but because it's more of a deterrent and our attempt to help aid them do their business the way they want to and the way the business community would like them to, it kind of would just fit with our Village and the issue that we are facing. It would create too many problems if we create this law and they can't park anywhere else.

Manager Revella commented we can create the two spaces and if there becomes a concern about them parking everywhere else, then re-address the law and add in they can't park on other streets.

Attorney DuBois commented there is also the police department's discretion to not be "heavy handed" for the rest of the Village.

Trustee Hoffman commented they can park their cabs there now.

Manager Revella responded they are waiting for the Village to enact the law.

Deputy Mayor Rumbold commented they can park in the Church parking lot; they are paying for those spots and if someone else purchases the property, the cabs might not be allowed to park there.

Trustee Bowen was concerned with other business owners coming up and asking for their personal spots.

Mayor Maher responded that is a legitimate concern and from the businesses we've seen we have been told that's not going to happen but it's still a concern.

Deputy Mayor Rumbold commented it is different since it's a livery service and there are an extraordinary number of vehicles.

Trustee Bowen commented that they took a conscious effort to be very invisible in the last 2-3 weeks.

Deputy Mayor Rumbold responded no, it was part of a discussion that you are going to get these two spots and now the Village has to hold up their end of the bargain which was you'll get two spots.

Mayor Maher agreed but is concerned with the drivers who take the cars home and park them on the street.

Trustee Bowen commented he doesn't think having two cars parked on the street there now is a problem so why make a law.

Deputy Mayor Rumbold responded the signs can not be placed there unless it's a local law. Right now if there aren't two cabs parked there, someone else, a civilian, can park there and when the two guys come to park there, there are no spots for them. By creating those two spots and stating this is a taxi stand, nobody else can park there and those two spots are open for the older drivers who may need to park there to go inside.

Trustee Leonard commented if that corner property gets rented there will be a real parking issue on that corner.

Mayor Maher commented there is a large lot behind and plenty of spots for the taxis to park there as well and there will be accessibility to that lot in the future.

Attorney DuBois commented it is not out of the question to carve out an exception if the taxi cab is parked in front of the driver's residence.

Mayor Maher responded we want to be able to enforce it and for those individuals that are parking there for a reason, can have their out. The law has to be written well and communicate the message very well to the public.

Attorney DuBois clarified he will amend the local law to allow the taxi cab drivers to park at their own residence.

Trustee Lown asked if the law will create two spots on West Main with one on each side of the street.

Trustee Leonard recommended expanding the intent to discourage other businesses from trying to do the same thing; put some language in there relating to the nature of that business.

Deputy Mayor Rumbold commented the taxi company owner would prefer to have the two spots on the same side of the street due to the older drivers.

Trustee Bowen asked Chief if he has any conversations with the owner where she indicated she definitely wants two spots.

Chief responded he has not spoken with the owner.

Deputy Mayor Rumbold responded she spoke with the owner.

Mayor Maher commented the follow up conversation with the owner Chief was not part of. The conversation took place with himself, Dale Hammond, a few other members of the Business Association and the owner of the cab company. Sue spoke with the taxi owner that same day previously. The taxi owner wants the two spots for the seniors and their ability to walk.

Deputy Mayor Rumbold confirmed the owner wants the two spots on the same side because there are a couple of drivers that have issues and it's difficult for them to walk from where they park their cab to the office if there are other cars parked there.

Trustee Lown asked what the other businesses on that same side of the street say.

Mayor Maher responded every business on that same side of the street is 100% for what we are doing.

Attorney DuBois commented the local law needs to be in its final form to set a public hearing. He will have the amended law for the next Board meetings.

CDBG Grant Bid Contract – Gladstone Tank – Resolution 38-11-12

Deputy Mayor Rumbold made the motion to approve Resolution 38-11-12 to advertise bids for the Gladstone Avenue Tank. Seconded by Trustee Lown. All ayes. Motion carried.

Manager Revella commented this includes fencing.

CDBG Grant Bid Contract – Pine Street Sidewalks – Resolution 37-11-12

Deputy Mayor Rumbold made the motion to approve Resolution 37-11-12 to advertise for bids for Pine Street Sidewalk and Curbing. Seconded by Trustee Lown. All ayes. Motion carried.

Manager Revella commented this includes granite curbing to match West Main and Orchard.

Prosecutor to represent Sheriff's Department Tickets

Manager Revella commented they represent us now for State Trooper tickets. Ken Jones from the Sheriffs Department has asked if it could be awarded to represent also the Sheriffs Dept tickets that are written in the Village. The prosecutor is here for the State Trooper tickets anyway.

Trustee Leonard made the motion to approve Joe Coburn to represent Sheriffs Department Tickets. Trustee Bowen seconded.

Deputy Mayor Rumbold asked if it costs us money.

Manager Revella responded it shouldn't cost any more than it already does for the prosecutor; they try to get all those tickets on the same date to get them all done at the same time.

Deputy Mayor Rumbold asked if the Manager could get back to the Board if there will be any additional expense other than what we would pay the prosecutor anyway.

All ayes. Motion carried.

Resolution 36-11-12 Levying Village Taxes

Manager Revella commented all the addresses and bills that are unpaid are listed.

Mayor Maher read the resolution: Whereas, Board by resolution dated April 24, 2012 has adopted a budget and made appropriations for the conduct of the Village Government for the fiscal year 2012-2013, and whereas, the Village Clerk has this date presented a certificate to the collector of water and sewer rents indicating the amount of unpaid water and sewer including penalties thereon and a description of real property affected hereby resolved, that to meet the amount of said appropriations this Board hereby determines the amount to be raised through taxes on real property in the village for 2012-2013 is \$4,470,088.00 to be levied against each parcel of taxable property at the rate of \$15.6522 per \$1000 of assessed valuation, and it is further resolved, that the amounts shown on the certified list of unpaid water and sewer rents including penalties computed to the first day of the month following the month in which the fiscal year commences, to wit, to July 1, 2012, the total amount of \$223,433.91, etc.

Trustee Bowen made the motion to approve Resolution 36-11-12 Levying Village Taxes. Seconded by Trustee Leonard.

Peter Sullivan commented that last year we levied \$450,000, this year it's closer to \$350,000. Water and Sewer is down largely to our Noticing and turning off service. Refuse is up \$10,000 and property bills are way down due to lack of snow.

Deputy Mayor Rumbold commented the Board owes a vote of thanks to the Department Heads, Manager and Treasurer for working together and so hard to keep everything as low as possible and still maintain a level of service.

All ayes. Motion carried.

Discussion Items

DEC Wetlands

Mayor Maher asked the Board if they have had an opportunity to research this since last meeting.

Trustee Hoffman commented the DEC is in the process of updating their wetland maps, currently wetlands are regulated by the DEC and the Army Corps of Engineers. The DEC is expanding their wetlands maps by 16000 acres in Orange County which does not include the 100' buffer, so for every acre of regulated land 4 additional acres are the buffer. The DEC has done the aerial mapping and produced the maps and Notices should be going out. The idea of the resolution is to adopt a similar regulating strategy to the Federal agency or Army Corps.

Attorney DuBois commented the Federal Agency will inspect on the ground.

Trustee Leonard commented he believes this is something we need to do.

Trustee Bowen agreed.
Deputy Mayor Rumbold agreed.
Trustee Lown agreed.

Trustee Carley commented he is on the fence; he understands the argument but does not see the magnitude of how it affects the Village.

Manager Revella provided an example; there are wetlands on Edmunds Lane and if the mapping goes the way the DEC is proposing, it would go through some existing buildings on Edmunds Lane and if there was a fire and that building was destroyed, they couldn't rebuild it based on the aerial mapping, not on the ground.

Trustee Carley commented they would have to apply and request to rebuild.

Mayor Maher responded that usually costs a lot of money and a further affect is this could be detrimental for any economic development strategy we have when it comes to areas that are able to be developed to bring in manufacturing that could create jobs which adds to County sales tax and that could adversely affect people who live in the Village of Walden, the Town or the entire County.

Trustee Carley commented his other reason is it seems partisan to him; it's pushed from one side. He doesn't believe the Board should get into partisan arguments. He is just not convinced.

Mayor Maher responded he does not think it is at all partisan and it's not a political organization; the organization's there to represent us and it is a non profit.

Trustee Carley responded that is where special interests come in and that leans towards the partisan side.

Deputy Mayor Rumbold commented it bothers her that the drawing is done aerially and inaccuracies can occur.

Trustee Carley responded he has seen aerial photography look at a dime on the ground, but that doesn't mean the DEC would be doing that.

Trustee Bowen commented he would rather see someone on the ground taking a look at exactly what is there.

Mayor Maher confirmed that is what we are saying in this non binding resolution.

Trustee Leonard moved to approve Resolution 39-11-12 opposing the new DEC wetlands maps and regulations. Seconded by Trustee Hoffman. 6 ayes, 1 nay by Trustee Carley. Resolution adopted.

Public Comment

Jessica Metzger, 4 Gracewood Court, asked who brought the DEC wetlands issue to the Village's attention.

Manager Revella responded the Association of Towns and Villages secretary, Barbara Decker. There was a draft from the President of that Association, Mike Sweeton, who is the Town of Warwick Supervisor.

Mayor Maher commented he spoke with Maureen Halahan, President of the Orange County Partnership, which is the Office of Economic Development.

Jessica commented that she appreciated Trustee Carley's stance on the issue. She appreciated the Board not making a hasty decision at the last meeting. She asked if National Night Out has been set and who is chairing it.

Mayor Maher responded he did not have that information.

Jessica commented that it has been set for August and here it is May. She was surprised the Board did not have the information.

Trustee Bowen responded he spoke to Officer Conklin, who indicated he is heading up the event, but did not have a date or time set.

Jessica asked if there will be a liaison from the Board working with Officer Conklin. She indicated there is a lot to do in three months and usually a tremendous amount of community involvement. She knows this is something the Board really wants this year, it was something she really wanted last year but it just went by the wayside and it was important to Brian especially during the budget hearing and she recommended a lot more information should be available at the next meeting.

Mayor Maher responded he will have a lot more information available at the next Board meeting.

Jessica commented she spoke with a business owner and was told about a concert being planned in Olley Park for Veterans which is 3 days prior to National Night Out and at what point was this going to be brought up in front of the Board. The business owner indicated the Manager, Mayor and Officer Montanaro all know about the event.

Mayor Maher asked for confirmation that this is the Music in the Grove concert series.

Manager Revella responded each event is being dedicated to a service organization this year; Rotary is doing one in July.

Jessica commented this business owner indicated the event was going to be quite large. She had asked her husband who is a Sergeant and he was not aware of the event.

Trustee Lown agreed, that is what she heard likely from the same business owner.

Mayor Maher responded the Music in the Grove series was not getting a large turnout and this was their creative way to promote the series. He had not heard the idea of 1000 people.

Jessica responded that if this event will be that large, it needs to be budgeted for and it is only 3 days prior to National Night Out. Three of the Board members have heard about this event, she has heard about it and it is less than 3 months away.

Manager Revella commented he can't bring something to the Board that is in its preliminary stage.

Deputy Mayor Rumbold commented that during the budget sessions we ask these events be discussed and brought up.

Jessica asked if the Music in the Grove is part of the Library budget. She asked Chief Holmes if he was aware of the event.

Manager Revella responded it's the Community Council's budget.

Chief Holmes responded it was discussed at a staff meeting about 2 months ago and as long as the events were going to be the same as they've always been there was nothing extra that needed to be done. There are different groups sponsoring the concerts. This is the first he has heard about a bigger event.

Trustee Lown commented she thinks a lot of it is the enthusiasm on the part of this business owner.

Jessica agreed they are very enthused but it is important for Tara as community liaison to communicate to the WBA and the WCC that if these events are thought about prior to budget, they must be brought to the Village's attention prior to voting. The Village would like to help out each of these entities that do so much for the Village that you don't want to say no to them, but there will come a time when the Board will have to say no. She hopes this gets ironed out before the next meeting.

Trustee Carley asked about the application process and at what point does it come before the Village.

Mayor Maher responded it comes before the Village if there is a large amount of people and there has to be funds expended that weren't budgeted for. The Board has to approve it.

Jessica recommended the larger events should be brought to your attention prior to the budget. She recommended sending out a memo to all the Associations, Committees and Councils every January asking any events of a certain scope need to be brought to the Village's attention March 1st or the 15th to be discussed at the budget sessions. She mentioned to Trustee Carley that she lives on the west side and would like to be on the Committee for the Park.

Becky Pearson, 167 Walnut Street, asked for an update on the Ulster Avenue blue stone.

Manager Revella responded we won't have any updates until it goes out to bid.

Mayor Maher indicated we have received tons of feedback.

Becky asked about replacement trees, she asked what the procedure is to get a new tree.

Manager Revella responded he has many trees and he asked for names and addresses of those that want trees; he would like residents to just ask for them.

Becky asked for the definition of “taxi stand”; she believes it is a place to go to get a taxi.

Attorney DuBois read the definition: the following locations are designated for the exclusive parking of taxi cabs and are the only locations where cabs can park.

Becky commented she heard about things happening on her street and when she was on the Board she wanted the public to know what was happening on a certain street. For example, if cars are being broken into or keyed, she would like to know.

Manager Revella responded if there is a rash of vandalism or something similar a Code Red message can be sent to that street or location.

Trustee Hoffman read the definition of a taxi stand from the Village Code: A public place alongside the curb of a street or elsewhere which has been so designated by the Village Board.

Becky announced the Flag Day ceremony on June 10th at 1pm; the Board is welcome to come. She asked if she needed permission to use the tents, also there is a dead limb hanging over the park. She showed a temporary sign for the bricks for Veterans Memorial Park and asked if they can be used around the Village at different times if events are going on.

Trustee Hoffman suggested Becky talk to the Building Inspector to confirm.

Becky commented that Officer Conklin contacted her for National Night Out and he needs people on the Committee. She thanked everyone for the Arbor Day Celebration; there were over 100 students and the tree for Midge is absolutely beautiful. She gave the Board members posters and buttons designed by Mary Ellen. She commented they would like to plant a nursery.

Trustee Carley asked if the nursery would require permission.

Manager Revella responded if it's in the park no permission would be needed.

Becky thanked Ed for his efforts on the Rail Trail and she volunteered to help. She attended the Community Council meeting and a road race is being held that day but no one has gone to get the insurance or anything.

Mary Ellen Matisse, Clinton Street, commented the Monument Tour is next week; Mrs. Phelps is in charge. She asked about the plaques for the trees, Ron's hasn't been done, John Howland's hasn't been done and now Midge. She commented that National Night Out is a fixed date always the first Tuesday in August. She commented the agenda format is confusing; action items become discussion items and discussion items become action items. She suggested the Village make their own format.

Anita Vandermark, Highland Avenue, thanked Sue for bringing up the brush at the end of Highland Ave. She thanked the Village for the red alert for the water main break. She announced on May 16 at MPB Church, Father Fallon will have a presentation on the history of the Catholic Church at 7:30. In addition, on May 19th & 20th from 1-3 the Walden House will be open for Heritage Weekend.

Payment of the Audited Bills

Deputy Mayor Rumbold made the motion to pay the audited bills with the proper signatures. Seconded by Trustee Lown. All ayes. Motion carried.

Correspondence

Mayor Maher received a letter from Elayne Bardosa of 63 Ulster Avenue regarding the slate sidewalks on Ulster Avenue. She indicated she would like the slate to remain. He indicated he has spoken with her via telephone.

Manager Revella commented that he received an invitation from the Dharma Seal Monastery on St. Andrews Road for a World Peace Day on June 9th, 10 – 3:30 and it's open to the community.

Miscellaneous Comments from the Board of Trustees

Trustee Leonard commented he didn't make the Arbor Day celebration but did make the tree planting with Trustee Hoffman, it was a good turnout. Foxhill planted approximately 200 trees in Wooster's Grove and the entrance to Watkins Drive.

Deputy Mayor Rumbold thanked Becky for the Arbor Day celebration; she apologized for not being able to attend. She attended the Historical Society Tea and doesn't believe the community appreciates everything they do for the Village. She asked the members of the Historical Society where they get their funding from.

Patricia Eisley responded from the members.

Deputy Mayor Rumbold asked residents to donate to the Historical Society; they are under-appreciated and work very hard.

Trustee Lown agreed with Deputy Mayor Rumbold. She commented that Stephanie provided a postcard advertising the Farmers Market which will be held on Fridays 6/15-10/19 from 1-5:30 at Wooster's Grove. She wished everyone a Happy Mother's Day. She commented she attended the meeting for the Music in the Grove Concerts and the event is not supposed to be so large, she has spoken with the one business owner regarding the permits not having been applied for and nothing yet approved.

Trustee Hoffman agreed with Trustee Leonard regarding the Trees for Tribes program and kudos to Garry Leather who organized it.

Executive Session – Personnel – PD, 105f Village Manager, Potential Litigation

Trustee Bowen made the motion to go into Executive Session to discuss PD, 105f Village Manager, Potential Litigation. Seconded by Trustee Leonard. All ayes. Motion carried.

Reconvene

Deputy Mayor Rumbold moved to reconvene the regular meeting. Seconded by Mayor Maher. All ayes. Meeting reconvened.

Adjournment

Trustee Lown moved to adjourn. Seconded by Trustee Leonard. All ayes. Meeting adjourned.

**Village of Walden Board of Trustees
Regular Meeting
May 8, 2012
Motions & Resolutions**

Public Hearing – I LL 5: South Montgomery Street Parking

Deputy Mayor Rumbold moved to open the public hearing on Introductory Local Law I-5 to establish a no-parking area on South Montgomery Street. Seconded by Trustee Lown. All ayes. Motion carried.

Approval of the Minutes – April 24, 2012

Deputy Mayor Rumbold moved to approve the minutes from April 24, 2012. Seconded by Trustee Bowen. All ayes. Motion carried.

CDBG Grant Bid Contract – Gladstone Tank – Resolution 38-11-12

Deputy Mayor Rumbold made the motion to approve Resolution 38-11-12 to advertise bids for the Gladstone Avenue Tank. Seconded by Trustee Lown. All ayes. Motion carried.

CDBG Grant Bid Contract – Pine Street Sidewalks – Resolution 37-11-12

Deputy Mayor Rumbold made the motion to approve Resolution 37-11-12 to advertise for bids for Pine Street Sidewalk and Curbing. Seconded by Trustee Lown. All ayes. Motion carried.

Prosecutor to represent Sheriff's Department Tickets

Trustee Leonard made the motion to approve Joe Coburn to represent Sheriffs Department Tickets. Trustee Bowen seconded. All ayes. Motion carried.

DEC Wetlands

Trustee Leonard moved to approve Resolution 39-11-12 opposing the new DEC wetlands maps and regulations. Seconded by Trustee Hoffman. 6 ayes, 1 nay by Trustee Carley. Resolution adopted.

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