

**Village of Walden
Board of Trustees
ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING
APRIL 1, 2013**

Mayor Maher called the organizational 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
		Gerald Mishk
		Sean Hoffman
		Willie Carley

Not Present:

Also Present:	John Revella, Village Manager
	Vicki Kurtz, Deputy Village Clerk
	Peter Sullivan, Village Treasurer

Appointments of the Mayor

Mayor Maher appointed Sue Rumbold, Deputy Mayor.

Appointments of the Board of Trustees

Deputy Mayor Rumbold moved to appoint the firm Blustein, Shapiro, Rich & Barone for a 30 day period as Village Attorney. Seconded by Trustee Leonard. All ayes. Motion carried.

Trustee Leonard moved to appoint Lanc & Tully for a 30 day period as Village Engineer. Seconded by Trustee Bowen. All ayes. Motion carried.

Deputy Mayor Rumbold made the motion to re-appoint Mary Ellen Matise as Village Historian. Seconded by Trustee Bowen. All ayes. Motion carried.

Trustee Bowen moved to re-appoint Tara Bliss as Village Clerk. Seconded by Trustee Hoffman. All ayes. Motion carried.

Trustee Bowen moved to re-appoint Peter Sullivan as Village Treasurer. Seconded by Trustee Leonard. All ayes. Motion carried.

Trustee Bowen moved to accept the Trustee Liaison assignments with Trustee Bowen as the liaison to the Village Clerk and Village Treasurer, Trustee Carley as the liaison to the Department of Recreation and Parks and the Valley Central School Board, Trustee Hoffman as liaisons to the Planning and Zoning Boards as well as the Building Department, Trustee Leonard as the liaison to the Town of Montgomery as well as the Department of Public Works, Trustee Mishk as liaison to the Village Justice and the Library

Board, and Deputy Mayor Rumbold as liaison to the Police Department. Seconded by Deputy Mayor Rumbold. All ayes. Motion carried.

Trustee Mishk moved to appoint Tara Bliss as the Chair for The Leadership Day Committee. Seconded by Trustee Bowen. All ayes. Motion carried.

Designations of the Board of Trustees

Deputy Mayor Rumbold made the motion to designate the Walkkill Valley Times and Times Herald Record as official newspapers of the Village. Seconded by Trustee Leonard. All ayes. Motion carried.

Trustee Leonard made a motion to designate Key Bank, Provident Bank, Bank of America, and Orange County Trust as official depositories for the Village of Walden. Seconded by Trustee Bowen. All ayes. Motion carried.

Resolutions of the Board of Trustees

Resolution 35-12-13, Setting the Dates, Times & Locations of Board Meetings

Mayor Maher commented the meetings are every first and third Tuesday of the month at 6:30pm except for no second meeting in August and no second meeting in December and there will be no meeting on Tuesday, November 5, 2013 due to Election Day.

Trustee Hoffman moved to adopt Resolution 35-12-13, setting the dates, times and locations of Board meetings. Seconded by Trustee Leonard. All ayes. Resolution carried.

Resolution 36-12-13, Adopting an Investment Policy for the Village of Walden

Deputy Mayor Rumbold moved to adopt Resolution 36-12-13, adopting a procurement policy for the Village of Walden. Seconded by Trustee Mishk. All ayes. Resolution carried.

Resolution 37-12-13 Adopting a Procurement Policy for the Village of Walden

Deputy Mayor Rumbold moved to adopt Resolution 37-12-13, adopting an investment policy for the Village of Walden. Seconded by Trustee Mishk. All ayes. Resolution carried.

Appointments of the Village Manager

Appointment of Acting Village Justice – Frederick Gorss

Appointment of Deputy Village Clerk – Victoria Kurtz

Appointment of Registrar of Vital Statistics – Tara Bliss

Appointment of Deputy Registrar of Vital Statistics – Victoria Kurtz

Appointment of Tax Assessor – Peter Sullivan

Appointment to Planning Board – Lisa Dore and Alternate Brian Sebring

Appointment to Zoning Board of Appeals – Jonathan Cella and Brenda Adams as Chair

Discussion Item – Public Comment Portion of Regular Meetings

Mayor Maher explained that in the past any changes made to our Public Comment portion of our Regular Board Meetings have been made at our Reorganization Meeting. He called for any discussion about the topic.

Trustee Carley suggested making time limits. He believes in discussion and open government but he would also like to recognize time. He doesn't want to stifle someone

from making a comment but you still want to make sure it's managed correctly. He doesn't have a specific number he just thought it was a good idea to discuss.

Trustee Mishk commented that at some public meetings there is a general time period for public comment with a sign up for those that wish to speak during that time period.

Mayor Maher asked what happens if someone comes in late and doesn't sign up. Do they have to be signed up to be heard?

Trustee Mishk was not sure. But he believes that Middletown and the Town of Wallkill do it that way.

Trustee Hoffman said that he has seen it done different way successfully. No matter way we decided it's important to remember that its public comment. He said he was guilty of it as well but it's not a time for a dialogue which takes away in terms of question and answer. It turns into Trustees talking more so than listening to the public. He would like to get it back to actual public comment and listening to what the public has to say. Regardless of what happens with the time limits. He doesn't feel that people get out of line the way we currently have discussions, he feels people are pretty good about it actually so he doesn't feel a time limit is necessary.

Deputy Mayor Rumbold feels that when she was on the school board that they did time limits and did have a signup sheet. If there was 40 people on it you would say ok everyone will get 'x' minutes to speak but generally we didn't have to as we only had 2-3 people on the signup sheet. If it was a big issue then they would institute a time limit so it doesn't go on for hours on end which is the only reason she can see to have a time limit.

Mayor Maher asked if we should have a signup sheet and wait until just before Public Comment and see who was on the list and designate a time limit at that point. People could sign up on the list right at the podium up until it was time for public comment.

Deputy Mayor continued that she doesn't feel anyone goes on and on, but if there is an issue and the room is packed with people that would be the only reason she feels a time limit would be necessary. Obviously we would have a signup sheet if it was a big issue and designate a time frame at that point, but she doesn't feel we need a time limit all the time.

Trustee Bowen would like the time limit put on it to give people ample time to speak. His only concern is people who may come in late and not be privy to knowing what is going on so they might not know they want to speak. He feels comments should be at the end and then like he said if there is not a lot of people with comments then they can say what they want to say but if there is a lot of people in the audience that want to speak then he feels the Mayor, as Chair should ask say and asking everyone to keep their comments to a short time frame.

Trustee Leonard said he pretty much agrees with Trustee Bowen about the time limit the signup sheet and everything.

Mayor Maher stated that what we will start with is definitely a signup sheet if people want to talk in public comment and he will make sure to state a number of times throughout the

meeting that people need to sign up if people want to talk in public comment and we will see how many we have and if need to designate a time frame we can which is fair.

Manager Revella stated that it would be helpful for the clerk as it will have names and addresses listed on it.

Trustee Carley reminded we need to make sure we have 2 sign ups as we have 2 public comments.

Trustee Hoffman confirmed what we are looking at is having two public comment signup sheets and to look at each signup sheet separately before we begin the public comment portion of the meetings.

Trustee Mishk stated we could adjust it as we go along.

Tri-Board Meetings

Trustee Hoffman commented that at the last Tri-Board meeting we picked May 7th as the next meeting date because everyone liked the idea of having them during the year. Now that we've changed the Board of Trustees Meetings that meeting falls on the same night as a regular board meeting so we need to adjust that. We are looking for 2 or 3 meetings throughout the year.

Trustee Bowen thought maybe they could do both meetings.

Mayor Maher stated he felt we should keep it the same night and they would be at the regular meeting after the Tri-Board meeting was finished.

Trustee Hoffman added that at the last meeting we had an opportunity to discuss and are caught up for the most part and had decided that holding one meeting in the spring and then one again in the fall or winter would be a good way going forward. If we want to wait and see how that adjustment works out having it at the first meeting we can do that too.

Mayor Maher suggested that we have the meeting on May 7th and set the next meeting as we will all be there and all be together.

Manager Revella stated it would most likely be in November sometime and that meeting would need to be noticed separately and the Clerk would take care of that.

Executive Session – Consultants RFPs

Trustee Mishk motioned to go into Executive Session to discuss Consultants RFPs. Seconded by Trustee Bowen. All ayes. Motion carried.

Motion to Reconvene

Deputy Mayor Rumbold motioned to reconvene the regular meeting. Seconded by Trustee Carley. All ayes. Meeting reconvened.

Motion to Adjourn

Deputy Mayor Rumbold motioned to adjourn. Seconded by Trustee Leonard. All ayes. Meeting adjourned.