

**Village of Walden  
Board of Trustees Regular Meeting  
October 1, 2013**

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	Bernard Bowen
	Sean Hoffman
	Edmond Leonard
	Gerald Mishk

Absent:

Willie Carley

Also Present:

John Revella, Village Manager  
Tara Bliss, Village Clerk  
Dave Donovan, Village Attorney

Manager Revella introduced Marisa Kraus our new Part Time Administrative Aide.

Sergeant Metzger showed the new Police uniform design to the Board and the public. They were paid for through an anonymous donation from a Village resident who gave a donation that was to be used specifically for the Police Department. The PBA was asked for their input on what to use the donation on and they suggested new uniforms.

**Hearing – 93 Orange Avenue**

Jay Buchalski explained this is a property maintenance issue with tons of debris on the property that was cited on August 23, 2013 and Jay has gotten no response from the owner at all. He is requesting that the Board allow the debris to be cleaned up. No one was present at the meeting from the property.

Dean Stickles is also requesting to be able to board up the first floor and basement of the property as it was previously condemned at the September 3, 2013 meeting by the Board. The building is now empty and to keep it that way he would like to board up the building.

Trustee Hofmann made the motion to authorize the Building Department to clean up the debris as well as board up the first floor and basement level of the condemned property at 93 Orange Avenue and charge it to the property owner. Seconded by Trustee Mishk. All ayes. Motion carried.

**Hearing – 46 Scofield Street**

Dean Stickles explained that this property is in violation of a number of Village and State codes and were cited back on June 11, 2013 as well as September 12, 2013 and we have  
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not gotten any response back. No one was present to represent the property. This property was before the Board in September for a hearing as well. This property has since incurred new violations by having debris on the exterior of the building at the curb as well as on the porch. He would like to address this in 2 separate steps. He would first like to have the Board authorize that the exterior area be cleaned up immediately.

Deputy Mayor Rumbold asked if there were residents living in the building.

Dean replied yes, there are 2 and their apartments are in good condition. He spoke to our attorney earlier today and discussed temporarily condemning the building until the owner brings it up to code and then can be rented again. He feels this house has to be brought up to code before something happens. He would like to look at the codes with Dave Donovan and come back at the next meeting to condemn it.

Attorney Donovan suggested the Board make two separate motions; the first to clean up the debris outside and second to bring the house up to code and remediate the adverse conditions at the property by no later than October 15<sup>th</sup> so that we can act with condemnation thereafter. At that point the board would need to see if they want to proceed through the court system to fix the property ourselves and charge the property owner. He would like to use a process server as we attempted for this hearing.

Trustee Bowen made the motion to authorize the Building Department to clean up the debris on the outside of the property and on the porch of 46 Scofield Street and charge it to the owner. Seconded by Trustee Hoffman. All ayes. Motion carried.

Attorney Donovan stated that Dean spoke to an electrician and while the building is certainly not up to code it is not an imminent threat. Without it being an imminent threat we can't move more quickly.

Trustee Mishk suggested we consider using the Sheriff's Department rather than a process server again as the Sheriff's department might be more successful at service of the notice.

Attorney Donovan cautioned the Board about the use of the Sheriff's Department as they have a tendency to work on their own schedule and he would like to do it sooner to have it ready for October 15<sup>th</sup> meeting.

Deputy Mayor Rumbold made the motion have the adverse conditions that were noticed on June 11, 2013 as well as September 12, 2013 remediated at the property located at 46 Scofield Street by October 15, 2013. Seconded by Trustee Hoffman. All ayes. Motion carried.

### **Presentation – Garbage update from IWS**

Marisa Kellerhouse, Sales Manager for IWS and Tom Farinaro, Operations Manager for IWS spoke about the changes being made since August 20<sup>th</sup> when IWS was purchased.

Marisa explained they have had some operational changes including the introduction of Tom and Domenick Pagnataro who are together working on the issues with the Village.

Deputy Mayor Rumbold wanted to mention that they did have a meeting last week with IWS, the Village Manager, and other Village officials that she felt was very productive and there were suggestions that perhaps they would like to comment on.

Tom stated that the first thing they did was to hire a new supervisor who actually starts on Monday that will be in town on the days IWS is working in the Village to directly oversee the crew that is working and Tom and Domenick will take a more active roll than the last group did before. This is being done to increase the level of service from what it was before. There were some totter issues that can be remedied more quickly with them in town as well as the addition of some new toters.

Trustee Bowen asked if this was being done just for the Village.

Tom explained that this is something that his management group from the mid to late 1990s to about 7 years ago when they sold it has always been done but he can't speak for the management in the past. He explained they do this in larger municipalities in NJ as well. The supervisor will be in Walden the 3 days IWS is in the Village collecting and then the other 2 days in another municipality.

Deputy Mayor Rumbold thought he was sincere when we talked about the issues we've been having. She felt it was a very positive thing and is looking forward to seeing those issues fixed.

Tom commented that IWS is not looking for new business until problems are corrected with current ones. They are regrouping, making changes, and then at that time they will consider moving forward but right now they want to get things back in line.

### **Village Manager's Report**

- There are some additional property maintenance issues coming up you will see in the near future that we are continuing to work on.
- Had meetings with the working leader at the Thruway Plaza with Dean about water usage and status of project. They expect to be cleaned up tomorrow with demolition and then beginning on the slab. They are still projecting to hand over the completed slab to November 1<sup>st</sup> to the new store which they are projecting to open in June.
- Been doing curbing and paving on Locust, Clinton and Ridge streets. Locust is completed. Will now focus on Clinton and Ridge, doing drainage repairs today and will likely start curbing and hopefully next week will start black topping and be done.
- Martin Bedesky Park on Pond Road is completed. There is a brand new playground and mulching etc. that look great. There is still some sloping to do around the edge of playground that the Parks Department is going to be working on.
- Been working with the Chief to get some new Police Officers and Dispatchers in the Police Department. It seems Civil Service won't let us make transfers laterally from Ulster County due to testing requirement differences between Orange and Ulster Counties. And unfortunately there is no Full Time Dispatcher list available and the new one won't be out for a few months. We are hurting right now so we are working on staffing issues and concerns right now.
- Met with Orange County Trust with Peter. It's one of the banks we can use and they showed us what they can do with us with regards to bidding on our bonds. This is good to have another option.

- Been having meetings with our Engineer going over capital projects and review for EPA. The EPA notified us they were coming and inspecting our Sewer system. They gave us a list of questions and been working on response. They came again for the review and were happy but not sure of outcome as they are closed.
- Had several updates with special council on CSEA and PBA negotiations which are progressing.
- We have a Civil Service hearing which got pushed back to Oct 23<sup>rd</sup>.
- Attended along with Planning, Zoning, and several members from this Board the SEQRA seminar that was on the 24<sup>th</sup> about updates for the process which was a good meeting. May be on the agenda for the next Tri Board meeting.
- Met with the Accountants and the Judge on the judicial department audit that is required by the Unified Court System. The Auditors began work on that which should be ready in time.
- Went over old attorney files with Attorney Donovan. Made some progress and had some stuff we followed up on and filed in the appropriate area.
- Met with IWS to go over collection concerns.
- Please notice that the Square lights all work as well as on Main Street and the Parking lot. Should all be working properly perhaps one they still may be working on. Please let him know right away if anyone notices one goes out so we can get it looked at and repaired right away.

Deputy Mayor Rumbold asked about Ethics Board trainings with our attorney.

Attorney Donovan stated there have been general discussions just no dates set yet.

Deputy Mayor Rumbold asked about the brown water issue with the Thruway that citizens were complaining about.

Manager Revella replied he did issue a Code Red about that. They changed a hose without letting us know which caused the brown water.

Deputy Mayor Rumbold asked if they understand they have to let you know now going forward so it isn't a surprise in the future.

Manager Revella stated yes, we've had a few meetings and if they let us know of changes we can be better prepared to handle what may happen from them.

Trustee Mishk asked about Hannaford's pushing 2 businesses out down at the Thruway Plaza; the pizza place and the car shop.

Manager Revella stated that Hannaford's has no say in that and Franco has not said anything at all to us.

Trustee Mishk stated that the Car Tech place is being offered a lot of money to move out of there. What can we do as a Board about that?

Manager Revella stated he couldn't discuss that in this forum.

Trustee Hoffman asked about the Hill Street Bridge and if there was a timeline on how long that would be out.

Manager Revella stated that we had informed the Town during Hurricane Irene when it was under water that it needed attention because the bridge belongs to the Town and they refused to look at it at that point. So now the State came to inspect it and it failed because it won't even hold 3 tons so it has been closed by the state. It's too bad because the Town could have gotten FEMA funds if they had acted on it when we told them about it. So the state closed it immediately and there is no timeline at this point.

### **Approval of the April 23, 2013 Minutes**

Deputy Mayor Rumbold made a motion to approve the April 23, 2013 minutes. Seconded by Trustee Bowen. All ayes. Minutes approved.

### **Trustee's Committee Reports**

#### **Town of Montgomery & DPW liaison – Trustee Leonard**

Nothing.

#### **Village Clerk & Village Treasurer Liaison – Trustee Bowen**

Nothing.

#### **Police Department Liaison – Deputy Mayor Rumbold**

Deputy Mayor Rumbold commented that everyone already saw the new uniforms. The new car is in service and working well. We still have overtime issues, dispatch issues, and troubles filling positions due to civil service. They are ready for Halloween and Harvest Fest this weekend.

#### **Planning and Zoning Boards as well as the Building Department Liaison – Trustee Hoffman**

Trustee Hoffman stated that he met with Dean today and they went several over things including enforcement issues. In Dean's report you will see comments on 12 Pond Hill Lane and 145 West Main Street. There is a ZBA meeting on Thursday for a use variance for 140 N. Montgomery Street.

Deputy Mayor Rumbold asked if anything was being done about 71 Main Street.

Manager Revella stated that yes, Dean has contacted the owner but not sure of the status yet.

Trustee Hoffman stated that Dean went over to the property today in fact and spoke to the property owner.

#### **Recreation & Parks & School Board Liaison – Trustee Carley**

Absent.

#### **Village Justice and Library Board Liaison - Trustee Mishk**

Trustee Mishk stated that he has begun reaching out to contractors to get estimates for the future Deus just to get an idea on costs.

Deputy Mayor Rumbold asked if they were considering making it a mobile one as was previously suggested.

Trustee Mishk replied that yes they are planning to do that.

### **Public Comment on Business of the Board**

Anita Vandermark, 76 Highland Avenue, thanked the Board members who attended the 55<sup>th</sup> Anniversary luncheon for the Historical Society. She also thanked the Board for proceeding with the Ethics Board Law revisions. The Ethics Board does have a meeting on Oct 21<sup>st</sup> and they will discuss the training session at that time.

Mary Ann Landolina, 171 Walnut Street, is speaking on behalf of the Walden Community Council's beautification committee who are not in favor of the benches on the agenda. From the photos she's seen, they do not look like nice looking benches and they are generally not in favor of the benches being considered tonight.

Mary Ellen Matise, 21 Clinton Street, commented on the fact that if we are trying hard to get a historic district in Walden and we want to keep that type of image then the benches they are suggesting simply won't fit in with that look.

Becky Pearson, 167 Walnut Street, commented on the benches would be more fitting for a perk but not on our main streets. She doesn't think they are very pretty. With regard to the Ethics Board law it does not mention the amount of money they are allowed to spend and she feels it should say up to a certain amount perhaps, just a suggestion. Also with regard to employees it says they can investigate employees but if it's not settled it would referred to the Manager. She feels they should go to Manager first before the Ethics Board. Additionally it should be mandatory that members on the Ethics Board be trained and shouldn't that be included in there as well.

### **Action Items**

#### **Hearing Request – 15 Woodruff Street**

Jay Buchalski, Code Enforcement Officer, explained it was an abandoned property that doesn't answer mail or respond to notices. There are items that appear on the porch such as a mattress, dressers, clothing etc. They show up and then never disappear.

Deputy Mayor Rumbold made the motion to set a hearing for October 15, 2013 at 6:30pm or as soon thereafter as possible for 15 Woodruff Street. Seconded by Trustee Mishk. All ayes. Motion carried.

#### **Hearing Request – 3 Sunny Place**

Jay Buchalski, Code Enforcement Officer, explained that this is an unattended property that has been vacant for about 3 years. Last year they were cited and complied by putting a tarp over the pool but that tarp has now disintegrated and fallen into the pool. We need it cleaned up or emptied.

Deputy Mayor Rumbold asked if we could dismantle the pool.

Jay stated he will find out if we can do that and present the options at the hearing on October 15<sup>th</sup>.

Trustee Leonard made the motion to set a hearing for October 15, 2013 at 6:30pm or as soon thereafter as possible for 3 Sunny Place. Seconded by Trustee Bowen. All ayes. Motion carried.

### **Health Department – Donation of Benches**

Mayor Maher explained he did meet with the Walden Community Council beautification committee and got their questions and concerns about these possible benches.

Trustee Hoffman in general is not in favor of this as he has noticed there has been a lot of PSAs on TV and they have been becoming more and more prominent and he's just uncomfortable with it in terms of not being able to have control over it.

Deputy Mayor Rumbold understands the need but not sure its right for the Village. She thinks it's ugly and is concerned about graffiti and other things. We want more appealing and these don't fit the criteria.

Trustee Mishk is not in favor either. He likes the idea to get the message out but not sure it's a good idea for Walden.

Trustee Bowen agrees with everyone else.

Trustee Leonard appreciates the importance of this but does think it's worth while.

Mayor Maher said at this time we will have to respectfully decline and say thank you for keeping us in mind. Perhaps we can put an ad on our monthly calendars or some other way.

Maureen Sailer, OC Dept of Health Assist Director of Community Outreach, thanked the Board for their time and assured the Board that this would in no way affect any future partnerships or opportunities.

### **Introductory Local Law #9 of 2013 – Ethics Code**

Attorney Donovan gave an overview of the law being considered. There is a monetary penalty imposed by the Board of Trustees with an amount not to exceed \$5,000. The other question from the last meeting was the Village Manager's authority in Walden to impose discipline on employees which the answer is yes. The Local Law before you would require a complaint to the Ethics Board and if it was founded it would be referred to the Village Manager. The Board can change it and present a revised copy of the law at the next meeting or the Board can put it out for a public hearing at the next meeting and have the public put in their opinions and then make revisions if necessary. If there were revisions made it would require another Public Hearing on the law.

Manager Revella wants to make sure employees are subjected to the code but the method of the investigation is up to the Board.

Attorney Donovan explained there could be an added provision that employee issues go to the Manager and not the Ethics Board at all.

Deputy Mayor Rumbold wants to make sure that employees are still able to utilize the Ethics Board for opinions.

Mayor Maher recapped that perhaps we take out and have no specific investigation for employees.

Trustee Hoffman feels that perhaps employees might like to go to the Ethics Board as a neutral party as perhaps they have personality conflicts or something.

Trustee Mishk is concerned about taking away the Village Manager's power to do investigations.

Manager Revella stated that the concern by some employees initially was that the Ethics Board can initiate their own investigations on employees. They are concerned about a possible witch hunt of sorts from the Ethics Board or someone addressing the Ethics Board.

Trustee Mishk reminded the Board that the initiations would need to be based on a sworn complaint of 2 Trustees or a majority of the Ethics Board members.

Trustee Hoffman suggested that maybe we make that standard higher and change it to a super majority where they would need to be 4 to 1 in order to investigate. He would like to hear the public comment on what we have first and get input from the employees.

Manager Revella stated he would put a copy of the proposed new law in with the employee paychecks this week.

Trustee Leonard added that one last issue was whether to put a cap on the money they can spend on investigations.

Attorney Donovan recommended putting a hard cap which would say they can't spend more than \$x without further approval of the Board.

Mayor Maher asked how we would budget that kind of money.

Manager Revella stated we would estimate based on one case scenario and the number of instances per year. Truthfully we really don't know. On average it's about \$4,000 per case for investigations; not an opinion, just investigations.

Attorney Donovan clarified that if we make changes on the law after the hearing, we would need another hearing after those changes are made.

Trustee Mishk made the motion to set a public hearing for Local Law Number 9 of 2013-Ethics Code for October 15, 2013 6:30pm or as soon as can be heard thereafter. Seconded by Trustee Leonard. All ayes. Motion carried.

## **Discussion Items**

### **Refuse RFPs**

Mayor Maher explained that we are talking about this to decide if we should put the garbage contract out for RFP or pick up a second year option with our current garbage company. If we decide not to RFP we would be saving some money with the same low price we have been accustomed to but if we do choose to RFP and they come back higher



then the Board can choose to reject all bids. We would need to just list it in the RFP that the Village has the right to reject.

Trustee Leonard added that we put this out for a year and a half to get in line with our budget cycle.

Trustee Bowen asked if we had to make this decision right now or do we have time.

Manager Revella stated that the contract we have ends December 31<sup>st</sup>, so if we are going to RFP we need to do it soon but if you're not going to RFP you don't need to decide now as you have until the contract ends on December 31<sup>st</sup>.

Deputy Mayor Rumbold commented that she has had her doubts about IWS and been the most vocal about it. She didn't realize they had a transition period with a sale and after speaking with Tom she believes he is sincere about fixing things. So she is in favor of extending the contract for a year. Everyone else knows what the amount of our contract is if we continued it which would be why she wouldn't RFP. After all we've been through it wouldn't hurt to exercise another year. Given Tom's commitment she is good with not RFPing.

Trustee Leonard stated that the cost from the County has gone up \$5 per ton. We have also gone through commercial switch over and to tell the commercial businesses that we are going to go with a new vendor will not go over well with the businesses in his opinion.

Trustee Bowen agrees based on their effort. Can we judge this within the next couple of weeks and revisit this in a month.

Mayor Maher said he agreed but feels that 2 weeks is more reasonable to have a time line to work within if we did RFP and selected a different company.

Deputy Mayor Rumbold stated that she feels they know because we made it clear we were willing to RFP if something wasn't done quickly to remedy the situation.

Trustee Hoffman asked if we could extend the current contract 6 months.

Manager Revella stated we could ask.

Attorney Donovan commented that we have the opportunity for a limited period of time to extend the contract with the understanding it would go out for RFP.

Deputy Mayor Rumbold had concerns with the feasibility with our budget process.

Trustee Hoffman reminded that we can always reject all bids and go back.

Attorney Donovan stated he would need to review the contract but there are currently two 1 year options which could be potentially problematic.

Mayor Maher feels we are in a good position to negotiate.

Attorney Donovan suggested perhaps authorizing the Village Manager to enter into negotiations.

Manager Revella added that whenever an RFP does happen he would suggest that they are returnable at the same time as the rest of our RFPs for our reorganization meeting.

Trustee Leonard made a motion to authorize the Village Manager to enter into negotiations with IWS and to update the Board at an Executive Session to take place in the future. Seconded by Mayor Maher. 5 ayes, 1 no (Deputy Mayor Rumbold), 0 abstentions. Motion approved.

### **Village Entrances**

Manager Revella held up a vinyl sample of the possible Village Entrance sign design. The signs would be engraved wood with gold leafing in the dark green as demonstrated in the sample. He explained that the big concern is the cost. We do have some quotes on it there are 6 entrances total and \$16,740 was the lowest estimate received. If we added the other two entrances to the Village perhaps the price might go down a little. The big concern is that this is not a budgeted item.

Deputy Mayor Rumbold stated the signs are beautiful and she feels we do need the new signs but we need to prioritize with so many other projects. If we are going to do this we need to do them all at the same time but she's not sure she can justify the cost.

Mayor Maher explained that there is a possible \$5,000 donation if this is done within 30 days. We will put this topic back on the agenda for next meeting.

### **Public Comment**

Jennifer Mahan, 31 George Street, brought up some concerns that she and her neighbors have with local kids hanging out on their road and their property. She asked the Board to consider a possible curfew. This spring and summer have been very stressful for them due to having to chase children at all times of days. They know it also puts a strain on the Police Department but these kids are coming into their neighborhood raising havoc. Perhaps a 9pm curfew should be put in.

Mayor Maher stated that 3 years ago we discussed this but it was advised to us that we could not do that by our then counsel.

Jennifer continued that she feels many people would be interested in this. She isn't asking for more money to be spent on signs or anything maybe put into the monthly calendar that there is a curfew. She has to call the police all the time. It's a simply fact that the parents don't care.

Deputy Mayor Rumbold asked why she thought they were hanging out there.

Jennifer continued that it's not just her house, they are everywhere but people are scared to say anything for fear of retribution from the kids. The Police do respond but it doesn't deter them and it's a strain on the police as well as the neighbors.

Trustee Mishk commented that they had a law in Middletown. The problem is the enforcement. He attended a public meeting in Walden about that law but after speaking to  
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the Chief and realizing the limited resources we have people don't know if you pick up these kids you have to babysit them if they are 15 and under until a parent comes which keeps them from other duties or issues that might arise because the parents certainly don't rush down to get them and sometimes can't even be reached. This is most likely related to the burglaries on the street and that a few girls in the neighborhood have come of age.

Jennifer commented she understands the man power situation she didn't realize they had to be sat with if picked up by the Police.

Trustee Mishk added that until there is a way to hold the parents responsible there is no real way to do that.

Manager Revella stated that the ones that are committing crimes would be punished but curfew is for kids that are just wandering around.

Trustee Mishk added that he knows the Chief would like to install a camera over there.

Jennifer added that a lot of kids cut through into the woods they use to get there.

Mayor Maher told Jennifer to try not to be too disheartened we are here to talk to and she can try to discuss these things in public such as a curfew. She can always come to the office to discuss as well.

Trustee Leonard added that perhaps a neighborhood watch would be a good suggestion as we had one in the Valley Avenue area that had the same issues but added a neighborhood watch there and it has been very effective.

Mary Ellen Maise, 21 Clinton Street, commented regarding the Ethics Code and employees before the Ethics Board; remember Anthony's case that was using Village property at home. John already has the authority to investigate and discipline them. What if it had come to the Ethics Board instead and it had jeopardized his case? She suggested the Board review the case before you bring employees into the mix. Her other comment was on the Certified Local Government presentation that is out there on Facebook about Walden being ugly. Why not revisit having a historic district? We just had two new grants with the state and she feels the best way to protect it would be to create a historic district.

Becky Pearson, 167 Walnut Street, suggested the minutes be worked on backwards having the most recent ones completed first to update the public. With regards to the curfew idea, we can do it but some of the children are just loitering and parents need to be responsible for them. Perhaps it could help in the long run if they had to keep coming out to get their children. About the Ethics Board, she wanted to know how the Ethics Board convinces the board to spend money on investigations; she knows they would need to come to the Board to get more money but how would they convince the board if they can't talk about the case. She feels they should consider how they would ask for it. The Ethics Board was created for a consultation purpose where employees can come to get opinions and guidance not for investigations as that is John's role. The idea of going to 2 Trustees is good but what if it is a Trustee they are talking about; it can get very political. She asked if there were going to be guidelines set for who gets fined for what. Will there be something in writing? Its' personal or political and it can happen in the future so the Board needs to think long term. She felt the Board still didn't talk about mandatory education for

the Ethics Board members and she feels it needs to be looked at. She questioned whether an Attorney really needs to be present at each meeting. Her feeling is she is scared to give too much power as it would then be similar to a judge and it's not set up for that. It was meant for guidance not investigations. The power to subpoena people is a very big power which can be abused. She urged the Board to look at the real costs.

Alex Landolina, 171 Walnut Street, stated he is a member of the Ethics Board and he agrees with what Becky said that it can't be used for political value. He also agrees with Sue. He doesn't feel we need to go to outside counsel on this because Dave does a great job and he is not the person making the decision, he's just guiding us. Members can recuse themselves from situations if they feel it is a conflict of interest. He does not feel that he needs any training as Ethics is like breathing; it's an involuntary act. He doesn't need to be schooled. He does think that the members should be screened and they should be unblemished. He wanted to comment on the curfew idea because it might not be a good idea in his opinion; a neighborhood watch is a better idea.

Manager Revella announced that Greg Raymondo has been appointed to the Zoning Board permanently, he was previously an alternate. He will be filling the vacancy left by Jonathan Cella who moved out of the Village. Also he wanted to make sure the Board saw the beautiful new chairs that are in the Assembly Room.

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

Trustee Mishk made the motion to pay the audited bills. Seconded by Deputy Mayor Rumbold. All ayes. Motion carried.

#### **Correspondence - None**

#### **Miscellaneous Comments from the Board of Trustees**

Trustee Leonard commented that the PBA Seniors dinner was great and well attended. The SEQRA seminar was great last week also. South Montgomery Street has been newly paved which is wonderful and they had a lot of traffic enforcement there which was also great.

Deputy Mayor Rumbold also commented on how nice the PBA dinner; thank you to the PBA for doing that for our citizens. Harvest Fest is this weekend and thanks to everyone who works so hard on that. Millspaugh Court dedication was great and well attended. She wanted to be sure that the sign would get cemented in and straightened. With regard to the curfew topic, there are laws on the books that if a minor does something the parents are responsible for it; is that true? She asked Attorney Donovan to look into that. She feels there needs to be something talked about generally by the Board as there are far too many things going on sometimes with vandalism and kids just hanging out. She would also like to have a law that says Dean can go into apartments before they are re-rented to make sure they are habitable to give him more ammunition.

Manager Revella stated that the County can require it but they don't have to comply.

Deputy Mayor Rumbold feels we need to do a blanket thing as we have issues with this obviously.

Trustee Mishk asked to see research done on Village law for a rental law where landlords are required to have a permit to cover expenses so they are subject to an inspection.

Manager Revella stated we could amend the Landlord Registry Law to include that.

Trustee Mishk stated it would require them to get their permits which can be rescinded.

**Executive Session – Litigation and Personnel of a particular person.**

Deputy Mayor Rumbold moved to go into Executive Session to discuss Litigation and Personnel of a particular person. Seconded by Trustee Leonard. All ayes. Motion carried.

**Reconvene**

Deputy Mayor Rumbold moved to reconvene the regular meeting. Seconded by Trustee Leonard. All ayes. Motion carried.

**Adjournment**

Trustee Hoffman moved to adjourn. Seconded by Trustee Bowen. All ayes. Meeting adjourned.

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**Reconvene**

Deputy Mayor Rumbold moved to reconvene the regular meeting. Seconded by Trustee Leonard. All ayes. Motion carried.

**Adjournment**

Trustee Hoffman moved to adjourn. Seconded by Trustee Bowen. All ayes. Meeting adjourned.