

**Village of Walden
Board of Trustees
SPECIAL MEETING
March 11, 2014**

Mayor Maher called the special 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
	Trustees	Bernard Bowen
		Willie Carley
		Sean Hoffman
		Edmond Leonard
		Gerald Mishk

Not Present:	Deputy Mayor	Sue Rumbold
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Also Present:	John Revella, Village Manager
	Tara Bliss, Village Clerk

Hearing – 97 Valley Avenue

Manager Revella explained that it appears that people have been rummaging through the debris and some got pushed onto the sidewalk which was removed already after a 24 hour notice to the property owner pursuant to our Village Code. This is to remove the debris on the property which has also been properly noticed.

Trustee Mishk made a motion to have the debris removed from 97 Valley Avenue and charge the property owner for said removal. Seconded by Trustee Leonard. All ayes. Motion carried.

Continuation of Public Hearing – Local Law #4 of 2014 – Landlord Registry Law

Trustee Hoffman suggested keeping the public hearing for this law on March 25, 2014 as originally planned and only this topic so as not to cause confusion among the residents or get them upset.

Manager Revella commented that he has drafted a letter that he will be sending out to all those that attended the Public Hearing and let them know of the date change.

Trustee Bowen asked if the letter could include asking if the landlords wanted to be on a committee for this law.

Manager Revella replied he could add that information but asked how the Board would determine who served on the committee so as not to show favorites or discourage other landlords.

Trustee Bowen suggested we have 10 people on the committee.

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Mayor Maher commented that a committee would only have some of the landlords on the committee and only up to 3 Trustees on the committee. He suggested it might be better to set up a Town Hall meeting so that there could be dialogue between all the landlords not just a few that are on a committee as well as the rest of the public and the entire Board on this issue.

Trustee Hoffman suggested making the date in late April to allow for people to fit it into their schedules including landlords, the Board members, renters, or anyone else that would like to attend so that all could be heard.

Mayor Maher asked the Board to allow he and the Village Manager to set up a Town Hall Meeting for this law, most likely in May. In the meantime we can still hear anyone who may want to attend the April 1st meeting and give additional comments on the law.

Trustee Bowen made a motion to continue the public hearing for Local Law #4 of 2014 – Landlord Registry Law until the next meeting on April 1, 2014 at 6:30pm or as soon thereafter as could be heard. Seconded by Trustee Carley. All ayes. Motion carried.

Hearing – 36 Gladstone Avenue

Manager Revella stated that this property appears to have been abandoned and the door has been left open according to the police report provided to the Board. The Building Inspector is requesting permission to board up the property to prevent squatters from moving in and any further damages that could occur to the property.

Trustee Mishk made a motion to board up 36 Gladstone Avenue and charge the property owner. Seconded by Trustee Leonard. All ayes. Motion carried

Tabling the Awarding of Bid for Dais

Trustee Mishk made a motion to adjourn awarding the bid for the Dais until the April 1, 2014 meeting. Seconded by Trustee Leonard. All Ayes. Motion Carried.

Temporary Sign Request – 160 Old Orange Avenue

Clerk Bliss explained that this sign would be put up as soon as the Board approved it and be taken down after their event on April 5th at the end of the day. It is a sandwich board style sign 30 x 20 and 48” high. Both the Building Inspector and the Chief of Police have approved the request.

Trustee Bowen made a motion to approve the temporary special event sign to be placed at the corner of Orange Avenue and Old Orange Avenue for an event to be held on April 5, 2014 for 160 Old Orange Avenue, Fusion Bodywork. Seconded by Trustee Carley. All Ayes. Motion carried.

Payment of the Audited Bills

Trustee Leonard motioned to approve the payment of the audited bills. Seconded by Trustee Carley. All ayes. Motion carried.

Executive Session – Property Purchase

Trustee Leonard moved to go into Executive Session to discuss Property Purchase. Seconded by Trustee Carley. All ayes. Motion carried.

Invite Village Clerk into Executive Session

Trustee Hoffman made a motion to invite the Village Clerk into Executive Session. Seconded by Trustee Mishk. All ayes. Motion carried.

Reconvene

Trustee Mishk moved to reconvene the regular meeting. Seconded by Trustee Leonard. All ayes. Motion carried.

Motion to Adjourn

Trustee Mishk motioned to adjourn. Seconded by Trustee Leonard. All ayes. Meeting adjourned.