

**Village of Walden
Board of Trustees Regular Meeting
April 22, 2014**

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
	Willie Carley
	Sean Hoffman
	Edmond Leonard
	Gerald Mishk

Absent:

Also Present:

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

Mayor Maher apologized for the small room tonight. We had to reschedule our regular meeting and we already had a great event sponsored by the Library and the Walden Community Council going on upstairs. Feel free once this meeting is over to stop in if you would like.

Public Hearing 2014 – 2015 Budget

Mayor Maher gave an explanation for those that were not at the budget sessions, we made a decision instead of doing a 0% tax increase to give ourselves more cushion and put more money in our fund balance and stay for the 5th year in a row within the 2% tax cap. It will come with a 1.439% tax increase and that would give us a cushion to increase our fund balance. We've kept the increases low over the past 5 years and still building on the infrastructure, parks and for our people.

Peter Sullivan explained the hand out given which was just a summary of the changes to our budget which were all agreed upon by the Board of Trustees. He went over a few highlights of the budget. Overall we have a 3.5% increase in income and a 4.3% increases to expenses. Capital is down from last year as we have limited contractual services. Increases in BAN payments but would have been larger if we didn't increase our installments as we did in January. The handout goes over each fund in more detail.

Deputy Mayor Rumbold made a motion to open the public hearing for the 2014-2015 Village Budget. Seconded by Trustee Hoffman. All ayes. Motion carried.

Brenda Adams, 31 Valley Avenue, stated that from what she heard at the budget sessions it seems like a fair budget and a lot of thought and work went into it, John and Peter did a
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great job. The fund balance still concerns her. She thinks it's low and would like to see over the next year that they put some effort into making next year's budget balance so you don't have to count on the fund balance or at least not to the extent that was done this year and the previous year. She thinks that it's the rainy day fund, our savings account, and you need a cushion. With regard to the discussion on the new full time position you were taking a part time position and the excess from another position figuring that you had a full timer between over time and half time and one of her thoughts you might like to consider is that we have a lot of small cities money here that could go for helping people who need help with their homes and also could help make the Village look a lot better. Perhaps this position could hold a few hours of time to promote the small cities money to make flyers to send with the water bills and make the people aware that the funds are there. They could also serve as a person to ask questions and be a liaison for the program to get back to them in a timely manner so they don't have to wait weeks or months to get an answer. She has heard that some people give up on the money when they don't get an answer. They either go into debt doing it themselves or just don't do it at all and leave the properties in disrepair. If you could swing a few hours of a person's time that would be great.

Becky Pearson, 167 Walnut Street, asked what vehicles were settled on to purchase this year.

Manager Revella replied a police SUV and Parks Pick Up Truck.

Becky asked if the hours were finalized for the Village offices.

Manager Revella replied, no, it's on today's agenda.

Becky continued that she knows that residential garbage is going to be on the tax bill. She had a thought about and a question that maybe the Board could answer. You have to pay taxes yes and that is at tax. Your garbage is a service listed as a line item on your taxes. What if they don't pay that and just pay their taxes?

Manager Revella replied it would be addressed the same way as if they don't pay their taxes.

Becky asked if that could legally be done as it's not a tax.

Peter Sullivan, Village Treasurer, replied that we actually can't take payments that are less than the total tax bill. He's not sure the legalities of that.

Manager Revella added it's just like the library line.

Becky stated that the public voted on the library line, that's a whole different issue entirely. The public did not vote to put the garbage on the tax bill. She's not sure the legalities of that. If she wanted to pay her garbage in four payments could she do that for example?

Manager Revella replied no.

Becky summarized so legally it has to be done at the same time.

Trustee Leonard made a motion to close the public hearing for the 2014-2015 Village Budget. Seconded by Trustee Mishk. All ayes. Motion carried.

Presentation – Viridian

Gil Torres, 7 Sunny Place, and his partner Fred Stewart, 53 Albany Post Road Newburgh, came to talk to the Board about using a 3rd party for utilities on the municipality level. We are a green company and we have a lot more businesses here in NY and wanted to speak about this on a municipal level.

Fred explained that D Regulations says you are allowed to choose your supplier for power. If you don't choose, the utility company puts you with a supplier in the area. Viridian is a green energy company started in 2009 in Stanford CT. We did something different seeing as how you have a choice, if you had a greener choice and everything was the same price would you choose to buy that supply? The production of electricity is the number one pollutant of air in the world and it uses 10% of our clean fresh water. What we do is buy 50% of our energy from renewable sources above what the State requires. The state requires 4% from renewable sources. We buy from windmills, solar, hydro, and bio mass. In 4 short years we've avoided putting 4 billion pounds of CO2 and we have saved our customers 15%. Utilities can't profit from selling you energy so they don't care the price they buy the energy as they pass that cost onto you. We purchase energy in advance, say a year in advance, and buy it in large quantities. We pass the savings onto you. You can choose and it's split up on your bill. We have also partnered up with a company called Solar City. Residents that have good sun light and good credit score can have solar panels installed on your home at no charge. You can lock in a low rate for 20 years without having to worry about an increase. He used to pay Central Hudson \$450-\$500 every two months and now he pays \$168 per month for his solar panels and \$23 per month to Central Hudson. You don't own the panels so if anything breaks you don't have to maintain it or worry about it. Electricity prices are due to increase, there was an article in the paper just the other day, and if you don't choose your Third Party provider and lock in you will be hit with this increase. We offer a fixed rate where with utilities its variable, every month it will change. You can budget that into your budget with a guaranteed price and will easily see the savings.

Mayor Maher encouraged any residents to look into this company and take advantage of it.

Trustee Mishk asked if there was a contract that had to be signed.

Fred replied that if you take a fixed rate over a year or two, then yes.

Trustee Mishk asked how long that contract was for.

Fred replied, as little as six months to a year. We try to get you the best price so if we feel the best price is 6 months we're going to try to give you that. Every utility company is different but it's based on market conditions and what we buy. There is a \$50 fee to break any contract you may sign.

Village Manager's Report

- Was away for few days in between meetings but still got a lot done.

- Met with Hannaford's regarding their Mass Hiring this week Thursday, Friday, and Saturday, interviewing for 80 new positions at the new store.
- We are continuing to discuss PBA negotiations which we have an update for tonight.
- Went through the files in the building next door with the Clerk and shredded all files that could be shredded. We made a lot of room and now just organizing what is left with proper labeling system to keep track of it.
- Budget sessions as you heard went well.
- Met with Viridian regarding 3rd party suppliers of energy.
- Meeting with insurance agent and a landlord regarding the Landlord registry law and shared updates with the Board.
- Met with IWS to do annual garbage truck inspections. Minor repairs required but have all complied. Report is in the Clerk's office.
- Met with the Pastor of the Methodist Church and the Recreation Coordinator to discuss upcoming projects for the Village. Doing Olley Park trail work there again as well as minor plantings at Olley Park and the switch back for rail trail.
- Attended an OC Transportation Council Exec Committee regarding updates for state funded programs such as TIPS. Also discussed upcoming funding.
- Drainage is finished and ready for new playground at Olley Park.
- Had a preconference meeting engineer, sewer operator, and our attorney with regards to DEC correspondence. We had a meeting in White Plains with them which went over an update of our consent order status and inspection reports.
- Came back from Vacation for one day to go to the Walden Senior's luncheon where they did the swearing in of their officers that day. Also did some follow up in the office including payroll signing and things like that.
- This past Saturday he attended the opening of the new Cultural Center and Library dedication ceremony at Buddhist temple. Benefit for our residents.
- Set up for Hannaford for mass hiring and asked to have a meeting regarding community events and seem very inclined to help us at our events in the future.

Approval of the April 1, 2014 Tri Board Minutes

Trustee Hoffman noted a few edits that he submitted to the Village Clerk prior to the meeting. The Village Clerk has made said changes.

Trustee Leonard made a motion to approve the April 1, 2014 Tri Board minutes with changes noted by Trustee Hoffman. Seconded by Trustee Mishk. All ayes. Minutes approved.

Approval of the April 1, 2014 Minutes

Tabled until the next meeting as they were just sent out today.

Approval of the April 7, 2014 Reorganization Meeting Minutes

Deputy Mayor Rumbold made a motion to approve the April 7, 2014 Reorganization Meeting minutes. Seconded by. 5 ayes, 2 abstentions (Trustee Carley and Deputy Mayor Rumbold). Minutes approved.

Trustee's Committee Reports

Town of Montgomery & Library Board liaison – Trustee Leonard

Trustee Leonard stated he had no report at this time.

Village Clerk & Village Treasurer Liaison – Trustee Bowen

Trustee Bowen reported that Peter in addition to all the great budget work along with John has been working on moving our accounts from Key Bank to Sterling National Bank for the operational portion of our funds as Key Bank is starting to charge us fees. Orange County Trust for our reserve and investment accounts.

Peter Sullivan, Treasurer, reported that the interest rate has gone down to .02% and we will be charged fees in July. He and John met with all four depositories and heard what their services were and seemed like they made the best choices for the Village.

Manager Revella stated that Sterling will not charge fees for at least a year.

Police Department Liaison – Deputy Mayor Rumbold

Deputy Mayor Rumbold reported that for the months of January, February, and March we have already had over 2,000 calls for service. The Chief is working on establishing an expanded Chaplin program. Once that's all set he will let us know more. Car 3 is back in service.

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

Trustee Hoffman reported that he and Dean primarily discussed the Hannaford's project. There are a lot of activities going on. They reviewed the budget and changes and renovations made to 33 Scofield project. They also discussed some possible litigation issues that we will get into during executive session. Dean will be away at Poughkeepsie for annual training this week.

Recreation & Parks Department, Emergency Services, and Valley Central School Board Liaison – Trustee Carley

Trustee Carley stated he had nothing to report at this time.

Village Justice and DPW Liaison - Trustee Mishk

Trustee Mishk reported nothing at this time.

Mayor Maher read the Community events into the minutes.

Manager Revella added the Walden Rotary's Operation Clean Sweep that will be May 3, 2014 through all 3 Villages.

Public Comment on Business of the Board

None.

Action Items

Village Budget 2014-2015

Deputy Mayor Rumbold made a motion to adopt the 2014-2015 Village Budget. Seconded by Trustee Bowen. All ayes. Motion carried.

Mayor Maher thanked everyone for a great job specifically all the department heads and the Village Manager.

Flag Day Request

Deputy Mayor Rumbold made a motion to approve the Flag Day Request for Sunday, June 15, 2014 at 1pm at Veteran's Memorial Park. Seconded by Trustee Leonard. All ayes. Motion carried.

Temporary Sign Request – Knights of Columbus

Trustee Bowen made a motion to approve the temporary sign request for the Knights of Columbus. Seconded by Deputy Mayor Rumbold. 5 ayes, 2 abstentions (Trustee Mishk and Mayor Maher). Motion carried.

Temporary Sign Request – Walden Hannaford

Trustee Mishk made a motion to approve the temporary sign request for the Walden Hannaford. Seconded by Trustee Bowen. All ayes. Motion carried.

Manager Revella stated the signs will be brought in each night.

Snow and Ice Removal Appeals

Darran Prince, 40 Bergen Avenue, stated he shoveled for 30 years. There were no Village personnel on his property.

Mayor Maher stated that what was given

Manager Revella stated that during snow storms this winter many properties were given notices from our Code Enforcement Officer to shovel sidewalks. They were given a time frame and it wasn't done within that time frame. There are photos of each property as well. They were charged \$220 for each occurrence and if not paid will be levied onto their taxes. They appealed the charge to the Village Manager but he denied overturning the fees based on the evidence and the information gathered by the department heads and now at this point there are property owners here tonight to appeal his decision to not overturn the fees.

Mayor Maher stated there are laws on the books and we've had some individual complaints over the years that we have worked out and there was so much snow and it was a difficult winter, it doesn't seem fair. He would like to set a special meeting so that they Board will be able to review the information ahead of time to be able to make a decision on a case by case basis.

Trustee Hoffman stated that the work has been done, the Village has expended the funds and now you want the tax payers to absorb that cost.

Manager Revella commented that the entire width of sidewalk needs to be cleared for ADA and many of these properties did not comply with that requirement. If that's not done someone with a wheelchair and/or stroller can't get by and would be forced to go into the road which also is not fair.

Deputy Mayor Rumbold asked if the property owner got a letter that stated what needed to be done to comply.

Manager Revella replied yes.

Deputy Mayor Rumbold so they are here to tell us why they did not comply.

Vincent LoMonaco, owner of 20 Church Street, said he never got a letter. He only got the invoice not a fine.

Trustee Hoffman asked if the Code Enforcement Officer notices the property as well as mailing.

Manager Revella replied yes.

Attorney Donovan said it's difficult to take individuals so if you didn't want to address it tonight you would need a special meeting. Each property got (or was supposed to have gotten) a notice which they then appealed to the Village Manager. He ruled on that appeal and then gave them right to come to the Village Board. Village Manager feels they are responsible for this payment and it's up to the Board now.

Mayor Maher stated that this situation needs its own special meeting. There are some people here and some may not be here. Each case needs its due diligence time to hear their case. He'd like to address this more properly. Each person is a hard working Village resident and would like to give them their time to be heard.

Michael Santarpia, 73 North Montgomery Street, commented that he received a notice and wrote an appeal that was ignored. The letter he got back said he looked into the matter and if he had looked into it he would have found that the 5% fee was wrong at the very least, it says \$20 but 5% of \$200 is \$10. Also he did not receive any evidence as was stated earlier.

Mayor Maher added that this issue looks a lot bigger and more important and impossible for us to figure out at this meeting without us having the knowledge and ability to look into it and ask John questions. He would again like to have the board make a special meeting so we don't make a hasty decision that's going to hurt people. At least if we do that we have given a little more time and allowed people to speak. This certainly isn't proper. This shouldn't be happening this way. He's not blaming John but we need to face the reality that this needs its own meeting. John did the right thing bringing this to the Board.

Deputy Mayor Rumbold asked what additional information he thought he would get at a different meeting.

Mayor Maher replied that he would be able to look at the information in front of him, ask questions, and do follow up to see if they have a case. There seems to be a disconnect as to the notices they got and then disputing that either they did the work or that they even got the notices at all. That in itself needs a little more investigation.

Manager Revella clarified that we have the information when they went to the property and if it was done on arrival they won't shovel them, they will check done on arrival.

Thomas Amend, 69 & 73 Ulster Avenue, shouted out that he has pictures and it was snow blown by his father Robert, not done by the Village.

Mayor Maher commented that is exactly his point. He doesn't think we can take each case tonight and made a determination that's honestly fair. He feels we need a special meeting

to give ourselves more time because the winter we had they could have shoveled, the wind could have blown it back, our guys came in and shoveled and everyone is doing the right thing and people are getting punished for no reason. There are a lot of different factors we need to weigh. We had a herculean winter. He doesn't think it's John's fault or the resident's faults, maybe it is, we don't know for sure. He doesn't think we can fairly make a determination without its own special meeting, that's his personal feeling.

Trustee Leonard agreed with the Mayor saying the Board needs to see the individual cases and right now we don't have that, it's all verbal. It's going to tie the meeting up we have a lot more on the agenda and we need to call a special meeting for this.

Trustee Bowen stated that he is not 100% in agreement with having a special meeting. Looking at the bill \$220 there is a miss type if it should be 5% percent.

Manager Revella stated that it should be \$220 as that was the amount set by the Board. The error is that it says 5% fee.

Trustee Bowen asked what the cost to the Village is to clean it up.

Manager Revella replied that's what was evaluated by the Board which figures in the cost for the employees, fuel, and equipment cost.

Trustee Hoffman asked if we had enough time to notice and have a meeting.

Attorney Donovan replied yes. The question is when do you choose to do that and does it provide the people who want to appeal sufficient time. Be aware this is not the first time through for this. It has gone through the building department and the Village Manager so this is not the first time they have notice of this or at least that they have supposed to have had notice of this.

Trustee Hoffman asked Peter what the deadline was for the taxes.

Peter replied another week.

Trustee Hoffman commented that if the Board has not had the time to review the materials, and if you think that additional time will help them make a better judgment; then I don't see how you don't try to reschedule. Logistically we may not be able to make this meeting.

Trustee Carley said he agreed with a special meeting.

Trustee Mishk agreed as well so the Board can digest the information but will be out of town until after the 30th.

Mayor Maher asked those residents here for the snow and ice removal appeals to not leave until you have gotten your information to Tara, the Village Clerk so she can put it in the minutes.

Trustee Carley asked what the date is for the meeting.

Mayor Maher stated that this would be carried over until first thing at our May 6th Regular Board Meeting at 6:30pm.

Deputy Mayor Rumbold stated that this meeting should be published and mailed to all 16 properties this affects.

Trustee Bowen asked anyone present tonight that has further documentation to turn that in tonight.

Below is a list of residents and their addresses of who attended the meeting:

- Vincent LoMonaco, owner of 20 Church Street, 25 Shagbark Lane Hopewell Junction
- Gerard Tuitt, 48 Ulster Avenue
- Michael Santarpia, 73 North Montgomery Street
- Thomas Amend, owner of 73 and 69 Ulster Avenue, 26 Ivy Lane Washingtonville
- Edatharayil Samuel, owner 22 Ulster Avenue, 35 North Montgomery Street, and 38 South Montgomery Street, 47 Harmony Lane Montgomery
- Darran Prince, 40 Bergen Avenue
- Kurt Engness, owner of 72 Orchard Street, 2431 Albany Post Road Walden
- Rodolfo Catenco & Paula Cruz, 105 South Montgomery Street
- Valentine Atekha, 41 Bergen Avenue
- Shanika Robinson, renter at 101 South Montgomery Street

The appeals have been tabled until the next meeting.

Set Public Hearing for CDBG Application

Deputy Mayor Rumbold made a motion to set the Public Hearing for the CDBG Application for Tuesday, May 6, 2014 at 6:30pm or as soon thereafter as could be heard. Seconded by Trustee Leonard. All ayes. Motion carried.

Beautification Committee Request – Rose Oliva Memorial

Sandy Magill, President of the Walden Community Council and representing the beautification committee, read the request letter into the minutes. They are looking for permission for a memorial stone or plaque to be put in the Firemen's Triangle in honor of Rose Oliva. Rose was a lifetime member of the VFW Auxiliary and the exact wording has not been finalized but would not interfere with the existing Firemen's monument already in existence. They have included Manager Revella and Mike Bliss in their planning discussions, and are using Tom McGowan of Twin Ponds for the plantings.

Mayor Maher commented that there was a small concern about putting another memorial at the location where there is already a firemen's monument.

Manager Revella replied that there are other Veteran's memorials in the park already.

Mayor Maher agreed and stated he felt it would be complimentary.

Deputy Mayor Rumbold asked which memorial was there first, the Veterans or the firemen's. She knows the statue was somewhere else originally and that is currently on Village property.

Manager Revella replied that it was originally the gazebo and then the band stand.

Deputy Mayor Rumbold asked who had the issue with it being the firemen's monument.

Mayor Maher replied no one specifically. The issue arose in a conversation that people might feel it's disrespectful of veterans or firemen. He doesn't feel that is the case but he wanted to make it known so it was addressed.

Manager Revella replied that is why they made a point to say that she was a lifelong member of VFW Auxiliary.

Trustee Mishk made a motion to approve the Beautification Committee Request for the Rose Oliva Memorial plantings and plaque in the firemen's triangle. Seconded by Trustee Bowen. All ayes. Motion carried.

Discussion Items

Parking on South Montgomery Street (between Walker Street and South Street)

Mayor Maher stated that we have nothing new on this yet. We need to have the Engineer at our next meeting.

Old Orange Avenue Name Change

Mayor Maher explained that he discussed with the Lustig family about changing the name of the dead end road Old Orange Avenue to Lustig Court. Manager Revella will be writing a letter to mail to the residents that live there and he will continue his door to door campaign. This name came from a list from Mickey Millspaugh who was the historian at that time; Lustig is the next name on the list.

Deputy Mayor Rumbold made a motion to change the name of Old Orange Avenue, the one that runs Northbound on Route 208 South entering the Village to the dead end, Lustig Court. Seconded by Trustee Mishk. All ayes. Motion carried.

Mayor Maher announced that the Lustig family has selected Sunday, May, 18, 2014 at 1pm for the Street Dedication ceremony.

Village Office Hours

Mayor Maher explained that the Board was considering summer hours once again and then re evaluate after the summer.

Trustee Leonard stated that we never got Johns opinion and why in our budget discussions.

Manager Revella stated that he confirmed the consensus regarding summer hours but not year round since we will be changing employees around. He'd rather keep them as they are and would like summer hours first then re evaluate in the fall if we will keep them longer. He feels that since we collect taxes in June he would suggest only doing this for July and August.

Trustee Leonard made a motion to approve the Village office hours for the months of July and August 2014 to be 8-5pm Monday - Thursday and Friday 8-12pm. Seconded by Trustee Bowen. All Ayes. Motion Carried.

Public Comment

Lynn Yack, 96 Coldenham Road, asked about the corner of Coldenham and Route 208 and the Taxi company. They have a whole big parking lot and yet they park in front on the building on the sidewalk blocking the view every morning. Will they pay for the sidewalk when it has to be replaced?

Manager Revella stated that when she sees anyone parked on any sidewalk to call the Police Department as they will be cited.

Lynn added to the snow thing as they are one that never gets shoveled.

Manager Revella replied that the landlord was cited for that.

Deputy Mayor Rumbold asked if a letter has ever been sent telling them not to park on sidewalk.

Manager Revella replied that the Police should be citing them. He doesn't think we should be mailing letters about the law. She says she disciplines the staff when they do that.

Trustee Mishk asked if there was parking between the sidewalk and the building.

Manager Revella replied technically it's paved, he's not sure if it's legal parking. He can check site plan.

Lynn continued that they have 3 cars sitting right up on the sidewalk in the morning. With the bus stop there it's dangerous.

Deputy Mayor Rumbold asked if we could check the site plan and if they are not allowed to do it then can we please do something about it.

Mayor Maher stated that we had the same issue with them when they were on Main Street and we sat down to discuss it with them. At least it was helpful for a while there.

Lynn asked if the replacement street sign for Coldenham had been ordered yet.

Manager Revella stated that he did notify the county. They replaced it and it was torn down a week after it was replaced.

Mayor Maher asked how long it takes to get a replacement sign.

Manager Revella replied that they responded within a week last time but then it got torn down again.

Brenda Adams, 31 Valley Avenue, commented about the ice/snow appeals, it did get crazy here but you had made a mention that the wind blew it back on the sidewalk. She can tell you that we were in day and night and when the wind or the plow puts it back on there we
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go out to get it free and clear. We open the fire hydrants and the storm drains as that's part of the code as well. We work really hard to keep it that way. Most of those people based on who was talking they were all absentee landlords, they don't even live here. She feels you should count on the Village employees who went out and actually saw this and back them up; they know if it was done or it wasn't. There was a receipt that it was shoveled but that doesn't mean it was done right. Maybe it was shoveled in the morning then snowed again in the afternoon. We had a guy who went down William Street and slammed into the snow bank and put it all across the sidewalk again and we shoveled it out. If we hadn't we would have gotten a citation. We all work together to keep it clear. These people have that same responsibility.

Mayor Maher thanked her for her comments. He didn't feel they had the ability to make the decision on the spot. It could have been any number of factors that we aren't thinking of. He didn't feel comfortable making the decision and the Board agreed so we rescheduled. We may come to that determination we may not. They may not be absentee landlords.

Deputy Mayor Rumbold commented that this speaks to the Registry Law that we are talking about now. We need a representative who lives in close proximity to the Village to maintain the property and pay attention to this stuff. She can attest to it herself that she had to keep going out as well. That's what happens when you're a homeowner and you have a responsibility.

Brenda commented that it was a rough winter but we've had worse.

Nanette DeGrote, 80 North Montgomery Street, commented about Coldenham road sign that maybe we could get some kind of sign that tells the truck drivers to keep going straight.

Manager Revella said he was working on it but we need state approval on it.

Nanette continued that she talked to John today and will be getting together with the girls from the Community Council on Thursday. With the Hannaford's coming in June, her idea is to incorporate the whole grand opening thing and have a Re-Grand opening for Walden of all the businesses. She has a lot of ideas such as having a tour of all the homes for sale, or to have a tour of the business district, or even a restaurant tour. She would like to have a whole event for the businesses and for everything going on in the Village. She thinks it would be a whole new chapter in the Village's history. She's been here for 43 years and Thruway was her first job and this is a whole new chapter. She thinks it's a great thing, it looks beautiful down there. She will be getting together with some people but if there is anything the Board members would like to add that is great. Will be having a meeting at 9am on Friday at Lou Anne's the new little gift shop she opened, feel free to come and give ideas and brainstorm with us.

Manager Revella reported that he shared the draft welcome packet to see what we are missing. He can officially say that the grand opening will be June 14th with the Ribbon Cutting at 6:45am. Their store hours will be 6am-12am.

Nanette stated that maybe we can do it when the sporting goods store is re opened.

Clerk Bliss added that she and the Historian are working on doing a monument tour on Saturday, June 7th. We could use help with that also if anyone wants to volunteer.

Christine Szulwach, 145 First Street, commented that she had seen the street sweeper out. Not sure if you are aware of the fact that across from the Midge Norman Park perhaps you need a sign to put up that says no dumping. When the weather changed last year there was an odor and it looks offensive across from such a nice park in honor of Midge. Perhaps think about putting something there, she thought he said that the Schoonmakers are the owners there.

Manager Revella confirmed.

Christine continued by asking about the cones that are randomly placed out around the Village by the catch basins.

Manager Revella stated they have to be called in for a UFPO before they can be repaired.

Christine asked if the street sweeper could clean out those catch basins.

Manager Revella stated that was not what the street sweeper is for. We have tools to clean out the basins with, scoops.

Christine asked do you have something besides men. Could the street sweeper do that?

Manager Revella replied in some cases yes, but not to suck up rocks or anything other than leaves and silt.

Christine asked if we have all the tools available to use it. Do we have parts available to do that the way it stands?

Manager Revella stated we are not going to schedule that for over a month because we are doing a water main project, but perhaps in June we can. He has to discuss with the Board the status of the sweeper and what we want to do with it in the future.

Christine congratulated Trustee Mishk on his Liaison position to DPW. She asked him to briefly explain what a liaison's job entailed.

Trustee Mishk stated he is still learning but as he understands it, he will serve as the go between for the Board and the DPW and the Village Manager. He has probably taken on more than he should as far as listening to complaints etc. but he feels that's why he's there and he's good with that.

Christine asked if he would be taking time to review bills that have come across.

Trustee Mishk stated that he reviews every bill before he signs them and has been on a regular basis. It takes him a long time as it does other trustees. He's seen it a number of times where we withhold a bill before signing.

Trustee Bowen asked Christine if she had some insight on something to check on.

Christine replied no.

Trustee Bowen commented that by her asking that questions it seemed like she was looking for something or some information that she is privy to.

Christine stated that is possible but she will share with the liaison. She hoped that Jerry would take time to address issues that might be there. You hear things and you notice things and would like him to do the same.

Trustee Mishk stated that he's "been on patrol" since he took on the position.

Payment of the Audited Bills

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

Correspondence

Trustee Bowen stated he received a phone call that the Galloway Street sign is down.

Miscellaneous Comments from the Board of Trustees

Trustee Mishk stated that he would ask the Village Clerk to put on the website that he is glad to meet with them. Email him and he's glad to set up an appointment with a time and place to meet.

Deputy Mayor Rumbold stated that just so Christine and everyone in the audience understands, this Village runs under 15A for of government which means the Manager is the CEO. For years Trustees attended meetings and that was their responsibility. When Brian became Mayor he came up with the concept of liaisons because he felt there was a disconnect between the department heads and the Village Manager. We are the liaisons who meet with the department heads and talk about any concerns and we get more detail about what's happening. We can then share with the Manager and fellow Board members. When you come to a Trustee with an issue we carry through the chain of command but it ultimately ends up on John's desk. We are only one person on the Board and only have one vote. We can't change things on our own; we can make suggestions and we can pass things on but she wants everyone to understand if you come to a Trustee with a concern and it does not get taken care of immediately or nothing happens, it's not because the Trustee didn't do their job, its because the Board feels it's not in the best interest of the Village. It's not because they didn't think it was important enough. She doesn't want people to blame a liaison if something doesn't happen.

Manager Revella stated that for clarification, if there is a real issue they should bring it to him first because if he makes a decision on it will go to the Board on the next level. If it goes to the Board first then that person would have to recues themselves from the discussion. So it's in the best interest to come to him first unless of course there is an issue with he himself, then go to the Board directly.

Deputy Mayor Rumbold said she could see why people would do that as they see Trustee's out and about and we are the ones they voted for to serve the public and carry those concerns.

Manager Revella stated he just wanted to make sure there was a level of separation so there is an opportunity for a process of appeals etc.

Trustee Leonard commented that the Egg hunt was wonderful and in a total of 3 minutes they were gone. On the stretch of Main Street to South Montgomery Street there are a few properties that have been boarded up for a long period. There are 3 others we need to do the same. He feels we need to put this on as an agenda item to get the landlords to move and possibly look into whether Schneiderman's law that was used in the City of Newburgh can help with these abandoned properties.

Manager Revella stated that that law only pertains to cities but we can see what we can do. There are 3 properties on Orange Ave, Liberty Street, and West Main as well.

Attorney Donovan advised the Board that it isn't customary to schedule executive sessions in advance. He suggested changing the agenda to put "Executive Session - If Needed" as a place holder and then articulate during the meeting what needs to be discussed at the meeting. He is more concerned with what we do discuss in executive session as there are certain things you can and certain things you can't. What the proper motion would be to discuss is Collective bargains with the PBA, ongoing litigation with Mr. Isenady, and the employment history of a particular person. The attorney client item would be done under a separate motion after executive session so that you can receive legal advice and be kept confidential.

Executive Session

Deputy Mayor Rumbold moved to go into Executive Session to discuss Collective bargains with the PBA, ongoing litigation with Mr. Isenady, and the employment history of a particular person. Seconded by Trustee Bowen. All ayes. Motion carried.

Reconvene

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

Attorney Client

Deputy Mayor Rumbold made a motion to go into Executive Session to receive legal advice from our Attorney. Seconded by Trustee Hoffman. All ayes. Motion carried.

Reconvene

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

Adjournment

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

**Village of Walden Board of Trustees
Regular Meeting
April 22, 2014
Motions & Resolutions**

Public Hearing – 2014-2015 Village Budget

Deputy Mayor Rumbold made a motion to open the public hearing for the 2014-2015 Village Budget. Seconded by Trustee Hoffman. All ayes. Motion carried.

Trustee Leonard made a motion to close the public hearing for the 2014-2015 Village Budget. Seconded by Trustee Mishk. All ayes. Motion carried.

Deputy Mayor Rumbold made a motion to adopt the 2014-2015 Village Budget. Seconded by Trustee Bowen. All ayes. Motion carried.

Approval of the April 1, 2014 Tri Board Minutes

Trustee Leonard made a motion to approve the April 1, 2014 Tri Board minutes with edits noted by Trustee Hoffman. Seconded by Trustee Mishk. All ayes. Minutes approved.

Approval of the April 7, 2014 Reorganization Meeting Minutes

Deputy Mayor Rumbold made a motion to approve the April 7, 2014 Reorganization Meeting minutes. Seconded by. 5 ayes, 2 abstentions (Trustee Carley and Deputy Mayor Rumbold). Minutes approved.

Flag Day Request

Deputy Mayor Rumbold made a motion to approve the Flag Day Request for Sunday, June 15, 2014 at 1pm at Veteran's Memorial Park. Seconded by Trustee Leonard. All ayes. Motion carried.

Temporary Sign Request – Knights of Columbus

Trustee Bowen made a motion to approve the temporary sign request for the Knights of Columbus. Seconded by Deputy Mayor Rumbold. 5 ayes, 2 abstentions (Trustee Mishk, and Mayor Maher). Motion carried.

Temporary Sign Request – Walden Hannaford

Trustee Mishk made a motion to approve the temporary sign request for the Walden Hannaford. Seconded by Trustee Bowen. All ayes. Motion carried.

Set Public Hearing for CDBG Application

Deputy Mayor Rumbold made a motion to set the Public Hearing for the CDBG Application for Tuesday, May 6, 2014 at 6:30pm or as soon thereafter as could be heard. Seconded by Trustee Leonard. All ayes. Motion carried.

Beautification Committee Request – Rose Oliva Memorial

Trustee Mishk made a motion to approve the Beautification Committee Request for the Rose Oliva Memorial plantings and plaque in the firemen's triangle. Seconded by Trustee Bowen. All ayes. Motion carried.

Old Orange Avenue Name Change

Deputy Mayor Rumbold made a motion to change the name of Old Orange Avenue, the one that runs Northbound on Route 208 South entering the Village to the dead end, Lustig Court. Seconded by Trustee Mishk. All ayes. Motion carried.

Village Office Hours

Trustee Leonard made a motion to approve the Village office hours for the months of July and August 2014 to be 8-5pm Monday - Thursday and Friday 8-12pm. Seconded by Trustee Bowen. All Ayes. Motion Carried.

Payment of the Audited Bills

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

Executive Session

Deputy Mayor Rumbold moved to go into Executive Session to discuss Collective bargains with the PBA, ongoing litigation with Mr. Isenady, and the employment history of a particular person. Seconded by Trustee Bowen. All ayes. Motion carried.

Reconvene

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

Attorney Client

Deputy Mayor Rumbold made a motion to go into Executive Session to receive legal advice from our Attorney. Seconded by Trustee Hoffman. All ayes. Motion carried.

Reconvene

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

Adjournment

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