

**Village of Walden  
Board of Trustees Regular Meeting  
November 18, 2014**

Deputy Mayor Rumbold called the regular meeting of the Village of Walden Board of Trustees to order at 6:30pm.

On roll call the following were:

Present:

Mayor	Brian Maher (Arrived Late)
Deputy Mayor	Sue Rumbold
Trustees	Willie Carley
	Sean Hoffman
	Edmond Leonard
	Gerald Mishk

Absent:

Bernard Bowen

Also Present:

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

Sherri Kravitz-Donnell, President of the Board of Trustees of the Jewish Community Center/Congregation Beth Hillel, read a letter into the minutes on behalf of the congregation regarding road closures during Harvest Fest 2014. She thanked the Board for taking the time to listen to them.

**Public Hearing – Local Law #10 of 2014 – No Parking Zone – Highland Avenue**

Trustee Leonard made a motion to open the public hearing for Local Law #10 of 2014 – No Parking Zone – Highland Avenue. Seconded by Trustee Mishk. All ayes. Motion carried.

Stephanie Austin, 55 Highland Avenue, asked for clarification on the section that would be no parking and why it would be no parking.

Manager Revella replied that it would be the Northern side (Nash's side) from the bridge to Woodruff Street.

Stephanie asked why.

Deputy Mayor Rumbold explained that there is an issue with the bridge being so narrow and people parking near there which makes it difficult for cars to pass in that area when cars are parked close to the bridge. We are trying to alleviate that traffic issue in that area as Highland residents are concerned that if there are cars parked by the bridge, an emergency vehicle might not be able to get through there and up the street.

Stephanie asked if it was possible to have a small section, as it is wide there.

Deputy Mayor Rumbold explained it's not wide when cars are parked there.

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Stephanie replied that she understood, as she drives through there every day. When you go up it opens up and there is room for 3 cars.

Deputy Mayor Rumbold stated that we discussed making it half way up to Woodruff on the Nash side as well as the space right next to the bridge in front of the Nicoli home.

Stephanie asked if they could do the same thing on Woodruff. She feels that whatever issue we had on Highland because of the bus stop is now happening on Woodruff because of the bus stop.

Manager Revella replied that happens all day long on Woodruff, not just the bus stop.

Deputy Mayor Rumbold added that we discussed at one time making no parking on one side of the street in that area on Woodruff but the business that is there objected to that as they felt they would be losing parking for their patients, so it was not done.

Stephanie finds it silly if the bus stop has been moved, people don't park there on a regular basis so it seems unnecessary.

Deputy Mayor Rumbold explained that it does become an issue especially near the Nicoli home. People do park there when visiting. It bottlenecks there, that is the area of concern there, especially if there is snow there.

Manager Revella stated it wasn't a big deal to reduce that side of the street as it is wider there and it would relieve the problem at the bridge.

Trustee Hoffman replied his concerns in the area are to have an access road for emergency vehicles and clearance for DPW to do that. If the Manager feels it is sufficient to reduce the area of no parking he is fine with that. He feels that the Board in general tries to preserve parking where we can and eliminate it where it's a problem.

Manager Revella replied it is feasible but he's not certain at this time without measuring it and/or being on site.

Attorney Donovan stated that if the Board would like to revisit it, you would close this hearing and have another hearing after the law was revised and presented again.

Deputy Mayor Rumbold agreed that now that the bus stop is moved she agrees with Ms. Austin it's not as big of an issue excluding the bottlenecking by the bridge.

Trustee Hoffman made a motion to close the public hearing for Local Law #10 of 2014 – No Parking Zone – Highland Avenue. Seconded by Trustee Carley. All ayes. Motion carried.

Manager Revella will re-evaluate and measure out the area and redraft the law for the next meeting.

### **Hearing – 27 Oak Street**

Jay Buchalski, Code Enforcement Officer, explained that there is debris and garbage on the porch of 27 Oak Street. Some of the debris has been removed since the original November 18, 2014

notice given on September 24, 2014 but there is still a significant amount of garbage filling the porch at this time. He showed photos taken today. No correspondence has been received from the owners, no reply from them at all.

The owner/occupant of 27 Oak Street was not present.

Trustee Leonard made a motion to give the Village Manager and the Code Enforcement Officer authority to have the debris on the porch of 27 Oak Street removed and the owners of the property charged for its removal. Seconded by Trustee Carley. All ayes. Motion carried.

### **Village Manager's Report –**

- Been having Regular meetings, almost daily, at Highland, Jessup, Wileman, Woodruff sidewalk project. Trying to keep things moving along. There is still a lot of work to do but moving along. It is progressing. All the concrete is in thankfully. Hoping to fix driveways this week and remediate the soil in that area as well.
- Met with the PBA about negotiations which are still moving forward. Also met with Special Council on grievance matters.
- 33 Scofield Street renovations are done, so the Building Department will be moving next week and will be opening in their new office on December 1, 2014.
- Had a lot of calls due to water bills overdue and shut off notices.
- Outstanding tax bills were sent to the County should get that money back by march
- Well 6 is reinstalled and back online.
- Been working with VRI at the sewer plant. Had a DEC 24 hour notice inspection done and we were where we thought we would be. They wanted updates on the Belt Filter Press, as do we, hopefully getting on soon. The contractor has been down there and will take some more time. We will keep them updated.
- Met with the Village Attorney on the Water Code and some property concerns we had.
- The Wait Street tank is almost done, small items left to do and should be done soon.
- Met with Verizon about alarms for cell phones and wells so we have pricing for next budget.
- Had correspondence with NYS DOT regarding tree removal and the Ulster Avenue curbing project. Some trees have been marked and a number will be replaced in the future.
- Worked with NYSEG to get the tree up in the Square with the decorations. DPW and Parks Department finished decorating the Square and Main Street for the Christmas in the Square event on Thursday, December 4<sup>th</sup>.
- Had a meeting with the owners of the Thruway Plaza to have them remedy some areas including a rock pile down there and that they are maintained safely. Should finish this week.
- We have had 4 Water breaks already this year; 3 were service lines but today's was a main on Wait Street.
- Peter gave a budget progress report. We discussed water sewer rates and possibility of rate increase for this year as well as deferred comp update.
- The Clerk passed her Notary test so that is forthcoming.

Trustee Hoffman said he mentioned water shut off notices. Do you have a general list of the payment plans?

Manager Revella replied yes. Lauren keeps those records at her desk with the payment plans attached.

Trustee Hoffman replied that they Board had given him authority to work out those payment plans, is that working out right now. Finding compliance?

Manager Revella replied, yes. There is one that was over the top that he wouldn't negotiate with because it was over \$4,000 that they owed. He suggested they trying speaking with the Board to negotiate that, but they have not made that request yet. We only shut off 8 residences and we had half come back on because they made payment arrangements or payments. He wanted to also let everyone know that we should have an update from NYS Commissioner of Gaming on Friday about possible casinos in Orange County. We don't know for sure on that but that's what has been stated.

#### **Approval of the October 21, 2014 Minutes**

Trustee Mishk made a motion to approve the October 21, 2014 minutes with. Seconded by Trustee Hoffman. 5 Ayes, 0 Nays, 0 Abstentions. Minutes approved.

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

##### **Town of Montgomery & Library Board liaison – Trustee Leonard**

Trustee Leonard stated he had nothing to report.

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

Trustee Bowen was absent.

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

Deputy Mayor Rumbold reported that Halloween went well. DARE graduation is scheduled for December 3<sup>rd</sup> at Walden Elementary School.

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

Trustee Hoffman reported that Dean is on vacation this week and all of next week. He did meet with Dean last week and they talked about transitioning over to 33 Scofield Street by December 1<sup>st</sup>. Went over some open Planning Board applications including Dunkin Donuts and the Extension request for Kidd Farm at Overlook. We also reviewed status of the work at the Thruway Plaza.

##### **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 stated he had nothing to report at this time.

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

Becky Pearson, 167 Walnut Street, asked about Kidd Farm and if there was an update.

Trustee Hoffman replied that is not an Action item but he would be happy to discuss it with her later.

Becky asked about the cost of the fireworks contract.

Manager Revella replied that is up for discussion tonight and for the Board to decide. The contract is for \$6,000.

Becky stated that she would rather see the fireworks tied to an event rather than just doing fireworks for New Year's Eve. She feels that money could be spent elsewhere because there is so much we could do with that money rather than just the fireworks. She asked about the drinking water levels in our wells.

Manager Revella replied they have been great all year, no risk at all.

Becky asked for elaboration on the chickens and hens discussion item.

Manager Revella replied that it is a violation to our current code which doesn't allow fowl at all including pigeons, chickens, hens, anything like that in the Village. We have had to cite many people for having them. Some residents would like to have their own eggs. Roosters are not allowed. Looking to discuss putting it into the code.

Becky commented that was a good idea.

Mary Ellen Matise, 21 Clinton Street, commented that she is in favor of chickens and hens in the Village. Also she suggested doing the fireworks with Christmas on Main Street with Santa's arrival, a small display.

Stephanie Austin, 55 Highland Avenue, commented that she personally doesn't go to the fireworks but does sit on the porch to watch it with her children. She looks forward to it actually. It's cold and she doesn't want to take her kids out but she thinks it's great because everyone does them on July 4<sup>th</sup> but there are few that have them on New Year's Eve.

Becky commented that not everyone can see them from their porch.

Stephanie added that she feels it's money well spent, maybe not that much, and it's nice.

## **Action Items**

### **Hearing Request – 25 South Montgomery Street**

Jay Buchalski, Code Enforcement Officer, indicated that there is a large tree trunk that has fallen on the side of the house. It is laying across the stairs there and there are now children playing on it and before someone gets hurt he is requesting to get it removed.

Trustee Mishk made a motion set a hearing for 25 South Montgomery Street for December 2, 2014 at 6:30pm or as soon thereafter as could be heard. Seconded by Trustee Carley. All ayes. Motion carried.

### **Resolution 13-14-15 Designating Place and Time of Annual Election**

Trustee Carley made a motion to approve Resolution 12-14-15 Designating the Annual Election to be held at the Walden Fire House 230 Old Orange Avenue Walden on November 18, 2014

Wednesday, March 18, 2015 from 6am to 9pm. Seconded by Trustee Hoffman. All ayes. Motion carried.

### **Draft Local Law #11 of 2014 – Landlord Registry Law**

Manager Revella explained that he spoke to Dean after the last meeting and he would like to make it clear that Dean is inclined and would like it to alleviate single family rentals.

Attorney Donovan added that there were minor changes which are bolded and capitalized on pages 3 and 4. Specifically it changes where it said they needed to provide a telephone number, it now states a working phone number which could include a cell phone should they have one. In section 221-4 subdivision A4 it required the managing agent live in Orange County. And finally in section 221-7 Penalties it now states up to 15 days in jail.

Trustee Hoffman stated he spoke to Dean about this and he asked Dean for clarification on this. He indicated that if the push was to remove the Single family units he was ok with it provided they can be added at a later date.

Manager Revella replied that we had a lengthy discussion at the Department Head meeting with Dean and Dave about policing it. There are 900 plus units without the single family units and it would be difficult to enforce the single family units and would require a lot of homework to prove that it was a rental.

Trustee Hoffman stated that Dean had estimated it was a dozen or so that he is aware of.

Manager Revella replied there are a lot more than that but it would be hard to tell, which is the problem. We may know of a lot, but not able to prove it.

Attorney Donovan stated that the next step would be to either have a public hearing or have additional time to review the law.

Trustee Carley just wanted to make sure the landlords had been contacted.

Trustee Hoffman stated that the Mayor did that and has been doing that.

\*This law now becomes Local Law #10 as all Local Laws must be filed in numerical order with New York State.

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### **Fireworks Contract 12/31/14 7pm**

Manager Revella explained the contract in front of you depends on how big of a show you would like, he can limit the contract to what you want. We budgeted \$5,000 which he feels is good.

Trustee Leonard feels the fireworks have been great and he is good with it.

Trustee Hoffman agrees. People look forward to it and as long as we do not exceed the budget he is good with that.

Trustee Carley is good with it.

Trustee Mishk agrees but would like to see it lower if possible.

Trustee Hoffman made a motion to give the Village Manager approval to sign the Fireworks contract with Fireworks Extravaganza for New Year's Eve December 31, 2014 to begin at 7pm at James W. Olley Community Park, not to exceed \$5,000. Seconded by Trustee Leonard. All ayes. Motion carried.

### **Discussion Items**

#### **Code Revisions – Chickens & Hens**

Manager Revella explained that our Village code does not provide for people to have chickens or hens at their home. We have violated residents for having them. Some people would like to have their own organic eggs that they knew were not radiated or treated with anything so he is bringing it to the Board. He also was asked to mention the benefit that they eliminate pests like bugs and especially ticks.

Trustee Hoffman asked if he had written requests.

Manager Revella replied mostly verbals and one on Sherman Ave via email.

Trustee Hoffman asked how many notices have been given out.

Manager Revella replied he knows of 3 personally, but we can ask Dean for a list.

Trustee Carley asked if the only reason for this is because people want their own eggs versus buying them.

Deputy Mayor Rumbold asked if other municipalities allow this.

Manager Revella gave the Attorney a Local Law from the Village of West Carthage that he met in NYCOM, near Watertown NY, it's a dense Village like ours, mixed residential and commercial properties like ours. Asked them to send it.

Trustee Mishk asked how they would be contained.

Manager Revella replied in a coop.

Trustee Mishk stated that they may sleep in that but they wander around. He is concerned they will attract other animals to eat them.

Manager Revella stated that would be something we would need to consider.

Trustee Hoffman stated that in his experience this is seen mostly in towns where there are larger lots.

Attorney Donovan stated that the Town of Hamptonburgh does allow this, but he has a friend that has ducks that get eaten by other animals. It is more common in Towns versus Villages mostly due to proximity.

Trustee Hoffman stated he is concerned with balancing the request of the person who wants them and the neighbors who might not. Concerned it will lead to more disputes among neighbors. Additionally it might lead to more unkempt houses; today we are cleaning up garbage tomorrow might be chicken feces.

Manager Revella stated that if this is something you are interested in, he can look at others and get you more information and ask those that are requesting to come to the meeting to plead their case. He does not think of this in the business or townhouse zone, more like the R3 zones.

Deputy Mayor Rumbold asked John to draw up suggestions about what it would look and sound like to reconsider for next meeting.

Trustee Carley asked if there was a limit to the number of chickens.

Manager Revella replied, yes, 6.

Trustee Hoffman added that would be another enforcement issue to think about.

### **Public Comment**

Anita Vandermark, 76 Highland Avenue, stated when she was growing up in the Hamlet of Walkkill, they had chickens, might want to contact them for ideas. She asked about the dig on Maple Street and when it would be repaired.

Manager Revella replied they are filling tomorrow; were on a water main break today or would have gotten to it again.

Anita added that the man hole cover in front of her house is making a large racket again. She asked if the sweeper would go up Highland Avenue after the sidewalks are done.

Manager Revella replied that the contractor will have to clean up the road yes, but that there is more dirt that needs to go down first.

Anita added that the Historical Society Veterans Program is tomorrow and John Cameron will be speaking on PTSD at the Walden House and Dave Lustig will also be there talking about his latest book.

Stephanie Austin, 55 Highland Avenue, asked about yard waste. She saw that the last pick up is this week and asked if there is any way to get an additional day next year because the leaves have not all fallen yet.



Manager Revella replied that we try to work on that, we did do an additional week once before. He can talk to the garbage company about it or if people can just put the leaves in their garbage.

Clerk Bliss added that is what is going on currently because the garbage company informed us that the landfills are no longer taking yard waste.

Mary Ellen Matise, 21 Clinton Street, commented that we already have lots of wild animals in the Village. There are possums, raccoons, wood chucks, rodents everywhere, and skunks. Chickens won't be any more attractive and would give all the feral cats something to do.

Peter Masci, Masci & Hale 88 East Main Street, commented that he sent a letter to the Board from his attorney that was shared with the Board. He lived on Highland Avenue for 15 years and knows the area pretty well. The office has been there since 1958 before Oakland Ave, before the Rail Trail, before Dunkin Donuts and our kids went to Walden Elementary School. He understands the concern with the small bridge on Highland and can understand that concern due to the number of children, but moving them to the corner of our office which is a 5 way intersection is more dangerous. They have witnessed 2 fatalities in front of our office over the years as well as numerous accidents. Very busy spot, people do not stop for pedestrians in that crosswalk there. He believe that 29 tickets were given out in one afternoon there. They had to help an older gentlemen who couldn't cross the road so they helped him just the other day. High School and Middle School hours are ok because that is before their office hours, but the Elementary School at 8:30am and 8:40am is difficult. We would have 12 cars out front because they are open and accepting patients. Patients can't find parking in the area. His other concern is the snow that gets piled up in the median and the corners there. There are 10 kids on Oakland Avenue side and 15 on the Woodruff side which makes it about 25 cars in that area; it's an accident waiting to happen. He would like to get the stop away from Route 52. Why are they crossing the Road to get out onto the bus? People don't stop there while the children are trying to get to the bus. Understands the concern at the other spot, not sure what the answer is but they are concerned and want to see something done.

(Mayor Maher arrived at the meeting.)

Trustee Hoffman asked what the School District reaction was to the concern, as they set the stop.

Pete replied that he gets different stories from everyone he talks to and just wants to come to a solution. He doesn't have the answer but is concerned.

Manager Revella commented that we do not have authority to set the school stops.

Trustee Hoffman added that we have tried to work with them on bus stops before but we have been unsuccessful. They are the experts and would assume their recommendation is the safest by their standards.

Trustee Carley commented that he would talk to the School Board about it face to face.

Mayor Maher added that he and the Manager should go also.

Bill Pullar, 87 Highland Avenue and NYS DOT, commented that he too is concerned about the bus stop change. DOT approved a driveway for Dunkin Donuts and now there is a bus stop there that has a 3 way unregulated intersection. He looked at it and realized the stop had been moved. We went down there and saw that cars were parked facing the wrong direction; kids are walking on top of the wall; so he called the bus company. We was worried about having to cross through there. He spoke to Bill Taylor and John Sinsabaugh from the bus company and both of them said that the Village Board was adamant that the bus stop be relocated to Route 52 and Woodruff. He feels it is an accident waiting to happen. Bill Taylor is their safety officer and he was there taking pictures.

Trustee Hoffman clarified that they said they moved it because the Board told them to even though they knew it was a safety issue.

Bill replied he was not pointing fingers, just simply telling them what he was told.

Manager Revella commented that Trustee Hoffman was just clarifying that he told you even if we did tell them to move it but he thought it was a safety concern so they moved it anyway.

Bill replied that Mr. Taylor said that they don't like it either, they feel it is an accident waiting to happen. He suggests the bus go up Woodruff, make a left and then go down Highland. They argued turning radius, narrow width, and unconceivable parking.

Deputy Mayor Rumbold stated that due to the parking on both sides on Woodruff they would have difficulty getting a bus up there.

Bill added that the parents parking there in the wrong direction in that area don't help the situation. The bus company feels its back in your court from their standpoint.

Mayor Maher stated that if the bus company feels it's a safety issue then they would move it that is their responsibility. He stated that they would bring this up when they met with them.

Tara Klein, Masci & Hale, asked if it is a safety issue there then why are the middle schoolers still being picked up there. Is it the age of the children or the amount of children?

Trustee Leonard stated he's there with his grandson and the issue is the narrow bridge. The other issue is poor site visibility and the wintertime which makes the bridge more narrow which is still an issue. This issue of safety started last year and we asked the Superintendent to change it and he said no. It came up again this year so we had to do something. Parents were polled and were in agreement with the change.

Tara stated that the site visibility is also an issue at the Woodruff stop in the wintertime. Same problem different block.

Trustee Leonard stated that sending someone over there to tell us what we can and can't do might help the situation.

Peggy Sullivan, 15 Walnut Street, wanted to announce the Community Thanksgiving Dinner this Sunday that everyone is welcome to attend. It is put together by 8 different Faith Communities and it's feeding everyone and the intent is to have people mingle from different parts of the community. She asked if there is a law about the number of dogs someone can have.

Mayor Maher replied no, but it was brought up before. It was decided that the Board couldn't dictate the number of dogs a person could have.

Manager Revella added that there is a public health code that said a certain amount which is allowed by a kennel law. There is a licensing issue with the Town also.

Peggy stated that there is a kennel of Chihuahuas next to her.

Clerk Bliss advised her to call dispatch and they could help her out with that.

Becky Pearson, 167 Walnut Street, commented that if the bus stop was a concern which we knew but the Board talked about moving it to the end of Oakland Avenue so the parents can park in Wooster Grove instead of all over the street. Why not just make them all go to Oakland?

Deputy Mayor Rumbold asked why they would go to the Park when there is a public street in front of the office there that they can use.

Becky suggested they contact the parents and tell them to use the park instead of the street.

Peter Masci asked if at the meeting with the school they could suggest that the turn on Oakland is much easier than the turn on Woodruff. He personally almost got hit there. It is a much wider area, go around and get the kids away from Route 52, pick them up on top. They turn at the conservatory anyway. He understands they are trying to minimize the stops but this is an accident waiting to happen. It's clear up Oakland which is a huge street and just get them away from Route 52. To turn on Woodruff is very tight and Dunkin Donuts traffic parking there is a lot as well.

Trustee Leonard stated that Dunkin Donuts is moving down the street soon which should help.

Stephanie Austin, 55 Highland Avenue, explained that the reason why there are 2 stops is because one stop fills the bus. If you put all the kids on the Oakland side and the bus garage shuffles where the kids are might be the easiest way to fix this issue.

Mayor Maher stated that we have never had a stop moved until this one. We will take into account at their meeting. He is again very sorry to have arrived late.

Stephanie asked if this gets moved or change can someone let the parents know. They found out the stop was moving by Trustee Leonard who was there with his grandson, no one told us.

Chief Holmes, Village of Walden Chief of Police, stated that there was a lot of misinformation about the bus stop stated tonight so he wants to clear things up for the record. He has been dealing with the bus company for a long time. We have been dealing with the safety issues at East Main and Highland for a year and a half. He'd like to set the record straight. The Board knows through his bi-monthly reports where he has been with the bus company. His suggestion to the bus company when this first started was a change of a law with no parking along Mr. Nash's property. In order to resolve this we will likely need a new law for the problem of human behavior. Parents don't watch their kids, let them do what they want. He has the same issues in front of Walden Estates Road. They tried to get there to issue tickets. Suggested that before they do anything they send their safety officer there to talk to the parents and the people in the area. He gave me two dates that he was going to do that so he could get his own feel for that stop. Mr. Sinsabaugh spoke to Manager Revella and himself when they decided to move it. It was not mandated by the Board. The Board was looking into the law to put a stop parking zone in place to stop the parents from parking down there. They never sent a safety officer down there. We asked them how they were going to explain it to people and then pointed fingers to the School Board and the Village Board. They moved the stop too quickly in his opinion. He feels we need to take a strong stance with the bus company. He spoke to Mr. Taylor and Mr. Sinsabaugh who are adamant about not going up Woodruff. We suggested it years ago. So the issue there is human behavior, parents want to be right up front, people that live there see the same issues. This issue is all along Route 52. They can't change it to Oakland, they have to keep the seats open on that bus as if every kid will take the bus regardless if they do or not, that's why there are all the buses there. He just wanted to make it clear for everyone what really happened in that area. It has to be put back on the bus company to see what they can do and if we can get the kids off Route 52 that would be great.

Mayor Maher said we all just need to work together to resolve this issue.

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

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

### **Correspondence**

Mayor Maher read a Congressional Proclamation from Sean Patrick Maloney about Veterans Day as well as a thank you card from the Walden Community Council's Veterans Memorial Park Committee.

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

Trustee Mishk commented about the letter that was read in the beginning of the meeting. He suggested that someone from their congregation take part in the committee for events like this to better open the lines of communication. He also commented about the bus company; today there was a huge hole on Wait Street for a water main repair and while they were completing the repair quickly, he witnessed with his granddaughter a school bus that came up the street, went right past the detour signs and right over the hole. He did it going up the road as well as going down it. He was shocked he did that twice. It created a work hazard for the workers who had to pull their trucks across the road to prevent that from happening again. He would like to see us meet with the bus company to see how to rectify things like this.

Deputy Mayor Rumbold commented that the Veterans Ceremony was fabulous, the park looks great, and attendance increases every year. Halloween went well, thanks to Recreation & Parks Department for their work on the haunted house. She got a chance to go into Scofield house today, never know it was the same building. If you get a chance, go stop by, it's something to be proud of. What a nice investment for the Village that looks great!

Trustee Leonard commented that back in the day, about 3 years ago when the bus company wanted to remove a bus stop up the street from him. Megan Murphy found out that we could petition the School Board to reevaluate it. Perhaps we should do that.

Mayor Maher commented that the Veterans Day ceremony was fantastic. Bill Kirnan did a great job this year! Little Miss Walden was great this year and is a super star, looking forward to working with her this year. He apologized once again for being late tonight, he had a work meeting that went way too long.

### **Executive Session**

Deputy Mayor Rumbold moved to go into Executive Session to discuss Collective Bargaining Negotiations with the PBA. 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**

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

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Trustee Leonard made a motion to approve closing of the Square for the Christmas in the Square festivities on December 4, 2014 from 4pm until 8pm. Seconded by Trustee Mishk. All ayes. Motion carried.

**Fireworks Contract 12/31/14 7pm**

November 18, 2014

Trustee Hoffman made a motion to give the Village Manager approval to sign the Fireworks contract with Fireworks' Extravaganza for New Year's Eve December 31, 2014 to begin at 7pm at James W. Olley Community Park, not to exceed \$5,000. Seconded by Trustee Leonard. All ayes. Motion carried.

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

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

#### **Executive Session**

Deputy Mayor Rumbold moved to go into Executive Session to discuss Collective Bargaining Negotiations with the PBA. 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**

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