

**Village of Walden  
Board of Trustees Regular Meeting  
January 20, 2015**

Mayor Maher 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
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

Gerald Jacobowitz, reported on behalf of Walden Center Associates, owner of the apartments on Oak Street that he had good news. He was pleased to present a representational check in the amount of \$520,149.99 to the Village which represents the unpaid balance on their mortgage with the Village HODAG (Home Development Action Grant) loan that was originally to be paid in the year 2024; ten years early. The HODAG loan was originally in the amount of \$1,232,000 and they have been repaying the loan back plus interest for the past 29 years totaling \$1,578,149.99. They are pleased the project was undertaken and the Village has benefited from this. The money was wired into the Village's account directly. This is a fine example of the opportunities for private interests and the government to work together to achieve benefits for all in the Village.

**Presentation – ECHO-Cottages**

Bob Novak, owner of ECHO-Cottages, gave a power point presentation on a temporary housing option for elderly home owners. The units are built in Dutchess County on a chassis hitch. Doesn't change the character of the neighborhood, 450 feet of living space, wheelchair accessible. They look like a trailer home but has better curb appeal, is climate controlled, has a lifetime warrantee, and vinyl siding. The utilities hook up to the existing home, has a full security system, come pre wired for telephone and cable, has ADA bathroom, and is on wheels so it is completely removable. They are not yet in the business of buying back the units but the removal fees are included in their costs so that when the unit is finished being used they just call and it is removed at no additional costs.

Trustee Carley asked how many years he's been in service.

Bob replied for about 3 years. Some towns have code for these types of homes such as Beakman.

Trustee Hoffman asked about the utility connections in a Village setting as opposed to a Town setting.

Bob replied they are all metered so it's just a few trenches dug to the house for the hook ups to the house which then run through the homes' meters. Usage is about 60 gallons of water a day.

Deputy Mayor Rumbold asked about how the insurance works.

Bob replied it is usually included in a homeowners plan but it's so new that no one knows exactly how to insure it yet.

Trustee Bowen asked how many units have been done in this area and what is the cost breakdown per unit.

Bob replied the first one hopefully will be in Beakman. The units are \$49,000 plus \$10,000 to bring to house, do the necessary excavation, skirt it and hook up the utilities to the house, as well as removal when the unit is done being used. Monthly rental is about \$1,300 per month. They wanted it to be affordable as well as temporary. Equity loans are usually around \$500 per month. Of course it won't work every place but it will help some people. Assisted living is about \$4,000 per month.

Trustee Leonard commented that there has been a move towards taking care of people at home which means the renovations to get the home up to being wheelchair accessible there are a lot of upgrades which means it can get very costly. He is impressed with the units.

Bob commented that this will not work for everyone. Sometimes people don't want to move in with their families because they feel it causes tension or they feel like a burden on their family.

Attorney Donovan explained that if the Board was inclined to have these units they would be looking at doing a Local Law to allow an accessory structure for a secondary living space on the property.

Mayor Maher commented he was assuming the Zoning change would need to be based on specific parameters.

Attorney Donovan confirmed that.

Bob added that ECHO stands for Elder Cottage Housing Opportunity.

Attorney Donovan stated that any regulation would apply and we could call it whatever cottage we want to call it not specifically ECHO Cottages.

Bob added that these units are so new. The idea started in Australia and this is his own company that he has created. They have not done any kind of marketing for them at this  
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point and their website gets 1,500 hits per year, seen in over 100 companies, and translated into many languages. He can only imagine that once he does market for them that will only increase.

Trustee Mishk stated he was for creating a local law. He actually tried to get a variance for one earlier in the year for his father-in-law. Unfortunately it could not get approved and his family spent a lot of money to get his father-in-law's home up to ADA compliance. He thinks it's a great idea. He did a lot of research on smaller units like this online. If we changed the Zoning for something like these cottages, they are protected as they are temporary. As long as the law says it has to be removed.

Mayor Maher stated that the law could state that but if an individual builds their own and then moves and it doesn't get taken down it causes an issue.

Manager Revella replied that would be a property maintenance issue. If they didn't remove it we would remove it and charge the property owner.

Trustee Carley stated that this is complimentary to what Brenda had brought up to the Board before. It looks good to him.

Trustee Hoffman stated that his opinion has not changed since last time we discussed it. He feels it is a good solution but is better served in a Town setting with bigger lot sizes. Here we would have issues with density and enforcement.

Deputy Mayor Rumbold agrees with Sean. The varied lot sizes in our Village concern her. She has some safety concerns about high winds, heavy snows, as well as insurance questions and how they rate them. She would like to hear what the community has to say about it, but she is not so sure.

Trustees Leonard and Bowen both would like it put on as a discussion for the next meeting.

Mayor Maher wanted to acknowledge the Boy Scouts in the room watching Government in Action while working on their merit badge. Welcome and thank you for coming out tonight.

### **Hearing – 47 S. Montgomery Street**

Manager Revella explained that there is debris on the porch and around the property including buckets, a TV, and garbage. There has been no response from the owner to date.

Neither the owner nor tenant is present tonight.

Deputy Mayor Rumbold asked if the property was occupied.

Manager Revella replied yes but he is not sure if it's by tenants or owner.

Deputy Mayor Rumbold asked where the Code Enforcement Officer was tonight.

Clerk Bliss replied that he had to pick someone up from the airport but was going to try to get here. Dean was not available to come in his place tonight.

Trustee Bowen made a motion to have the garbage and debris removed from the property of 47 South Montgomery Street and any costs charged back to the property owner. Seconded by Trustee Carley. 7 ayes, 0 nays, 0 abstentions. Motion carried.

### **Village Manager's Report –**

- Has had correspondence with PBA representatives regarding contract negotiations and the status of some personnel matters. We handled a lot of issues in house.
- NBC told us that “Unraveled”, a TV show that was filmed here in the Village. It will be airing on February 5<sup>th</sup> at 9pm on Discovery ID channel.
- Met with VRI on plant operations and improvement in the sludge press room monitoring. Waiting for NYSEG to put a poll in and connect the electric. The press should be in within a week so we should be on track to be up and running soon.
- Met with store Manager for Hannaford Supermarket with the Recreation Coordinator and the Village Clerk about Music in the Grove Concerts and they will be donating free food for each concert. We are very thankful for that.
- Leadership Day ceremony was great, well attended. Awards are updated in the back of the room.
- Zoning Board meeting was great hopefully will be approval for AMPAC for an expansion, as well as the directional sign at the top of Oak Street for the Thruway shopping center.
- Had a few icing conditions and minor snow conditions. Very costly because it takes the most man hours and salt.
- New carpeting is completed in the Village offices and is now reorganized.
- We did have a lot of snow violations that had to be remedied. Mostly vacant or bank owned properties which we took care of and charged.
- Had some conferences with the Village Clerk and our insurance company on pending litigations and their statuses. We actually have a deposition in 3 weeks for one.
- Met with the Treasurer to go over the auditor stuff and the year-end figures. We are starting the budget process with Department heads.
- Had a few issues with private residences and commercial buildings having water breaks. The attorney is helping us with what we do with things like that such as billing and the cost for man power to assist the owners when these things happen.
- Met with the Librarian to discuss upcoming activities and construction project coming up on the 1<sup>st</sup> floor, redoing the flooring and shelving on the first floor. Hoping to bid it in spring and finish it by end of the summer.
- Had a conference with our Insurance Agent about park use form as there has been some changes in insurance for events. We adjusted the park use form to meet that requirement. Will send one to all the Board members.

Trustee Hoffman asked for an update on the Ulster Ave project.

Manager Revella replied that we are only waiting for the statement of donations to fix the retaining walls from the 10 property owners. We have received 4 already.

Trustee Hoffman asked if it was a temporary construction easement.

Attorney Donovan explained that due to the temporary construction, the State believes there is a value to the temporary donation. So they want property owners to sign a letter that states that they know there is a value to the donation and they will not seek compensation for that value. The value is probably in the cents, not even the dollars. Kind of boggles the mind but the fact is that they won't do the walls without the letters.

Manager Revella added that he anticipated if we get these letters in time that we will need to do a bond resolution for incidentals including the inspection fees which needs to be in place before the bid.

Trustee Leonard asked if we did these easements before.

Manager Revella replied yes but they are outdated and we they needed to be updated as the state said it was out of date because they didn't review our project when it was initially sent to them.

Trustee Leonard asked for an explanation of the damage done to Police Car Number 6.

Manager Revella replied in the back parking lot the damage was caused as it was backed into one of the yellow bollards. Replaced the bumper as that can't be done in house, but the lights were repaired by our mechanic.

Mayor Maher asked him to explain in a little more detail the presentation of the ceremonial check that Mr. Jacobowitz gave at the beginning of the meeting.

Manager Revella replied that HODAG funding that was loaned to Walden Center Associates so that they could build the apartments on Oak Street. We can loan property owners money so they can rehabilitate their homes. The money is in the general fund but is ear marked specifically for rehab loans and cannot be used for anything else.

Mayor Maher asked if some of those funds could be used to pay the salary of a part time person to be aggressively working on using the funds.

Manger Revella said a percentage of the funds can indeed be used for the salary of a person. That is something we should discuss during budget sessions.

Deputy Mayor Rumbold asked about getting the machine off of Highland Avenue so we can plow.

Manager Revella replied he will have it moved tomorrow. The project is on hold until spring after the ground thaws.

### **Approval of the January 6, 2015 Minutes**

Clerk Bliss expressed her apologies and explained that the minutes have not been completed due to the construction that was going in in the office as she was not able to actually use her office for 3 days. They will be distributed as soon as possible.

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

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

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

### **Village Offices Liaison - Trustee Bowen**

Trustee Bowen stated Peter was going to give a presentation later tonight.

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

Deputy Mayor Rumbold reported that we were reimbursed for stop DWI funds and NYS traffic safety seats. There was an incident where a young child was walking home from school near the river and he slipped and fell towards the river by the damn. The police were called and officers James and Reynolds responded who both attempted to get to him. Officer James was able to stabilize himself and the child until the fire department came and pulled them both to safety. Kudos to our Police Department.

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

Trustee Hoffman reported that he and Dean met today and wanted to note that he has two reports in your packets; one to catch up until the end of the year and this report is from the beginning of this year. Last year we talked about tracking those numbers to compare each year. We also discussed some budget concerns including getting some software that he will likely present again at budget sessions. Lastly we talked about the Landlord Registry and the implementation of that. He is preparing and working with John to send out letters and start inspections on that soon.

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

Trustee Carley reported that there is a School Board bond meeting on the 22<sup>nd</sup> and the vote is on the 29<sup>th</sup>. The Recreation and Parks Department is going well. John spoke about the great donation from Hannaford to Music in the Grove series this summer which is great. Basketball is going well as well as adult gym. The OC Youth Bureau meeting is at the end of the month to go over the funds we are receiving from them for our programs.

Deputy Mayor asked if the School Board was trying to give direction to the Superintendent to stay within the tax cap this year.

Trustee Carley replied that yes, it's been discussed. This Board as opposed to last year's Board are really on Dr. Hooley and holding his feet to the fire with everything.

### **Village Justice and DPW Liaison - Trustee Mishk**

Trustee Mishk stated that DPW has been very busy. There were frozen lines as well as sewer back up issues which were both homeowner issues but we had to camera lines in order to be certain. Going through a lot of salt this year, may need to order more. Had a few water main breaks one on Highland and Oakland. Kudos to Working Leader who came in from his vacation to take care of that.

Manager Revella added that they have been picking up Christmas trees and they will stop picking them up at the end of January. If they are not out by the end of the month residents will have to wait until yard waste pick up resumes in April and cut them down to the required size. Also they did order more salt.

The Mayor read the community events calendar into the minutes.

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

Brenda Adams, 31 Valley Avenue, commented that the ECHO Cottage is a good concept and she can see why it's needed. The Accessory Unit law that was presented by the Zoning Board is actually the reverse of this idea which was to allow someone who already lives here to get them to stay here rather than bringing someone into the Village to have them live here. She knows the Accessory Unit law made some members nervous because it is exclusionary and would be difficult to monitor, but this would have the same issues. She asked the Board to please consider the big picture if you do go forward with it. Please think of all the people who might need something like this, those that live here and want to stay here as well as those who have loved ones they are looking to take care of.

## **Action Items**

### **Resolution 17-14-15 Budget Amendment**

Peter Sullivan, Treasurer, explained that this is presented to the Board based on our projections for the 2014-2015 Fiscal year and specifically enumerates the adjustments he is suggesting. We have pluses and minuses here and there but we are doing better on the General Fund side than we had anticipated at this point. This is due to increased revenues such as CHIPS funds and Insurance recoveries. We were also conservative on our projections due to bad experiences last year so we are seeing some benefits from that. The Water fund result is that it is doing better than planned and the Sewer fund result is that we are almost at our planned number. Next year's budget for Water and Sewer funds will need funding so he is suggesting that we do something with the rates for next year and the sooner the better. The Resolution before you enumerates in greater detail.

Deputy Mayor Rumbold said she knows that the DEC wants us to revamp all of our major pump stations. Do we have a cost associated with that yet?

Manager Revella explained that it would include rehabbing the pump stations with generators at each one and would cost approximately \$270,000. We are applying now for CDBG funding to aide us with a different grant we may qualify for. Not sure when the decision would be made for the grant but we would know prior to the budgeting process. There is no timeline from the DEC at this time either.

Deputy Mayor Rumbold asked how many pump stations we had to revamp.

Manager Revella stated that one is slated to be upgraded with the Townhouse project as part of their approval process. We would need to do the Pine Street and Pond Road Pump Stations and the rest of them all seem to be up to speed so far with the exception of the alarming.

Deputy Mayor Rumbold asked if the repairs done at the Sewer Plant under the direction of the DEC took into consideration the increase in usage if there is an addition of Kidd Farm.

Manager Revella replied no, this is for current usage only. We complied in January 2013 with the consent order for the Sewer Plant. They are still reviewing it and they could say that there is still an issue. The DEC will likely continue to give us a new consent order each year regardless of our compliance. They will say it is a new consent order and continue and to legislate through the consent order and monitor. They are doing that with all the municipalities in New York State.

Deputy Mayor Rumbold commented that regardless of the money that we've already spent to come into compliance what they are doing is continuing to give consent orders and administrate using these consent orders to force municipalities to do these improvements on their schedule dictated by the DEC not the municipality.

Manager Revella replied that is correct.

Deputy Mayor Rumbold stated that is difficult when you are trying to work on a budget. Do they normally put a time frame these consent orders?

Manager Revella replied that yes, it is a negotiated timeframe and they do give us some lea way for funding etc.

Trustee Bowen asked if there are projected increased numbers.

Manager Revella replied yes, John Queenan is preparing a report end which should be here by the end of the week as well as information that Attorney Donovan will be doing.

Deputy Mayor Rumbold commented that you can try to do that but it is difficult to budget when this happens.

Attorney Donovan added it is also difficult since it's a capital expense you don't know exactly what the number is if you have to go out for funds.

Trustee Leonard asked what the mandated repairs are. We've done so much work already down there.

Manager Revella replied they want all pump stations alarmed and with full generator capacity at each pump station, which we don't have at all stations yet.

Trustee Leonard asked if the State bids for diesel fuel and gas have been modified.

Manager Revella replied he has not received them yet but he hopes so.

Deputy Mayor Rumbold asked if there was a way for us to argue that we have fulfilled the obligations of the original consent order and be released from it.

Manager Revella stated that we made the argument several times. We've gone above and beyond what was required. We did full cameraing of the entire Village they only wanted certain sections. So far it has fallen on deaf ears.

Attorney Donovan added that what happened was that in early April 2014 John Queenan and John Revella went to meeting with the DEC and they asked for certain items to be included in the current consent order. Obviously John and John said no and he wrote a letter replying that we would not concede to that. We did what was required and that is finished from our point of view. It got a fairly chilly reception and it was referred to counsel at that time and we have not gotten a response since them.

Mayor Maher stated that perhaps he can look into that.

Attorney Donovan stated it's a double edged sword and we may not get the answer we would like. We need to do what we need to so that we aren't violating any DEC regulations or requirements.

Mayor Maher stated that if he does hear anything to let him know and he can go through the Senator's office to get a line of communication to someone else who might be able to help us.

Trustee Bowen is concerned we are leaving the door open by saying nothing.

Attorney Donovan added that John is correct, they want to control the timeline and the penalties in the consent order are higher than what would otherwise be imposed for DEC violations.

Trustee Hoffman asked if this was consistent with other municipalities in his experience.

Attorney Donovan replied yes.

Trustee Leonard made a motion to approve Resolution 17-14-15 Budget Amendment. Seconded by Deputy Mayor Rumbold. All ayes. Motion carried.

### **Discussion Items**

#### **Sewer Rate/Special Benefit Assessment**

Attorney Donovan explained that at the last meeting we discussed alternate methods of raising funds other than raising rates. He has prepared a memo for the Board that it's not particularly helpful to say here is how you do this, but rather he would suggest that the Board authorize the formation of a committee to include John Queenan, Peter Sullivan, Manager Revella, himself and a Board Member. It would be helpful to say, here's the impact on a resident, here's the impact on a business owner, etc. You can do this based on the number of seats in a restaurant as an example, but you need a comparison to see what the impact would be on them. Without that comparison you wouldn't be able to answer to the residents why you were doing it one way versus another way.

Trustee Hoffman volunteered for the committee as well as Trustee Leonard.

Mayor Maher asked what their authority would be.

Attorney Donovan replied that the committee would make a recommendation to the Board depicting what the impact would be to the different rate payers, and provide a comprehensive comparative analysis.

Deputy Mayor Rumbold made a motion to authorize the formation of a committee to include John Queenan, Peter Sullivan, Manager Revella, Attorney Donovan, Trustee Hoffman, and Trustee Leonard for the purposes of completing a comprehensive comparative analysis of the different fee structures for Water and Sewer rates and make a recommendation to the Village Board. Seconded by Trustee Bowen. All ayes. Motion carried.

Manager Revella added that the attorney did provide an Attorney-Client memo for everyone to take with them and review.

Deputy Mayor Rumbold asked if the Board would entertain asking the Manager to review our current policy about billing and collection for water and sewer. In fairness we need to make sure that the procedure is effective and efficient. We need the revenue in those two areas but she really wants to reassure the citizens we are doing our best to collect what is owed before we possibly raise our rates. She feels we may need a little improvement in that area.

Manager Revella added that we have had water loss from sprinkler systems. Last week one building turned their heat off and their sprinkler broke and they lost over 70,000 gallons of water in one night. There has been several of these instances in the last two weeks.

Deputy Mayor Rumbold asked how we measure that.

Manager Revella replied that is estimated base on pipe volume and pressure.

Deputy Mayor Rumbold asked if that then generates a bill for that property owner.

Attorney Donovan replied that is currently under discussion at this time. Can't give a definitive answer at this time. Peter indicated this should be taken care of quickly so we intend to meet at soon as possible.

### **2015-2016 Requests For Proposals**

Mayor Maher explained this is to contemplate whether we should put out Request for Proposals for the different consultants that we have. The only one we were thinking of doing was our accountants and our sewer operators. He feels our Engineers, our Planner, and our Attorney have been great this year.

Trustee Bowen made a motion to authorize the Village Manager to send out Requests for Proposals for Accounting Services and for Wastewater Treatment Operator for the 2015-2016 fiscal year. Seconded by Trustee Leonard. All ayes. Motion carried.

### **Pay It Forward Campaign**

Parinaz Mokhtari, Director of the Montgomery Montessori School, spoke about the pay It Forward Campaign. They are a school in the Village of Montgomery that serves children ages 2 years 9 months to 13 years of age. At the school they try to instill the power of giving and how one person can make a difference. They have done a lot of programs in Montgomery and New Windsor and would like to do something here in Walden. The programs they have been doing empower the children and help them see that they can make a difference. Watching the smiles on their face when they get a good response from a stranger is priceless. This particular "Pay It Forward Campaign" is part of the "National School Choice Week" and they are proposing hanging scarves on trees around the Village for those that need them with the hope to promote them to paying it forward. They would have tags on them that read, "I am not lost! If you're stuck out in the cold, take this scarf to keep warm! I hope this inspires you to pay it forward". They would like to do this project, weather permitting, one day during the week of January 26<sup>th</sup>.

Mayor Maher asked who she would make arrangements with to do this type of campaign.

Manager Revella stated we do something similar with Turn the Town Teal where they hang ribbons on the trees in the Square and on Main Street. He suggested that she could contact him directly to work out the details of the dates and locations for the campaign.

Trustee Mishk made a motion to approve the Pay it Forward Campaign to tie scarves on the trees around Village Square and Main Street, authorizing the Montgomery Montessori School to work with the Village Manager to set up the dates of the campaign. Seconded by Deputy Mayor Rumbold. All ayes. Motion carried.

### **Public Comment**

Anita Vandermark, 76 Highland Avenue, thanked Tara Bliss for her work on Leadership Day; she is outstanding. She got a lot of comments from people who were in attendance and they were very impressed. She added that on Wednesday, January 28<sup>th</sup> is the first Harvest Fest committee meeting at the New York School of Music at 7pm. The Walden Sunshine Society gave a check to the Village for a youth to attend the Summer Camp this year. The Village has helped us so much and we are a very functional group.

Brenda Adams, 31 Valley Avenue, asked about the money that Mr. Jacobowitz family paid back and if it was only for housing.

Manager Revella replied it is a rehabilitation loan for homes or it can be buildings that have mixed use but they have to have a residential component. There is a question about another fund we have and what we can use the funds for but we are working on that. They both have constraints on them; the small cities funds versus HODAG funds and the Village Board may be able to make changes to those restrictions that are self-imposed.

Brenda clarified if it could be used for multifamily apartments but not for single family homes.

Manager Revella replied yes it can be used for single family homes. We try to give out as many loans as possible. We have \$1.4 million at this point that we can give out. We have 2 in the process now and have 30 active loans right now that are being paid back now.

Brenda replied that is great, she would like to see it being used.

Manager Revella added that one of the problems they are having now is that a lot of homes are under water with their current mortgage or because their property value has dropped so significantly they don't have a lot of equity in the home but it is starting to work itself out.

Trustee Leonard asked if our loan applications have been being processed faster.

Manager Revella replied they were for a short period of time, but they are not now.

Mayor Maher asked what kind of outreach is being done for these programs.

Manager Revella replied we are finishing up some pamphlets that we are trying to update. The information is on our website now but are either for owner occupied or non-owner occupied. Again we can discuss these in more detail during the budget sessions.

Mary Ellen Matise, 21 Clinton Street, wanted to clarify that the HODAG money and the Small cities money are 2 separate funds. The HODAG money is a HUD based fund even though the fund is gone it was only to be used for low income housing.

Manager Revella interjected that it was that way but now there are no restrictions like that. They are self-imposed funds now. HUD regulations were only for the original loans. None of it is part of the original loan but we are working on the details now.

Mary Ellen asked if there was a HUD representative that we could contact.

Manager Revella replied that we did contact HUD and no one there is familiar with these programs. We know we can spend it for certain things but we don't know about the other purposes which is the question now.

Attorney Donovan stated there is literally boxes of material they have been going through.

Mary Ellen said we were trying to find out if projects were done with the HODAG money and then they pay it back and you sell the property is it still binding.

Manager Revella stated it's a covenant and it would stay with the property. The purpose was to rehabilitate buildings in the Village so ideally we don't want to have any money sitting in the fund.

Mary Ellen commented on the ECHO Cottages, we need to see how many lots something like this would fit on to in order to see if it's even worth going forward to make a local law for this. It's a great concept but feels like a big constraint in terms of design.

Becky Pearson, 167 Walnut Street, asked what the chain of command is in the Village when the Manager is away.

Manager Revella replied that it depends on the problem; it's not just one person.

Becky asked if those people aren't allowed to go on vacation when he's on vacation.

Manager Revella replied that is correct. Everyone is alerted when he is on vacation.

Becky asked if it was a snow emergency for example and he was on vacation what happens.

Manager Revella replied that the Police Department would contact the Village Clerk or a designated Sergeant. It's not just one person who steps in when he's gone.

Becky asked who decides that.

Manager Revella replied that he decides that. While he was away this last time the Clerk was in charge. He tries to utilize everyone's expertise when designating who's responsible for what which is why it's not just one person.

Becky added that the geese at Olley Park are a real problem, it's disgusting and sad to see. There are things you can do to help keep them away. The catch basin by her house

she has been complaining since her road was redone. The depth was shortened when they redid the road. Now she has water in her basement and it never did before. The basin is actually overflowing when it rains. Not sure why it was shortened and it's still overflowing. She was told there were tree roots constricting the pipe but the tree has been there forever.

Manager Revella explained that what she previously had in that basin was one that leached into the ground but now you have a precast basin that doesn't have the holes to allow for water to go down into the ground. The pipe is now constricted by roots so now it comes up through the top.

Becky asked why they changed that.

Manager Revella replied that they don't make those old kinds any longer.

Becky asked if we could just cover it up. The metal guard on the side is gone now too so it just runs into the ground.

Manager Revella said they talked about doing a double basin there to see if it's a flow problem. Maybe we can get rid of the whole thing, he will ask the engineer and he will look into ways to get rid of the geese humanely.

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

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

### **Correspondence**

None.

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

Trustee Hoffman commented that our next meeting is the Tri Board Meeting that will be held prior to our regular meeting. If anyone has something they would like on the agenda let him know.

Deputy Mayor Rumbold commented that Leadership Day was wonderful. Congratulations to the recipients and the committee; real nice crowd, great job Tara. She asked about the area in front of Village hall and the side of the library; can we do a better job cleaning the snow and ice there. She's asked about the triangle pile of snow before also.

Manager Revella replied that he promises it will never get over 3 feet.

Mayor Maher echoed the comments about Leadership Day and congratulations to all our winners.

### **Adjournment**

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

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**Payment of the Audited Bills**

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

**Adjournment**

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