

**Village of Walden
Board of Trustees Regular Meeting
June 2, 2015**

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	Sue Rumbold
Deputy Mayor	Sean Hoffman
Trustees	Brenda Adams
	Bernard Bowen
	Edmond Leonard
	Brian Sebring

Absent:

Willie Carley

Also Present:

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

Presentation – Village Planners

Manager Revella stated that the Village Board appoints a planner every year to work on grants and other things that come up during the year. Planners were asked to come before the Board tonight to talk a little about their company, things they have worked on in the past, and a brief overview. Alan Sorensen was our planner last year.

Alan Sorensen, Planit Main Street, thanked the Board for the long history he has already had with Walden. He created its first downtown revitalization plan, also the comprehensive plan, and the update to that comprehensive plan. More importantly he has been successful in putting into place some of the funding to implement those projects such as securing the Transportation Enhancement Grant for the creation of the Walden-Walkkill Rail Trail. He has also worked with Kerron Barnes over the years to secure the NY Main Street funding and most recently the TEP grant for the pedestrian bridge to connect the Rail Trail to the downtown area. He welcomes the opportunity to help overcome the hurdles with the TEP grant as he feels that project would be a tremendous asset to the Village. He has enjoyed working here and has always believed in the future vitality of the Village and welcomes the opportunity to do so.

Deputy Mayor Hoffman stated that one of the main tasks we have right now is the CFA funding application. He asked for a brief background and asked Alan to speak to his experience with the CFA application.

Manager Revella explained that over the past few years, the State consolidated grant opportunities into a Consolidated Funding Application (CFA). This year we are looking to apply for a community center at Olley Park that is in our Comprehensive Plan as well as the Park Plan. We'd like to secure funding for that this year.

Alan replied that he just recently attended the CFA workshop in Binghamton and there are a variety of programs available to help fund that project. NYS Parks & Recreation and the Historic Preservation there is up to \$500,000 available for park improvements. That would be a direct potential application out of the CFA. Beauty of the CFA is you can apply to many and may be able to bundle with CDBG. He has successfully done that with the Village of Deposit, a small Village situated in both Delaware and Broome Counties. Last year he secured funding for them for their Front Street revitalization program through 3 grants. One of which brought \$1.4 million to the community and involved CDBG funding in water and sewer line replacement, LWRP funding for street scape enhancements and Transportation Enhancement Grant. He understands the programs very well and has a strong success rate in securing the grants. Being that he has the benefit of knowing the community so well would enhance the probability of securing those funds. He would love to do that.

Deputy Mayor Hoffman asked if timing is an issue; does he view the application deadline as a hurdle or a challenge.

Alan replied that the CFA deadline is July 31st, so he feels there is plenty of time to pull that application together. We will have to have a Public Hearing as soon as possible but the rest of application we have until July 31 which is sufficient time and he has done it in less time in the past. It is only a matter of the decision to go after the funds and getting registered in the CFA system so that he can begin to work on the application.

Kristen O'Donnell, Turner Miller Group, explain that John is handing out the qualifications packet with recent projects we've prepared. Their company has been in the Hudson Valley for more than 30 years. Stu Turner has worked with the Citizens Foundation on their place making committee. Currently working with the Village of Goshen, Village of Warwick, Village of Chester and Village of Woodbury so we are familiar with the area. In terms of grants we do that kind of work and have submitted a grant in Stony Point to make some improvements and have been successful in the Village of Haverstraw for their waterfront revitalization and improving their public amenities along the water front. They have done the comprehensive plan in Glen Cove. Have done the CDBG funding in Village of Monroe most recently. Currently working with Lanc & Tully in the Village of Goshen and will include preparing a grant for CDBG money there. That is generally what we do. She spoke with John Queenan about the proposed project for the community center and what she got from them the Village is definitely eligible for CDBG funding. They are prepared for that deadline of June 12th if the Village would like to pursue that. They are also prepared to do that through CFA as well.

Deputy Mayor Hoffman stated that we are planning to seek CFA funding for the community center and have already agreed to seek CDBG funding for another project.

Manager Revella confirmed that we have already had a public hearing and agreed to apply for CDBG funding for sidewalks through Lanc and Tully.

Deputy Mayor Hoffman stated our first project would be the CFA application. He asked her to speak about their qualifications with CFA.

Kristen replied that CFA in and of itself is relatively new but we did one for the Village of Monroe after we did their comp plan to expand their park in Monroe. Most of the other
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grants we've prepared were before the CFA has come into play but we have submitted grants under other funding that now fall under CFA. They attend all the workshops annually but that is the only one that specifically fell under CFA.

Manager Revella asked if the waterfront grant they did for Haverstraw was prior to CFA.

Kristen replied yes it was. Ginswork Development along the waterfront there. The Development came at the same time and they funding the public improvements including public access ADA compliant and the walkway along the Hudson through that grant.

Manager Revella explained we have a river going through our municipality and are looking at waterfront revitalization for that as well. Is that a difficult grant with a lot of criteria to secure?

Kristen replied, no it's not. Walden certainly qualifies in terms of the income and housing qualifications she feels that would make Walden a fine candidate due to proximity to waterfront.

Trustee Bowen asked how many people work on their projects.

Kristen replied generally there are 2 people. Stu was supposed to be here tonight but we always have a backup plan in the event there is a conflict such as tonight. We had a client in Glen Cove that needed us at a meeting so he headed to that meeting and here I am tonight.

Mayor Rumbold asked what she feels her group brings to the table that other groups don't.

Kristen replied they have a lot of experience in the Hudson Valley in Orange County working with a number of municipalities particularly in Village settings. She feels they are extremely responsive. Clients call and they have immediate needs and we have the ability to meet those needs. Their response time is fast. Stu also has a connection with the Citizen's Foundation as well as so much institutional knowledge having hand his hand in basically every major project in Orange County for the last 30 years.

Mayor Rumbold asked if it has ever happened that several municipalities they represent are going after the same money; how do you handle that.

Kristen replied yes as the CFA is a broad spectrum, several will likely reach out. In most cases they are falling under different grants within CFA. Goshen for example is seeking street scape and storm water improvements. Sometimes it's water front. Not necessarily a conflict as they are all different. In this specific setting Walden has a unique criteria to tailor our needs to.

Attorney Donovan wanted to state for the record that he has worked with Alan Sorensen in the Town of Chester in the past and Stu Turner and Kristen now in the Village of Goshen.

Deputy Mayor Hoffman stated he has worked with Turner-Miller in Village of Woodbury as well as other development clients in a Planning Board capacity as such.

Attorney Donovan stated that so long as there is no direct financial involvement so there is no conflict and feels it is important to make that disclosure.

Village Manager's Report –

- NYSEG putting in the pole at Sewer plant this Friday for Belt Filter Press. Mayor Rumbold made a call and got the ball rolling.
- Met with DOT and clarified that they have authorized their work crews to cut brush once per year. So we will have to do it ourselves if it's too high. They are going to work with us on lights to make sure that the lights are in sync and adding arrows possibly at the lights.
- Interviewed all summer candidates for Summer Camp, SYLA, and Recreation program. The Clerk is filing with the County and should be good there.
- Spoke with NYS Manager's Association regarding a few issues before the State Legislature and Congress hopefully we can work through that. NYS is considering renewing the tax freeze and tax cap legislation. Municipalities including our own will likely ask for exemptions to help alleviate that burden and not unduly prejudice our residents against any credits they may get.
- Good attendance at Memorial Day Parade. Presentations were great and everyone was moved with the ceremony. He thanks the American Legion and VFW to make that happen, did a great job.
- Meetings with Chief about a grievance that has been resolved. Also talked about the PBA negotiations and we will touch on that a little later in executive session.
- Worked with the Treasurer on our efficiency plan so that our residents can qualify for rebates.
- We had a good showing at OCATVC meeting where they talked about grants and policies for grants and other issues that will be discussed tomorrow with the County such as annexation.
- Police are following up with the new CAD system at the County, we are upgrading ours here too.
- Spoke to Chief about the awards program we are working on in the next few months.
- Year-end reports and fund balances came out pretty well compared to what was estimated, so doing much better.
- Received tax revenue already. Usually have a good percent pay up before the end of the month which is helpful for cash flow.
- Had a good meeting with NYS Deferred Comp with the Treasurer and Clerk. Currently with ICMA but this one they do the management and have more plans and employees can take loans on it as well. We will likely bring this up at the next Board meeting for your consideration.
- Met with Hunter Insurance to solidify our insurance for next year. Were able to get a \$15,000 savings by signing with Travelers and possibly more savings by combining Workers Comp.
- We have a potential litigation to discuss in executive session tonight as well.

Mayor Rumbold asked if a lot of people use the credit card option.

Manager Revella replied no, it is very minimal. We had 10 total and it is only an option for payment of taxes.

Peter Sullivan, Treasurer, stated that in the budget is money for a newer utility billing system will allow for that.

Mayor Rumbold asked if a traffic study was done for the area where the new Dunkin Donuts is going to be.

Manager Revella stated that is part of the Planning Board process. The uses that were proposed were alleged to have similar traffic patterns to what was already there.

Mayor Rumbold stated that there will likely be an increase in traffic with a drive thru.

Manager Revella stated that personally he doesn't know what he can say speaking against their Planning Board decision.

Deputy Mayor Hoffman added that NYS DOT approved the driveway access and they actually required a specific revision to the entrance to the drive thru.

Dean Stickles, Building Inspector, stated that DOT made many changes before the final approval.

Mayor Rumbold is amazed and she has to believe that there will be more traffic than with what was there before. So many people have been questioning her on it with concerns about it being a traffic nightmare between people going in and out, companies and trucks making deliveries, she just thinks it will be a problem.

Deputy Mayor Hoffman replied that there are two issues there, one is traffic generation and traffic on public roads, and the other is site circulation, moving around the site internally. DOT definitely considered traffic generation and he believes the Planning Board did internal site traffic as part of their approval.

Approval of the May 19, 2015 Minutes

Trustee Adams made a motion to approve the May 19, 2015 minutes. Seconded by Trustee Bowen. All ayes. Minutes approved.

Trustee's Committee Reports

DPW Liaison– Trustee Leonard

Trustee Leonard had nothing new to report. He commented that the science research assembly the night of the school election and there was a lot of activity there and was not a good situation just as Trustee Adams stated.

Village Offices Liaison – Trustee Bowen

Trustee Bowen reported got report from Peter and numbers appear to be going in right direction. Still have activity to close out the year so will have another report then.

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

Trustee Hoffman reported that he met with Dean and went over the items on the agenda tonight. No Planning Board or Zoning Board of Appeals meetings this month as there are no applications before either Board. We also reviewed the outstanding items at Thruway which are nearing completion.

Mayor Rumbold asked about the drop off and the orange fence at the Thruway.

Dean Stickles, Building Inspector, replied that there is a black fence there now from parking lot to the back of Mavis and goes around and the orange fence will be taken down.

Mayor Rumbold stated that she remembers it was rock back there, is there any soil or plantings for stabilization and run off.

Dean replied there are plantings at the top of hill that are growing and they will seed remaining to have wild grasses grow there and behind auto zone will be decorative stone.

Town of Montgomery & Library Board liaison – Trustee Carley

Trustee Carley was absent.

Police Department Liaison – Trustee Sebring

Trustee Sebring reported he had nothing new to report.

Recreation & Parks Department and Valley Central School Board Liaison – Trustee Adams

Trustee Adams reported that the school budget passed. Mike was on vacation and he sent his report out that summer camp is filling up and tennis and flag football going well for Recreation and Parks Department.

Mayor Rumbold stated she has had more comments from people upset about the school vote not being held at the elementary schools. She personally missed it because she couldn't get to the High School to vote. Any chance that will change?

Trustee Adams replied that she was going to see if we can do a petition or what else we can do. She did find out that you can't the change the locations without a public hearing. Was going to as Trustee Carley to see if they did that and if not would call the school to find out.

Manager Revella stated that we can FOIL the record to see if it was conducted.

Mayor Rumbold thinks it's a shame as many seniors couldn't get there and there were many students there to cast their votes.

Trustee Adams stated when she went there were buses around and it was very scary to drive through the school and the parking was so far away her husband couldn't walk there to vote.

Mayor Rumbold read the community events into the minutes.

Public Comment on Business of the Board

Manager Revella stated there is an added Action item tonight about the geese issue at Olley Park and signing an agreement with the USDA as they can humanely remove the geese just need authorization to sign the agreement.

None.

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Action Items

Appointment of Village Planner

Mayor Rumbold stated we need to make a decision tonight as we are on a timeline to get that application going.

Trustee Leonard made a motion to appoint Alan Sorensen as the Village Planner. Seconded by Trustee Adams.

Trustee Adams stated that Alan has experience with the Village but do we have pricing information.

Manager Revella stated that Turner Miller did but not Alan Sorensen.

Trustee Adams asked how that came out.

Manager Revella stated they were reasonable with their CFA estimate in his respect.

Attorney Donovan stated if the Board will not be making a decision tonight they cannot talk about the numbers in open session as then they would be public knowledge and could bid against that number.

Manager Revella asked Mr. Sorensen multiple times but he did not provide figures.

Trustee Adams stated it is hard to decide without numbers.

Mayor Rumbold feels that if we asked for a fee schedule and they are reluctant to do that doesn't understand that. Decision to use services and need fees almost says that they weren't really interested and there is a time table fast approaching and Alan is familiar with the Village enough that he would be inclined to give us the information we requested. It bothers her that he didn't. That was part of the request to both firms.

Trustee Bowen asked if it could have been an accident or lack of professionalism.

Deputy Mayor Hoffman asked if there was any response at all.

Manager Revella stated that the response was not clear and didn't contain any fees at all.

Mayor Rumbold stated the questions was asked, "Are you interested and this is what we need". The response was, "Yes I'm interested do you think there is work coming up?" There was nothing about charges or fees.

Deputy Mayor Hoffman commented that we haven't used him that often, last one was for the comp plan and the pedestrian bridge so maybe he didn't realize what you were asking for.

Manager Revella stated the request listed the CFA application and requested numbers.

Trustee Leonard stated that in the past Alan has given us good prices by comparison.

Trustee Adams added that he seems to have more experience with CFA more than Kristen had, only did one.

Mayor Rumbold added that CFA is a new program. She feels it's not a bad idea to see what else is out there. Alan is a one man show and is busy and sometimes in the past his response time to us was not in a timely manner. So lack of information and forthcoming is par for what has happened in the past. Might be a good idea to explore what else is out there and maybe fresh eyes and new ideas.

Trustee Adams stated she didn't know he was unresponsive.

Mayor Rumbold replied not unresponsive, just busy and slow to reply in what we thought was a timely manner. She thinks that's why she was copied on emails to see the timeliness of answers and completeness of answers.

Trustee Bowen asked if any of that could have been on our part in the past.

Manager Revella replied that we would have a meeting or conference call together and have deadlines and then they would pass and we would have to follow up again.

Deputy Mayor Hoffman stated that recently the only two projects we've had were the TEP grant and the Comprehensive Plan. Are you saying you had problems with him on those in the past?

Manager Revella stated we had done the CFA in the past and we had the same thing.

Trustee Sebring asked if on his prior jobs was his fee comprehensive.

Manager Revella stated he charged hourly. Turner submitted a lump sum.

Attorney Donovan stated that if the Board wants information before they vote, perhaps discuss in executive session.

Deputy Mayor Hoffman stated he would like to know what he's approving.

Attorney Donovan suggested the Board withdraw the motion to discuss in executive session and then come out and decide.

Trustee Leonard withdrew his motion to appoint Alan Sorensen as the Village Planner. Seconded by Trustee Adams.

Hearing Request – 36 Gladstone Avenue

Manager Revella explained there is furniture and debris in the driveway of this vacant property.

Deputy Mayor Hoffman made a motion to set a hearing for 36 Gladstone Avenue for Tuesday, June 16, 2015 at 6:30pm or as soon thereafter as the matter could be heard. Seconded by Trustee Bowen. All ayes. Motion carried.

Update – 45 Sunset Drive

Dean Stickles, Building Inspector, reported that the pool has not been abated. Has not heard from owner at all. Orange County Pools gave a price to up in a cover with installation and chemicals \$550 but it would be about 4-6 weeks to get the cover in because it's off season. He agreed with the Mayor last time and he would like to drain the pool and remove the liner.

Attorney Donovan stated that his concern is to go onto private property to abate a condition that may subject us to a claim in the future.

Dean added that if you take the water out of the pool, the liner will shrink and be ruined anyway.

Attorney Donovan commented that if the Board does decide to do that he suggests that they give a written deadline to the property owner to advise what will happen by "x" date.

Mayor Rumbold stated this will turn into an all summer issue if we just cover it which is at least 4-6 weeks. She doesn't see it any other way.

Dean did not get an estimate to remove the liner but we only need to drain the pool and remove the liner ourselves. He sent a notice, posted house, and we know he knew about it because he called us and at this point still has not done anything about.

Manager Revella added that the owner of 47 Sunset Drive called to ask about it since the last meeting.

Trustee Leonard asked if the liner holds water and is in good condition.

Dean replied yes it is full within 10" to the top.

Attorney Donovan commented that we have a potentially harmful situation but it is not an imminent threat to public health and safety. We run the risk that the owner comes back and says there was nothing wrong with the pool and you have damaged it and wants to be compensated.

Deputy Mayor Hoffman asked if that liability is reduced if we send a letter.

Attorney Donovan replied yes, minimized because he has been given due process as this will be the process.

Dean asked if we could shorten the date because Selena Court has called also because of the odor.

Attorney Donovan advised Dean to call the owner and ask for an updated address, if no response send to the property address. Give until next Wednesday, June 10, 2015 to drain the pool into the lawn and remove the liner.

Trustee Sebring made a motion to drain the pool into the lawn and remove the liner of the pool at 45 Sunset Drive and charge the property owner for any fees associated with it. Seconded by Trustee Adams. All ayes. Motion carried.

Hearing Request – 73-77 West Main Street

Dean Stickles, Building Inspector, reported that the property has many violations and has taken care of some but has not taken care of others. Would like to hold a hearing for the outstanding violations of February and May. Setting up appointment next week to complete the inspection. Proactively setting hearing in the event that not all of these items have been taken care of. Last time we brought her before the board we got quick results.

Trustee Adams made a motion to set a hearing for 73-77 West Main Street for Tuesday, June 16, 2015 at 6:30pm or as soon thereafter as the matter could be heard. Seconded by Trustee Sebring. All ayes. Motion carried.

Street Sweeper

Manager Revella explained that we were able to piggy back the contract from long island and putting together specs for a sweeper we can use in our Village. Once that is done we will put together and suggests tabling this issue until the next Board meeting. We likely will not get the sweeper until the fall and in the meantime will hand pick. Have borrowed before our celebrations as needed and can do that again. We should have before Harvest Fest.

Resolution 2-15-16 – Bond \$275,000 Various Capital Projects

Attorney Donovan reported this is for 2 pick-up trucks, Olley Park aerator, police vehicle SUV, large dump truck, improvements of the square, and roller. These are all type II actions so we do not need a negative declaration, according to our bond counsel.

Manager Revella stated that approval doesn't mean the project has to happen just means we have bond funds should we choose to do the projects.

Trustee Leonard motioned to adopt Resolution 2-15-16 approving the Bond for \$275,000 for Various Capital Projects. Seconded by Deputy Mayor Hoffman. All ayes. Motion carried.

Resolution 3-15-16 – Bond \$1,145,000 Portions of Ulster Avenue Sidewalks and Curbing

Attorney Donovan reported this is for the reconstruction of the Ulster Avenue Sidewalks and curbing.

Manager Revella added that the State of NY to reimburse the cost of approximately \$840,000.

Trustee Adams motioned to adopt Resolution 3-15-16 approving the Bond for \$1,145,000 Portions of Ulster Avenue Sidewalks and Curbing. Seconded by Trustee Bowen. All ayes. Motion carried.

Resolution 4-15-16 – Bond \$260,000 Various Streets and Sidewalks

Attorney Donovan reported this is for reconstruction of various streets and sidewalks.

Manager Revella added that hopefully CDBG fund, if approved, will reimburse part of this.

Trustee Adams motioned to adopt Resolution 4-15-16 approving the Bond for \$260,000 Various Streets and Sidewalks. Seconded by Trustee Hoffman. All ayes. Motion carried.

Resolution 5-15-16 – Bond \$145,000 Portions and Additions to the Sewer System

Attorney Donovan reported this is for portions of and additions to the sewer system.

Trustee Leonard motioned to adopt Resolution 5-15-16 approving the Bond for \$145,000 Portions and Additions to the Sewer System. Seconded by Trustee Sebring. All ayes. Motion carried.

Resolution 6-15-16 – Bond \$170,000 Portions of the Water System

Attorney Donovan reported this is for reconstruction of portion of water system.

Trustee Sebring motioned to adopt Resolution 6-15-16 approving the Bond for \$170,000 Portions of the Water System. Seconded by Deputy Mayor Hoffman. All ayes. Motion carried.

Geese Removal at Olley Park

Manager Revella stated that the USDA would take care of the geese issue at no cost because we are within 7 miles of the airport and they have funding for the coral trap and transport them to another location humanely.

Trustee Leonard asked how long before we have a new batch.

Manager Revella replied he didn't know but they would come for those also. It takes about 15 minutes to get all the geese out.

Mayor Rumbold asked if they remove the nests and eggs.

Manager Revella stated they don't touch the eggs and goslings will be taken as well.

Trustee Leonard made a motion to give the Village Manager authority to sign the agreement with the USDA to humanely remove the geese at Olley Park at no cost to the Village. Seconded by Trustee Bowen. All ayes. Motion carried.

Discussion Items

Dr. Kimball Tribute

Manager Revella stated the bench is about \$1,000. We were thinking of putting it at the end of the Rail Trail between the switch back so it is still in the Village. Looks very nice.

Clerk Bliss stated that conceptually the Town of Montgomery is on board with the idea but we have not gotten final approval or what the steps are to get this done.

Mayor Rumbold asked what would be put on the bench. Maybe a saying the family might want to make. Put on agenda but in the meantime everyone can think of something to put on there and reach out to the family as an action.

Anita Vandermark volunteered to contact the family.

Public Comment

Anita Vandermark, 76 Highland Avenue, commented that Memorial Day was lovely and should also thank Becky McNally for decorating the stage.

Clerk Bliss added that Becky does that of her own volition without prompting at all, our community is lucky.

Anita asked about the brush and who cut it the last time.

Manager Revella replied that we did.

Anita added that they owe us one then. On Highland Avenue there is a piece of equipment sitting there.

Manager Revella stated that they have to remove the sidewalk from that corner to the Bridge.

Anita stated that they park it there and it hasn't moved. Been there a while. Do we have a date?

Manager Revella stated that as soon as the weather breaks tomorrow or the next day.

Anita continued that she was glad they brought up the bridge to the rail trail as she thinks it's a great idea. Don't forget to come to the Flag Day ceremony on June 14th at 1pm and WCC meeting on the 10th.

Mary Ellen Matise, 21 Clinton Street, stated that she and Mickey just got a great find from the Ulster County road commissioner's reports from 1762-1769. With regard to the vote for the planner, both parties have been involved with the Village. Some ideas have never come to fruition from the place making tour. Maybe it is time for a change. Think about without naming names people's work commitments in addition to their business. Came up during comp plan. June 20th at noon will be the Monument Walking Tour and Library is running a program from the cube oral histories 10-2pm on June 20th. Working with Mickey to have Walden house open on Sunday the 21st. The more things we put on there we might get some more hits or attract more people to the Village.

Becky McNally, 52 Oakland Avenue, commented that with all the changes going on at the ice cream stand and generally in that area she noticed that hardly anyone is stopping for pedestrian crossing. So many youth coming and going there. Is there anything we can do? Is it a suggestion or a law?

Manager Revella stated that it is a law. We have done 2 different details there with 42 tickets in 3 hours. Doing more.

Becky suggested publicizing those tickets, might make folks think twice about it. There was once a stand in the middle of the road which no one pays attention to it. Perhaps we could get a permanent sign in the grassy area between the boulevard that says pedestrian crossing for the walk way? Might remind people there is crossing there as it won't get knocked down. Seen some real close calls down there.

Anita added that the cross walk by Col Bradley Hose is where they keep their medical supplies and she takes her life in hand when crossing to get medical supplies.

Mayor Rumbold agreed and added that all are like that, the one by Roosa's is terrible. People in the cross walk and the cars blow their hair back. Not sure what to do. There is a fine. An article maybe might help.

Manager Revelal stated that it is an issue and the police are trying to work on it. Maybe get Carl to do an article.

Payment of the Audited Bills

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

Correspondence

None.

Miscellaneous Comments from the Board of Trustees

Trustee Adams asked if the scouts got certificates from the last time.

Clerk Bliss replied yes, and Chief Holmes delivered them on your behalf.

Trustee Adams stated that the National Night Out Committee met. She asked how the Board would feel about setting up a table from the Board of Trustees so that the Board can meet the public. Would be a nice touch to reach out to the public. We could rotate 2 people per hour.

Trustee Leonard stated it's a good idea but we would need better shirts, name tags or something to say who we are.

Mayor Rumbold stated we would have to give something away. Candy or something. Nice idea.

Trustee Leonard added that it is a significant events in terms of turn out.

Trustee Adams asked if she can sign the Board up.

Mayor Rumbold replied yes.

Trustee Adams commented that the balance sheet is nice, thanks Peter, exactly what she was looking for.

Trustee Bowen stated Peter will try to do this on a monthly.

Trustee Sebring asked about the Highland Avenue contract was let out in October/November and sidewalks were almost done prior to winter. He feels the contractor is dragging his feet very badly. Should be grass there already and removing the sidewalks should have been done now. Seen them do a lot of work in the Village he should have finished it by now. If he has a job to do he should finish it not wait until June to go up there and finish the job.

Deputy Mayor Hoffman asked where we are in terms of the contract.

Manager Revella replied we are past deadline. He stated that he couldn't discuss some items in public, perhaps we could talk more details in executive session. There have been several correspondence from himself and the engineer regarding the timeliness and potential penalties.

Trustee Leonard asked if at the Transportation council meeting when DOT to get money from the State for funding.

Manager Revella replied they have money and are doing some projects now. Overlay projects doing Route 207 in Campbell Hall and Route 302.

Trustee Leonard asked if the Federal bill has been passed.

Manager Revella replied they did pass portions of it last year. Some that didn't get passed and are up for debate again but likely will fund again.

Trustee Leonard asked if Gregg has some sort of physical problem as he was watching him walk; is that why they are dragging their feet.

Manager Revella replied he didn't know.

Trustee Sebring asked if the rims were ordered.

Manager Revella replied not yet. The new fiscal year starts tomorrow for us technically. Have a lot of bids out now for minor stuff but not ordered anything yet.

Mayor Rumbold asked if the Historian was going to do a database and storage area where she can put things for archival purposes. Maybe can meet to discuss how to store things and keep from being damaged and finding where things are. Maybe she can sit down and talk about what they think needs to be preserved. Maybe get a committee together and have a future discussion to come up with a plan.

Mary Ellen stated that the County can work with us. Some books need to be rebound.

Clerk Bliss stated that once the Library project starts we can finish the attic project and then we can move onto the basement. The minutes come under the Clerk's job as they are official documents.

Mayor Rumbold continued that Memorial Day was beautiful and the weather was perfect. Thanks to VFW and American Legion, was a nice event. Wish more people would come out to things like that as its right in so many back yards. Maybe it's our fault for not getting the word out enough.

Becky suggested maybe putting out a sign on the stage a few days before the event to say what the event will be.

Clerk Bliss replied that it's hard as it's done in conjunction with other organizations putting the event together. We didn't even get a flyer for the event until a week and a half before the event. The Board approved it months ago. Happy to work with the organizations but it's difficult as we don't want to step on toes.

Executive Session

Trustee Adams moved to go into executive session to discuss personnel history of a particular person, Village Planner fees, Potential Litigation, and PBA Negotiations. Seconded by Deputy Mayor Hoffman. All Ayes. Motion carried.

Reconvene

Trustee Adams moved to reconvene the regular meeting. Seconded by Trustee Sebring. All ayes. Motion carried.

Appointment of Village Planner

Trustee Sebring made a motion to appoint the Turner Miller Group as the Village Planner for the 2015-2016 fiscal year. Seconded by Trustee Leonard. 5 ayes, 0 nays, 1 abstention (Deputy Mayor Hoffman). Motion carried.

Adjournment

Trustee Leonard moved to adjourn. Seconded by Trustee Sebring. All ayes. Meeting adjourned.

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Motions & Resolutions**

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Trustee Adams made a motion to approve the May 19, 2015 minutes. Seconded by Trustee Bowen. All ayes. Minutes approved.

Appointment of Village Planner

Trustee Leonard made a motion to appoint Alan Sorensen as the Village Planner. Seconded by Trustee Adams.

Trustee Leonard withdrew his motion to appoint Alan Sorensen as the Village Planner. Seconded by Trustee Adams.

Hearing Request – 36 Gladstone Avenue

Deputy Mayor Hoffman made a motion to set a hearing for 36 Gladstone Avenue for Tuesday, June 16, 2015 at 6:30pm or as soon thereafter as the matter could be heard. Seconded by Trustee Bowen. All ayes. Motion carried.

Update – 45 Sunset Drive

Trustee Sebring made a motion to drain the pool into the lawn and remove the liner of the pool at 45 Sunset Drive and charge the property owner for any fees associated with it. Seconded by Trustee Adams. All ayes. Motion carried.

Hearing Request – 73-77 West Main Street

Trustee Adams made a motion to set a hearing for 73-77 West Main Street for Tuesday, June 16, 2015 at 6:30pm or as soon thereafter as the matter could be heard. Seconded by Trustee Sebring. All ayes. Motion carried.

Resolution 2-15-16 – Bond \$275,000 Various Capital Projects

Trustee Leonard motioned to adopt Resolution 2-15-16 approving the Bond for \$275,000 for Various Capital Projects. Seconded by Deputy Mayor Hoffman. All ayes. Motion carried.

Resolution 3-15-16 – Bond \$1,145,000 Portions of Ulster Avenue Sidewalks and Curbing

Trustee Adams motioned to adopt Resolution 3-15-16 approving the Bond for \$1,145,000 Portions of Ulster Avenue Sidewalks and Curbing. Seconded by Trustee Bowen. All ayes. Motion carried.

Resolution 4-15-16 – Bond \$260,000 Various Streets and Sidewalks

Trustee Adams motioned to adopt Resolution 4-15-16 approving the Bond for \$260,000 Various Streets and Sidewalks. Seconded by Trustee Hoffman. All ayes. Motion carried.

Resolution 5-15-16 – Bond \$145,000 Portions and Additions to the Sewer System

Trustee Leonard motioned to adopt Resolution 5-15-16 approving the Bond for \$145,000 Portions and Additions to the Sewer System. Seconded by Trustee Sebring. All ayes. Motion carried.

Resolution 6-15-16 – Bond \$170,000 Portions of the Water System

Trustee Sebring motioned to adopt Resolution 6-15-16 approving the Bond for \$170,000 Portions of the Water System. Seconded by Deputy Mayor Hoffman. All ayes. Motion carried.

Geese Removal at Olley Park

Trustee Leonard made a motion to give the Village Manager authority to sign the agreement with the USDA to humanely remove the geese at Olley Park at no cost to the Village. Seconded by Trustee Bowen. All ayes. Motion carried.

Payment of the Audited Bills

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

Executive Session

Trustee Adams moved to go into executive session to discuss personnel history of a particular person, Village Planner fees, Potential Litigation, and PBA Negotiations. Seconded by Deputy Mayor Hoffman. All Ayes. Motion carried.

Reconvene

Trustee Adams moved to reconvene the regular meeting. Seconded by Trustee Sebring. All ayes. Motion carried.

Appointment of Village Planner

Trustee Sebring made a motion to appoint the Turner Miller Group as the Village Planner for the 2015-2016 fiscal year. Seconded by Trustee Leonard. 5 ayes, 0 nays, 1 abstention (Deputy Mayor Hoffman). Motion carried.

Adjournment

Trustee Leonard moved to adjourn. Seconded by Trustee Sebring. All ayes. Meeting adjourned.