

**Village of Walden
Board of Trustees Regular Meeting
April 5, 2016**

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
	Edmond Leonard
	Gerald Mishk, Jr.
	John Ramos
	Brian Sebring

Absent:

Also Present:

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

Hearing – 39 South Montgomery Street

Manager Revella stated for the record that no one was in attendance tonight representing the property.

Jay Buchalski, Code Enforcement Officer, explained that as of this afternoon there has been no change to the condition of the property. Started off as 5 vehicles now it's down to 2; a motorcycle and a car. They are allowed to have 1. There is also debris that needs to be cleaned up.

Trustee Sebring made a motion authorizing the Building Department and the Village Manager to clean up the debris and remove the abandoned/unlicensed vehicle at 39 South Montgomery Street and any charges associated with its remediation be charged to the property owner. Seconded by Trustee Ramos. All ayes. Motion carried.

Hearing – 47 South Montgomery Street

Manager Revella stated for the record that no one was in attendance tonight representing the property.

Jay Buchalski, Code Enforcement Officer, explained that as of this afternoon there has been no change to the condition of the property. The recent high winds have knocked the pool down even further. 15% of the front has been cleaned up but the rear is in disrepair.

Trustee Sebring made a motion to authorize the Building Department and the Village Manager clean up the garbage and debris as well as take down the pool at 47 South Montgomery Street and any charges associated with its remediation be charged to the property owner. Seconded by Trustee Ramos. All ayes. Motion carried.

Hearing – 62 Ulster Avenue

Manager Revella stated for the record that no one was in attendance tonight representing the property.

Jay Buchalski, Code Enforcement Officer, explained that as of this afternoon there has been no change to the condition of the property. There was a lot of yard debris and other debris hidden underneath the snow.

Trustee Mishk made a motion to authorize the Building Department and the Village Manager to have the debris at 62 Ulster Avenue cleaned up and removed and any charges associated with it be charged to the property owner. Seconded by Trustee Adams. All ayes. Motion carried.

Public Hearing – Local Law 4 of 2016 - Tax Cap Override

Deputy Mayor Hoffman made a motion to open the public hearing for Local Law 4 of 2016 - Tax Cap Override. Seconded by Trustee Adams. All ayes. Motion carried.

William Sestrom 170 East Main Street, asked that the Board please don't do this. We voted for you so we wouldn't have tax increases. Hold your word.

Ed Bates, 3 South Way, commented that he felt the announcement wasn't made very timely. Should have been announced before the election instead of one week after the election as it seems like it was some kind of a cover up to him. Would have maybe changed getting the vote out. He also asked please don't do this. The burden on our seniors is tough enough now and this will only add to it. There was a surplus in last year's budget and now you're asking for more.

Becky Pearson, 167 Walnut Street, asked if it doesn't go forward and get approved what will you have to cut or do to make the budget work.

Mayor Rumbold replied that the public needs to keep in mind that what we are talking about is an increase of only \$10,000 with the current 0.32% the state is allowing us. She understands that people who don't attend meetings will find that hard to understand. We would need to do anything under the advice of the Manager. We can get anything and everything. We can get it to a zero if we use fund balance which the state doesn't want us to do. We would be meeting with the Department heads and figure out what the figure would have to be and discuss with them what they could cut. We could cut police officers, DPW employees, there is any number of things we could cut. What we have to decide as a community is what we want to keep in place. She hopes that people could come to give us their opinions of things they would prefer to do without in order to not pierce the tax cap.

Becky asked why this doesn't happen before. Capital projects aren't even in there. So where is that going to put us?

Manager Revella replied that the capital project is in there. We are doing a DPW building, only one project.

Becky asked why it hasn't been discussed in an open public forum.

Mayor Rumbold stated that Becky knows how the process works. We are not going to discuss it until we get a budget from the Manager and the list of wants and needs from the Department heads. We don't know what the increase will be. You can surmise that with the little amount we are allowed that we may have to pierce the tax cap. In order to pierce the tax cap we would need to hold a public hearing before we could do that.

Becky understood and stated that the easy part is raising taxes.

Manager Revella replied no it's not, we all have to pay it.

Mayor Rumbold stated that what's difficult is trying to decide what we can live without as a community. It's never easy to tell people they have to pay more to live in the Village of Walden.

Becky argued that the hard part is staying below the cap.

Manager Revella commented that it's an artificial cap. There is no real meaning to this cap. It's not 2% it's 0.32% of a cap. We have contract obligations and State mandates that don't let us go over it. Where do they expect us to get the money from? We try. This is the beginning.

Mayor Rumbold added that the hard part is that there are people in Albany who don't know the needs of our citizens or our capability to pay our bills and provide for our citizens the way they should be provided for. It is a tough decision. We don't do this indiscriminately. It doesn't make me happy to have to pay more taxes every year. That's where the hard decisions come in as to what can we live without. We can live without a Police Department and have the Town come to police us. Is it going to be the same quality of police department? I doubt it. So we leave that. How about DPW? Let's decide what streets get cleaned and which don't get cleaned, which get fixed and which we are not fixing or even plowing.

Becky argued that she is only talking about the services end of it only but maybe you cut employees. There are many communities that are cutting employees, let's look at that. She's not saying that is what we have to do but that's the hard part she is talking about. Do you need "x" amount of people doing a project; do you need a Village Planner that we're paying, can we hire one at the last minute if we need to. She doesn't know the discussion. That's the hard part. It's not just the services that have to keep getting cut, you have to look at the whole picture.

Mayor Rumbold thanked her because as the former Mayor she is aware of the process. A lot of people don't understand what the process is because they either don't come to meetings even though the minutes are online. She appreciates that people do come to be informed about the decisions we have to make. We don't make them lightly and don't want anyone to think that we do.

Attorney Donovan stated that he wanted to make it clear that adopting this local law doesn't mean that the Village will pierce the tax cap. The law requires this local law be in place before the budget is adopted. There will be a public hearing on the budget. Adopting the law doesn't mean the Village will pierce the cap, it just needs to be in place prior to being able to do it.

Mary Ellen Matise, 54 Gladstone Avenue, commented that work sessions start tomorrow so the budget was received from the Manager. She understands what the attorney said about putting the law in place before the budget hearing. If you don't pass it can you not do it before you can adopt the budget?

Attorney Donovan replied that we are not supposed to pierce the tax cap before there is a local law in place. Not sure what the repercussions would be if they didn't do it that way but that is the correct way to do it.

Mary Ellen clarified that it gives you the ability to pierce the cap. We haven't seen the Manager's budget yet. I'm assuming it's proposed to go above the \$10,000 limit so what does that include?

Manager Revella stated there is a lot of room to move. We are going to look at it to see what we can move and what we can't while being most fiscally responsible. It is roughly at a 4.3% increase at the moment. Just so you know, a 1% increase is approximately \$43,000. We need to either find or drop \$43,000 somewhere in order to drop the increase by 1%.

Greg Raymondo, 200 Orange Avenue, commented that what you are saying is you are raising the taxes. Do you have a ballpark figure?

Mayor Rumbold stated that we just knew that we had more than \$10,000 and need to prepare.

Manager Revella said we don't have an idea and added that the budget is available on the website and in the office. Also the requested budgets were 11.2% increase and he got it down to 4.5%. Without using any fund balance at all.

Greg stated that the seniors are suffering and the stock market is terrible.

Mayor Rumbold understands. She just lost her husband. She gets it.

Ed Bates, 3 South Way, asked to clarify that the law would allow it to be able to pierce the tax cap. Don't know how much or if at all?

Mayor Rumbold said yes that is correct. We have no idea but we have to have the law in place in order to be able to do that if we want to be able to.

Ed asked if there is a ceiling as to how much it can be raised.

Manager Revella replied no. He feels that would be more important for the state to consider instead of the cap.

Trustee Leonard commented that for 4 years we've stayed under the cap. Each year the cap has gotten lower and lower. Things are going up. We have contracts, health insurance to consider and we didn't know how bad we would be. Health insurance is a big chunk. Long run won't know until we sit down and go through it.

Trustee Mishk made a motion to close the public hearing for Local Law 4 of 2016 - Tax Cap Override. Seconded by Trustee Adams. All ayes. Motion carried.

Attorney Donovan explained that if the Board wanted to, they could adopt it tonight or could hold off until the next meeting.

Public Hearing – CDBG 2016 Application

Trustee Mishk made a motion to open the public hearing for CDBG 2016 Application. Seconded by Trustee Adams. All ayes. Motion carried.

John Queenan, Village Engineer, explained that he is here for the 2017 potential projects for the application for CDBG funds. He is once again proposing a sidewalk project as we did last year. He suggested the sidewalks on Main Street. Oakland is outside the income requirements of the county so we can't do that one. The other idea would be to do a sewer pipe lining project.

Deputy Mayor Hoffman asked if he would recommend any particular locations for the pipe line project segments.

John replied that Wait Street could be a potential and or Riverview and Rifton.

Trustee Mishk asked if it was awarded to us by the county for less than what we apply for, as we did last year, do we still have to do it?

John replied no, we would adjust what we could do. Like we did with the sidewalk money this year.

Trustee Sebring asked if the sidewalks would be on both sides.

John replied yes, from Highland Avenue up to the Sunoco. Then on the other side from the McKinley monument down to Railroad which would be approximately \$125,000, the max. Monolithic curb is not included in that. We would also do a little bit of drainage work.

Trustee Adams asked if we went with the sewer project if it would affect the project under the EFC grant.

John replied no, we would do a different project under EFC.

Becky Pearson, 167 Walnut Street, asked about the handicap ramp on the Scout Cabin.

Trustee Sebring made a motion to close the public hearing for CDBG 2016 Application. Seconded by Trustee Adams. All ayes. Motion carried.

Trustee Sebring made a motion to authorize the Village Manager to sign the CDBG 1 year Application for sidewalks for the max amount of up to \$125,000. Seconded by Trustee Ramos. All ayes. Motion carried.

Public Hearing – EFC 2016 Application

Trustee Adams made a motion to open the public hearing for EFC 2016 Application. Seconded by Trustee Mishk. All ayes. Motion carried.

John Queenan, Village Engineer, explained that before you again for the Environmental Facilities Corporation and Controls application which is due April 15th and has to be water/sewer infrastructure project. They would fund up to \$500,000 and would be a 25% match for critical need infrastructure for water/sewer. Favoring sewer and would recommend the path we are already following with the DEC and address issues on their consent order list. A good application may be to address the Tin brook pump station with this application. EFC would rather see applications for larger projects rather than smaller projects. Looking for critical need projects. Remediation would be the best which is estimated at \$500,000-\$750,000 depending on how we try to get rid of the overflow. A few ways we can do it. Looking into putting in a surge tank or a wet well to take additional volume. Or take 208 and going down Bradley lane.

Deputy Mayor Hoffman asked if part of the project would be definition and identification of alternatives.

John replied yes and we budgeted on the high end taking the worst case scenario as the project. The match for the Village is 25% and they pay 75%. In kind work would count.

Deputy Mayor Hoffman asked if the timing of the project would coincide with the DEC timeline. He would hate to defer a project on the potential to get funding and then we get there and haven't gotten the funding.

John responded that based on the fact that we still have not gotten a response from the DEC from our letter of a year ago he's guessing we have some time with them. We would know by the end of this year if we got this grant.

Deputy Mayor Hoffman commented that when they do finally respond they expect us to comply almost immediately.

Trustee Leonard commented that the State funded \$200 million but have only allocated \$50,000 at this point. Spread across the state it is pretty thin.

John added that is why we are trying to avoid a generic project.

Trustee Mishk asked if we have identified the flow problem we discussed at the last meeting.

Manager Revella replied no, not yet, but we have done some work on that.

Trustee Mishk asked if that amount of money should be dedicated to do a main line that goes down to the Thruway market. As he understood it, that would be a major project to repair that.

John confirmed that is correct if we indeed know that is the problem. But we don't know that now as of right now. For this application we need to have a specific issue so we couldn't just say we think it's this and it turn out not to be the issue. Then we wasted the application because we can't transfer once you do it.

Trustee Mishk asked if we had a chance of identifying that problem prior to the deadline.

John stated we could try but we could do that work and find out that is not the issue. It could take a few days and if we find nothing we lost a week.

Deputy Mayor Hoffman asked if the Tin Brook issue being identified by DEC helps the application.

John replied yes, if it is tied to a consent order that would help us. The I and I is tough. They want to know exactly what you are doing. They don't like vague projects, they like specific improvements.

Trustee Mishk stated that maybe he misunderstood but though we had an issue with the DEC in regards to that flow but don't know exactly where it is.

John replied we do, but we need to identify it. They won't pay us to try to find out what the problem is they want to pay you to fix it.

Mayor Rumbold clarified that if it had been identified yes we could apply for it, but not a scavenger hunt and rescue mission. The Tin brook pump station had been identified.

Trustee Mishk said he thought we had been searching the last few weeks for the flow issue. Mostly on 208.

Manager Revella replied yes but we found a new one.

Mayor Rumbold stated that everyone has to remember that we have an aging infrastructure that every day something else is occurring that we have to address. Meanwhile the DEC has given us their laundry list of what we have to address. There is only so much money to go around. So again we are faced with a choice; what do we do and where do we find the funds to do it. We are not allowed to sit back and do nothing because the DEC is telling us here's your issues and your timeline.

Trustee Mishk stated that he understands the concept just wanted to address the issue.

Deputy Mayor Hoffman commented that every community has issues in I & I, at least every community he has ever worked with. He thinks the Tin Brook project is very unique and may make our application look more attractive and potentially receive that funding.

Trustee Sebring added that we have bigger savings with the electric from the Tin Brook and problems they have had in the course of a year.

John agreed that if he had found the source of that problem he would have that as an option but since we haven't he isn't suggesting it at this time.

Trustee Adams asked if we need to show that we have the 25% in our budget.

John replied that yes, we would, upon award of the funds. There is some in-kind that counts.

Becky Pearson, 167 Walnut Street, commented that the Thruway sewer line was fixed once a few years ago. Is it broken again?

Manager Revella replied that we don't know, but we want to check it to make sure after all the construction.

Mayor Rumbold commented after all the construction down there, don't forget there was a lot of vibrations from the construction of Auto Zone, Hannaford, and they chopped away at the embankment there, so we don't know.

Becky asked where the inspectors were.

Deputy Mayor Hoffman replied that it doesn't work that way. Just because you fixed something with I and I before doesn't mean that it can't need repairs again in the future.

Becky asked if it was a sewer line that goes along the river to DPW facility, it was fixed before and already we have that issue again.

Mayor Rumbold replied that we don't know where it is. Somewhere on the west side of the Village there is an issue and we don't know where. We are thinking that might be one of the areas. Thinking it may be from all the construction. We've been looking for almost 2 months to find the issue. We can't afford to dig every street in the Village to find it. We've been listening and cameraing to try to find it and we haven't been able to find it yet.

Deputy Mayor Hoffman made a motion to close the public hearing for EFC 2016 Application. Seconded by Trustee Sebring. All ayes. Motion carried.

Trustee Leonard made a motion to approve the 2016 EFC Application for a sewer improvement project for up to \$750,000. Seconded by Trustee Mishk. All ayes. Motion carried.

Village Manager's Report –

- Away for 2 weeks but did see a lot of great things in communities that maybe we can apply here. Look through that and see what we can do.

Approval of the January 19, 2016 Minutes

Trustee Adams stated that she would like page 2 the Waterfront Grant she would like it to say it was continued from December 15th.

Trustee Adams made a motion to approve the January 19, 2016 minutes with that noted correction. Seconded by Trustee Mishk. All ayes. Minutes Approved.

Approval of the February 2, 2016 Minutes

Trustee Adams made a motion to approve the February 2, 2016 minutes. Seconded by Trustee Leonard. 6 ayes, 0 nays, 1 abstention (Deputy Mayor Hoffman). Minutes Approved.

Trustee's Committee Reports

Town of Montgomery & Library Board liaison – Trustee Leonard

Trustee Leonard reported that he spoke with Barbara VanEp who is the budget person for NYCOM. She didn't have a lot of information as the budget had not approved yet. She said there would be a notice out over the weekend. Not much good news. AIM funding has remained unchanged. The Assembly added \$100 million to the \$750 money and the Governor shot it down. We were hoping for a big bump there. CHIPS funding stayed the same \$438 million. What is interesting is that \$21.1 billion in the 5 year capital plan with 3 new initiatives: Bridge NY, Pave NY, and Extreme Weather Infrastructure Hardening Program. What this means locally he doesn't know yet. There will be further follow up coming out as soon as it is scrutinized. He will not be at the April 19th meeting as he will be on vacation.

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

Trustee Ramos reported that we will be in the budget process for the school sessions. The budget presentations for the 2016-2017 school year are: March 31, 2016 at the Montgomery Elementary School at 4:30pm; April 7, 2016 at the Walden Elementary School at 7:00 pm; April 9, 2016 in the High School Cafeteria at 10:00 am; April 12, 2016 at the Middle School at 7:00 pm; April 21, 2016 at the Berea Elementary School at 6:15 pm. He asked Mr. Xanthis on a phone call about the 13 resignations received this past month with a due date of June 1st. These are teacher positions and he inquired about how they would be replaced or eliminated from the next budget. More to come after the sessions end and questions have been answered by the Board. He feels it is critical that 13 positions are being eliminated hopefully from the budget. He spoke to Mr. Bliss and the spring time and summer time activities are picking up. Heavy increase expected for our summer program. The beautification committee has met and a lot of great ideas have come from that meeting to make the Village proud. Finally on March 24th he attended the 2016 State Legislative program. This is a conglomeration of all department head in the county all vying for money from the assembly. They are experiencing the same issue of not enough money just like us and other villages have. They all put in their pitch and how they would get it. Had a lot of legislative and senatorial support. Great wolf lodge is coming, which is good for kids to the Town of Walkkill along with Legoland. In the paper this morning we all saw that in 2018 to exit 131 at Harriman they are going to be building that up. Those are things going on in the county so it's going to get busy in this area.

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

Deputy Mayor Hoffman reported that he met this morning with Dean and they spoke about his appearance tomorrow night for the budget session line items as well as the fees. Planning Board application status is in the report from Dean. We also followed up on property maintenance issues. Potential ways to streamline what we do in terms of the way we do that. We also discussed sign regulations and a comment that came up at the last meeting and some ways we can make that a little easier for new businesses that come into the Village.

DPW Liaison– Trustee Sebring

Trustee Sebring reported that he saw Fred today and they used the new 550 truck for salting and then DPW went around after the high winds checking for branches and tree limbs in the street. They were doing driver training. All workers went to a safety training class, mandatory for Department of Labor and helps with insurance costs.

Village Offices Liaison – Trustee Adams

Trustee Adams reported that she met with Peter on March 31st and reviewed a few issues and welcomed Kelly on April 4th. During the month of March we received over \$320,000 from odds and ends like CHIPS funds and gross receipts. Greenpower, unpaid taxes, sales tax, Time Warner, and franchise tax. Peter made a training calendar check list to help Kelly address things and figure out when things are due. All schedules are up to date so she's ready to work with them. We got a large credit from Worker Comp. Lauren Bliss resigned effective May 2nd and will stay to help train the new person.

Manager Revella stated that we posted the position outside and will be in the paper on Friday.

Police Department and Justice Department Liaison – Trustee Mishk

Trustee Mishk reported that he met with Chief about the budget. Getting points in line for the radio contract in lieu of the fact that the County project won't be fully functional until the fall of 2017. Need to address new contract until then. Stop DWI Conference on April 13th will be attended by two officers and the Chief. We get a lot of funding from them to enforce Stop DWI. Chief and the computer people have had luck in repairing an older computer in one of the cars for a minimal cost. Parts and software was around \$265 to repair it. A lot of computers in the cars are outdated and not running with software with updates which is why it is changed, a lot of people don't know that. Sgt. Metzger was successful in getting a grant for a new computer for car 5 which is the oldest one on the list. Funding from the state. It will be a tablet and will be removable from the car. Chief is working on the COPS grant application. Overtime coverage in the last few pay periods has been successful in covering most of it with part timers. April 11th we will review the Chief's portion of the budget.

Mayor Rumbold read the community events into the minutes.

Public Comment on Business of the Board

None.

Action Items

Set Public Hearing – 2016-2017 Budget

Trustee Mishk made a motion to set a public hearing for the 2016-2017 Village Budget for Tuesday, April 19, 2016 at 6:30pm or as soon thereafter as the matter could be heard. Seconded by Trustee Ramos. All ayes. Motion carried.

Resolution 54-15-16 – 2015 EFC Grant Local Match

John Queenan stated that at the last meeting we did a resolution and the totals weren't correct we were actually awarded more money than was on the last resolution. So we are amending the original resolution to what is before you tonight.

Deputy Mayor Hoffman made a motion to approve 54-15-16 – 2015 EFC Grant Local Match. Seconded by Trustee Adams. All ayes. Motion carried.

Outdoor Café Renewal - Franco's Brick Oven Pizza

Trustee Ramos made a motion to approve the Outdoor Café Renewal - Franco's Brick Oven Pizza. Seconded by Trustee Adams. All ayes. Motion carried.

Outdoor Café Renewal - Sweeney's Irish Pub Restaurant

Trustee Sebring made a motion to approve the Outdoor Café Renewal - Sweeney's Irish Pub Restaurant. Seconded by Deputy Mayor Hoffman. All ayes. Motion carried.

Temporary Event Sign – Col Bradley Hose Co #2 – 5/7/16 Flower Sale Manager Trustee Adams made a motion to approve the Temporary Event Sign – Col Bradley Hose Co #2 – 5/7/16 Flower Sale. Seconded by Trustee Ramos. All ayes. Motion carried.

Public Comment

Mary Ellen Matise, 54 Gladstone Avenue, commented that there was a rather lively discussion about the trees on Main Street on the internet.

Manager Revella was unaware of this but would love to discuss how they were infiltrating the utilities.

Mary Ellen gave a tree manual from the DEC's tree class she attended to the Village Manager. It has to do with how to plant the trees in the future or at least the ones that one would assume would replace the ones taken down.

Mayor Rumbold replied that would be up to the Beautification committee.

Mary Ellen asked who the Beautification committee was and why would it be up to them.

Mayor Rumbold replied they are volunteers from the Walden Community Council that we ask for their input as volunteers and citizens of the Village. They chime in and help with our projects.

Mary Ellen continued that it ultimately is the Village's decision what will be done. The DEC fellow was extremely boring but he was there talking a grant from the DEC. He talked about a tree inventory and she wanted to know if we have a tree management plan in place.

Manager Revella replied yes, through Jim Presutti's office.

Mary Ellen stated we need to take the tree inventory and the tree management plan, and thanks to Becky Pearson and Nancy Phelps who make us a tree city which we get extra points for, and apply to the DEC for a grant that would pay for maintenance for our trees. Small villages can get up to \$25,000. Just a little assignment for John to get us some money to maintain the trees we have. Look at all the old pictures of the Village, Orchard Street side with the school had trees at one time and it would be nice if we did it again.

Becky Person, 167 Walnut Street, asked what the plan for Main Street is.

Manager Revella replied that right now the plan is to use ornamental planters near the intersections. That is what we are discussing.

Becky asked who maintains those.

Manager Revella replied the Village.

Becky asked about the approximate \$9,000 money for trees.

Manager Revella replied that we didn't use any yet. It is in a reserve fund and we budget for trees every year.

Becky reminded everyone about the Arbor Day Celebration on April 28th at 10am at Olley Park. Is that a spring time plan?

Manager Revella replied that we hoped to do it this week but the weather didn't help.

Mayor Rumbold added that we have to remove them as the roots are around the electrical lines. They have to be cut carefully and unwrapped to get them out of there. If they are on the electric lines for the street lights they have to open the hole a little bigger to get the roots out, check for damage, and repair any damage before we lose the street lights.

Manager Revella replied that we are doing this in house to save money and it usually takes a day for 3-4 guys to do one space. Not sure what to do with the grates yet but we are trying to replace them. Trying to make them look nicer with planters and bring some plant life back to the Main Street.

Deputy Mayor Hoffman asked if Becky was looking to see if we were going to pour concrete in there or just replace with topsoil and seed.

Manager Revella replied no plans yet. He and the Recreation Coordinator and the Beautification Committee are all looking at alternatives to see what will be the best. Not putting a tree back there.

Becky asked about the Ulster Avenue project.

Manager Revella stated we are on a timeline to get it done this year. Blue Stone will be part of the bid process.

Becky suggested taking the Bluestone and using that to replace the holes on Main Street.

Mayor Rumbold commented that a lot of people are complaining about the little decorative bricks that were around the trees. They hold the ice longer than the sidewalk. We've had quite a few falls on Main Street. People say they are not slipping on the sidewalks they are slipping on the bricks.

Manager Revella replied that we aren't sure what we are doing yet. The Board said if it was economically feasible to keep the bluestone they will consider it.

Becky stated she gets first dibs on the bluestone if you pull it up.

Manager Revella replied it belongs to the Village and the people of the Village will be able to use whatever we have.

Becky commented that hopefully we will still use it and not go to concrete. Every other Village in the world has a Historic District and they keep their sidewalks old like their buildings.

Payment of the Audited Bills

Trustee Adams made a motion to pay the audited bills. Seconded by Trustee Mishk. All ayes. Motion carried.

Correspondence

None.

Miscellaneous Comments from the Board of Trustees

Deputy Mayor Hoffman added that there is a Zoning Board meeting for a use variance for 175 S. Montgomery this Thursday night.

Trustee Sebring will be going on April 15th to a solar course. Any questions anyone has, he will ask them for the Board members.

Trustee Mishk clarified that the comment he made 2 weeks ago about the Italian Deli. Deputy Mayor Hoffman informed him about the policy that they have about signs and he spoke to the owner as of yesterday and he was happy of the outcome and the process. So he stands corrected for his comments. At the Towns and Villages meeting the County Executive spoke about the sales tax being higher this year so far and on the rise and expect it to keep going up. He advised we budget for the same amount as this year so we are surprised next year. He wanted to make a point about the budget process and tax increases. We have stayed below the cap the last 4 years and many people were not aware of that due to the Town increasing their tax 14%.

Mayor Rumbold commented that we react to what the state puts out but we also wait until we hear from the department heads and the Manager. The Board then has to take the time to go through the budget to review what they are seeing. Now we've seen the budget. If people are suspicious or upset about the timing that is why. We don't shoot from the hip, we don't make reactions without the facts. She oftentimes finds that it's folly to make reactions when you don't have the facts. So we made that decision with the information from the state, the Manager, and the department heads and then also taking the time to go over it. It is very tedious as the budget is many pages long. Trustees did have some preliminary questions that had to be answered and that is when we arrived at the realization that we may have to pierce the \$10,000 tax cap allowed by the state. She apologized if that seems subterfuge, but we didn't want to react until we had all the facts. She feels that is the best course to follow.

Executive Session

Trustee Adams moved to go into executive session to discuss personnel history of a particular person. Seconded by Deputy Mayor Hoffman. All Ayes. Motion carried.

Reconvene

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

Adjournment

Deputy Mayor Hoffman moved to adjourn. Seconded by Trustee Ramos. All ayes. Meeting adjourned.

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Trustee Mishk made a motion to authorize the Building Department and the Village Manager to have the debris at 62 Ulster Avenue cleaned up and removed and any charges associated with it be charged to the property owner. Seconded by Trustee Adams. All ayes. Motion carried.

Public Hearing – Local Law 4 of 2016 - Tax Cap Override

Deputy Mayor Hoffman made a motion to open the public hearing for Local Law 4 of 2016 - Tax Cap Override. Seconded by Trustee Adams. All ayes. Motion carried.

Trustee Mishk made a motion to close the public hearing for Local Law 4 of 2016 - Tax Cap Override. Seconded by Trustee Adams. All ayes. Motion carried.

Public Hearing – CDBG 2016 Application

Trustee Mishk made a motion to open the public hearing for CDBG 2016 Application. Seconded by Trustee Adams. All ayes. Motion carried.

Trustee Sebring made a motion to close the public hearing for CDBG 2016 Application. Seconded by Trustee Adams. All ayes. Motion carried.

Trustee Sebring made a motion to authorize the Village Manager to sign the CDBG 1 year Application for sidewalks for the max amount of up to \$125,000. Seconded by Trustee Ramos. All ayes. Motion carried.

Public Hearing – EFC 2016 Application

Trustee Adams made a motion to open the public hearing for EFC 2016 Application. Seconded by Trustee Mishk. All ayes. Motion carried.

Deputy Mayor Hoffman made a motion to close the public hearing for EFC 2016 Application. Seconded by Trustee Sebring. All ayes. Motion carried.

Trustee Leonard made a motion to approve the 2016 EFC Application for a sewer improvement project for up to \$750,000. Seconded by Trustee Mishk. All ayes. Motion carried.

Approval of the January 19, 2016 Minutes

Trustee Adams made a motion to approve the January 19, 2016 minutes with that noted correction. Seconded by Trustee Mishk. All ayes. Minutes Approved.

Approval of the February 2, 2016 Minutes

Trustee Adams made a motion to approve the February 2, 2016 minutes. Seconded by Trustee Leonard. 6 ayes, 0 nays, 1 abstention (Deputy Mayor Hoffman). Minutes Approved.

Set Public Hearing – 2016-2017 Budget

Trustee Mishk made a motion to set a public hearing for the 2016-2017 Village Budget for Tuesday, April 19, 2016 at 6:30pm or as soon thereafter as the matter could be heard. Seconded by Trustee Ramos. All ayes. Motion carried.

Resolution 54-15-16 – 2015 EFC Grant Local Match

Deputy Mayor Hoffman made a motion to approve 54-15-16 – 2015 EFC Grant Local Match. Seconded by Trustee Adams. All ayes. Motion carried.

Outdoor Café Renewal - Franco's Brick Oven Pizza

Trustee Ramos made a motion to approve the Outdoor Café Renewal - Franco's Brick Oven Pizza. Seconded by Trustee Adams. All ayes. Motion carried.

Outdoor Café Renewal - Sweeney's Irish Pub Restaurant

Trustee Sebring made a motion to approve the Outdoor Café Renewal - Sweeney's Irish Pub Restaurant. Seconded by Deputy Mayor Hoffman. All ayes. Motion carried.

Temporary Event Sign – Col Bradley Hose Co #2 – 5/7/16 Flower Sale

Trustee Adams made a motion to approve the Temporary Event Sign – Col Bradley Hose Co #2 – 5/7/16 Flower Sale. Seconded by Trustee Ramos. All ayes. Motion carried.

Payment of the Audited Bills

Trustee Adams made a motion to pay the audited bills. Seconded by Trustee Mishk. All ayes. Motion carried.

Executive Session

Trustee Adams moved to go into executive session to discuss personnel history of a particular person. Seconded by Deputy Mayor Hoffman. All Ayes. Motion carried.

Reconvene

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

Adjournment

Deputy Mayor Hoffman moved to adjourn. Seconded by Trustee Ramos. All ayes. Meeting adjourned.