

**Village of Walden  
Board of Trustees Regular Meeting  
February 16, 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  
Dave Donovan, Village Attorney

Mayor Rumbold welcomed Kyle Stafford from Boy Scout Troop 31.

**Hearing – 65 Capron Street**

Manager Revella stated he had color photos, no change in circumstances, requesting permission to remove and bill the property for the cost.

Deputy Mayor Hoffman asked if there were any response from the notifications.

Manager Revella answered that there was no response yet.

Trustee Hoffman made the motion to remove garbage and refuse at 65 Capron Street and bill the property for the cost. Trustee Adams seconded. All ayes. Motion carried.

**Action Items**

**American Legion Request for Memorial Day Parade – May 30, 2016**

Mayor Rumbold has a letter from Walden American Legion Post 158 and Walden VFW Post 2946, are asking permission to co-sponsor the Walden Memorial Day Parade on Monday, May 25, 2016. Going to change the date on the letter. Everything has been cleared with Chief Holmes.

Mr. Kirnan stated that he sent a second letter showing Monday, May 30, 2016.

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## **Village Manager's Report –**

- As reported, the sweeper came for a demonstration for a few days. The temperature stayed warm enough that they were able to get through a few streets before the temp changed again. Working well. Has other functions. Suction, pressure washer.
- Special counsel with PBA, Chief and Trustee Mishk on several PBA matters.
- Correspondence with O.C. Planning Board regarding our timeline for Ulster Ave project. Working with DOT to push that forward. Trying to get a time frame for this Federal fiscal year.
- Worked with the Treasurer and Deputy Treasurer/Clerk for the water/Sewer accounts getting up to speed for this new billing.
- Continue working with our insurance agent on our workers compensation charges, making sure we're getting charged the right amount.
- Had some discussions with our operator from VRI and our Village Engineer on the plant flows for the sewage in to the plant. Was high this winter. Think part of the issue is the ground isn't as frozen as it usually is. Trying to isolate to get a better idea. Make sure we're not in trouble with the DEC.
- Talked to a couple solar power companies to try and see how they can help on energy costs. Have a couple different quotes.
- We are interviewing for Treasurer tomorrow night.
- Have a couple plans with the Rec Coordinator and Village Planner. A potential dog park, another is potential community garden.
- Had a meeting, concert dates are set. Hannaford is donating refreshments.
- Working through some items with PESH. Make sure policies are up to speed for them. All safety measures are in place. Waiting for feedback from them.

Trustee Mishk mentioned the discussions about the community garden and dog park, if they're going to be in Olley Park.

Manager Revella said that is correct.

Trustee Mishk asked that if we did that, would we still have room for the community center.

Manager Revella replied that it would be in a different location. It was discussed in the Park Master Plan Committee, the potential sites, locations. Enough room for parking.

Trustee Adams asked if there was an update about truck route through the village.

Manager Revella said it was kinda have an update. The DOT is going to work on it with us. We sent them documentation of our streets. We can't call it a truck route because a truck route allows that they go down Main St with in a thousand feet of a designated route and that's not what we want. There's another name for it. A truck corridor or something like that. Would have that for Woodruff St especially and other spots we are looking at. One spot is already a DOT truck route but we are looking for something more specific so they're not allowed to go through all of our side streets and tear up our pavement and catch basins.

Trustee Adams mentioned that she had saw a tractor trailer run over a sidewalk again.

Deputy Mayor Hoffman brought up the increase of sewer flow into the sewer plant and the idea that maybe because of saturation and if they were compared to the end of summer.

Manager Revella said it was a very dry summer. It was comparable to years past though.

Deputy Mayor Hoffman asked if he thought it was more of a seasonal condition than a problem.

Manager Revella said that they are hoping and are trying to isolate to see if it is an actual problem first and then see if the season plays out but they are definitely over the limit right now on average.

Deputy Mayor Hoffman asked if there was any feedback from the DOT regarding the Ulster Ave grant.

Manager Revella said no. That the local projects coordinator has not responded to the several emails sent from John Queenan and himself. May have to pay him a visit.

Mayor Rumbold asked when he was going to be able to set a meeting regarding the budget session.

Manager Revella said that you can set the dates up any time after March 21<sup>st</sup>.

#### **Approval of the December 15, 2015 Minutes**

Trustees Adams made a motion to approve December 15, 2015 minutes. Trustee Leonard seconded. All ayes. Motion carried.

#### **Approval of the January 5, 2016 Minutes**

Trustee Adams made one correction on page 1, 3rd paragraph on the bottom, Mary Ellen Matise, should be minors not minorities.

Trustee Adams made a motion to approve January 5, 2016 minutes with the change. Trustee Sebring seconded. All ayes. Motion carried.

#### **Approval of the January 19, 2016 Minutes**

Tabled as the minutes were not available.

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

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

Trustee Leonard reported that he went to the Library Board meeting, explained to them that the Village Board thoughts about writing a letter due to the disparity and the library rates. They asked that the board holds off on the letter until after the election.

Mayor Rumbold thinks that they were gathering information from their attorney about what their options were.

Trustee Leonard stated that he didn't hear that discussed but pretty much all their board members agreed to wait until after the election because they need that increase for their budget.

Mayor Rumbold said that when she spoke to them, they didn't know what their options were as far as what they were able to do and didn't think that they could get that completed.

Manager Revella agreed and said that the board wanted to get the letter out so the tax payers can know what they are voting for and why. Not to postpone it but to make them aware of why they are getting this increase of 9%.

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

Trustee Ramos reported that he was not here for the Board of Ed meeting but will attend the next one. He met with Mr. Bliss, Rec and Parks Supervisor, and we are working on a special project that I will brief the board on next month. There is a 2016 Gold Medal Award for Parks and Recs. The category is for Class 5 Township, Village and is gathering data from Mr. Bliss and will be sitting with the Village Manager on the application and hopes to get on the National level and some notoriety for the Parks and Recreation for the Village of Walden.

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

Deputy Mayor Hoffman reported that he met with Dean today regarding the status of Landlord Registry. Wanted to point out something in the report in their packets; the numbers that have been quoted were based on the number of structures. One of the other items he had was some of the cost, fees. Thinks it may need a change in the fee structure. Asked Dean to compile it and discuss with the board so they can get an overall feel for Building Department fees.

### **DPW Liaison– Trustee Sebring**

Trustee Sebring reported met with Fred Perna, Working Leader, they wanted to set up some quotes for the new water meters. There's work that needs to be done on some water lines. Want to get that done before the new meters. \*Trustee Sebring read part of the Village Code, 298-6, Discontinuance and Removal of Service, into the minutes\*

Attorney Donovan mentioned that Fred has been in talks with the manager and himself about the potential changes. Have that reduced into writing and put it into a local law format.

Trustee Sebring added that if there was any additions or changes to it, let him know and will put an addendum.

Mayor Rumbold said that some of it has to be introduced in a local law and to give it to the Attorney for him to review.

Attorney Donovan stated that there were some ideas that Fred had and his job is to put them in a coherent fashion so you get an idea or what the present company's requests and modifications are.

Mayor Rumbold asked if the customer choses the meter or does it have to be the same that the village uses.

Manager Revella replied that the village has to approve of the meter.

Mayor Rumbold stated that it wasn't clear in the code.

Manager Revella said there are issues with these codes and were talked about with Fred to try and get some ideas for revisions.

Mayor Rumbold suggested it say that meters have to be furnished by The Village of Walden and a second meter will be charged to the owner.

#### **Village Offices Liaison – Trustee Adams**

Trustee Adams reported that she received the financial reports from the treasurer, month of January, to see where we could trim. Our revenue was good for January, but our expenditure was still high. Knows the manager is trying to cut down very hard. There's a few months left to see what we can trim to spend on expenditures. She brought up that Peter had put in their mailboxes, journal entries that were done within various departments that had been posted to the financial statements with the assumption that it was ok to do them without the board approval. She stated that she would like to put them in for the board approval tonight, if they are comfortable with that. She thinks they should have approval because they are already posted.

Mayor Rumbold asked about putting it on the action items list.

Manager Revella said yes. It would be action item #6, Budget Resolution.

#### **Police Department Liaison – Trustee Mishk**

Trustee Mishk reported that he met with Chief couple times since last meeting. Discussed the issues for labor management meetings. Going along pretty well. Training for Chaplains will be held on February 25<sup>th</sup>. Resolution for STOP DWI will be discussed tonight.

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

None

#### **STOP DWI – Resolution 43-15-16**

Manager Revella said this is to set the funds. Hopefully approve it. We'll get more as the year progresses.

Attorney Donovan added that the contract is the same as last year.

Trustee Mishk made a motion to adopt STOP DWI – Resolution 43-15-16. Trustee Ramos seconded. All ayes. Motion carried.

#### **Request for Geocaching at Veteran's Memorial Park**

Manager Revella explained that geocaching is a treasure hunt. Use a GPS and things like that to find the treasure. Go to a location, follow the coordinates. Some people leave things with it. Some people just note that they were there. Some people find it and put it back so other people could find it later. Debbie Wilson would put something in Veteran's Park to do a geocaching.

Deputy Mayor Hoffman asked him to describe the something.

Manager Revella said it was something small.

Trustee Adams said it would be like a tube that wouldn't require digging. It would be in a place that gives hints online. Once they find it, they open the tube and there's a code inside the tube and they go to their phone and register that they found it.

Mayor Rumbold just wanted to make sure that nothing was going to be disturbed because the committee worked very hard on making the park.

Trustee Adams added that they could put it in a place to make sure nothing does get destroyed or anything else.

Trustee Ramos asked if it would be limited to one spot.

Manager Revella answered that it would be up to the person doing it. It's not a Village sponsor.

Trustee Ramos made a motion to approve Geocaching at Veteran's Memorial Park. Seconded by Trustee Leonard. All ayes. Motion carried.

#### **Request for Temporary Sign Approval – Orange Hose Co. 1**

Manager Revella said that this was same exact sign from last year, just change the date and time.

Mayor Rumbold asked if this was for a breakfast.

Manager Revella said yes.

Deputy Mayor Hoffman made a motion to approve Temporary Sign Approval – Orange Hose Co. 1. Seconded by Trustee Ramos. All ayes. Motion carried.

#### **Budget Resolution**

Manager Revella said the minor modifications are within the departments. The department heads were tasked with finding the funds themselves and making their lines match.

Trustee Adams made a motion to approve the budget transfer modifications Resolution 44-15-16. Trustee Mishk seconded. All ayes. Motion carried.

#### **Point of Interest**

##### **MVP Sports Inc. – Alcohol Permit Renewal (Sweeney's)**

Manager Revella said that they're just going for their renewal if there was no objection of the board.

#### **Public Comment**

Mary Ellen Matise, 54 Gladstone, was talking to Brenda about the garbage contract and asked about the RFP's being put out.

Manager Revella said no, they weren't put out.

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Trustee Adams said she made a mistake on that.

Mary Ellen said good because she has some issues. What IWS calls construction materials, how about that we request those types of items which could be items that someone throws out like old drywall or old plumbing, rotting wood, stuff that is totally unusable. IWS calls it construction material. And the reason they do that is because they have their own transfer station. I know IWS transfer station doesn't take construction material but Orange County Transfer Station does and they'll take it. If you have a pick up truck and take down your chicken coop and bring it to the OC Transfer Station, they'll take it for a fee. By not incorporating that into our request, we're really short changing ourselves because every time we have bulk pick up, how much stuff does IWS leave because they name it construction material. We try to encourage people to maintain their properties, fix their properties. And how are they going to do it if they're not going to have their trash picked up. We already pay for the trash to be taken away, so how are they going to do it? Some people are do-it-yourselfers, so they're not all going to have a contractor or a pick-up truck and run it down to the transfer station.

Manager Revella explained that our contract is for household waste. We do have bulk, we talk about minor items. Our contract does require IWS to pick up the items but the homeowners do have to arrange it for pickup and for whatever charges.

Mary Ellen added that they don't take it during bulk pick up.

Manager Revella said no but they take it anytime. You just have to call and tell them that you some stuff

Mary Ellen asked why it isn't just part of bulk pick up.

Manager Revella replied that it's a different kind of material. Because it is not the same as other items being picked up.

Mary Ellen said she called IWS and Orange County and it's because they use their own transfer station. And IWS puts these parameters on it. But how many people know that they should call them and how many people know that it's an extra charge?

Manager Revella says that anytime they call us when they have an issue, we let them know that they can contact the garbage company for it and we even give them the number for the transfer station.

Mary Ellen said that it just hasn't been happening.

Manager Revella said that he told the board that if they want certain provisions, can RFP to have those provisions.

Mary Ellen said it's just gone on year after year and doesn't get resolved. She called today about garbage that was left on Ridge Ave because it just wasn't picked up.

Manager Revella said they weren't sure if it was part of evictions and told them to pick it up.

Mary Ellen said that she called back because it still wasn't pick up. She knew it wasn't an eviction.

Manager Revella said that would be back in the village tomorrow.

Becky Person, 167 Walnut Street, asked why the Deputy Clerk wasn't here.

Manager Revella explained that the Deputy Clerk is on partial disability.

Becky stated that we pay people for certain duties and asked why she couldn't be scheduled to be here to take minutes and notes.

Manager Revella said that we have to make certain accommodations for her. But we are taking minutes.

Becky asked about the pink circles on her driveway and on the granite on Walnut St.

Manager Revella said that pink is usually survey.

Deputy Mayor Hoffman asked if there were any nails in the center of the paint. Because they have a legal right to do it and don't have to notify us.

Becky asked about the outcome of the discussion about the Library.

Mayor Rumbold replied that the Library is checking into their options with their attorney and are not going to get their answers before the election.

Becky brought up the garbage on the taxes and asked if we were having success with paying it with their taxes. She doesn't really prefer it, would rather it be taken out.

Peter Sullivan, Village Treasurer, said that it doesn't seem to have made a difference with people paying on time.

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

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

### **Correspondence**

Trustee Adams said she had a phone call from Charles Munger, 222 East Main, his property is at the corner of Walden Estates Rd and the village has a large pipe that the Tin Brook runs through, that goes under the road to the estates and there is a cement head wall that the children are climbing and he is worried that they will fall into the Tin Brook onto the rocks and hurt themselves. Is there a way that we can build a barrier there?

Manager Revella said that there it is on the other side of the guiderail.

Trustee Adams said that she does see his point is wondering if there is anything that we can do.



Manager Revella said that he doesn't know if there is anything more that we can do to deter them besides making it more dangerous. If you put certain things on there to deter them, it's a hazard. And if you do too much to try and keep them off, then you are accepting that there's a hazard there and you might not have done enough and you're scrutinized against.

Manager Revella said that he will have an engineer see if there is anything.

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

Trustee Leonard said that he attended the NYCOM winter session last Sunday and Monday. There is more money in the state budget this year. The primary goal of NYCOM and us is to get more money from unrestricted aid and most every speaker said that that needs to be increased significantly. Does think we will get some relief. Will have a better report on that soon.

Trustee Sebring said the he was at the community council meeting about the solar and one question that was asked was the town houses roofs were not big enough to support the panels. Made a comment that the zoning and planning board should go to solar seminars because it is coming and there are going to be questions that they aren't going to know the answers to.

Trustee Adams questioned about the Working Leader getting an SUV and Recreation Director has a truck, labeling both those vehicles to go to those 2 people in the 12/15 minutes.

Manager Revella explained that any vehicle owned by the village is used as needed by whoever needs it. Just because it was assigned to a certain person doesn't mean that it's in their control. My vehicle has been used by other people.

Mayor Rumbold said it seems to be a consistent problem across from Tin Brook Bridge, Highland Ave, where Nub's shop was, the water pools there.

Manager Revella said it's the state's responsibility on 52. Informed DOT on the issue.

Mayor Rumbold thanked Kyle for coming.

Trustee Mishk made a motion to go in to Executive Session. Trustee Sebring seconded. All ayes. Motion carried.

### **Executive Session**

Deputy Mayor Hoffman made a motion to go into executive session for attorney client privilege. Seconded by Trustee Leonard. All ayes. Motion carried.

### **Reconvene**

Trustee Mishk made a motion to reconvene the regular meeting. Seconded by Trustee Sebring. All ayes. Motion Carried.

### **Adjournment**

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