

**Village of Walden
Board of Trustees Regular Meeting
July 19, 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 – 65 Sherman Avenue

Jay Buchalski, Code Enforcement Officer, explained that there are 2 unlicensed vehicles on the property, one covered by a tarp. Only allowed to have one unlicensed vehicle so they need to get one registered. It is still there today. He got a call today saying that they would be here tonight.

Manager Revella stated that the owner is not present tonight and they were given proper notice.

Attorney Donovan stated that we have no contrary information before us and no one is here to contest that. The Board can proceed to order one of the cars removed.

Trustee Mishk made a motion to authorize the Building Department and the Village Manager to take the necessary actions to remove one if the vehicles from 65 Sherman Avenue and the costs associated with its removal charged back to the property owner. Seconded by Trustee Ramos. All ayes. Motion carried.

Village Manager's Report

- Correspondence sent out to the Town about the contribution they make towards our programs compared to the Village of Montgomery. Copy of the letter sent is in the packets. He will continue to work on that.
- Coordinating with the Town of Montgomery regarding the rail trail work to be done which will be shut down during the work. He will do a code red and post notices when we get more concrete details from the Town.

- Monitoring sewer flow with VRI. Flows are down on average due to repairs made that has contributed to that and have been able to isolate other areas and continue to work on that. Smoke testing being done in Village of Montgomery we may also do here after we see how it works out in Montgomery.
- Looking to set Oct 22nd as yard sale day and October 23rd for bulk pick up.
- Sent out a code red even though we found out rather late that Coldenham Road paving job was being done by the County. Not too many issues during that time frame. County is aware of the few complaints we received about that contractor doing the job. Spoke to them about notification issues in the future.
- Pattern For Progress UAA site visit will be in August. They are looking at things we have that are assets and things we may need and see how we can entice economic development in the Village.
- Sexual harassment and workplace violence training for all employees last week.
- Camp is going well. They have approximately 440 campers this year, the most ever. 65 more than last year. Keeping certain we have a good camper to counselor ratio. Walkkill Valley Times reporter came down last week so hoping for some good press from them. Opened camp up to 5 year olds this year and have early drop off available as well.
- Orange County film office correspondence. There is a movie being filmed now on the west side of town. Another program may want to do a show here as well.

Approval of July 5, 2016 Minutes

Trustee Adams made a motion to approve the July 5, 2016 Minutes. Seconded by Trustee Mishk. 6 ayes, 0 nays, 1 abstention (Deputy Mayor Hoffman). Motion carried.

Trustee's Committee Reports

Town of Montgomery & Library Board liaison – Trustee Leonard

Trustee Leonard reported that they have the field goods program that the Library has going on which is a wonderful opportunity.

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

Trustee Ramos reported that he met with VC Superintendent Xanthis last week. They talked about moving the voting polls back to the elementary schools he will address the board at their next meeting about that. Since the one time monies have already been filtered down to school districts we are worried about staffing for next year and what will happen in 17-18 budget. His intention is not to raise taxes but don't know what will happen yet. Sept 2nd is the Friday before Labor Day as the first day of school which was his plan and he felt the middle school and high school students needed a day to acclimate to school. He will readdress the issue and may bring it back to the board. He said he was not going to be surprised if there are a number of kids that don't attend the first day. Communications are not being filtered to PTAs such as health issues and he asked him to improve on that. Will meet next time with the new Walden principal Mr. Heiderman. Kudos to Recreation & Parks for a great camp this year.

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

Deputy Mayor Hoffman reported that he met with Dean this morning and they discussed code modification request from the ZBA chair as well as ZBA Applications. Department is keeping busy with many permits issued.

DPW Liaison– Trustee Sebring

Trustee Sebring reported that Fred is on vacation but he talked to the mechanic and he changed all oils and filters on police cars and started on water sewer trucks. They moved the trailer at the DPW facility.

Village Offices Liaison – Trustee Adams

Trustee Adams reported that the office is getting ready for the audit on August 1st.

Police Department and Justice Department Liaison – Trustee Mishk

Trustee Mishk reported that he met with Chief and he reported nothing too crazy going on. Staffing has been an issue but should be back in full staff shortly.

Mayor Rumbold read the community events into the minutes.

Public Comment on Business of the Board

Evelyn Motta explained she was representing the owner of 65 Sherman Avenue who is currently in a home, he had a stroke.

Mayor Rumbold stated that we held the hearing at 6:30pm and ordered the vehicle to be removed tomorrow if not taken care of tomorrow by you. She asked if she received the notice that the hearing was at 6:30pm.

Evelyn replied yes she received it but the owner is in a home. She called yesterday and he said there was nothing she could do but she was looking for an extension.

Mayor Rumbold explained that if she needed to change the time she needed to address that with the Manager or the Clerk. Since she wasn't here at the time of the hearing the Board took action already and unfortunately the vehicle will be removed by the Village if it is not removed by her or someone else from the property and any fees will be charged back to the property owner.

Action Items

Turn the Town Teal Request – Month of September

Trustee Ramos made a motion to approve the Turn the Town Teal request to tie Teal ribbons around the trees in Municipal Square and on the ornamental lamp posts as well as any decorative planting barrels that may be on Main Street for the month of September in honor of Ovarian Cancer awareness month. Seconded by Trustee Adams. All ayes. Motion carried.

Park Use Request – Olley Park 7/30/16 Alcohol Waiver

Jason Pereira, 57 Wintergreen Avenue Newburgh, speaking on behalf of his brother and his wife. He was told that the homeowners insurance was emailed.

Manager Revella stated that the homeowners insurance was emailed, we do have that. What we are looking for is the event insurance in order to have alcohol at the event.

Jason said that his sister in law spoke with Mike and she was told they didn't need event insurance. She said she did ask for alcohol originally and Mike told her that the homeowners insurance was all they needed.

Manager Revella stated that to just have the party itself, you don't need event insurance but in order to have alcohol at the party you do indeed need to have event insurance in order to get the Board to approve the waiver.

Mayor Rumbold explained that we originally got an application just for the use of the party and then after the fact we got a request to have alcohol at the party. She confirmed that someone from the Village spoke to the applicant to let them know they needed the additional insurance.

Manager Revella confirmed that both Anthony Romeo and Mike Bliss spoke with the applicant to explain what was required after the last Board meeting on July 5th.

Jason said the applicant was only made aware of this requirement yesterday.

Mayor Rumbold explained without proper insurance the Board can't give an alcohol waiver. We will not take action on this tonight and we don't have another meeting before your party so we will not be able to take action on this request.

Public Comment

Anita Vandermark, 76 Highland Avenue, feels there needs to be more signage for the concerts in the park maybe one outside of Wooster Grove. Thanks for the brush cutting by the Tin brook. Thanks for the new appointment to the Ethics Board and she thanked Alex Landolina for his service. Harvest Fest Meeting got changed to the 20th at the VFW.

Trustee Adams commented there is a sign outside the park for the concerts.

Manager Revella wanted her to know that he spoke to DOT and Senator Larkin to get better painting and signage similar to what is at Dollar General at our areas of concern.

Becky McNally, 52 Oakland Avenue, commented that a few years ago we had new stone curbs put in around the Village and now we have more weeds between the curb and pavement and the sidewalk all around the lights and what could look nice and neat looks terrible.

Manager Revella stated we will be spraying shortly, we need to be properly certified with the DEC to do that and we are in the process of doing that.

Becky asked who is responsible for mowing between the sidewalks and the street.

Manager Revella replied the property owner, they get sited if they don't do it, contact Jay Buchalski.

Becky continued that the Community Council is willing to pay for nice barrels for Wooster Grove for the concerts. The Bandstand has not been power washed and is dirty and it would look nicer if it was power washed before the concerts started. Sidewalks on Oakland Avenue are a real danger. Can't we get them removed on the one side of the

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road like we did on Highland and Wileman? Finally, the clothing boxes at various businesses around the Village are overflowing with stuff and it looks terrible and the property owners get paid a fee to allow the boxes on their properties so should be responsible to keep them clean.

Manager Revella explained that we did apply for CDBG funding for sidewalks but the economic level of the neighborhood is too high so the grant was denied. We could look at the same process we did in those areas. Asked attorney for a draft for next meeting about an ordinance about maintaining those clothing boxes so we can do something about them.

Payment of the Audited Bills

Trustee Adams 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 went to the beach last week and all the kids seem to be enjoying themselves at summer camp. DOT was putting new signs up around the bridge at Veterans Park. The weeds were pulled out front, thank you very much. She agrees with Becky

Trustee Ramos thanked Mayor, Manager, and the Board for generating the letter to send to the Town to get more funds for our Recreation Department.

Trustee Leonard agreed.

Mayor Rumbold commented that the open stairway on Main Street has now been closed and the railing removed. It was a safety hazard so she's very glad it's been taken care of and looks nice, they did a good job.

Executive Session

Trustee Sebring moved to go into executive session to discuss the personnel history of a particular person. Seconded by Trustee Ramos. All Ayes. Motion carried.

Reconvene

Trustee Adams moved to reconvene the regular meeting. Seconded by Deputy Mayor Hoffman. All ayes. Motion carried.

Adjournment

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

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