

**Village of Walden  
Board of Trustees Regular Meeting  
November 1, 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 – 75 Valley Avenue**

Manager Revella reported that the property has complied and the hearing is no longer required.

**Village Manager's Report**

- PESH came and did a follow up inspection. Nothing to do just maintain our documentation and keep up with trainings.
- Commercial loan documents will be on the next agenda.
- Met with Engineer on DPW facility. As of now, the project is on schedule. Had an issue with a large rock that they have a machine coming tomorrow to remove, if all goes well we will still be on time and on budget.
- Been reviewing unique FOIL requests with the Attorney, Treasurer, and Clerk.
- Received a free electric car from the County last week. Trustee Mishk helped us get that, so thank you.
- Treasurer and he went over the Trust and Agency accounts which all seem to be up to speed.
- Met with a neighbor of the Waterfront Park who had questions about it.
- Haunted Walking Trail was a profitable event and we look forward to doing it next year. Hope the weather is better next year to be even more profitable.
- No response yet from the County on the additional CDBG funds.

**Approval of October 18, 2016 Minutes**

Trustee Adams made a motion to approve the October 18, 2016 Minutes. Seconded by Trustee Mishk. All ayes. Motion carried.

## **Trustee's Committee Reports**

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

Trustee Leonard reported that he hasn't met with Ginny yet, but the Library Board members are going to try to attend the Town Budget public hearing on the 3<sup>rd</sup> to try and get more monies for the Library.

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

Trustee Ramos reported that he met with Mr. Bliss and the Haunted House was an enormous success and we turned a profit. There was a great amount of volunteer hours from both staff and non-staff which helped make it a great contribution to our community. We had Union Electrical workers in Orange County who volunteered as well as many others and the staff did a great job too. Met with Mr. Xanthis and Ms. Raymond about the tax collection issue brought up by Ms. Matise. The letter was drafted back in 1979 which gives the Town the collection of school taxes and a 1% fee to collect them. They are looking into getting their own tax collector so we can return that \$300,000. He hasn't gotten a response from the STAR program at the state level yet. Harvest Fest wrap up meeting was held and the plan is to move the Harvest Fest to Bradley Park next year which he is a supporter of as we will be able to make it bigger and better. The next meeting is 11/14/16.

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

Deputy Mayor Hoffman reported that he met with Dean and reviewed the approval for Blazing Bagels opening at 81 West Main Street, as well as the renovations going on at Franco's at 78 Oak Street, and spent a lot of time on the 73-77 West Main Street Oil spill.

### **DPW Liaison– Trustee Sebring**

Trustee Sebring reported that he met with Fred today and discussed the issues we are having with Police cars according to Ford are due to extended idling of vehicles. They suggested changing the oil every 200 hours which will be more expense due to increased oil changes. We will need to address this at budget time this year. Other than that the guys have been cutting back trees for the winter and street sweeping.

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

Trustee Adams reported that she spoke to Kelly and her report says it all except they are still having issues with the water sewer program are also finalizing documents with the auditors.

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

Trustee Mishk reported that he met with Chief today and he reported he is moving forward with the computers in the cars, they are just waiting for the equipment to come in. Halloween went well, had one arrest for someone setting off fireworks endangering the welfare of a child. They gave out about 180 glow sticks and the community really seemed to be happy with the services they provided for a safe Trick or Treat.

Mayor Rumbold read the community events into the minutes.

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

None.

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## **Action Items**

### **Hearing Request – 74 Orchard Street**

Manager Revella stated that the property has abated the violation and the hearing is no longer necessary at this time.

### **Wait Street Sidewalk Project Bids**

Manager Revella stated that we still recommend we table until the next meeting as we still did not hear back from the County on any additional funding. At the next meeting we will have to take action either way whether we accept or reject.

Trustee Sebring made a motion to table the Wait Street Sidewalk Project bids. Seconded by Trustee Leonard. All ayes. Motion carried.

### **Solar Moratorium**

Attorney Donovan explained that Local Law #5 adopted on June 7, 2016 allowed the Board to have a 6 month moratorium which can be extended for up to another 6 months by way of resolution should the Board feel so inclined.

Manager Revella explained the 6 months is up now. We intend to have a presentation at the next Board meeting from the County and there is materials that were included in the packet for the Board's review, which is what we have mostly been waiting for.

Attorney Donovan stated that should the Board feel that they would like to take action sooner than 6 months, he would recommend extending for a shorter time frame.

Trustee Adams made a motion to extend the Solar Moratorium for an additional 3 months. Seconded by Trustee Ramos. All ayes. Motion carried.

### **Public Comment**

Mary Ellen Matisse, 54 Gladstone Avenue, stated she would forward the information to John about a workshop on tree management to be held in Westchester. She is glad to hear the school is willing to entertain taking over the collection of taxes.

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

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

### **Correspondence**

Everyone received the thank you memo from Dean Stickles.

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

Mayor Rumbold thanked all the volunteers for making Halloween and the Haunted Walking Trail such a huge success.

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