

**Village of Walden
Board of Trustees Regular Meeting
April 4, 2017**

Mayor Rumbold called the regular meeting of the Village of Walden Board of Trustees to order at 6:42pm.

On roll call the following were:

Present:	Mayor	Sue Rumbold
	Deputy Mayor	Sean T. Hoffman
	Trustees	Brenda Adams
		Faith Moore
		John Ramos
		Brian B. Sebring
		Lynn E. Thompson

Absent:

Also Present:	John Revella, Village Manager
	Tara Bliss, Village Clerk
	Dave Donovan, Village Attorney

Public Hearing - Introductory Local Law 7 of 2017 - Townhouse Zone Affordable Units

Attorney Donovan stated there is a provision to the code that also needs to be adjusted from 20% to 10% affordability which would need to be amended to not have an inconsistency in our code. That section is 305.61 - B2A.

Trustee Ramos made a motion to close the Public Hearing for Local Law 7 of 2017 - Townhouse Zone Affordable Units. Seconded by Deputy Mayor Hoffman. All ayes. Motion carried.

Village Manager's Report

- He was on vacation last week so he has no report this week.

Approval of March 7, 2017 Minutes

Trustee Ramos made a motion to approve the March 7, 2017 minutes. Seconded by Trustee Sebring. 5 ayes, 2 abstentions (Trustee Adams and Trustee Moore). Motion carried.

Approval of March 28, 2017 Minutes

Deputy Mayor Hoffman made a motion to approve the March 28, 2017 minutes. Seconded by Trustee Ramos. 5 ayes, 2 abstentions (Trustee Adams and Trustee Moore). Motion carried.

Trustee's Committee Reports

DPW Liaison– Trustee Sebring

Trustee Sebring reported that he had nothing new to report at this time.

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

Trustee Ramos reported that this Friday, April 7th, is coffee with superintendent Xanthis at the walkers' door at Walden Elementary School. He, Trustee Moore, Mayor Rumbold, and Manager Revella will all be reading to various classes on Friday at Walden Elementary School. Parks and Rec has their online for summer programs up and running. SI Play is a really helpful tool for parents, coaches, and the department.

Police Department and Justice Department Liaison – Deputy Mayor Hoffman

Deputy Mayor Hoffman reported that he talked to Chief today about some scheduling to meet on a weekly basis. Let him know of any concerns and he will address them with the Chief.

Village Offices Liaison – Trustee Adams

Trustee Adams reported that she communicated via email with Kelly and Tara this week but didn't meet with either of them.

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

Trustee Moore reported that she had nothing to report yet as she just took the position.

Town of Montgomery & Library Board liaison – Trustee Thompson

Trustee Thompson reported that she had nothing to report yet as she just took the position.

Mayor Rumbold read the community events into the minutes.

Manager Revella explained there was an issue with hydrant flushing so we had to hold off on flushing due to the high volume of water in the catch basins already due to all the rain. We may need to go into May depending on the rain we may get this month. We will try not to but may need to, just to let everyone know.

Public Comment on Business of the Board

None.

Action Items

Hearing Request – 28 Wileman Avenue

Jay Buchalski, Code Enforcement Officer, explained there is a 22 foot camper parked on part of the front lawn and part of the sidewalk which was hard to see during the winter but can clearly see now that the snow is gone. The tenant sent a response that he does not feel he is in violation and considers the matter closed.

Deputy Mayor Hoffman stated he couldn't understand what codes he was referencing in his letter.

Trustee Ramos asked if it had any power going to it.

Jay replied it was covered with a blue tarp until yesterday, but last summer it was used on and off as shade per the tenant.

Trustee Sebring made a motion to set a hearing for 28 Wileman Avenue for Tuesday, April 18, 2017 at 6:30pm or as soon thereafter as the matter could be heard. Seconded by Trustee Moore. All ayes. Motion carried.

Hearing Request – 44 Seely Street

Jay Buchalski, Code Enforcement Officer, explained that the property owner has complied with the violation so the hearing is no longer needed for this property.

Easter Sunrise Service Request; Firemen’s Triangle for April 16, 2017; 7-7:30am

Trustee Adams made a motion to approve the Easter Sunrise Service Request in the Firemen’s Triangle on April 16, 2017 from 7-7:30am. Seconded by Deputy Mayor Hoffman. All ayes. Motion carried.

Arbor Day Request; James W. Olley Community Park for May 11, 2017; 10am

Trustee Adams made a motion to approve the Arbor Day Request at James W. Olley Community Park for May 11, 2017 at 10am. Seconded by Trustee Sebring. All ayes. Motion carried.

Set Public Hearing for 2017-2018 Budget

Trustee Ramos made a motion to set a public hearing for the 2017-2018 Village Budget for Tuesday, April 18, 2017 at 6:30pm or as soon thereafter as the matter could be heard. Seconded by Trustee Adams. All ayes. Motion carried.

Draft Local Law – Tax Cap Override

Deputy Mayor Hoffman made a motion to set a Public Hearing for Local Law 8 of 2017 – Tax Cap Override for Tuesday, April 18, 2017 at 6:30pm or as soon thereafter as the matter could be heard. Seconded by Trustee Adams. All ayes. Motion carried.

Set Public Hearing – CDBG 2018 Application

Trustee Adams made a motion to set a Public Hearing the 2018 CDBG Application for Tuesday, April 18, 2017 at 6:30pm or as soon thereafter as the matter could be heard. Seconded by Trustee Sebring. All ayes. Motion carried.

Public Comment

Becky Pearson, 167 Walnut Street, asked if we are a tree city again this year.

Manager Revella replied, yes.

Becky stated she read the article about the Walden Elementary School and asked what we are doing about that.

Manager Revella explained that when that article came out was while he was in Mexico and that article was premature in his opinion. He got a message today from the school apologizing and asking to meet with him next week to discuss.

Becky stated that we need to do something about it.

Anita Vandermark, 76 Highland Avenue, thanked the Board for re-appointing Evan to the Ethics Board; he is a great addition to our Board.

Mary Ellen Matise, 54 Gladstone Avenue, thanked the Board for her re-appointment as she is on a panel tomorrow as the Historian of Walden.

Payment of the Audited Bills

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

Correspondence

None.

Miscellaneous Comments from the Board of Trustees

Deputy Mayor Hoffman welcomed the new members to the Board.

Trustee Moore thanked the public for letting her sit here.

Mayor Rumbold also welcomed the new board members. The Manager and the whole Board are all available to answer any questions you might have. Evaluation form for the Village Manager was in your mailboxes today, please fill it out and have it ready for the next meeting as we will have Executive session to discuss. It may be difficult for new Board members with only being on the Board for such a short time period. She thanked the Clerk for her help with getting the forms figured out.

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