

**Village of Walden  
Board of Trustees Regular Meeting  
April 18, 2017**

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 T. Hoffman
	Trustees	Brenda Adams
		Faith Moore
		Brian B. Sebring
		Lynn E. Thompson

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

**Moment of silence in honor of Investigator Dustin James who lost his life today in an off duty accident.**

The Mayor offered condolences on behalf of the Village Manager, the Village Clerk, the Village Board, the entire Walden family, to his wife, his family, and the Walden Police Department.

Manager Revella explained that we will have an abridged meeting tonight as there are many pressing things to handle downstairs tonight. There will be no Manager's report or Liaison reports tonight.

**Presentation – Orange County Film Office**

Postponed until the May 2<sup>nd</sup> meeting as Ms. Ansbro apologized she had an emergency she needed to attend to.

**Public Hearing - Introductory Local Law 8 of 2017 – Tax Cap Override**

Manager Revella explained this hearing is not necessary as we do not need to override the tax cap at all this year.

**Public Hearing - 2017-2018 Village Budget**

Trustee Adams made a motion to Open the Public Hearing for 2017-2018 Village Budget. Seconded by Deputy Mayor Hoffman. All ayes. Motion carried.

Becky Pearson, 167 Walnut Street, gave her condolences to Walden, the family, and Police; we all feel sad. She asked about dog control as she sees it is not in the budget. Where are we at with that? Is there issues with the Town? Is this something we need to worry about with the budget or not?

Manager Revella stated that the Town of Montgomery is still responsible to provide that service, it is in the Town tax.

Becky asked why we need 2 Deputy Treasurers, maybe 3, is Vicki still a Deputy Treasurer.

Manager Revella replied Vicki is the Building Department Secretary.

Becky still doesn't understand why we need 2 Deputy Treasurers. Is it money wise? Is it something that is in a job description? What is it all about?

Manager Revella replied that they have varying tasks and the Finance Department is split up among 3 employees; the Treasurer and the 2 Deputy Treasurers. They are responsible for 3 different sets of tasks and backing up each other's tasks. One Deputy Treasurer is also the Deputy Clerk who does assignments when the Clerk is not available.

Becky asked if that is why one is paid more.

Manager Revella replied that is partly correct.

Becky asked if the hours of the office were staying the same, no one talked about that.

Manager Revella replied that we haven't had any feedback contrary to the hours; no complaints from the public.

Mayor Rumbold added we haven't had any issues with the way they are now.

Becky asked about the Walden Quarterly, what line does it come from and how much is it.

Manager Revella replied it comes from the publication line and is budgeted for \$7,500; it's \$500 per page.

Becky asked how much we paid this year.

Manager Revella replied so far we've paid \$5,000 this year. The total depends on how many pages we use, if we use less pages it could be less.

Becky asked about Police cars and you are putting in 2 correct. One blew an engine, is that correct?

Manager Revella confirmed and said one is the engine blew and the other was involved in an accident over the winter and was totaled.

Becky asked if it was cheaper to rebuild the engine or buy new.

Manager Revella explained that the car was 6 years old so we were planning to replace it this year. We are only getting the other because of the accident that totaled Car #5.

Becky thought you were going to get one until the engine blew but you are saying you are getting both though.

Manager Revella replied yes, we were trying to salvage and see where we were financially and it made sense instead of piecing together the other car.

Becky asked about the well site they are talking about, money for that trying; are you trying to purchase a property on the west side for that? And is that in the budget this year?

Manager Revella replied that if we were going to purchase a particular property we would not be able to discuss that in public.

Becky restated if you were to purchase a property is it in the budget. She is not asking how much or where, she is just asking if that is your procedure for this year.

Manager Revella stated that the only that we have possibly to afford in the budget is a test well which is about \$8,000 for the year in engineering. To go any further we would have to bond or get a grant but it would be next year's budget not this year. We would have to do testing first before we could do anything.

Becky asked about a Wastewater operator that has been in the budget for 2 years. Do we have someone? Are you looking? Are you not looking? What is that story?

Manager Revella replied that the position Wastewater Operator doesn't have any funds in it as it is paid through VRI which is in an engineering line under the sewer section.

Becky asked what happened to the Zoning and Planning Board Secretary that was in there last year for \$3,000. She didn't see it this year, do we no longer have a secretary?

Manager Revella replied it is split between Zoning and Planning \$1,500 each this year in the budget lines.

Becky suggested changing the names of the Trustees.

Manager Revella replied the budget was printed prior to Election Day so we didn't have results at that time, it has been adjusted.

Becky asked about the open slot for Officer for \$50,000 full time, that's going to happen?

Manager Revella replied that Officer Tolve resigned and we haven't filled that shift yet, so yes, it is open.

Becky asked about the overtime for Police in \$122,000.

Manager Revella stated that most is mandatory training.

Becky confirmed that they get overtime for training.

Manager Revella replied yes, when else would they train they have to cover shifts.

Becky asked what type of training.

Manager Revella replied it is for 26 hours varied training, range, rape crisis, health and safety, blood borne pathogens, tasers, there is a lot.

Becky asked if that is salary.

Manager Revella replied they are paid hourly not salary.

Becky asked about under Police it says various employees is that 8 dispatchers for \$46,000.

Manager Revella replied that is the part time dispatchers through the year about how much we will need.

Becky asked if we need another full time dispatcher.

Manager Revella replied no, it's hard because it's really just weekend shifts and filling in.

Becky said she was going to get into salaries, sorry. She is looking at a difference of 16%, 10%, for some of them. How is that justified?

Mayor Rumbold asked her to name which ones she was referring to.

Becky replied Mike Bliss for one.

Manager Revella stated that she doesn't have the copy with the changes made to it after the Board makes changes.

Becky asked when that gets posted.

Manager Revella stated that line for Mr. Bliss is now reduced by \$7,052 which is now 5%. Do you have another one?

Becky said yes, Tara Bliss.

Manager Revella stated that line is now 5%.

Becky asked about the Treasurer.

Manager Revella replied that is 10%.

Becky said in the budget also Vicki Kurtz is at 3.9% did you change that as well. \$52,775 was last year and is now \$54,875. How do you justify that?

Manager Revella replied that starting number may have been wrong; where did you get that?

Becky stated she got it from the budget. How can you justify someone getting 3% and someone else getting 10%?

Manager Revella replied that we can't discuss the personnel aspect of it.

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Becky stated she is not talking about the personnel part but how can you justify the percentages, you can talk about that. Look at Dean as well.

Manager Revella replied he can't talk about why someone can get 3% vs 10%

Mayor Rumbold replied that the Manager does evaluations for employees and the Board has a discussion and he gives us an overview of any new responsibilities that person has taken on, why we feel that increase is justified.

Manager Revella added for her own peace of mind that the Board also has some inclination as to what makes what percentages correct and are discussing doing a survey for salaries.

Becky asked why someone who has been here 28 years vs the Clerk who has been here a few years gets for less. What will the Clerk's salary be?

Manager Revella replied \$55,136.

Becky continued and Vicki's is \$54,875 and she's been here for 28 years, so how do you justify that.

Manager Revella replied it is a different job.

Becky agreed and added that it is not any less taxing.

Manager Revella replied that all the jobs are different, the guy doing black top all day is a labor intensive job doesn't mean the salary is commensurate, it's a different job.

Becky stated that it would bother her as an employee.

Mayor Rumbold stated that the starting salaries were much less for someone who started 28 years ago. She understands how unions work but the way that the increase was for union positions, she understands what you mean that someone who has been here for so many years would be "x" and a new person would be "y" but again starting salaries were a lot less 28 years ago.

Manager Revella added that they don't have the same job title either.

Becky restated that she doesn't feel she has any less responsibility.

Manager Revella replied that she is talking about the Village Clerk vs the Secretary to the Building Department. They are totally different.

Becky replied that she is not just a secretary with the work that she does there. She used to be the Deputy Clerk and that was taken away from her.

Deputy Mayor Hoffman stated that we can all agree that Mrs. Kurtz is a valuable employee but what is her comment.

Becky replied that she is not sure how you justify it, she hears you, but as a Board member she's not sure she would feel comfortable with someone being here for 28 years making less than someone who has only been here for 2 years and making more money. That is her point. What is the Managers sick pay?

Manager Revella replied there isn't one. He is entitled to a sick pay buy if he doesn't use it but he refused it and it has been taken out. Acting justice is incorrect as well it has been increased by \$623.

Becky asked about Police Sergeants Metzger, Herlihy, and Werner who are looking at 11-12% increases, is that correct? They went from \$99,000 to \$111,000 base salary.

Manager Revella replied that they have contractual step increases, annual increases, and longevity increases. There is more than one aspect of it, not just an annual increase.

Becky commented that a person that has been here for 19 years makes less money than the person who has worked here 17 years which doesn't make sense to her.

Manager Revella replied that is A Line differential not included in that salary.

Becky doesn't know if you talked about it but the percentages are concerning. She commented that the Building Inspector is getting a 2.5% increase

Manager Revella replied Dean is getting 3%; that is inaccurate.

Becky reiterated, again, someone is getting 3% and some are getting 5% salary increases, that doesn't make sense to her. She was frustrated the Board wasn't answering her questions.

Deputy Mayor Hoffman replied he didn't want to speak for the whole Board, but this is public comment.

Becky asked about the comment Trustee Sebring made about the pumps and making them all the same so that parts can be shared among them, thought that was a great idea. Maybe not in the budget. She asked who was getting the new truck for \$85,000.

Manager Revella replied DPW.

Becky commented that in one of the sessions Mr. Perna was asked about the shape of the trucks but didn't have the answer for you. If someone is coming before the Board to talk about their budget, then why don't they know what the trucks are doing or what shape the trucks are in. Is there a 5 year plan for equipment?

Manager Revella replied there is a 10 year plan.

Becky stated that in the Organizational meeting you appointed special counsel or conflict counsel; what is the difference?

Manager Revella replied that Special Counsel is anything not covered by Dickover, Donnelly, and Donovan's contract and could be any variety of things. We have a Special  
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Counsel that does Bonding, we have one that does just police matters including negotiations if they come up, we have a special counsel that does the remainder of the things such as labor issues, CSEA, and litigation that isn't covered by insurance. We have a Special Prosecutor that helps the court on matters that can't be handled by the state police or sheriff's office. Conflict Counsel is whenever the attorneys we do have are conflicted, we have someone else that can help out.

Becky saw that somewhere in there Mr. Mishk was put in there.

Manager Revella replied he was appointed as our Acting Justice.

Becky confirmed that would be like Fred Gorss' position.

Manager Revella replied yes Mr. Gorss was in the position last year but it doesn't belong to any one person; same position.

Becky asked if there was a budget for that position.

Manager Revella replied yes, it is in the salary line \$5,866 plus \$623 total of \$6,489.

Becky asked if he has an office. How does that all work?

Manager Revella replied it is the same as the former Acting Justice.

Becky stated they just show up and do their judgeship and leave.

Manager Revella replied they can use the office of the Justice Court.

Becky heard we still have a prosecutor, yes?

Manager Revella replied yes we do.

Becky said we were doing that to save overtime on the officers coming to court.

Manager Revella agreed and added that we also split the court so that officers only come every other time for court.

Becky asked if we created a new position for Mr. Mishk, it's the same position?

Manager Revella replied it is the same position that was previously occupied by Fred Gorss, Acting Justice. He commented for the record that he and Kelly have been going through the budget since the budget sessions and fixing numbers. The numbers for the water and sewer fund that need to be contributed to help balance those have changed it is down. Water was almost \$87,000 of fund balance contribution and it is now under \$7,000. We closed out one of the bonds and hadn't moved the funds over yet as we were waiting for written confirmation so we have made that change. We weren't able to do that for sewer but hoping that the prices of some of the equipment for the sewer fund can be negotiated lower and we won't have to use that contribution by the end of year. If you look at the sewer fund revenue line in particular, we did scale it back a bit in anticipation of lower usage just in case we didn't get comparable usage to last year we'll actually be

\$40,000 ahead and that means we would be budget neutral and not have to use fund balance at that time.

Mary Ellen Matise, 54 Gladstone Avenue, if you adopt the adjusted budget what is the dollar amount per thousand.

Manager Revella replied that a house assessed at \$150,000 is \$63.74 per thousand valuation \$17.41 increase per thousand with the library included.

Mary Ellen asked what percentage increase is that.

Manager Revella replied 2.72% budget to budget increase. Tax levy increase is 2.75% and with the library included is 3.11%, but we have no control over that one.

Mary Ellen asked if garbage rates are going to stay the same.

Manager Revella replied yes, as of right now, we did RFP but either way the prices won't go up as we still have the opportunity to exercise the 2<sup>nd</sup> year option at the current rate or we get a bid that is lower than what we are currently paying.

Deputy Mayor Hoffman made a motion to Close the Public Hearing for 2017-2018 Village Budget. Seconded by Trustee Adams. All ayes. Motion carried.

Mayor Rumbold thanked the Manager, Treasurer, Clerk, and all the Department Heads for their very hard work. She feels we have a wonderful capital project menu. We did have a lot of meetings with the department heads and Mr. Perna did give us an update on the vehicles. She doesn't know that he has personally been under them, but we have a new mechanic that is going over the vehicles and we are trying to get as much mileage out of them as we possibly can as they are an expensive thing to replace. We do have to replace 2 police cars, they are important to the fleet. One is older and the engine went and it is not feasible to fix it rather than getting a new car that would have to be replaced in the next budget season. Thank you to the new Board members getting up to speed in a short time, that was helpful.

Trustee Sebring made the motion to adopt 2017-2018 Village Budget. Seconded by Trustee Moore. All ayes. Motion carried.

### **Public Hearing – CDBG 2018 Application**

Trustee Sebring made a motion to open the Public Hearing for CDBG 2018 Application. Seconded by Trustee Moore. All ayes. Motion carried.

Manager Revella explained that we had discussed applying for funds for the sewer to smoke test and do some lining for collection area in the Tin Brook pump station.

Mary Ellen Matise, 54 Gladstone Avenue, asked for the sign for the naming of that pump station. She asked about paving of Millard, Grandview and Kelmore.

Manager Revella interjected and explained those are capital funds and has nothing to do with CDBG funds.

Trustee Sebring made a motion to close the Public Hearing for CDBG 2018 Application. Seconded by Trustee Adams. All ayes. Motion carried.

Trustee Adams made the motion to adopt CDBG 2018 Application. Seconded by Trustee Moore. All ayes. Motion carried.

### **Hearing – 28 Wileman Avenue**

Manager Revella stated that the owner has remedied the violation and a hearing is no longer needed at this time.

### **Village Manager's Report**

- No report tonight.

### **Approval of April 4, 2017 Organizational Minutes & April 4, 2017 Minutes**

Trustee Adams made a motion to approve the April 4, 2017 Organizational Minutes as well as the April 4, 2017 minutes. Seconded by Trustee Moore. All ayes. Motion carried.

### **Approval of Budget Session Minutes (April 4, 2017; April 5, 2017; April 10, 2017, & April 13, 2017)**

Trustee Adams made a motion to approve the April 4, 2017; April 5, 2017; April 10, 2017, & April 13, 2017 budget session minutes. Seconded by Trustee Sebring. All ayes. Motion carried.

### **Trustee's Committee Reports – No reports will be given tonight**

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

Gerald Jacobowitz, Overlook at Kidd Farm project, extended his condolences to the Village family on the loss of the young man. His ringing phone earlier wasn't meant to be disrespectful, he locked himself out of his car and he apologizes. He understands that 12A is not going to be acted on until the next meeting, so he will hold his comments until that meeting.

Mayor Rumbold thanked him.

Mary Ellen Matise, 54 Gladstone Avenue, commented about the capital projects in the budget about paving Millard, Grandview, and Kelmore Street. She suggests you look at Gladstone Avenue instead of them as they are getting more traffic and heavy trucks at the convent.

Manager Revella replied it is almost 3 times the cost and we don't have the money.

Mary Ellen stated she understood but in the meantime maybe the sidewalks on Gladstone between Millard and Scofield as they are really bad. She travels down those side streets all the time and they are not that bad in her opinion.

### **Action Items**

#### **Introductory Local Law 7 of 2017 – Townhouse Zone Affordable Units**

Tabled.

#### **Resolution 39-16-17 – Accepting ALERRT Grant Funding**

Trustee Sebring made the motion to adopt Resolution 39-16-17 – Accepting ALERRT Grant Funding. Seconded by Trustee Moore. All ayes. Motion carried.

## **Falcon Ridge – Introductory local law for Board discussion and Planning Board referral**

Tabled.

### **2017-2018 Village Fee Schedules**

Manager Revella explained that there were a few that were modified which is some of the Recreation program fees as well as the fire stand by fees and the resetters for DPW which are highlighted in yellow. They are the only changes from last year. We spoke about the Landlord registry fees/inspection fire and safety fees and we asked Dean to come up to explain that difference tonight.

Mayor Rumbold asked if they were 2 separate things.

Dean Stickles, Building Inspector, replied no and he explained that he would like to have them both one fee to not over fee people. You can do it two ways. He suggests \$25 per unit or \$65 per building. Currently we have 618 units from single family to 7 family and another 261 units for multifamily complexes which are Tin Brook, Waldenview, Squire Village, and 105 North Montgomery Street, 183 Ulster Avenue, 55 Main Street, and Walden Housing which is Cliff Street apartments. That comes up to 878 units total of rental and if you did it at \$25 per unit it comes to \$21,950 if done at \$65 per building there are 268 buildings and 25 buildings for a total of 293 buildings and that comes out to \$19,045 which is only a difference of \$2,900, either way. If you don't want to do single family rentals at this time there are only 820 units of rental which is \$20,500 at the \$25 per unit rate or it is \$15,275 for 235 buildings at \$65 per building and the difference is \$5,375. The fees are proposed to cover the materials and processing of sending out the notices, setting up the appointments and the materials involved as well as inspections, write ups, and follow ups if deficiencies that have to be corrected and re inspected as well as court costs for attorney to go with him to prosecute including warrant costs would all go to a fund for those costs. If you adopt fees or don't the inspections still have to be done, he is just proposing these fees to cover the cost we are expending to get some back on our expenditures.

Mayor Rumbold asked what we spent on the Landlord Registry last year.

Dean replied we didn't collect any last year as it was a one-time deal per local law 10 of 2014.

Mayor Rumbold meant his expenses to enforce the landlord registry last year.

Dean replied he told the Board that at his budget session that he doesn't have those numbers together.

Mayor Rumbold asked if he doesn't have the expenditures; how can we justify the fees. Are we increasing it from the past?

Dean replied no, last year it was \$10 per unit and \$25 per building for a total of \$35. He is proposing one or the other, not both.

Trustee Thompson stated she is confused. Is this going to be done by the Village or outsourcing with an independent contractor.

Dean replied that it would be done by the Building Department as it has always been done.

Trustee Thompson thought that hadn't been decided yet as we had discussed using an independent contractor because we have had all these things for years on the books and it was her impression that the inspections haven't been done over the past 2 years.

Dean replied he didn't know where she got that information but we have been doing these inspections for the last 27 years.

Trustee Thompson asked how we are having issues like 14 Riverview Street.

Dean replied you will have those issues whether you do those inspections every 2 years or every month.

Trustee Thompson reiterated she is confused because if the inspection is done and there are violations, the people are given a time frame to correct it. So nothing has been corrected in that particular house and how is that working.

Dean stated that particular property has been taken care of.

Trustee Thompson asked if every violation has been corrected.

Dean replied that it has been vacated, that was their violation.

Trustee Thompson asked about the exterior violations that don't need to be fixed.

Dean replied as far as he sees right now there were 3 cars parking in the driveway.

Trustee Thompson asked about the broken windows, the broken front steps, and the garbage on the front porch is still there.

Dean apologized and said he was unaware of that but will take notice of it.

Trustee Thompson replied it has been that way since October.

Dean replied that is only one home in the Village.

Trustee Thompson is confused as she was under the impression that this was going to be contracted out and the fee would be between \$40-\$50 which was what the contractor would charge but she thought was going to increase that and perhaps charge \$60 to the property owner who would in turn either absorb the cost or pass it on to the tenant but when you do the math in a 2 year period it comes out to \$2.50 per unit. If she did the math properly the Village after 2 years would generate a surplus of \$13,500.

Dean replied he is at a loss because that has not been approached to him.

Trustee Thompson said she has paperwork that leads her to be it was, but she may be confused. She doesn't want to say anything that is not correct. Are you able to do these inspections?

Dean replied he has Jay who can do them as well.

Manager Revella confirmed he is able to inspect 878 units every 24 months.

Dean confirmed. Annual inspections are only public assembly which is in line with the state code.

Mayor Rumbold thought that Trustee Thompson was recalling it correctly as she thought when we had the committee the last thing she remembers was that we were thinking about getting an independent contractor to do it.

Manager Revella replied yes, if the Building Inspector can't do it, we would have that option.

Mayor Rumbold asked if they would combine the inspections together.

Dean replied that the fire and safety is the inspection. The landlord registry is where you as the owner comes and gives the information of the building and a schedule is made to do the inspection and a report generated.

Mayor Rumbold stated that his office has been so busy and she understands that Jay can help him but she doesn't want him to bite off more than he can chew. Not that she doesn't feel he is capable of doing it, it is just with all the other tasks he has, and she doesn't want him to not be able to get everything done.

Dean replied if the Board is considering taking on an independent contractor to do these he would like to have some say so about it and he hasn't heard anything about that.

Mayor Rumbold thought that was something that she heard from the committee that met and discussed this, not sure if it went any further than that. She certainly doesn't want to insinuate or that the Board doesn't think you are not capable of doing it she just doesn't want him to be so overburdened that he might bite off more than he can do.

Dean had a suggestion, could this be a 6 months review and he can come back and report where we are and what direction we should be going in.

Manager Revella stated that for example in 6 months if he comes back and has 200 plus units done then he's on track. How does the Board feel about that?

Dean replied it is up to them but would these independent contractors certified and would we have the funding to take them to court that are non-compliant.

Trustee Thompson replied they have to be certified and she is assuming those costs would be in these fees.

Mayor Rumbold explained if we increase fees the residents and landlords will want to understand why so we asked for figures to show them what we collected to enforce the landlord registry law and this is what it cost, we have a shortfall and this is why we have to increase fees.

Dean stated if the Board wanted to hold this conversation over for a few meetings he could get those figures for them and we could continue this.

Mayor Rumbold thinks it's part of the budget, in the fee schedule.

Manager Revella suggested if you were going to let Dean go for \$25 per unit for 6 months he thinks we are covered if that is what you are going to do.

Deputy Mayor Hoffman asked what is in the budget at this time.

Treasurer Kelly A. Kelly replied whatever had been happening is in the budget, nothing has changed. Revenue is based on what has historically been.

Manager Revella replied that last year was none.

Dean added that the year before that was a little over \$12,000.

Trustee Thompson asked if there were records of all the inspections and letters that go out to property owners and their response and when they let you in and follow ups and corrections and violations.

Dean replied yes.

Trustee Thompson said she would be interested in seeing all that as she is hearing from residents that that is not what is happening. This is going to be a lot of additional work and she's concerned if his office will be able to handle it.

Dean replied that it's not something that is additional it's been ongoing for years. He is interested to know who the residents are who are saying it has not been done so he can review their files.

Trustee Thompson said she can show him all that.

Deputy Mayor Hoffman said if it was zero last year anything above that would help.

Dean explained that the year before that we collected a little over \$12,000 and it covered our expenses to do it.

Mayor Rumbold stated that is what she is saying, if that covered the inspection you were doing then how can we justify what you are asking for as an increase.

Manager Revella stated it only covered half the inspections as it was only 1 year. It takes 2 years to do the inspections. So the total for 2 years is \$12,000.

Mayor Rumbold would like more information before she can pass on more costs.

Manager Revella thinks the feedback we got was that it wasn't fair percentage. Per unit is more fair than per building from that feedback they got.

Trustee Adams asked if we can put it in and evaluate it again as it's still more money than we put in there before.

Mayor Rumbold feels fees have to be able to be justified and she doesn't feel she has the information to do that. Also concerned he has a full plate now. She is annoyed that here we are trying to do something at the 11<sup>th</sup> hour when we asked for the information a long time ago. Why wasn't this given to us before?

Deputy Mayor Hoffman stated that when the law was conceived and adopted we did go through this exercise to review anticipated costs. They were all projected and assumed time that would be spent. We do have backing for what we have done previously. Brenda is suggesting we continue that way and then come back and review it in a month or so.

Manager Revella stated that Dean is not taking on any more work, that's what he's saying.

Mayor Rumbold is asking why the committee would say in strong terms to get someone independently to do these inspections.

Manager Revella explained they were thinking there were 2 inspections going on, but its 1 inspection not 2. Can work on the cost and analyze the cost per unit per inspection based on the salary and benefits of Vicki and Dean plus cost of paper and mailing.

Dean stated he has no qualms about an independent contractor coming in to do that. His question is how did you come up with the fees in the law in 2014?

Manager Revella stated that we talked about the time and cost but weren't sure if it was accurate because we haven't done it before.

Mayor Rumbold explained if you are changing the numbers we have to have the back up to explain that. We will continue the fee schedule we have had and how much time does the Board want to give the Building Inspector and Village Manager to give more solid numbers?

Deputy Mayor Hoffman suggested the 2<sup>nd</sup> meeting in May, 5/16.

The Board agreed.

Trustee Moore said she would help with that.

Trustee Sebring made the motion to adopt 2017-2018 Village Fee Schedules. Seconded by Trustee Adams. All ayes. Motion carried.

### **Public Comment**

Becky Pearson, 167 Walnut Street, wasn't there for the Recreation Department session. She heard that the Walden Little League is defunct and that it merged with Montgomery.

Manager Revella stated that the Village has nothing to do with the Walden Little League. The merge has to do with the Little Leagues' regional board of directors called the Greater Montgomery Little League.

Becky asked who uses our fields.

Manager Revella replied several entities Orange County Cal Ripkin League is one of those.

Becky asked if they pay to use them.

Manager Revella stated that no one has ever paid to play on our fields.

Becky asked why we can't charge them.

Manager Revella replied we could.

Becky thought we maintained them and the Village wanted to maintain them so they are maintained properly.

Mayor Rumbold stated that we always mow them and they buy the clay and lime.

Becky commented that if there is no more Walden Little League and if people are using our fields why wouldn't we want a revenue source.

Manager Revella asked what the difference with Little League is or if it's another entity, why does that change things. He's all for a revenue source but what is the difference.

Becky replied because they were basically Walden residents.

Manager Revella replied that is not true, it was never just Walden residents.

Becky replied when her kids were in Little League it was. Why wouldn't we do something like that?

Manager Revella stated we have discussed it.

Mayor Rumbold replied that her understanding is the greater number of children that belong to Cal Ripkin are the people that made up Walden Little League.

Becky thought they just said the charter was taken over by Montgomery little league.

Mayor Rumbold stated that whatever players were left within that district have been absorbed. They shared the fields. Because the small number of Walden Little League it's now the greater Montgomery area allowed by District 19 and Cal Ripkin is still going to use our fields as they had been before, no change there.

Becky understands there are 2 entities for little league and we don't charge anyone to use our fields.

Manager Revella replied that is correct they just need to have insurance and maintain the fields.

Becky asked about the blue stones on Ulster Avenue. If the project is not going to be blue stone she doesn't feel tis fair that those home owners get to keep that bluestone. There are sidewalks in the Village one being Church Street that could use the blue stone to have some of that historic-ness that we tend to take away. Maybe we can stockpile them for a project in a park or a patio at a senior center. They have value to them. The last time they were taken out in her neighborhood they were thrown out in the back of DPW. Her father bought some of them. They have value and hope they will not be destroyed or tossed aside. Either you make money off of them or store for future use.

Mayor Rumbold stated that past DPW may have done something like that but this DPW knows the value of the stone.

Becky replied she understood.

Mary Ellen Matise, 54 Gladstone Avenue, gave out a report on the history of Olley Park. She is asking everyone to read it. She is reacting and trying to be preemptive about the rumor about the school and their designs on our park that they want to put a school in our park. She heard from a Board member who is not here tonight this rumor. Just for your edification these are things that have happened in the past about the park and things that happened pretty recently in the park. There was an issue when she and Becky were elected to the Board about alienating a part of the park. She gathered this for your information, so that you have it as we've been down this road before.

Anita Vandermark, 76 Highland Avenue, added that she read an article about bluestone stealing in Kingston. The rumor Mary Ellen was talking about was written somewhere, she saw that as well.

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

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

### **Correspondence**

None.

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

None

**Village of Walden Board of Trustees  
Regular Meeting  
April 18, 2017  
Motions & Resolutions**

**Approval of April 4, 2017 Organizational Minutes & April 4, 2017 Minutes**

Trustee Adams made a motion to approve the April 4, 2017 Organizational Minutes as well as the April 4, 2017 minutes. Seconded by Trustee Moore. All ayes. Motion carried.

**Approval of Budget Session Minutes (April 4, 2017; April 5, 2017; April 10, 2017, & April 13, 2017)**

Trustee Adams made a motion to approve the April 4, 2017; April 5, 2017; April 10, 2017, & April 13, 2017 budget session minutes. Seconded by Trustee Sebring. All ayes. Motion carried.

**Resolution 39-16-17 – Accepting ALERRT Grant Funding**

Trustee Sebring made the motion to adopt Resolution 39-16-17 – Accepting ALERRT Grant Funding. Seconded by Trustee Moore. All ayes. Motion carried.

**2017-2018 Village Fee Schedules**

Trustee Sebring made the motion to adopt 2017-2018 Village Fee Schedules. Seconded by Trustee Adams. All ayes. Motion carried.

**Payment of the Audited Bills**

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