

**Village of Walden  
Board of Trustees Regular Meeting  
June 20, 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
		John Ramos
		Brian B. Sebring
		Lynn E. Thompson

Absent:

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

The Mayor wished Trustee Sebring a happy birthday today.

**Village Manager's Report**

- The County Health Department let us know that they would be doing the larvicide spraying throughout the county hitting Walden sometime between August 7<sup>th</sup> and September 1<sup>st</sup>. This will prevent mosquitos from breeding in the catch basins.
- He sent out a report from the Building Inspector about the Landlord Registry status which has since had some updates. We only have 29 non-compliant landlords and 7 of those properties are in foreclosure so there may be status updates on those shortly.
- Received a thank you letter from the Walden Elementary School Principal thanking the Police Department, and Recreation Department for their assistance for their field day held at Bradley Park.
- Met with the Treasurer about pay change forms, CSEA rates, and upcoming software presentation.
- We did some upgrades at the range with coordination between DPW, Parks, and the Police Department.
- Had a site visit for CDBG 2018 application hopefully for Valley Avenue smoke testing and sewer lining to assist with I&I issues with the DEC.
- Sale of 27 N. Montgomery Street putting that back on the tax rolls.
- Had a good meeting with Trustee Moore, the Mayor, and a Realtor to discuss downtown marketing and enticing businesses to come to the Village. More coming on that in the future.
- Flag Day ceremony was wonderful.
- Met with the Clerk and our web designer about our website redesign that the Board approved the upgrades. Will be very user friendly.

- Met with the Treasurer about the Capital accounts, bonds, and potential budget adjustments at the next meeting. Been going over some water sewer complaints over the last billing that went out.
- We were awarded \$454,000 in CDBG funding for rehab of the Pine Street Pump Station.

Trustee Adams asked about the change order for the new DPW building, will that change the cost.

Manager Revella replied yes, for additional framing that was done for storage in 2 of the bays and adding outlets which will change the cost about \$3,000.

Trustee Adams asked about the missing officers and how that will affect the Part Time hours and overtime expense.

Manager Revella stated that it will affect the part time lines but overtime will be the same, not more than normal. The list won't be out until September. There will be a higher usage of Part Time personnel. If we hire quickly off the list without much training it should work out well.

Trustee Adams asked about the meter install issue he copied the Board on, has that been resolved.

Manager Revella replied no, not yet, we are working on that.

Trustee Adams asked about the closing money for 27 N. Montgomery Street, is that money going towards capital projects.

Manager Revella replied that goes into the Capital 82 account, building improvements. We use that fund for any kind of building improvements to this building or any other building we own.

Trustee Sebring asked how the Cherry Street building was going.

Manager Revella replied good, hopeful to get everything out of there soon and looking to off-load the property and put it back on the tax rolls as well.

### **Approval of June 6, 2017 Minutes**

Tabled as the minutes were just received.

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

#### **DPW Liaison– Trustee Sebring**

Trustee Sebring reported that DPW has been busy digging out the south side of the new building, sweeping, flushing sewers on a regular basis, and dug for the gas and electric lines and drainage from the roof. Electric is in but has to be inspected yet. Studding is up inside the building. The Water Department put in 28 meters these past 2 weeks.

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

Trustee Ramos reported that SI Play registration for Summer Camp is up and running. Had a few glitches we are ironing out but going pretty well. Reorganization meeting for the School Board is July 7<sup>th</sup>.

### **Police Department and Justice Department Liaison – Deputy Mayor Hoffman**

Deputy Mayor Hoffman reported that he talked to Chief about overtime and filling in for regular shifts. Chief is continuing to monitor what his costs are in terms of budget to project for and as the Manager said reviewing weekly and scheduling for the tests.

Manager Revella stated that they did have range qualifying last week and everyone passed.

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

Trustee Adams reported that aside from what was in the reports for the Clerk and Treasurer. Kelly is starting to work on the cash flow project which looks good, should be up and running in the near future.

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

Trustee Moore reported that she did not meet with Dean but did meet with the Village Manager about the Landlord Registry and Fire and Safety Inspections.

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

Trustee Thompson reported that she attended the last Library Board meeting. Their summer reading programs are going well for both children and adults. Minor repairs in Library were done by Bobby Lynn, they are grateful for him. Children's reading area project won't start until the fall but they did meet with the designer and it will look awesome. She wondered if there was an idea of when the pillars would be repaired at the entrance.

Manager Revella replied as in painting them; we would need a dry day to do that, but when we have a spare guy on a dry day it is on our list to do and we will do that.

Trustee Thompson continued that she did meet with the Town of Montgomery and no one know about the mysterious planters that no one owns. As for the Hill Street Bridge no one knows if they applied for funding. They sent a letter to Senator Larkin for funds to get bridge repaired. She has a meeting with Mr. Woznick on Thursday morning so he can tell her what she should present about the bridge at the Town meeting. They have an estimate which is 5 years old and not accurate, that is their concern, so they suggested she go to the next meeting and ask for the Town to get an updated report for the repair costs. She shared some information that Trustee Hoffman gave her and they went on the computer together and will start looking into it. There seems to be some confusion about 2 bridges on that street.

Mayor Rumbold read the community events into the minutes.

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

None.

### **Action Items**

#### **Block Party Request – Donner Drive Saturday, August 19, 2017**

Trustee Adams made a motion to approve the Block Party Request for Donner Drive Saturday, August 19, 2017 from 3-9pm. Seconded by Trustee Moore. 6 ayes, 0 nays, 1 abstention (Trustee Ramos). Motion carried.

### **Resolution 2-17-18 – Bond Resolution**

Trustee Moore made the motion to adopt Resolution 2-17-18 – Bond Resolution for Various Capital Projects in the amount of \$580,000. Seconded by Trustee Sebring. All ayes. Motion carried.

### **Introductory Local Law 7 of 2017 – Amending Chapter 221 -Rental Property, Registration of**

Attorney Donovan explained that the amendments to this local law does 4 things which include the inclusion of commercial properties, allows the Board to take out the fee and set said fee with a resolution from time to time, provides the ability to relevy unpaid fees on Village taxes, and changes the form to be filed with the Building Inspector rather than the Village Clerk. If the Board is satisfied you can schedule a public hearing or you may take some time to think about it, which is up to the Board.

Trustee Adams made a motion to set a public hearing for Introductory Local Law 7 of 2017 – Amending Chapter 221 -Rental Property, Registration of for Tuesday, July 11, 2017 at 6:30pm or as soon thereafter as the matter could be heard. Seconded by Trustee Ramos. All ayes. Motion carried.

### **Introductory Local Law 8 of 2017 – Amending Chapter 121 –Construction Code, Uniform**

Attorney Donovan explained that the amendments to this local law do 3 things which includes increasing the ability of the Building Department to do fire and safety inspections by adding properties, it sets a specific date, June 1<sup>st</sup>, for the payment of the fee which right now it says whenever the inspection occurs, and provides for unpaid fees to be relieved on tax roll. If the Board is satisfied you can schedule a public hearing or you may take some time to think about it, which is up to the Board.

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### **Set Town Hall Meeting proposed removal of sidewalks on Oakland Avenue – Thursday, July 13, 2017, 6:30pm at the Speed Hump on Oakland Avenue (35 Oakland Ave)**

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### **Fluoride Discussion – Set Public Hearing**

Attorney Donovan stated that at the last meeting we talked about getting a health professional to consult with at a public meeting and possibly giving a presentation. The Manager has a list of names and Trustee Hoffman would like to hear from the Health Department. We talked about bring to a public meeting an make a presentation and he would recommend perhaps getting a written report before you make a determination and if you make a determination to continue or discontinue you may be better off to have something in writing to rely upon.

Trustee Thompson feels that is a good suggestion as some medical personnel will be difficult to get them here.

Attorney Donovan stated the Manager has a list of names he can circulate and get a few to provide something to the Board and proceed from there. He is not suggesting one or the other or both, it is whatever form deemed appropriate by the Board.

Mayor Rumbold would like to do both.

Trustee Thompson would like to get a diverse group including medical doctors, nurse practitioners, dentists, chiropractors, as there are a multitude of professionals on the list. She feels we should pick a reasonable number of people who are close and know the area.

The Board agreed unanimously.

The Board asked the Manager to distribute the list and then they will decide on having 4 Professionals plus the Health Department. To give them some time to respond in writing and then set the presentation for the August 8, 2017 meeting.

The Board agreed unanimously.

Attorney Donovan stated that when you have the information that is sufficient to meet the requirement of the Public Health Law 1100A the Board would then make a preliminary determination. If the Board determines that they are going to keep fluoride in the water then you are done. If you determine you would like to discontinue fluoridation the Board would then need to give a 90 day notice to the public of the discontinuance as well as a plan what we are going to do if fluoride is out of the water, and give the Department of Health 90 days' time to reply. After that a Public Hearing is required in order to repeal the existing Fluoridation Local Law.

### **Public Comment**

Lisa Eckert, 19 Railroad Avenue, had some concerns about traffic issue on Railroad Avenue. She asked to get a speed limit sign on the road as cars go through there like maniacs and kids are playing there and she doesn't want to see a child get hurt.

Mayor Rumbold stated it is 25mph on all Village streets.

Lisa stated that they go faster than that. She asked if we could have near the stop sign at Route 52, a do not park from stop sign up because there is a white van that parks there and you can't see cars coming up.

Manager Revella replied that there is no parking already in our code 30 feet away from a stop sign, no parking from that point to the corner. Should be no problem to do.

Mayor Rumbold asked about putting no stopping or standing.

Manager Revella stated he will check but he is not sure if we can do that at a stop sign.

Lisa commented about John Street and the need for it to be cleaned up as there is parking on both sides of the street and a fire truck or another emergency vehicle can't get through there.

Becky McNally, 52 Oakland Avenue, asked about the sidewalks on Oakland Avenue. She noticed that it says removal but no mention of replacement.

Manager Revella replied there is no replacement proposed, just removal. It is not proposed to remove them on the whole road, just from the gap where there is no sidewalk up to the top of the street.

Becky asked about the school kids walking in street. How will everyone be notified of the meeting?

Manager Revella stated that a letter will be mailed to each resident and it will be noticed in the paper as well.

Becky added that the speed limit sign at the speed hump says 0mph. She asked about power washing the front of this building.

Manager Revella replied it is on our list to do, we just power washed the building department building today. We can only do the stone, not the brick.

Becky asked about the trees on Main Street being removed and now the only greenery on Main Street is the weeds that have come up between the curb and bricks. Bricks are nice, but could we apply weed killer there.

Manager Revella explained we can't use weed killer, we use an organic compound as we did last year. Likely doing it all over the Village, the guy we have to do that was out last week and needed new fiscal year.

Becky asked about the auto body shop next to Wooster that is now for sale has weeds that are very tall. Who is responsible for that?

Mayor Rumbold stated that the property owner would be noticed.

Becky asked about the peeling of paint on the lamp posts which is on the lower 5 feet of the lamp posts. Can we paint that as a temporary fix to look better?

Mayor Rumbold explained it has to be treated as we've tried just painting it and the paint comes right off of it. The Beautification Committee was going to get back to us about planters with trees or what their recommendations were for Main Street.

Becky replied yes, but we couldn't figure out sizes and where to put them and what the street lights were going to look like. She did mention when she was recently in Alaska they got around it by hanging flower baskets from buildings perhaps we can do that here as well.

Anita Vandermark, 76 Highland Avenue, DPW was out patching the holes in the road and fixing curbing and was really great. Will they be painting crosswalks soon?

Manager Revella stated they are doing that this month. Doing stop bars, parking boxes, arrows, and cross walks. They are currently doing the parking lots this week and then will move on from there.

Anita invited everyone to the Historical Society meeting tomorrow night where they will have a speaker on the Trolley that ran from Newburgh to Walden. Come find out!

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

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

### **Correspondence**

Trustee Adams got an email from Colorado regarding fluoride.

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

Trustee Ramos was fortunate enough to chaperone the 5<sup>th</sup> grade class of Walden Elementary School trip to Frost Valley. We have some really great kids at Walden Elementary School and they were well behaved. He thanked the Mayor for the opportunity to speak at the 5<sup>th</sup> grade moving up ceremony on Thursday on behalf of the Board.

Trustee Adams commented that she heard that there were going to be some bicycles on Main Street with flowers and they look lovely. The 2008 Main Street Grant is officially finished and the 2011 grant should be closed next year. Harvest Fest meeting was great, Mike is really doing a great job with it.

Mayor Rumbold stated that the Flag Day ceremony was wonderful and the park looks beautiful. Thanks to all for coming out.

### **Executive Session**

Trustee Moore made a motion to enter into executive session to discuss personnel history of a particular person. Seconded by Deputy Mayor Hoffman. All ayes. Motion carried.

### **Reconvene**

Trustee Adams made a motion to reconvene the regular meeting. Seconded by Trustee Ramos. All ayes. Motion carried.

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