

**Village of Walden
Board of Trustees Regular Meeting
August 8, 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

Village Manager's Report

- He covered DPW for 2 weeks while Fred was on vacation and Recreation & Parks for a different week while Mike was on vacation.
- Had a good meeting with the Buddhist Temple about the plans for their meditating garden/park that will be about Olley Park. Nice plans there that will fit right in with our comprehensive plan, should be nice.
- Gave some tours to the Youth Employees in the Village for the Summer Youth Employment Program.
- Attended 2 different meetings regarding shared services with other officials throughout the county. We did agree to send a request to the Legislature to get reimbursement for the county wide radio system they plan on adopting next year.
- CDBG for the county for East Main Street sidewalk projects. Hoping to have the contract soon so we can put it out to bid and move forward on that one.
- Attended the town hall meeting on Oakland Ave regarding sidewalks. The majority of the residents that attended would like us to try to keep the sidewalks and we discussed costs and time frame.
- Went to Senator Larkin's office to discuss a possible community center and funding sources. We did submit a Consolidate Funding Application (CFA) to the state for funding, won't hear back on that until December.
- Met with the SYLA group with the Clerk and reviewed Village government and gave them a tour of the offices as well.
- Attended a farewell gathering for Betty Herald our former Parking Enforcement Officer. We have not yet filled that position.
- Received a few filming applications from some film companies for filming permits. One actually filmed last week in the jail. It was a little intrusive but they got in and out as quickly as possible and the feedback we got was positive overall.
- Civil Service informed him that they will be putting out the Superintendents exam as we requested. No specific dates yet.

- Attended the Association of Towns, Villages, and Cities meeting where the speaker was from our former accounting firm. We continued the shared service initiative discussion. Basically, any municipalities who participate in shared services and find a cost savings the state will match the savings. Hoping to work out of us with the county wide radio contract.
- Wait Street sidewalks had a major washout with last week's storm but the contractors came back that night and helped us out.
- National Night Out was well attended and ran smoothly. Weather was beautiful. Thanks to the many who helped make it happen: Anita Vandermark, Sandy Magill, Brenda Adams, Brian Sebring, and Officer Reynolds to name a few.

Trustee Adams asked for an update on the Eagle Scout project proposed for the McKinley monument.

Manager Revella replied it would be for landscaping and possibly a placard to talk about why the statue is there, it would be put on the side. He would need to present it to the Board before going forward. It could also include rehabilitation of the statue depending on costs. It would not take place until next year, in the beginning stages of research now.

Trustee Adams asked about the trees on Oak Street that are mentioned in his report as well as in the Building Inspector's report.

Manager Revella stated it is an issue with a tree at 64 Oak Street that is on private property. The owner was made aware of the condition of the tree and didn't respond. Dean followed up and had someone look at it but don't have a report back just yet.

Trustee Adams asked to clarify if two private properties have an issue about a tree we get involved.

Manager Revella replied if it is a hazardous condition, yes.

Attorney Donovan added that in those type of instances if the tree presents a potential public endangerment we get involved but we do not get involved in private disputes. IN this particular instance he felt that we needed to evaluate the tree to determine if we should/are able to/required to do anything.

Trustee Adams said she was asked about a tree issue and confirmed she should refer the residents to contact the Manager.

Approval of July 11, 2017 Minutes

Trustee Ramos made a motion to approve the July 11, 2017 minutes. Seconded by Trustee Moore. 6 ayes, 0 nays, 1 abstention (Deputy Mayor Hoffman). Motion carried.

Approval of July 13, 2017 Town Hall Minutes

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Trustee's Committee Reports

DPW Liaison– Trustee Sebring

Trustee Sebring reported that the Water Department has installed 61 new meters and repaired a water main leak on Ulster Avenue. They will be sending out cards to residents for water meter replacements. DPW has been working on the slopes around the doors of

the new building, sweeping streets, picking up branches etc. after the storm. They also did a water service repair at 83 Walnut Street. The contractor doing the sidewalks on Wait Street came back the day of the storm after the huge washout up there to help get everyone so they could at least get their cars out for the next day which was nice.

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

Trustee Ramos reported that there are only 26 more days before school starts. He will be meeting with Superintendent Xanthis in the next week or so to access new school transportation needs. There were a few issues at the end of last year that he would like to discuss. Hopefully can facilitate assistance throughout the Village. As for the Recreation and Parks department, summer camp is almost over; one last week left. There were 456 kids total and of that 151 full timers. Field trips are going well and have heard a lot of great comments from parents about them. Everyone seems happy and a lot of accolades. The end of summer picnic is next Thursday at 5pm, hope everyone can attend. The next Music in the Grove concert is tomorrow at Wooster Grove featuring Hillbilly Parade.

Police Department and Justice Department Liaison – Deputy Mayor Hoffman

Deputy Mayor Hoffman reported that he talked to Chief about his office that got flooded during the storm last week. His office is back to normal now. They spoke about the order for the two new SUVs that should be here soon and they hope to have in service the beginning of the fall. National Night Out was a success. We received a grant for child safety seats in the amount of \$3,000. Chief will be on vacation August 21st to 27th then will be attending the NYS juvenile conference the following week.

Village Offices Liaison – Trustee Adams

Trustee Adams reported that aside from what was in the reports for the Clerk and Treasurer. The highlights for the Treasurer is that she has been busy preparing for the state audit and the independent auditors. Nugent & Haeussler, the independent auditors, sent out letters to each Board member, please be sure to reply. She thanked the Clerk for a great job with the Summer Youth Employment Program.

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

Trustee Moore reported that she met with Dean and discussed general items regarding the department but specifically spoke about 90 West Main Street and 14 Riverview Street. She can give more information on them if anyone would like.

Town of Montgomery & Library Board liaison – Trustee Thompson

Trustee Thompson reported that the Library's summer reading program is going well. Ginny is on vacation the next 2 weeks. Everyone is impressed with their summer program which Mel Wesenberg presented to the Town of Montgomery for next year's budget preparation. The minor security things they were looking at after the advice of Sergeant Werner have all been taken care of. They are doing further research about cameras and things like that. She went to the Town of Montgomery Board meeting and they did not answer any of her questions. She was referred to Mr. Woznick who she was not able to reach or his secretary. She was asking about the schedule for the Rail Trail repairs and about the Hill Street Bridge again. Supervisor Hayes did state that Mr. Woznick is attempting to secure some panels from the Tapanzee Bridge to see if they can be used to repair the Hill Street Bridge which would be a huge cost savings if they can. She is not sure if they got a new engineer for an updated estimate for the repairs or not.

Mayor Rumbold read the community events into the minutes.

Public Comment on Business of the Board

None.

Action Items

Temporary Event Sign Request – 8.11.17 Col. Bradley Hose #2 Penny Social

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Set Trick or Treat – Tuesday, October 31, 2017 6-8pm

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Set Veterans Day Ceremony – Sunday, November 5, 2017 1pm, Veterans Park

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Resolution 5-17-18: STOP DWI Funding Change Order

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Mayor Rumbold asked if the punch list would be done prior to this work beginning.

Manager Revella replied yes, and explained that once the punch list was handled and they were able to get into the building they said it should take about a week to complete once he gets started.

Deputy Mayor Hoffman asked if this amount was in line with the budget.

Manager Revella replied it is actually more as we didn't plan for them to paint but it's in there as an option in the event we don't have time for our own guys to do the painting.

Public Comment

Anita Vandermark, 76 Highland Avenue, wanted to commend Officer Reynolds on a job well done for National Night Out. Everything went beautifully and the fireworks were outstanding! There is a meeting tomorrow at Wooster Grove Park for Harvest Fest. She asked about the safety seat program; will they still hold a separate program at the thruway market this year.

Deputy Mayor Hoffman replied that the majority of the grant money is used for training. It's a 40 hour course they have to take and they have to be recertified every year as well. He believes we have 4 certified officers at this time.

Anita asked what the criteria is to rent the Teen Center for special functions.

Manager Revella replied they apply for a park facility use to the Recreation & Parks Department, provide insurance, and payment.

Anita asked who is responsible for cleaning up after the event.

Manager Revella replied the renter is and when they don't we charge them.

Anita replied that there was an incident on Saturday after an event and she hopes it will be taken care of. No one could find anything after they left. They did not clean up after themselves and it was really unheard of and she hopes in the future they are more careful who they rent to. Someone should be there to ensure it is cleaned up.

Manager Revella stated that someone is assigned to go before and after each event.

Anita added that there were cigarette butts in the park also and feels there should be better policing as far as children in the park after dusk.

Payment of the Audited Bills

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

Correspondence

NYSCOF correspondence received by everyone.

Miscellaneous Comments from the Board of Trustees

Trustee Sebring commented that National Night Out was well attended and a great job was done by all. There were a lot of stands there and it looked very nice. Everyone did a good job and did what was necessary to make it what it was.

Trustee Ramos thanked the Manager for his expeditious response in regards to the Wait Street water issue after the storm. The helicopter was a great addition to National Night Out, the kids had a blast, glad they were able to make it. He had a great luncheon with Emily Hamilton from Patterns for Progress regarding Latin business owners and a community assistance program and funding available for new and existing Latin business owners. They will be meeting again at Zona Rosa and Marina's Café.

Deputy Mayor Hoffman echoed the comments about National Night Out. Chief was pleased and the officers were great too.

Trustee Adams agreed, National Night Out was wonderful. She thanked the Manager for cleaning up the Scofield Street building and asked if the tree branches could be cut down off the back of the house as they are hitting the window on back of house. She asked about the handicap ramp and if it could be repainted/sealed.

Manager Revella replied he has a quote to seal the walkway.

Trustee Adams asked if the molding tops could either be replaced or taken down to make it look uniform. She mentioned she noticed when she was walking to the Music in the

Grove concerts a lot of dirt coming down the hill from a property on Railroad Ave that is all in the sidewalk and a mountain came down due to the storm the other day. It appears to be coming off of that one property's hill since early summer she noticed it when the concerts started in early July. She looked in the report and it didn't seem that the Code Enforcement Officer cited anyone for it. It's big now.

Manager Revella stated he would follow up with MDS who owns the building

Trustee Moore agreed that National Night Out was very enjoyable. She felt Officer Reynolds needed to be commended for his work in honor of Investigator James. She was proud to wear her shirt that night in honor of him. As an employer for the Summer Youth Employment program we had 2 great employees again this year and SYLA is a great program. She is proud to have both programs here in the Village. She also wanted to express the enjoyment her nephews had attending Summer Camp, they are already looking forward to next year.

Trustee Thompson talked to the 20 something men who were thrilled about the way the basketball court at Wooster came out, it looks great. Thank you!

Mayor Rumbold commented that the concerts have been great so far and people seem to be enjoying themselves. National Night Out was great and all had a wonderful time with no issues. Chief and she talked to a representative that was there from Albany who said it was one of the best he's seen in any community. She asked if all our calls are recorded.

Manager Revella replied, no, only in the Police Department.

Mayor Rumbold continued that she has been in the office several times and overheard calls coming into the office and no one should have to be berated with that kind of language. She understands that people are upset but the girls shouldn't have to listen to that and be verbally abused. Not sure what we can do about it. They weren't nasty back to them by any means but she is not sure that's fair to them to subject them to that.

Manager Revella replied that they have talked about how to handle situations like that. He feels they have a good rapport and they understand that sometimes people are venting and to let them vent. If it gets bad they know to ask them to call back when they are calmer, has happened in the past.

Clerk Bliss replied that we all understand that it is an emotional situation for some people and it is part of working in the customer service industry and we have all been trained on how to handle those kinds of situations and not take them personally. We appreciate that you recognize our efforts, thank you for thinking of that, it is very thoughtful.

Executive Session

Trustee Ramos made a motion to enter into executive session to discuss the potential sale of Village Property located at 5 Cherry Street and to enter into an Attorney Client privilege session to receive legal advice regarding the DEC and the Orange County Human Rights Commission. Seconded by Trustee Moore. All ayes. Motion carried.

Reconvene

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

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