

**Village of Walden  
Board of Trustees Regular Meeting  
November 14, 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:	Trustees	John Ramos
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Also Present:	John Revella, Village Manager
	Tara Bliss, Village Clerk
	Dave Donovan, Village Attorney

**Village Manager's Report**

- Had a good meeting at the Orange County Transportation Council where they were discussing projects including our Ulster Ave sidewalk project.
- Had a meeting with the engineering firm that the state would like us to use to oversee the Ulster Avenue sidewalk project. It seems the last issue is the right of way issue to get the next steps rolling with the Ulster Avenue Project
- The State and the Railroad Company will be upgrading the railroad crossing at Coldenham Road including pavement area and lights and signals for the next Federal fiscal year which already started. Trying for Grant Street also.
- We finished up the Comptroller's audit as they wanted to go over a few things including the DEC consent order. We will talk about the latest order in executive session.
- Reviewed and attend the Town of Montgomery Budget hearing on 11/2 with the Mayor and some other Board members. There are some deficiencies we saw especially with regards to parity with the Library. The Library will be taking a different action regarding that with the Town in the near future.
- Haunted trail was well attended and was close to expected revenue.
- He did have to discuss via emails and phone calls outstanding water/sewer bills and worked out payment plans with most of them to avoid shut offs.
- Had a few personnel meetings with CSEA for a DPW worker and the Teamsters with the PBA where we were able to settle both matters with no arbitration.
- Had a meeting with Trustee Moore and the Building Inspector regarding some department issues and things that came up in the Zoning Board which is on the agenda tonight for discussion.
- We had our MS4 Audit report back and there is some testing we need to do at Olley Park due to the treatment of the lake for swimming. It is a few thousand dollars every 4 years that we will now have to budget for going forward.

- We moved forward with CDBG projects one for hazard mitigation for the Pine Street Pump Station and the one for Wait Street has all been finished. The other one for East Main Street has to be moved to another location as the state DOT is putting up too many barriers for us to get the work done in a year and the County needs us to expend the funds. We are looking at alternative locations.
- Workers Comp audit is done. They just need to do some follow up with documents from some of our vendors.
- We were awarded some grants from the Youth Bureau for a few programs and the other one from the Police Department for bullet proof vests.
- DPW building is progressing. They are doing the grading on the outside of the building and hopefully get it paved before the plant shuts down.
- All the non-union employee surveys have all been turned in except for the Judge but he is told it won't hold up the process by Pinnacle. Judge Ozman is getting it done as fast as he can.
- He and the Building Inspector went to a meeting at SUNY Dutchess about abandoned and vacant properties and the abandoned property law from the state. It is poor legislation and it will likely have to be revised a number of times before it becomes effective, the law wasn't very helpful. Passing off the work to the municipalities and the fines went to the state.
- The Zoning Board was low on members due to some vacancies. He appointed Christine Scieurca as a member and Jessica Metzger as an alternate member.
- He asked Chief to introduce a few new employees:
  - Kathleen A. Penney who is our new Parking Enforcement Officer
  - Craig Dudas who is our new Full Time Police Officer
  - Anthony Galeno who is a new Part Time Police Officer

Mayor Rumbold asked if there was an estimated time for our Police cars.

Chief Holmes replied that one is finished today and will have it next week and the last one the week after that.

Mayor Rumbold asked if the DPW building is fully functional and if they are working on the punch list now.

Manager Revella replied yes, they have been working out of there for a while now. Cherry Street closing should be on Tuesday hopefully. They are setting up the lab now which is the last part to make the Water Department move to the new building. They had a water break today that put them behind but once the lab is in everything else will go in.

### **Approval of October 17, 2017 Minutes**

Trustee Adams made a motion to approve the October 17, 2017 minutes. Seconded by Trustee Moore. All ayes. Motion carried.

### **Trustee's Committee Reports DPW Liaison– Trustee Sebring**

Trustee Sebring reported that he spoke with Fred and Larry and DPW is doing site work around the building. Plows were brought in and gone over and are ready for winter. Doing street sweeping, catch basin repairs, and patching pot holes. The Water Department installed 39 water meters.

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

Trustee Ramos was absent.

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

Deputy Mayor Hoffman reported that he spoke with Chief a few times since the last meeting. Some highlights were that shift bids were sent out end of October and no changes to the shift personnel to be made at this time. The snow policy just had some minor modifications and has been sent onto the Manager and DPW. Part time hours were discussed as well as getting some more hours out of those who haven't provided a lot of hours for us. He spoke with a resident regarding an accident on Route 208 and he and Chief discussed putting out some tubes and getting some statistics on peak times and speed in the area and setting up enforcement and patrol.

Manager Revella added that he requested the open list for Full Time Officers from the County. We are doing a budget adjustment tonight to help with that until the Full Time spots are filled.

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

Trustee Adams reported that she has met with Kelly and they did some catching up from all the audits she's been facing. She mentioned the fund balance policy that we brought up in December 2016 and it was not favored but the Comptroller's office is looking for it. Repaying the sewer money due to the general fund if the state decides to reclassify that it will affect fiscal stress. They are looking for the multi-year fiscal plan as well. They will be doing a response to the Comptroller's office report to state. We went over a lot of the expenditures and various things and she will follow up with John about those things.

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

Trustee Moore reported that she met with Dean about issue within the ZBA and possible Zoning Changes on the agenda tonight.

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

Trustee Thompson reported that she didn't have a whole lot to report from the Town just that they are not forthcoming with a lot of money for the Village. She didn't know about the rail trail repairs as her queries went unanswered.

Manager Revella state that they had a meeting with us at the trail about some of our water and sewer pipes under the trail. They are finished but are close. It is usable despite the barricade. He added from the Town Budget meeting that the Town Board didn't seem to know what their fund balance was which makes budgeting difficult.

Trustee Thompson reported that Ginny has been pushing for the Orange County Legislature to give money back to the Library's tonight. The plans are going ok with the children's section redesign.

Clerk Bliss stated that she just got back and told her that they got the funding and then some so that's good.

Mayor Rumbold read the community events into the minutes.

Manager Revella stated that we are adding 2 resolutions to the agenda tonight one if for the Highway Inventory and the other is accepting the 2018 Youth Bureau Funding.

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

Mary Ellen Matise commented about Kidd Farm and was trying to read the agreement. Seems they are looking for an extension or a change from 5 years to 10 years. She and Becky feel it should stay at 5 years. She stated the comprehensive plan link on the website is not working.

### **Action Items**

#### **Resolution 19-17-18: 2016-2017 Year End Budget Amendments**

Manager Revella stated that this is based on findings from the audit and AUD in order to balance the books for last year.

Trustee Adams said it was a lot smaller than last year which is good.

Trustee Adams made the motion to adopt Resolution 19-17-18: 2016-2017 Year End Budget Amendments. Seconded by Trustee Sebring. All ayes. Motion carried

#### **Resolution 20-17-18: 2017-2018 Budget transfers**

Manager Revella stated that this is to keep in line with our policy to do these once a month. This one has to do with Harvest Fest and Police figures so we have less at the end of the year to do.

Trustee Adams stated she was surprised at the Bradley Park adjustment amount. When John had asked for the money to come out of Parklands the way that she read what he wrote she thought the \$9,636.11 was the total cost of that project. That is a lot of money for that area. She went through all of these with Kelly and John through email they are all necessary.

Manager Revella stated that at the time we did get cost estimates around \$20,000 and that would be about half but it did come in even higher than that once we finalized numbers.

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#### **Temporary Event Sign Request – Col Bradley Hose Co #2 - Breakfast with Santa 12/3/17**

Trustee Sebring made the motion to approve the temporary Event Sign Request – Col Bradley Hose Co #2 - Breakfast with Santa 12/3/17. Seconded by Trustee Moore. All ayes. Motion carried

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#### **Update: Discontinuance of Fluoridation in Village Drinking Water**

Manager Revella explained that we have a notice to notify the public and we have the option to put a notice in the paper to make sure we are covered as well as posting it conspicuously and then send a notification to the state with the plan of discontinuance. He

had to put a date in there for the potential discontinuation so Dave suggested March 1, 2018 for the discontinuance.

Trustee Moore made a motion to set the official date of discontinuation of fluoridation in the Village drinking water as March 1, 2018. Seconded by Trustee Thompson. 4 ayes, 2 nays (Deputy Mayor Hoffman and Trustee Adams), 0 abstentions, and 1 absence (Trustee Ramos). Motion carried.

### **Overlook at Kidd Farm Developers Agreement**

Manager Revella stated that the Planning Board sent over a draft that they approved and sent to us for Board approval. At this time our Attorney wanted us to discuss this in Attorney Client before we talk in public about it.

### **Potential Zoning Code Changes**

Mayor Rumbold talked about the committee they would like to form for these potential changes. She would like Trustee Moore to chair the committee with the Chairwoman of the Zoning Board, the Village Manager, and 2 at large members from the community.

The Board agreed.

Manager Revella stated he would send out the drafted changes to the law tonight.

### **Comprehensive Plan Review Committee**

Manager Revella explained it is time for our review.

Mayor Rumbold stated that the Manager is generally the chair. Trustee Ramos would like to serve on the committee and Trustee Moore and Trustee Thompson both would like to serve as well. We would like to have 2 Planning Board members and 2 Zoning Board members as well as at least 2 at large members from the committee.

Trustee Adams made the motion to approve the Comprehensive Plan Committee to be chaired by Manager Revella and the committee members to be Trustee Ramos, Trustee Moore, Trustee Thompson, 2 Planning Board Members, 2 Zoning Board Members and 2 Members from the general public. Seconded by Trustee Moore. All ayes. Motion carried

### **Fire and Safety Inspection Fees**

Manager Revella explained this is what we met about with the Building Inspector and Trustee Moore. We talked about this at Board meetings as well to see what it would be to cover the 900 units plus the cost of any potential litigation and for a part time employee to be hired to do this. They felt that \$65 per unit range would cover that cost.

Trustee Moore made the motion to set the fee for Fire and Safety Inspection Fees at \$65 per unit. Seconded by Trustee Adams. All ayes. Motion carried.

### **Resolution 21-17-18: Highway Inventory**

Trustee Adams made the motion to adopt Resolution 21-17-18: Highway Inventory. Seconded by Trustee Sebring. All ayes. Motion carried.

### **Resolution 22-17-18: Acceptance of Youth Bureau Funding**

Trustee Moore made the motion to adopt Resolution 22-17-18: Acceptance of Youth Bureau Funding in the amount of \$12,867.00. Seconded by Deputy Mayor Hoffman. All ayes. Motion carried.

### **Public Comment**

Mary Ellen Matise wanted to bring up again the idea about having a housing task force that would look at the housing in the Village and it could tie their plan into the comp plan as we are reviewing it. She feels that a particularly in depth and plan for housing would benefit us at this time to do it. With a special focus on this.

Trustee Thompson asked if we could incorporate that with Zoning changes committee or does it have to be second committee.

Manager Revella stated that we do review that in the Comp Plan committee when we do the revisions.

Mary Ellen added that in the past she served on the Comprehensive Plan as the Historian and then that left you with the other 2 at large members open.

Anita Vandermark added that the PBA senior dinner was wonderful on Sunday and was well received. We are fortunate to have the Police Department we have and are grateful they consider the seniors. The Bruderhoff Community did a great job with their music and desserts. They should be thanked for that.

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

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

### **Correspondence**

None

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

Trustee Thompson commented that she got some comments from 2 ladies about Wooster Grove playground that are unhappy that there are things that are broken and they haven't been fixed. She encouraged them to call the Village offices but she shared their comments with the Manager. The also asked if there is a schedule of maintenance for our parks.

Manager Revella stated yes, it is required.

Trustee Thompson continued that whatever is going on with our garbage company on Riverview Street but there is trash everywhere, it's horrendous.

Clerk Bliss advised to call her any time she sees something so she can take care of it right away.

Trustee Thompson added that there seems to be a problem with the clothing drop boxes in the Village which are a disaster. Specifically at the Firehouse, it was embarrassing on Election Day, and at the Frostee Freeze too.

Manager Revella advised her to let Dean know so he can enforce the law.

Trustee Sebring had residents complain about their yard waste containers being taken away and advised them to call Village hall.

Mayor Rumbold commented that the PBA dinner was fabulous. Halloween was great, many residents felt more safe and reassured. They handed out 1,600 glow sticks that night.

Attorney Donovan arrived.

**Executive Session**

Trustee Sebring made a motion to enter into an attorney client privilege session to discuss the draft Developer's Agreement for the Overlook at Kidd Farm project, the DEC consent order, and potential litigation with regards to Shermer. Seconded by Trustee Thompson. All ayes. Motion carried.

**Reconvene**

Trustee Moore made a motion to reconvene the regular meeting of the Board of Trustees. Seconded by Trustee Adams. All ayes. Motion carried.

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