

**Village of Walden  
Board of Trustees Regular Meeting  
February 20, 2018**

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
		Lynn E. Thompson
Absent:	Trustees	Brian B. Sebring

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

**Village Manager's Report**

- Got notification that was included in the packets from Sweeney's renewing their liquor license as they are required to per NYS law.
- There is a letter to Senator Larkin in the packets asking for assistance with our community center. He promised he would help us out but don't know the amount and if he was able to figure it out, but we sent our request regardless.
- Had a lot of correspondence with the Civil Service Department of Orange County regarding the Police list. They promised the new list would be ready today, but it was not. Hopefully tomorrow it will be ready so we can finalize our new hires.
- Kelly has all the preliminary numbers from the department heads and is finalizing that information now. Just got the insurance rates to finalize and they can start doing their reviews to get to the Manager budget.
- Had a few meetings with Orange County Transportation Council regarding TIP projects. They needed funding for a bridge in Port Jervis so they were able to move funding around from other projects to get it fixed.
- All the Right of Way documents were all filed with the County for the Ulster Avenue sidewalk project so we should be moving forward with that one.
- We had a few minor snow storms which taxed our salt budget but not too much on the man hours and equipment. We got lucky.
- Attended the Walden Women's Club dinner that honored 2 Walden residents, Michael and Tara Bliss for their voluntarism to the community. It was lovely.
- Got a request from a property owner on Coldenham Road that would like to hook up with our system so that may be on the horizon.
- Had some meetings with the Building Inspector and Liaison regarding the fire and safety letters that went out. We also discussed staffing and employment

evaluations as well. They are working on a few things and will have a few more documents coming out in April.

- He and most of the department heads and staff participated in Community reading day at Walden Elementary School. We had a good showing.
- Had a good meeting with Deputy Mayor Hoffman, Chief Holmes, and Greg Raymondo about traffic control on Village roads. They reviewed the data we have and the proposed plan of action and Mr. Raymondo seemed to be happy with our response.
- Went over a few issues with some people getting 1099s and W2s with the Treasurer to fix that going forward.

Trustee Adams asked why we needed to upgrade electric at new DPW building.

Manager Revella replied it was for circuitry in the main building that wasn't enough for the lift, it didn't have enough juice and they didn't know about it until now.

Trustee Adams clarified that the Riverfront project he referenced in his report is the DASNY grant.

Manager Revella replied yes, the state asked for more details and more documents so he has been going over that with the engineer.

Trustee Adams asked if we were considering reconfiguring the office.

Manager Revella replied yes, the Clerk's window is not sufficient to conduct business with the public. We discussed changing the window, to include a wider counter top and bigger window with bullet proof glass. We applied for a grant for bullet proof glass for all the windows.

### **Approval of February 6, 2018 Minutes**

Trustee Adams mentioned that on page 10, the 5<sup>th</sup> line needs to change the number from 90 to 900 square feet.

Trustee Moore made a motion to approve the February 6, 2018 minutes as amended. Seconded by Trustee Ramos. All ayes. Motion carried.

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

#### **DPW Liaison– Trustee Sebring**

Trustee Sebring was absent.

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

Trustee Ramos reported that he spoke with Mr. Bliss about basketball which is ongoing with 140 kids which is 14 teams. The program is doing well and keeping them off the streets and out of mischief. Early sign ups for summer camp, tennis, and flag football are up on the website now. He wanted to commend Mr. Xanthis and the other VC Superintendents who are committed to the safety of our schools. They are constantly revising and revisiting the safety of our children at our schools. Don't hesitate to contact him if you need anything or have a concern.

Mayor Rumbold commented that it seems like our Police Department works closely with the school district. Do other schools work as closely with the Police in their Villages/Town?

Manager Revella said that the Town has a good presence at the Middle and High Schools and seem to be active. He is not sure but we have assisted the High School in conjunction with the Town.

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

Deputy Mayor Hoffman reported that he spoke with Chief several times since the last meeting. Some highlights from their discussion were about speed enforcement on the 208 corridor. Manager Revella indicated we met with a resident about his concerns with traffic enforcement and he did seem pleased with our responses. We were able to give him an overview from 2014 vs 2017 counts in that area in terms of speed in that area. Chief was away and will be back tomorrow. Spoke about Highland Avenue in terms of some complaints as well as training, and new hires.

Mayor Rumbold asked to look into the number of accidents by McKinley. There have been like 5 in the past 30 days in that area.

Manager Revella spoke about a hit and run that took place about a week ago and another one that was an impaired driver.

Mayor Rumbold commented that it is horrific there at certain times of the day. Not sure what we can do about it.

Manager Revella replied that NYS DOT did a traffic study there and they say a light would not help.

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

Trustee Adams reported that the Treasurer and Manager are looking into vendor sources for the water/sewer billing. They are down to 2 and the bill looks the same as the old vendor we were using. Kelly has been condensing and syncing codes on expenditures to make it consistent. Journal Entries that will need to be done to correct the codes but it will not affect the codes. That way when we are looking at figures in the future we will be looking at apples to apples. The NYS retirement rates went down slightly which is better than going up.

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

Trustee Moore reported that she met with Dean a few times and the Manager and the Attorney regarding the abandonment of use draft law that we will be discussing tonight. Also spoke about the issues on East Avenue, personnel issues, and the fire and safety fees and how we will complete them.

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

Trustee Thompson reported that she spoke with Ginny who is finishing up the bid documents for the children's area and she is hoping to get them out in March and that they come back smooth and be able to start the project in April with close to completion in time for the summer programs. They do have a backup plan of where to go with the children if the area is not finished in time. Security is an ongoing discussion in the Library and in lieu of the Florida shootings it is brought up some issues again. For now simple security issues that Sgt Werner spoke to them about is what they are working on. They should start thinking about doing monthly drills with everyone in the building and they will talk to the Manager about doing those. She spoke to Supervisor Winchell today and last week  
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and it seems that no one knows where the panels are for the Hill Street Bridge repairs but he is on it. He was thankful for the DOT information and hopes to not have to apply for the Hill Street Bridge. Woznick's office got that information also. Rod is planning on setting up discussions town wide about security in all the schools in our district and all places of public gatherings. Hoping to discuss this with the Mayors and the school. There is a meeting for a round table discussion about what everyone is doing regarding the opioid issue with a 2/28 tentative date and they will try to get everyone to work together to formulate some strategies. He hopes to attend some Board meetings every now and again. He has really been a good communicator and is nice to work with and he is paying attention. She was fortunate to go to the NYCOM conference in Albany which was very informative and she is happy she went. She got an assignment from the Manager about what she should focus on which were pretty much all on point with one exception. There was a lot of talk about community revitalization and a way to try to get money dispersed over the municipalities as there was a large sum of money awarded and many thought it was just too much money for just one municipality; share the wealth. Mayor DeStefano in Middletown and would be happy to speak about things we might want to implement in our Village. Shared services was a huge topic which is the way of the future. They focused on smaller municipalities going in together for more bargaining power for pharmaceutical coverage and health insurance coverage. Tax reform issue came up where New York NJ, CT, MD, and IL all plan to sue the federal government because they say it is unconstitutional and that the government is supposed to take care of the states first and then the federal government as per Abraham Lincoln, 1913. Street lighting was huge; he brought back contact information and many vendors were more than delighted to come here to present to us. Vacant and abandoned properties was discussed as well with a resounding them of Code Enforcement - enforce codes to the maximum and impose maximum fines. There were several municipalities that talked about their nuisance laws and that they had great success enforcing them. The big one was Lockport.

Mayor Rumbold read the community events into the minutes.

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

Becky Pearson commented on the draft local for abandonment of use up for discussion tonight. On the 2<sup>nd</sup> page, letter D it talks about compliance; does that go to the Building Inspector first and if he has questions or doesn't want to determine it, they can appeal it.

Attorney Donovan replied yes that is based on conversation with both Faith and Dean. Depending on the particular property he may need to see a survey or go look at the parking so the language is general there leaving it up to Dean's discretion, but any determination he makes can be appealed to the Zoning Board.

Manager Revella added that any party can appeal, not just the applicant, a neighbor can appeal for example.

Becky asked about letter F, #1 and the definition of what a two family building is; with 2 or more rooms with provisions for cooking.

Attorney Donovan replied his quandary is always whether to include a definition in a local law or not. If one is already in the code he doesn't include one so that we don't have 2 definitions of the same phrase. In the word use section we do define multifamily and single family. For a 2 family dwelling he just took the language out of the existing code

and substituted where it said 1 to 2, if there is a better way to do it is all in favor of it. Dean has reviewed this and it would go to him first.

Becky said she is not comfortable with saying 2 rooms. More comfortable with 2 separate apartments to allow for people not to misconstrue it for a boarding house or something like that.

Trustee Thompson said in the next line it says 2 dwelling units; could you use that?

Mayor Rumbold suggested replacing the word rooms with "dwelling units".

Trustee Moore said it would say 2 dwelling units each with their own provisions for cooking, etc.

Becky asked if they want to have 1 be owner occupied with the other rented in the law. She wanted to throw that out for discussion, it could be beneficial to keep it cleaner or neater.

Mayor Rumbold thinks that may be too restrictive.

Becky said she thinks it is better for the Village that's where she's coming from.

Attorney Donovan said that this is in the abandonment of use and what we are saying is if a 2 family was used as a 2 family in 1958 it can be used as a 2 family now. The non-conformity shall not be deemed as abandoned. Not sure if you want to go back to 1958 and find out if one unit was owner occupied. That's up to you.

Becky had a question from the beginning, go back to letter C it talks about being utilized in 1958; how do they prove that to Dean? What criteria do they need to prove that to him? Do we need to state that in the law?

Mayor Rumbold feels it is up to the Building Inspector's discretion.

Manager Revella stated it is spelled out in Letter C, #1.

Trustee Moore added that the Building Department has that documentation from 1958 to show what was the use then, he has the records to prove that.

Becky said that Dean commented about the non-conforming words being in there. He wanted to know if they must have been a legal non-conforming use to begin with.

Attorney Donovan stated that's why we used 1958 because there is no such thing with legal non-conformity vs illegal non-conformity.

Becky continued with the multi-family dwelling. She likes definitions and there is nice wording from NYS which goes on to say 3 or more families living independently of each other.

Attorney Donovan stated we can certainly change the definition but he wouldn't want to have inconsistent definitions.

Becky feels that wording is nice and gives a little more gravity if something happens.

Deputy Mayor Hoffman thought that the intention for this was for protection for usage that come out of conformity and now come to the Zoning Board for a variance.

Becky said we can usually not grant that variance.

Deputy Mayor Hoffman said he understood. By making that change you are suggesting it is making so restrictive that it would reduce the number of homes that could be included or protected by this. What if there was a family shared with his sister. Then it wouldn't fall under that. Same family different households. Trying to be more restrictive?

Becky said we want it to protect but still give. We want them to revitalize but not to be giving away the store so to speak.

Trustee Moore thinks the misunderstanding is defining as separate families but different units.

Becky said they could be related 3 or more families living independent from each other. NYS goes on further, not sure if you want to look at, she is just stating it.

Attorney Donovan said we are looking at a discreet area. We have a limited number of homes that this would apply to. We are looking at a 1 family in 1958 was 3 separate apartments it might not fall under this. All he was trying to capture here was those buildings that were built as a 2 family or multi-family that had been abandoned or if they had been granted that use in 1958 and that used had lapsed they could keep their use. The ideas was to protect that specific discreet number of residential units in the Village of Walden.

Trustee Moore agrees with Sean that furthering a definition like that may limit us. She doesn't want someone to tell her that 2 families can't live in the same apartment.

Becky commented she agrees, then you might as well have a boarding house as far as she's concerned. Those houses over here that have 20 kids living in a house and it's an apartment.

Deputy Mayor Hoffman said that Boarding houses are not permitted under our zoning law. This law would not allow a boarding house per say, it does not offer that protection either so it doesn't come into the discussion.

Mayor Rumbold commented that as she has seen other buildings that have gotten through zoning now you are getting into what is the definition of family and she feels the more specific we get, sometimes it hurts us. She understands where she is coming from. She thinks it comes down to an interpretation.

Becky said it does when it comes down to Zoning. It says it is used as permanent which is in the NYS multi-family dwelling definition in the building code. You might want to add that too, it is up to you.

Trustee Moore clarified that the two family definition was not in our code.

Attorney Donovan the multi-family came from the code and the 2 family came from his modification of the single family definition that is in the code. You can change them all but he suggests you make them uniform.

Trustee Moore asked if we later on changed it would we have to go back and change this.

Attorney Donovan replied you can do it at the same time.

Mary Ellen Matise asked when she could see the draft local law as she hasn't seen it. She thought it was supposed to be sent to all of us on the Planning and Zoning Board.

Deputy Mayor Hoffman said that it is in the packet and we just got it tonight but we are not at the point in the process yet to refer it to both Boards.

Mary Ellen commented that separate units she sees two family like a duplex. Here the same owner owns both units. Some communities own one side another owns the other side. It's a duplex a 2 family could be the same but it doesn't have to be. Multi-family is different as it could have been built that way or not prior to 1958.

Anita Vandermark commented that there is a house on Highland Ave that was built as a 2 family which shouldn't have been as it was restricted in the deed but the people are living there and are not the owners. The sister of the man living next door to her is living there and the owner lives in the city. It is 78 Highland Avenue. It is not abandoned people are living there. Who's checking those properties to see?

Manager Revella replied the building department.

### **Action Items**

#### **Draft Local Law – Abandonment of Use**

Attorney Donovan stated that the issue for the Board is whether you want more time to consider, you have time for a public hearing. You have identified some changes tonight which he could have to Tara tomorrow. You are under no deadline to act. You could schedule the Public Hearing, it is up to you. It would need a referral to our Planning Board and the County and the Board had indicated you wanted to also refer it to the Zoning Board for their review also.

Mayor Rumbold ask the Manager what he thought.

Manager Revella replied that if the Board is comfortable with the modifications that Dave suggested they the Board could set a public hearing and send it out for referral.

Trustee Adams commented about the comment that was made about having one side owner occupied. That would stop the sale of a lot of these houses because most of what is coming before them is people who are purchasing them to flip them and the owner won't be living in there. The house on Capron Street the owner won't be living in that either.

Becky replied that was more for the 2 family not necessarily the multi-family.

Trustee Adams continued that the 2 duplexes on Valley Avenue for example are 2 family. She feels it would stop these buildings from going up for sale. She understands about protecting the Village but the fact that it will change the sale; at least these people are fixing up the homes to make them look nice.

Mayor Rumbold thought the idea of changing this law was extraordinary because you were trying to be inclusive and to get more homes to be able to be renovated and sold. Now she thinks what is happening is we are trying to be exclusive and limit to who can purchase them and live there. She is glad they brought it to us.

Trustee Adams asked what happens to the properties like on South Montgomery Street, the row of houses starting from the West Side Deli (Now Gia's Deli) that are individually owned but are all attached.

Manager Revella replied they are separate parcels.

Trustee Adams asked what would happen if one was abandoned would that effect the others attached to them.

Manager Revella stated no, they are built to the property line, which is the only difference there.

Trustee Adams said she was just trying to think of every scenario.

Becky added it is only for residential, not businesses.

Trustee Moore is comfortable setting a public hearing and making the change with a 2 family meaning: a building that contains two separate dwelling units, each with two or more rooms with provisions for cooking, living, sanitary and sleeping facilities.

Trustee Thompson asked why not just say kitchen. What does that mean? A hot plate? A stove?

Mayor Rumbold replied that definition is outlined in our current code. She understands what she means but it is in our code currently.

Manager Revella replied that is what a dwelling unit is defined as in the code.

Trustee Moore asked if the Board wanted to look at changing the definition of multi-family simultaneously with 2 family dwelling.

Mayor Rumbold asked the Attorney to get us a copy of the state code and look at changing the definitions and how it will affect the codes.

Attorney Donovan said he could have all the information for next meeting.

### **Discussion re Authorization for Village Attorney to draft local law repealing Chapter 153 of the Village Code entitled "Fluoride"**

Attorney Donovan stated that if the Board is inclined to continue with the discontinuance of fluoride in the Village drinking supply a local law is needed to repeal Chapter 153 which authorizes the introduction of fluoride into the Village drinking supply. If you want to move forward to remove that you need to authorize him to draft said local law and will then need to hold a public hearing regarding that local law.

Trustee Thompson made a motion to authorize the Village Attorney to draft a local law repealing Chapter 153 - Fluoride. Seconded by Trustee Ramos. 4 ayes, 2 nays (Trustee Adams and Deputy Mayor Hoffman), 0 abstentions, 1 absence (Trustee Sebring). Motion approved.

### **Discussion on abandoned properties**

Manager Revella explained that as Lynn stated earlier, there are other municipalities that regulate their abandoned and foreclosed properties differently than we do, Dave sent out a memo today about it.

Attorney Donovan said that about a year ago we talked about, among other things, having a registry for abandoned with the biggest concerned being bank owned properties. The state came up with the zombie legislation. The discussion at that time was can we have our own registry. NYCOM offered their opinion a year ago that the state preempted the field for those lists and that Villages were unable to have their own registry. John has identified a code that the City of Port Jervis has that requires owners and banks to register for vacant properties, they pay a fee, and he has asked him to look into it. He can do that and have more information for you and possibly a draft local law at next meeting if the Board is so inclined. Since the zombie legislation, not 1 vacant or abandoned property had been assessed a fine by NYS. So as usual there is phenomenal legislation which accomplished nothing. Perhaps maybe there is an avenue where we can try to get some control to help do this. Before he spends time on it he would like to make sure the Board is ok with it.

Trustee Adams asked how you control this, how do you handle limbo properties, is that what you are going to look into.

Attorney Donovan replied it would be like an unpaid water bill or depending on the time of year we may be able to levy it on the property taxes. For instance there is a foreclosed property and before it can be sold the bank has to find out the real estate taxes unpaid bills and they would then have to pay them. It would at least make this an unpaid bill. John likes the Port Jervis one he thinks because of the extent of the fines. They are substantial. We need to be sure that if we are sending the police over to be sure they are safe etc. we can certainly charge a fee for that but we have to make sure that they bare some relationship to the work being done by the Village.

Mayor Rumbold asked how you count it as revenue if you don't have the money yet.

Manager Revella replied it will be the same as the unpaid water/sewer bills as a relevy when the property taxes are paid.

Trustee Moore, Trustee Thompson, Trustee Adams are all fine with more investigation.

Deputy Mayor Hoffman is in favor as well but has some questions about the terms fine and fee and taxes but understands the Attorney will need to do more research on that. The other question is if we do go with a fine or tax to be assesses and it does kick in when bank takes over does there comes a point when the bank looks at it and says they don't want to take it if they feel the fee is too high.

Manager Revella replied it would be in their best interest to do it, pay it, to get the property on the market or sold as soon as possible.

Deputy Mayor Hoffman also asked if there was a difference in this sample law as we are a Village vs a City.

Attorney Donovan said he has to look into that. Cities and Villages have more in common than Towns do.

Trustee Ramos said he read in depth the zombie law from NYS; what possessed them to exempt banks and credit unions.

Attorney Donovan replied he has no idea; good lobbying. He has to dig into that further.

The Board agreed unanimously to have the Attorney look into this further.

### **Discussion on waiving bad rehab loans**

Manager Revella said that we have been digging into the rehab loans and we have found that there are funds that now are uncollectible loans.

Trustee Adams stated that it seems like a lot of money but there are only 6 properties with one of them being over half the total.

Mayor Rumbold asked what we have in place now so this won't happen again.

Manager Revella replied that 4 years ago we had Dave employ a title company and did a search of all our rehab loans to make sure they were all on the books and some we found weren't so we filed to get them on. There are also spreadsheets and different checks in place in the finance department for these. Kelly is also teaching the Deputy Treasurer how to do that as well so that we can follow up with that a lot easier.

Trustee Adams made a motion to waive bad rehab loans totaling \$119,638.48. Seconded by Deputy Mayor Hoffman. All ayes. Motion approved.

### **Set Budget Session dates (April 3-5, April 9-12, & April 16)**

Manager Revella said it's that time of year and these are the dates he is proposing for available budget session dates this year at 6pm. We likely will need 4 with a 5 date for follow up.

Trustee Ramos made a motion to set the 2018-2019 Village Budget Sessions for Monday, April 9, 2018; Tuesday, April 10, 2018; Wednesday, April 11, 2018, Thursday, April 12, 2018; and Monday, April 16, 2018 at 6pm in the Municipal Building. Seconded by Trustee Thompson. All ayes. Motion approved.

### **Public Comment**

Becky Pearson asked if there was more talk about moving the elementary school.

Manager Revella replied no.

Becky asked if we can talk to the Town Supervisor and the well head protection grant.

Manager Revella said that he actually brought it up to Rod. If 2 other Board members agree with him and they can get an attorney more available than what they have now that might move forward.

Becky asked if the DPW building was done.

Manager Revella replied yes.

Becky asked why in a new building they are asking for an electric upgrade already.

Manager Revella replied that the vehicle lift was originally designed on one side of the building but they want one on the other side as well which wasn't in the design.

Becky said she was taken back by the article in the paper about the audit. You have \$300,000 left in the fund balance what is left unallocated. There must be allocations for that.

Manager Revella replied you mean restricted vs unrestricted. We talked about that during the presentation, it is in the minutes.

Becky asked if there was going to be a plan for a fund balance policy now. When did that discussion take place on that?

Manager Revella said he is working with the Treasurer on the plan to present to the Board. The Comptroller wants one, we don't think we need one, but that is what they want.

Becky asked if there was a plan to pay the general fund back from the sewer fund.

Manager Revella replied that we are working on that as well to present to the Board.

Becky asked if that was a public discussion.

Mayor Rumbold explained the Treasurer and the Manager work on a plan first then bring it to a meeting for the Board to discuss.

Becky replied that was good. A few years ago you talked about businesses that owed water/sewer funds that were not being paid, it was \$300,000 some that wasn't recouped. Manager Revella replied there are businesses that we recoup every year when we do the tax levy. That happens every year and will likely happen again about the same amount this year. Everyone not just commercial.

Mayor Rumbold said the problem is that those two funds have to be able to sustain themselves through the fiscal year and we only take in tax income once per year. So the problem is being able to pay our bills throughout the year waiting for those funds to become available.

Manager Revella added that in 2015 they started paying it back.

Becky asked if there is a penalty for that, if you don't pay it back.

Manager Revella replied absolutely. The sewer fund must make the General Fund whole again. They admonished us for it.

Mayor Rumbold added that for the first time in a long time the Village has gotten aggressive with those unpaid water/sewer bills. We actively send out letters and turn off service which wasn't done in the past.

Mary Ellen Matise added about the well head protection she believes that was mandated by the Orange County Planning Department.

Manager Revella stated it was not mandated that he is aware of.

Mary Ellen said it is probably lost money by now as it has been more than 5 years; 2008 or 2009. She thought it was a County mandate. Sunday, April 8<sup>th</sup> she hopes everyone will be at Col. Bradley Day and Local History Day about WWI this year. Feel free to send over your memorabilia and please attend.

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

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

### **Correspondence**

Trustee Moore got correspondence regarding the East Avenue property that she has been working on with the Building Inspector's office.

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

Trustee Ramos congratulated the Bliss family for being honored by the Walden Women's Club on Monday. He had a wonderful time and great food. Thanks again for all that you do.

Trustee Adams asked if Mrs. Gambini water meter issue was resolved from last July in Winding Brook.

Manager Revella said he would look into that.

Trustee Adams asked if we ended up on budget with the DPW building.

Manager Revella replied he would have to check but we are definitely within the bond amounts.

Trustee Moore thanked Mary Ellen for her hard work on the event honoring the Bliss family. It was her first pot luck and it was great. On March 4<sup>th</sup> the Love for Luke fundraiser will be at the Newburgh Brewery. Thanks to Becky for all her hard work on the committee doing since she is pretty much the only one doing the hard work.

Mayor Rumbold also congratulated the Bliss family. Several people told her that Walden really knows how to put on a party, the food was fabulous.

### **Executive Session**

Trustee Moore made a motion to enter into executive session to discuss the Collective Bargaining Negotiations with the PBA and CSEA and the personnel history of a particular person. 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 Ramos. All ayes. Motion carried

### **Motion made after Executive Session**

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