

**Village of Walden
Board of Trustees Regular Meeting
March 5, 2019**

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	Faith Moore
Trustees	Brian Sebring
	Larry Kraus
	John Ramos
	Dan Svarczkopf
	Lynn E. Thompson

Absent:

Also Present:

John Revella, Village Manager
Marisa Kraus, Village Clerk
Kelly A. Kelly, Village Treasurer
Dave Donovan, Village Attorney

Presentation: Hope Not Handcuff's

Annette Carrs: I am the president of the Tri County Community Partnership. I do apologize for being late this evening. The Tri County Community Partnership is a non-profit organization. We are a drug free community coalition. We are a charitable organization with the IRS. We have a board of directors. We generally work on prevention issues. So, we work with the local high schools. We work with underage drinking. We have these timer caps that we put out into the community. They work on pilfering with prescription drugs. People put them in their pharmacy or in their medicine cabinets. Basically, what it does is if you take the medicine out and put the top back on, it starts counting off from the last time the bottle was opened. We give those out for free to community members. They're also great for the senior population because a lot of times seniors forget to take their medications and don't remember and that is how high overdose population as well. We create scholarships. One of the things that we've been talking about for a long time is not only, we work on prevention, but there's this crisis that we're all facing. So, we were trying to figure out a way to be able to address that as well. The Town of Wallkill police department and I know the Town of Montgomery as well had this program. Where people could walk into the police department voluntarily say they're struggling with addiction and they will help assist them in and treatment. It is a voluntary program. It's a pre arrest diversion program. We can create these angels and the angels be the people who come to the police department when someone comes in and they make the phone calls. We started creating what they call a paari model. Paari is an acronym for Police Assisted in Addiction Recovery Initiative. It's in over 600 police departments in the United States. One in particular out in Michigan and I reached out to them and said you know we would be interested in doing that here and they said well we don't do it outside the state of Michigan. And after a few

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months of talking they decided to go ahead and let us be the first out of state area to do it. We started it with the Town of Wallkill. We now have seven police departments. The City of Middletown is our biggest job. We're doing the Town of Montgomery, the Village of Maybrook, Town of Mount Hope, Town of Crawford. Hopefully the Village of Walden. We've had discussions with the district attorney regularly. He is 100 percent supportive. He's offering us resources. He loves the concept because it really is a win win. I will tell you the Hope Not Handcuffs started in Detroit by a circuit court judge, Linda Davis. Her daughter is a struggling heroin addict and is now in recovery. And she had a really negative experience in the emergency room and with the police departments. So, she actually was the one who initiated this two years ago. They are now up there in 79 police departments. They just merged with the state police or municipal sheriff and state police. They have over 800 community angels who are trained volunteers that are go into the police departments. They are in 9 counties and they put almost 2700 people into treatment within two years. So that's why we knew this program was so positive and the model was what was proven that we decided to go ahead and pursue them to bring here.

Trustee Svarczkopf: What would you need us to do?

Ms. Carrs: I guess approved. I already spoken with the Chief. He likes the concept. We have already 100 community angels trained. Those angels that we already have trained we feel can handle the nucleus that we have just in this area because they need to be in a police department within 20 to 30 minutes. So once someone walks in says they need help, the dispatcher or officer on duty picks one phone call or angel coordinator, that coordinator will dispatch. They will come and meet the person. One of the signature things that this program has is we have a bin in every police department. So, we offer comfort items like toiletry kits that have shampoo, conditioner, toothbrush, toothpaste. We have sweatpants, socks, gloves. We have pretzels, water, granola bars. We also have partnered with Friends of Recovery of Orange. They all wear these t shirts that say Hope Not Handcuffs. So as far as what you would need to do, basically just approve it and we'll get started. We have marketing materials that will be going out. We're actually starting our marketing push this week. We haven't really done that so far.

Trustee Kraus: I like this program. How will the people that need assistance find out about it?

Ms. Carrs: That's part of the marketing that we're getting ready to use. This is a voluntary process. The only time that there would be anything criminal related with it I guess would be if someone goes to a Narcan call and they've given someone Narcan that it might be a situation where we have small business cards that have information on it and maybe they would leave that with that person. We do have our angels fill out a background check. We do a waiver and liability release and Catholic impartiality form. When we do the angel training with them, we go over HIPPA.

Chief Holmes: I met with my counterparts at Crawford. Of course, I met with Chief Amthor. We also met him last January and February, to include all the police agencies, all the elected officials. The program seems to have taken on pretty well in the departments that I've talked to. I will run some protocols. We do have to go over some protocols by insurance companies and lawyers. So, we will be running those protocols just to make sure. My counterparts are using it as a tool. She knows that I do believe in certain consequences. We've discussed that. And like she explained, this will be a tool for the officers to use especially when people reach out to us that need help. Sometimes it's not the person themselves. You get a lot of family members. It will require them to use the space in the police department. There will be some training of the officers. As I talked to Chief Amthor, obviously he's got the Village of Maybrook and the Town of Montgomery. Right now, for the concept that I've seen from what I talked to my counterparts on, it seems to be working well there

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and she has talked to our DA and he is sort of interested in it also. Again, we're going to be using this as a resource.

Ms. Carrs: There's so many people that are directly affected by this. We had no trouble getting 100 angels. People just wanted to do something and they don't know what to do, because somebody in their family is suffering and they're just trying to figure out a way to help and it's too late for help. So, we have no trouble finding angels. It's already started in Wappingers Falls and in Dutchess County and in Rockland County as well. They're currently recruiting angels.

Trustee Thompson: It's my understanding that one of the big obstacles of addiction problems is where to send people. Where do you send people to get treatment? How far is your network?

Ms. Carrs: When we started out, we started with meeting with facilities and having to build those relationships. We've partnered with Catholic Charities, Sullivan County RC Ward and some good facilities. Orange County is rolling out a help line, they're actually including addiction services into it. So, come April 1st people will be able to call this help line. A peer from one of these agencies will get on the phone and will do the placement. So, when I met with social services what we worked out was our angels will come in and they will call the help line first. It's a little bit of a middleman but it's OK because if our angel can place somebody faster through that help line, that's the best thing. I placed somebody on Friday. It took me 20 minutes to get her a bed. And the facility actually picked her up. There are beds available but they're getting less and less. Hopefully there is a new facility going in.

Mayor Rumbold: I'm also concerned about where people go. We've had that issue in this village. And we did talk to the county about it but didn't seem to be any viable answers. Where are the locations that you do place?

Ms. Carrs: We have 2 pages worth of locations. That county help line is going to be pretty much the first rule. There is also something through New York State called the Oasis locator and that is a state number, we just used it on Friday, where you can call them and you plug in the information, the criteria that you've taken from the person that is basically a bed locator. So, they'll tell you based on what you're looking for. How many facilities that have that criteria and then you call them directly. So that's a really great tool. And then now the county creating their own hotline will be another really good tool. Those things will be the first two things that we do. And then if that's exhausted and we can't find anything through that, which I don't see happening, we have 2 pages of facilities, from Good Samaritan, Bon Securs, Nayak, hospitals, but then we have the different facilities around here.

Mayor Rumbold: Are they in Orange County?

Ms. Carrs: RC Ward is in Middletown. Arms Acres is in Putnam, but they are great. They will come pick the person up. The inpatient detox in Catholic Charities is in Sullivan County, right in Monticello. The Holiday Inn is going to be a detox and a resident and in patient.

Mayor Rumbold: Do we know when it's going to happen?

Ms. Carrs: Within the next six months.

Mayor Rumbold: Who is doing the Holiday Inn, the county or the state?

Ms. Carrs: It's resource recovery center. It will be a private contractor. They will accept Medicaid.

Trustee Svarczkopf: Do we take on any liability having them in the building?

Mayor Rumbold: That's what the Chief said that we were going to investigate.

Ms. Carrs: Again, the angels do fill out a waiver in liability form. Basically, that release us as liability as well. I do have insurance as a nonprofit though.

Manager Revella: I think the Trustee is trying to say is if your person was in the police station and picked up a firearm then what was our liability for that. If they did something in the station that caused the problem.

Mayor Rumbold: We do have other people in the department. We have other arrests being made.

Ms. Carrs: We're in the police department, can't be in a safer place.

Trustee Svarczkopf: When we have other people in the building, they need to have insurance. Does her non-profit insurance cover what we need as far as people operating in this building?

Manager Revella: Her liability insurance would be the same as anyone else's.

Deputy Mayor Moore: In cases of not being able to find a bed for somebody, in a safe environment, if they had a place to go home to, would you set them up with outpatient? What happens if after a few hours there is nowhere to put this person?

Ms. Carrs: We have had that happen and so what we've done is we give them our information and we stay in touch with them. We had one person who took us a couple of days and we tell them that there are going to be times where you might not get a place. That's not a rule. We stayed in touch with this particular person for two days and she did end up going.

Mayor Rumbold: I just think it's appalling that Orange County doesn't have any way to address these issues. Any kind of facility. We're depending on private people to open these facilities and I just think the county needs to get involved and do things about this whether it's legislature or county executive.

Ms. Carrs: I'm actually speaking to the county legislature, the entire legislature on the 21st. I, myself, just personally, I sit on the Opioid Task Force in Orange County and the Sullivan Task Force as well. I am part of the provider committee. I'm also a part of the Prevention Committee of the county. So, I'm just from a standpoint for the last two years. I have definitely plugged into the county when it was happening with the county. I can tell you that they are making steps. But one thing that the DA did say today is that he applauds the fact that private non-profits can actually make these types of strides. There's something to be said about community involvement creates a cultural shift. And every angel is actually an ambassador of the program. So, the people that we've actually placed are people who know one another. My son is 2 years in recovery himself. He went to 12 years of Catholic school and graduated from Burke, went to a 4-year Catholic college, graduated with a 3.7 GPA. Has a business degree. My husband's an airline pilot. I have a marketing degree. I work for non-profits for 30 years. I was at a conference in Washington D.C. 2 weeks ago and I was listening to the surgeon general stand on the stage and talk about how people want to blame parenting and families yet he says you know I'm a surgeon general, but my brother was

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incarcerated for crimes associated with heroin addiction. I mean we have a problem and this is just one approach. It's not the solution to everything, it's just one approach.

Manager Revella: I don't think it's an issue with our board. We've had employees and family members of employees who passed away from addiction issues. The insurance question was good. I agree it's a tragedy that the state has pushed onto the county and local level instead of taking initiative, but I'm glad you're able to fill the gap.

Ms. Carrs: I also have police policies. We have laws that were written by law enforcement and then I also have a great policy that was put together by a detective over in the Town of Montgomery. He did a really great job integrating what they need to see and what we have. We've spent the last two weeks training the city of Middletown police officers. About 14 officers at a time and they have 71 police officers. Everybody needs their protocol and you know make sure everything's covered and you're covered, we're covered. But I guarantee you that there's nothing reckless behind this program.

Mayor Rumbold: Mr. Donovan, do you recommend that we wait until you get a chance to look at that before we accept this program?

Attorney Donovan: I do. It's a good idea and in all seriousness, Chief and I could just make sure there's an agreement and then report back to the board.

Village Manager's Report

- There was a conference in the city. Most of OC Representatives were there. We talked about State aid funding issue. There was some misinformation in the paper regarding sales tax. This was a large reduction in the fourth quarter sales tax revenues. And it almost balances out with the additional sales tax that's coming in the next quarter. So there really is no extra money that came in.
- Office has been going through implementation of the new software. Working out the kinks.
- Has been correspondence with people regarding some bills. Correspondence with the Building Dept regarding garbage cans are placed.
- Went through the vouchers.
- Went through the interviews for the DPW Secretary. Should have a new one there in 2 weeks.
- Had a good meeting with one of the Zoning Board members.
- Projects are up to speed.
- Went with the Superintendent of Public Works to look at Bucket Trucks.
- Went to the transportation council meeting and planning meeting. We were able to secure additional funds for Ulster Ave. There's a large drainage component to the project. They are concerned about the initial estimates for the drainage. So, they were helpful in getting the additional funds from the state.
- Went through a couple things with special counsel regarding the 207c issues and negotiations. Thankfully we resolved most of those matters. We're going to go through negotiation meeting again tomorrow with the PBA committee.

Mayor Rumbold: So, we are on par with the sales tax revenue because of the reduction?

Manager Revella: Because the reduction and with the surplus they talked about we're actually where we're budgeted, so there's no extra funds.

Mayor Rumbold: Did we get an explanation as to why there was the reduction?

Manager Revella: There was a major audit of some major company, they didn't say who, reduced everybody's sales tax revenues for the year.

Approval of February 19, 2019 Minutes

Trustee Ramos: We were talking about the level 6 issue. I said typical round not ground.

Trustee Thompson made a motion to approve the February 5, 2019 Minutes with corrections. Seconded by Deputy Mayor Moore. All ayes. Motion carried.

Trustee's Committee Reports

Village Offices Liaison – Trustee Svarczkopf

Trustee Svarczkopf: Got the new computers and the server. The serve needs to be set up. Still looking for the time clocks which work with Edmunds. We have a preliminary budget.

Town of Montgomery & Library Board liaison – Trustee Kraus

Trustee Kraus: Spoke with Ginny this afternoon. She was in Albany last week. Lobbying for the other librarians. The governor is trying to cut grant money off on a lot of libraries and they're trying to fight back. They put in all the librarians together. Also, the room is going well. They painted the walls. Waiting for the desk. Some lights need to be put up soon.

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

Trustee Thompson: We've had some cancellations with Zoning Board and Planning Board. There's been a backlog of paperwork and things like that. I did go to the Orange County comp plan public hearing which was very interesting. Really, I don't have much more to say. Dean has been trying to keep up with the snow removal. I did get another e-mail from our resident who was unhappy with the crosswalks, to say she's very pleased. She's been reading the minutes from our meetings. Following that we're taking her complaint very seriously, trying to come up with a resolution that will effectively remove the snow and be reasonable for those residents and landlords. But she sent me a notice to commend the board and the village that she's very satisfied with everything we're trying to do. I've had two business owners tell me that they don't recall the snow removal ever being so well done before on Main Street with so many storms back to back. Our business people are very happy with how quickly DPW is getting the snow removed along the curbs downtown away.

Police Department and Justice Department Liaison – Deputy Mayor Moore

Deputy Mayor Moore: Reviewed Chief's report. Spoke to Chief many times since the last meeting. We do have one police officer, who was injured and out for 5 weeks. We discussed vacation, reviewed vacations obviously spent a lot of time discussing Hope Not Handcuffs program.

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

Trustee Ramos: School board hasn't met yet until next Monday. Attended the Curriculum of Excellence. They were discussing a task force on homework for the kids. Some of their surveys have really revealed that kids are spending three to four hours with homework on a daily basis and getting stressed out. They're trying to minimize the homework to 45 minutes for the night and they're working very diligently on that. Parks and Recs, they're diligent with some of the snow removals and sidewalks. Don't forget we have a Yankees game on June 23rd. Anybody interested in

going to see the Yankees review that on our website.

DPW Liaison– Trustee Sebring

Trustee Sebring: I spoke with Fred yesterday. The guys did an excellent job on this snow. They cleaned all the trucks off, they power washed to get all the salt off. They had one hose brake during a snowstorm but that got fixed relatively quickly. They've been flushing sewers. They've been sewer jetting for the DEC maintenance requirement. They've repairing catch basins and they had a sewer dig on Capron St and then they replaced 9 meters.

Mayor Rumbold read the community events into the minutes.

Public Comment on Business of the Board

Mary Ellen Matise: 54 Gladstone. Great news for our seniors, is that they raise the level of the senior exemptions with the base rate going from base rate \$16k going up to \$23,999. It now increased its base level to \$24k. And you get 50% percent off with a sliding scale.

Diane Sandbooth: 90 Liberty St. I went to the library yesterday and I had to climb over the mound of snow. Had 30 minutes parking and when I came out, I had to walk down the sidewalk. You're talking how well they moved all the snow, what about the municipal building?

Manager Revella: The snow is gone. They removed it today.

Action Items

Potential Zoning for Marijuana Dispensaries

Manager Revella: So, this came up at a NYCOM Conference. Correspondence with the county reps as well that was circulating regarding potential zoning issues and other things to be concerned about.

Attorney Donovan: So far, it's a little speculative what's going to happen. What the state legislature will be, whether it will happen this year, will not happen this year. But as we've indicated before I mean the village wants to be in a position where it will really hit the ground running. We need to know what direction we're running in. So, my suggestion is you may want to fold this into the comp plan. It's a value you may realize at that time and then you'll be in a position to argue any necessary zoning regulations that may be required as if and when retails sales.

Trustee Ramos: Certain townships in New York has been passing local ordinances and local laws on dispensaries for medical use and recreation. Is it in our best interests to be a little bit more proactive prior to the New York State Government passing legislation?

Attorney Donovan: Currently, at least my understanding is, I went through this in Hamptonburg, there's a grow facility there. You need a license from New York State. And without that license you can't be either a dispensary or a grow facility. It's my understanding, correct me if I'm wrong, that those licenses are now fully advanced and there's no other licenses being issued at this time. That may change. I guess my concern on this is always if our legislation is suspected we don't know exactly what may come down the pike. So, I can understand the desire to be well prepared. I don't want to be ill prepared for something that's not necessary. If this is what's going to happen, give us a lead time to maybe incorporate regulations. So, my advice on that is to be vigilant, be proactive but also be patient.

Mayor Rumbold: What are we accomplishing by giving it to the comp plan?

Attorney Donovan: It stays on the radar. Remember, you have a planner. But do you want to establish a special zone? Is it distinguishable? Can we distinguish it from other retail sales? Can we properly place it in one area the village without another area? I think their comp plan issues, to be followed by zoning implementations. When we know first, if it's legalized and second what parameters.

Trustee Svarczkopf: We talked about the comp plan once in a while but I've never had a presentation. Are they working on something to pass?

Manager Revella: When they finalize the plan to present it to the board. We're waiting for tables to come back from the county.

Attorney Donovan: And there's a public hearing process.

Mayor Rumbold: Are you going to give the comp plan the documentation?

Manager Revella: Just got a copy of the plans delivered yesterday. Will review and go from there.

Attorney Donovan: Just one more item on the information from the towns and villages. They have a lot of information that raised concerns about the appropriateness of legalization. Less concerns are stated on how you zone it.

Trustee Ramos: Obviously the Town of North Hempstead passed resolution 1-2019 entitling zoning issue on not only the medicinal sale of marijuana but recreational sale and it's pretty spelled out in their document and their local law on their limits. The medicinal sale would be only two locations in the whole village or township. As for recreational marijuana, they're totally against it and they're really being critical on its zoning. The comp plan is our vision but we need something with more teeth for this for this issue that's going to come up with the government in legalizing marijuana.

Manager Revella: The real issue with their local law is that it is going to be unconstitutional. You can't strictly ban something completely from your village. Don't think you can restrict that at all. Wherever they allow medicinal services like pharmacies will be what will be allowed. They're going to lose on that but that's something we will talk about. We'll talk about that with the comp plan committee.

Attorney Donovan: It's also a policy issue. My opinion is to be vigilant but to wait. So, if you can say you really want to get something on the books and then kind of adjust it in the future, you can do that. My advice, my opinion is that you should wait.

Deputy Mayor Moore: Just for clarification, we let the comp plan committee discuss it, come up with a plan. Which then gets presented to the board, the public hearing. Go through the whole process. And at that time if it gets legalized based on the recommendations of the comp plan, then the board has the opportunity to put more teeth into the actual process.

Mayor Rumbold: Chief do you have anything you want to add?

Chief Holmes: No. I put in my report to you, some of the issues that Chief's Associations across the March 5, 2019

state are looking at. The bottom line is it's probably gonna happen, but most of the Chiefs and Chief's Association as well as other groups are saying the infrastructure is not to be in place. Take a look at what you're doing with common sense ideas of where you put a bar, where you sell cigarettes. We don't allow smoking in the park. Not gonna allow marijuana smoke in the park. Those are things that we as law enforcement are looking at, is making sure that common sense issues that follow the other common-sense issues that we deal with. Again alcohol, cigarettes, you know what we don't like and what we want. On the issue of the future law enforcement on it, it's going to change the way we have to do some things. If you take a look at our DWI laws it's taken us about 60 years to get where we are today. Case law has come across, the equipment that we use now. So that's what's going to happen with marijuana. It's going to be a learning process and one of the things that mostly associations that are worried about is sort of what I don't want to call unfunded mandates, but the additional training, additional costs of transition for this. Those are the things that the associations that are against about getting infrastructures right now. Game plans of just not passing law and letting everything fall out. It's just common sense where you're putting these places.

Summer Camp Fees

Manager Revella: I brought up the numbers last time. Did an analysis of what it looked like the last couple of years. We've did our best, the software system didn't really track a payroll in that section until 2 years ago. You see the difference there is a little section that chart. But if you were to implement the fees that we're discussing. That's what we have here and looking at that with the revenue's expenses. That's what you'd be short \$40k after all that if you were to increase the fees.

Mayor Rumbold: Is this something you want us to address now?

Manager Revella: No address, now so we can get the summer camp applications out.

Trustee Svarczkopf: So right now, we're short the \$40k if we increase the fees. To break even, you would have to raise prices essentially \$90 per student.

Manager Revella: That would be \$90 across the board. So, for half day person, that would go from \$60 to \$150, I just don't think that's reasonable.

Trustee Svarczkopf: Again, I don't think we should be losing money on this. I think we need to figure out how to do break even. I understand this is a service you provide to me to the community, but \$60 to be able to drop my kid off for 6 weeks for 4 hours a day, I would pay \$60 for a day to drop my kid off, maybe 2. I think that's so far undervalued that I understand going from 60 to 100 is a crazy thing to do in a year. But I think we need to start looking at 2 or 3 years from now that difference being 0 and how do we get there.

Manager Revella: Some of that is a 20% increase from last year. Just trying to take small bites so that we don't hurt people that cannot work.

Trustee Svarczkopf: I'm ok with starting to even give more scholarships to kids who can afford it, but there are people I'm sure that bring their kids into this program that can afford way more than \$60 for 6 weeks of camp.

Manager Revella: There are some, but then there's a problem trying to find scholarships for the others that can't.

Trustee Svarczkopf: We raise where we can and then there's some sort of sliding scale. If you can

afford it, to pay for it. If you can't, we'll figure it out by proving that is a whole other thing that takes time. I understand it takes manpower but I think we develop almost a sliding scale over the course of the next couple of years and raise as we go and create science again.

Manager Revella: I'll just be careful, if you want to do that with other areas of the village as well. Just try to be careful about it.

Trustee Svarczkopf: There is a difference between water and I'm volunteering to bring my child to a summer camp.

Deputy Mayor Moore: Not necessarily. Some don't have other day care options. Just saying that's not a good comparison.

Trustee Svarczkopf: I legitimately think we need to raise these more than we're talking about. I still don't think that that hurts that much. \$60 goes to \$80.

Manager Revella: You don't know what the impact is gonna be. The impact is that you lose most participation but they go somewhere else more affordable. Then you just killed the program that's benefiting the children now.

Trustee Svarczkopf: Which is why you can raise it slowly.

Trustee Thompson: Do we have an analysis of what other summer programs cost and what they provide?

Manager Revella: We know in comparison, the Village of Montgomery. Other programs are closed for different reasons. The YMCA has their scale.

Trustee Thompson: I'm just curious to see where we fit into the mix because we hear from so many different residents in and out of our community that this is a wonderful program. People like to take advantage of it. They like the way that it's run. They like the way that it's staffed. They like the activities that are here for the children. They like the supervision ratios for the children. I don't hear any downside about our program and I've never, ever heard anyone complain about the cost. With all the other things that are being cut, money is really a huge stumbling block. I certainly would not want to outsource this or out price this that our own children can't participate in this but we do have to figure out a way to come to a place where we're not losing money.

Manager Revella: It's not that we're losing money, we're using tax dollars. That's what the whole community pays for.

Trustee Kraus: I agree. We need to balance this out somehow. Any way of bringing the cost down of running the camp?

Manager Revella: We hire a lot of people at minimum wage for the job now.

Trustee Thompson: What about the activities that we provide for the children? If we scaled back a little bit would it significantly make people unhappy?

Manager Revella: There's not a lot of activities we pay for. Most of the stuff is there, the playground, the beach, volleyball court. We're talking about increasing the cost of the trips, the

charge for that to get closer to offset.

Trustee Thompson: But rather than increase it, is there a way to scale back on it?

Manager Revella: The field trips were increased the cost to try and pay for themselves as they are, not including the scholarship kids. So, it's pretty close. We did talk about raising that charge to help balance that more.

Trustee Thompson: Did it have any negative impact on the attendance at those events?

Manager Revella: We changed where we're going. I'm not sure.

Deputy Mayor Moore: I don't have an issue with raising the fees that were proposed to raise them.

Trustee Ramos: Neither do I. We're forgetting that summer camp is a critical point for childcare for a good portion of families here in the Village of Walden. It allows mom and dad to go to work on a full-time basis. School year, we send them to school. It's comforting to know that 6 or 7 hours, they're in school and they go to childcare whether it be school time or St. Andrews. The increase that some are looking for, kind of hurts the pocketbook of the families. If we increase it to a point where they can't afford it then there's no school clothes at the end of the year. They can't budget for school lunch money etc. What I'm trying to say is that the summer camp fees you know with 390 plus kids going there is a savior to some families that are allowed to go to work and it's comforting to know that they're in a safe environment. You know the staff are 100% dedicated to the care of their kids. I think the slated amount is justified.

Trustee Sebring: When my kids were growing up this was a great program for them. I agree that we shouldn't let this program run in too much of a debt. Yet you don't want to hurt a family that has 3 and 4 kids that they depend on this program in the summer. You know you can't over price them because they're the ones that really need it. The families with 1 or 2, it hurts a little bit. But you've got to think of the overall. Then you've got to think of you don't know how many kids you're going to have until they register and then you got to find your counselors. And there's got to be so many counselors to so many kids. Then paying the minimum wage and then you know found a required minimum wage that's up from last year. The trips that they go on are good trips. That's why I believe that a lot of the out of town kids come because we go to good trips. Maybe not some of the other municipalities like Montgomery may want to do that. But we have chosen to have those kinds of programs. That's why we have so many kids in the summer. So, I would say you know raise it but not too much to hurt everybody. The out of town residents, that's another story because they have a choice. They don't have to send him here but they do because of our programs.

Mayor Rumbold: I'm trying to remember how many years Village of Walden residents subsidized town residents to use our library. We felt we had a wonderful library system and we felt that everyone should share in that resource. Town of Montgomery Supervisor Winchell brought us up to parity finally. But regardless of what the town board did, that was something that the Village of Walden residents did with their tax dollars. I would hate to think; the Village of Walden residents would deny a child the opportunity to go to summer camp. We're supposed to take care of every citizen in this village and if we can't spend some tax dollars to provide a summer program for our children, I think that's unconscionable. Anyone can sponsor a child who can't afford it. I've done it. You send a check to the Parks and Rec program. You tell them that you wanted to pay for a child who would not be able to go on a field trip otherwise. Talked about kids getting in trouble. Talk about splintering families. We talk about the opioid crisis. But now we're going to nickel and dime a

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program that teaches children socialization, teaches children that your community actually cares about you. Gives them the opportunity to do things that maybe they don't have the opportunity to do. I understand we don't like to run any programs at a deficit, but let's find somewhere else to find \$40k instead of denying kids. I go to the picnic every year. Talk to the parents and the kids who attended and they thanked me profusely for offering such a program for their children so they can be comfortable and know that they're safe. I don't have any problem raising the fees that were suggested by the manager and the Parks and Rec Director.

Trustee Svarczkopf: I'm not asking you to tell a kid they can't come to summer camp. That was never what I said. What I'm saying is we need to not lose money on this and we have a large difference. I'm not at all saying we need to say no to these kids that can't come because they can't afford it. And I'm also not opposed to saying, hey, you have 2 or 3 kids here, there's a discount for that.

Deputy Mayor Moore: I don't like that we're saying a loss and a deficit. I mean in all reality it's the village subsidizing the program. It's not a loss. It's not a deficit. By the fees that the parents are contributing. This is what we are investing in in our residents and in our community. I don't look at our Parks and Rec program with our summer camp that it's a business. It's not necessarily a business. When we as taxpayers are subsidizing it. I don't look at it as a deficit. There's a huge difference between deficit and subsidy.

Trustee Svarczkopf: You guys know it's coming down the next couple of years with pensions and all of that. And I just can't see how fiscally we can say, \$40k and we're willing to pay for that. We're already going to be strapped for the next couple of years just trying to pay what we have to pay. Gonna end up bankrupt. I just don't understand how we can look at that. Whether we want to call it operating at a loss or subsidizing.

Deputy Mayor Moore: What do you propose?

Trustee Svarczkopf: I propose raising fees to an average of \$84 a kid. It doesn't have to happen in a year. And I think we need to look at all of our programs.

Trustee Sebring: According to these rates here that we have for the full day summer camp. The village residents pay \$350 dollars. Now if you have two kids, that's \$700 that you have to pay for up front.

Manager Revella: Their taxes are also already paying for it.

Trustee Sebring: Some of these people that live in the village don't make that kind of income.

Trustee Svarczkopf: Some can't. Which is exactly why I said we can then if we're at least starting to break even then we can start talking about helping families out that can't afford it.

Trustee Thompson: What is a reasonable number or what would happen if we increase the rate for the non-town residents a little more significantly?

Manager Revella: We started doing that a couple of years ago, we've been adding on that more than other people. That's what we got to we are now. We didn't have that category three years ago.

Trustee Thompson: What percentage of participants fit into that group?

Manager Revella: Well, it is very small. I think it's a step in the right direction. I know it's not all the way there but we're getting there and at least is getting close to breaking even most of our departments don't make revenue at all. It's not about making money. It's about providing a service.

Roll call:

Trustee Svarczkopf - No

Trustee Kraus - Yea

Trustee Thompson - Yea

Deputy Mayor Moore - Yea

Trustee Ramos - Yea

Trustee Sebring – Yea

Mayor Rumbold - Yea

Trustee Ramos made a motion to adopt Summer Camp Fees. Seconded by Trustee Sebring. 6 ayes. 1 Nay (Trustee Svarczkopf). Motion carried.

Building Security Plan/Office Security

Manager Revella: There's 2 parts on that. One was the last meeting we talked about variations in the bid. Didn't get a response from the company. And the other part was kind of the overall plan for the building in general. There is potential to discuss that. I didn't think it would be appropriate to discuss those vulnerabilities in public yet until we have something together with the Chief. If the Chief is willing to discuss everything in executive session.

Mayor Rumbold: That fits the parameters of executive session?

Trustee Svarczkopf: Is that allowed in executive session?

Attorney Donovan: Since it there's a factual floor to discuss potential vulnerabilities not admitting that there are any vulnerabilities, the answer is yes.

Fee Schedule for Snow Removal

Manager Revella: Last we talked about potentially having a different fee schedule for removing snow at crosswalks and corners or some other variation of that. We did have a discussion with the Rec Coordinator and Building Inspector, myself and Treasurer. There was some debate about whether we can do a different kind of fee structure. But if you wanted to raise the fees for those areas, you could.

Attorney Donovan: If you're inclined to increase, your existing code allows you to remove a clause that removes that snow and ice. Notify the village of the expense. So, in theory the existing code is a greater expense than the property or bears that greater expense.

Mayor Rumbold: The whole impetus for this was the issue that crosswalks were not available because of the piles of snow. So, we were trying to figure out a way to entice the property owners to make sure those areas were clean. So, you had egress off of the street onto the sidewalk especially around the school. What is going to accomplish that?

Attorney Donovan: I think as I said before, legislation is not going to make a person who doesn't want to do what he's supposed to, do what he's supposed to do. But if the theory is you can you're going to be incentivized by a higher fine, you can establish a different fine, if you want to do that.

Your code indicates that there should be some relationship between the amount of labor, equipment and materials used. So, if you're using more labor or equipment or materials to clear a crosswalk there's going to be higher expense to that person. I think your existing code accomplishes that objective. But if you wish to establish a flat fee, you could do that as well. I would just want to be consistent.

Manager Revella: It says that we can actually adjust the bill accordingly as to what it actually costs us.

Attorney Donovan: For example, if you have 3 guys and you say this is what their hourly rate is, this is where their benefits are and it takes 3 hours to do that or you ascribe a minimum time, it takes 2 hours to mobilize and do the work then demobilize. That's the fee that you charge.

Manager Revella: We haven't addressed that in some sometime. Maybe now is a good time to analyze with the new fee schedules that we have and with the salaries as they are now.

Trustee Svarczkopf: I'm fine with keeping the law the way it is if we can if we can actively say that there's a difference there and charge appropriately.

Mayor Rumbold: I just have to ask and I don't mean to put you on the spot, Fred, I don't know anything about plowing. I think it's pretty obvious that when your guys go out, we're interested in cleaning the streets so that they're passable to traffic. Is there anything that we can do, reasonably, to try not to have the amount of snow piled on those corners. Is there anything we can do to try to minimize the amount of snow that gets on those corners?

Superintendent Perna: No, you can't. You have to abut the corner. It doesn't pile there, you push it. Curb to curb, but you cut the corners to get the radius for the turn.

Manager Revella: They're not putting extra snow there. They're doing equally to each corner.

Mayor Rumbold: What's your recommendation?

Manager Revella: We're going to look at the actual costs. What they are now conceived by fee structure meets that cost. If it doesn't, we're going to have to raise that. And the law allows us to do that.

Mayor Rumbold: So, we don't have to take any action, these will just be implemented.

Manager Revella: If that's the pleasure of the board. Make sure it's consensus.

Trustee Svarczkopf: Are we looking to establish a second flat fee or are we looking to establish every single storm?

Manager Revella: No, we're gonna look and see what the actual costs are.

Trustee Svarczkopf: Yes.

Trustee Thompson: Yes. I'm fine.

Trustee Sebring: I have one question. With the 24-hour period that we give to clear the snow from March 5, 2019

the sidewalks. If we have a snow that ends at 11:00 in the morning and 24 hours 11:00 o'clock the next morning and they open school and that sidewalk or crosswalk has not cleared. Then what? We got to define that 24-hour period for school purposes.

Mayor Rumbold: We talked about that, but we have to give notice.

Attorney Donovan: You need is due process and give people some time. I understand the concern but people will come around and around on this.

Mayor Rumbold: I don't know what the answer is. It's been that way for years and years and years I'm not saying that just because it's been years and years and years continue on the same. Trying to come up with a remedy but I don't know what that remedy is, that's going to satisfy the people that have to traverse those crosswalks and get their kids to school. Certainly, don't want them in the middle of the street with baby carriages or climbing up over these mounds of snow. We could try it this way and see what happens. See if it remedies the situation. If it doesn't, it doesn't. And then we'll have to deal with it from another angle.

Maple St Parking Hours Discussion

Manager Revella: I had mentioned the last time there was some concern regarding cars staying there for a long time in Maple St parking lot. It is a village, public lot. It's not fair for people to park forever. It should be a transitional parking lot. And there's a lot of businesses in the front including the post office. The proposal would be to have parking hours change to be consistent with Orchard lot. 3-hour parking from 9am until 11pm. People that need to park overnight, can still park overnight. But during business hours, there's some rotation.

Mayor Rumbold: I have no problem changing the hours, but why aren't all the parking lots on the same clock? Why do we have certain ones that are and certain ones that aren't?

Manager Revella: I'm not sure. It's a public lot. I wasn't here when it first opened but there had to be some logic.

Mayor Rumbold: Is the Oak St lot timed?

Manager Revella: No. That's a 24-hour lot.

Mayor Rumbold: Why aren't we just going to be consistent and do all the parking lots the same?

Manager Revella: If you want to that's fine too.

Mayor Rumbold: I don't know if that's the board's pleasure, but I just wanted to ask why it wasn't that way.

Manager Revella: Just had a lot of complaints about that lot in particular. Doesn't hurt us to do it.

Becky Pearson: Oak St was for overflow and didn't want to time it as much because it was overflow from Main St.

Trustee Sebring: Well there was a certain amount of parking spots dedicated for the Walker building because of some of the residents. They were, I believe, given so many parking spots for their residents by the Planning Board. So, that cut down the number of parking spots for everyone

else.

Trustee Svarczkopf: Is there a way to split it up so maybe there's four spots in the lot that are 15-minute parking until 5?

Manager Revella: The enforcement is going to be hard.

Trustee Svarczkopf: I understand.

Manager Revella: I think that this is a good step. If we can do at least a timed parking now, we get some rotation at least so some people get the motivation to move. You'll get more spaces to open. There are about 16 spots at the Maple lot, but there's usually 6 or 7 cars that never move. So, getting a certain set of cars moving more often will help alleviate some of that problem, hopefully.

Mayor Rumbold: Is it gonna happen at Maple like it does on Orchard? Because I get to stand there and watch a lot of it. They move from this spot over here. They're not opening up a spot, technically. They're just shifting their vehicle because time is up to be in that space.

Manager Revella: Yes, but if they're moving there's a chance someone else could take the space. At least they're moving. Same thing in the city when there's street sweeping going on.

Chief Holmes: I've been here a while. The whole idea was to have a vibrant downtown community. So, my advice was, to make it the same at the Maple Street lot only because we see it, especially, when we have to move cars for repairs, for incidents that happen over there. There are people leaving their cars there, it's about 5 or 6 that will leave them there as their second area of the parking lot. And that's what we're looking at. And I think even if they are trying to cheat and they move from one lot to the other. So, the issue is I think downtown is becoming vibrant especially in that area. Oak St is listed as an overflow. We've improved it. Down the road and we do get a very busy community here we may have to look at that. Again, a lot of times people did not want to walk from Oak St to Main St. But now they have to, it's there. My advice is, I think you're going to take away those 5 or 6 cars that are always parking there, you're going to open up 5 or 6 spots.

Manager Revella: You just have to give Dave permission to draft a local law to that effect. It would be the same hours that Orchard St has.

Trustee Ramos made a motion to authorize Attorney Donovan to draft local law. Seconded by Deputy Mayor Moore. All ayes. Motion carried.

Flag Day Ceremony

Manager Revella: We did get a request for the Flag Day Ceremony, same request as last year. Like to utilize chairs. June 9th Rain or shine.

Trustee Ramos made a motion to approve Flag Day Ceremony on June 9th. Seconded by Deputy Mayor Moore. All ayes. Motion carried.

Loading Zone West Main St Discussion

Manager Revella: Since the business that is at the location 92-100 West Main is no longer there, the tenants that will be in there could probably utilize more parking in front of the building instead of having a loading zone parking. There was some discussion whether they're getting this one

handicap space or not. But I think that that'll be taken care of with the lot adjacent to the building. So, making these just regular parking spaces would be good. And then the lot next to the building may be able to utilize for more handicap or people that need it.

Trustee Sebring: Who owns that parking lot?

Manager Revella: The church property owns it. They're working on an agreement.

Mayor Rumbold: What do you need from us?

Manager Revella: Motion to authorize Dave to do a local law to change that space to parking. There's about 2 spots that are blocked off as loading, so we'd make it into just parking.

Trustee Sebring made a motion to authorize Attorney Donovan to draft local law. Seconded by Trustee Thompson. All ayes. Motion carried.

Ulster Ave Supplement Resolution

Manager Revella: Thankfully the state saw a light that we'd likely need more money to help with drainage problems going on Ulster Avenue. Most people have seen ponding on one side because it's deteriorated from when we first started the project to now. It's still getting worse. DPW has tried to camera the lines, they can't. They've looked at the basins, the structures. We actually have to move couple. So, they were kind enough to give us extra funds to be able to be utilized for this project and hopefully get all of that drainage done all at once. It was a lot of small in scope, now it's a whole project to get the drainage worked on.

Mayor Rumbold: How long ago did we start this project?

Manager Revella: 2004.

Trustee Sebring: Now what's going to be the limitations on the number of feet that the state's gonna replace to and culvert pipe. And then if that goes into village property, are we gonna have any money set aside in case?

Manager Revella: Well, that's in the scope right now. We had a meeting today with our inspection engineers plus our own engineer, DPW Supervisor and myself. They're writing that scope now to make sure it includes those items and those potentials.

Trustee Ramos made a motion to approve Resolution 22-18-19. Seconded by Deputy Mayor Moore. All ayes. Motion carried.

Blue Stone – Ulster Ave Project

Manager Revella: I hoped to get more information before the meeting but our meeting was actually today, to talk about this on the inspection level with the engineers. They were referring to the contractor and the contract to see what we could do. Right now, the contract is written as the contract for it is to remove everything. At their costs. But we are asking the contractor if it was possible, we could restore some of the Bluestone ourselves for utilization around the village as the board had suggested. We don't know how much will be spared or how much will be ruined. And I'm not sure if the contractor has the time to do it carefully or not. So, they're asking the contractor now. We have a contractor meeting in a week where we're going to go through the detail but until then he's trying to get some answers for us. We just need to know what the pleasure is of the board. What
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do you want to do? We've discussed it several times, but I don't know if it was an actual vote as Trustee Thompson pointed out.

Mayor Rumbold: I think that we wanted to try to salvage what we could, but we also understand that that stone has been there a long time, it's not ADA compliant. And because of the moisture in there, some of its peeling now.

Trustee Sebring: So, do we have a place down at the DPW where we will be able to store that in a way so it does not get damaged?

Manager Revella: Depends on how much we're talking.

Trustee Sebring: That's why I ask that question. A lot of that stone is brittle. So probably a good percentage may not make it.

Mayor Rumbold: We don't know until they try to pick it up.

Trustee Sebring: Well it's not the part of picking them up as getting it out of the back of the truck. That's where most of it's going to get damaged.

Mayor Rumbold: Is it a consensus that we try to salvage as much as we can?

All: Yes.

Manager Revella: I'll let you know what the contractor says during the week.

Timed Parking Restrictions on Main St Discussion

Manager Revella: There was a request from a couple business owners regarding the time that are on the signs on Main St. Right now, it says 9am to 6pm. and 2-hour parking. Some of them have asked if they can make it from 9am to 9pm with 2-hour parking, including the 15-minute spot. Just to be consistent with most of the business hours there.

Mayor Rumbold: How would that be enforced?

Manager Revella: Just as any other timed parking now with the parking enforcement officer.

Trustee Ramos made a motion to authorize Attorney Donovan to draft local law. Seconded by Trustee Sebring. All ayes. Motion carried.

Wallkill River Alliance Discussion

Manager Revella: Did you get the cost proposal back yet?

Trustee Thompson: It would be \$1,000 annually to join in.

Mayor Rumbold: Is that something you want to discuss during the budget?

Manager Revella: Yes, and I don't know if you get through it and budget enough if you wanted him to come to the next meeting to talk about it with the board or not.

Trustee Thompson: I could certainly ask him. I had asked Mike Bliss if he'd like to come to the March 5, 2019

next meeting. He was ok with it and said he was going to check with you. Jason said they are going to be doing several presentations throughout the area.

Mayor Rumbold: What do they do with the dues?

Trustee Thompson: I don't know all the details. I would have to hear a presentation.

Mayor Rumbold: I mean he can come to a board meeting and do a presentation.

Bucket Truck

Manager Revella: Just the minor correction. The board had previously voted on a budget transfer in order to create a budget of \$31,400 for the Bucket Truck we're looking at. Someone snatched it from under us. We've been looking and trying to find one since then. We finally were able to get one who was close to the price but actually has a lot less miles. For \$34,595. It's only has 32 hours on it. It came from Verizon. Pretty good shape and well maintained.

Deputy Mayor Moore made a motion to accept. Seconded by Trustee Kraus. All ayes. Motion carried.

Public Comment

Mrs. Sandbooth: 90 Liberty St. DPW is plowing and plowing up the road and there's tar in my lawn. Are they going to fix it?

Manager Revella: As soon as the season is over.

Mrs. Sandbooth: Ok, very good. Storm drains that border onto state highway. By post office and the bottom of Scofield. They're like a flood.

Manager Revella: The DOT is on notice for both of those.

Mrs. Sandbooth: The senior citizen complex that's supposed to be built. I heard that there supposed to be a road that would connect Liberty St with that complex.

Manager Revella: No, I didn't see any of that at all.

Becky Pearson: 167 Walnut St. Conversation on the park fees. I know how difficult it is to make these decisions. But I have always said that the program should pay for themselves. I understand that children need an outlet. I know parents have to pay for that. But what I'm hearing is that it's already subsidized by your taxes then why are you charging village residents of Walden to go to the park? I mean that's what you're saying. If my taxes are paying for these children to go already then why are you charging village residents to go? Another step further, you just passed a law for seniors and people who own homes in the village that have to pay to have their water lines dug up between their house and the street. And what makes it any different? What fee is any different than any other fee in this village. So, one fee doesn't really make any difference you're still raising fees and you just raise the fees for the people who live on the street who have to do the snow. So, what makes one any worse than the other or any better than the other?

Payment of the Audited Bills

Deputy Mayor Moore made a motion to pay the Audited Bills. Seconded by Trustee Thompson. All ayes. Motion carried.

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Correspondence

Trustee Thompson: Just the email to thank us about the snow.

Trustee Ramos: Just the correspondence for Edmund's Ln.

Miscellaneous Comments from the Board of Trustees

Trustee Thompson: I would just like to ask John if he could give us some very brief information about the transportation part of the comp plan. It was really very well run here in the City of Newburgh. I'm actually planning on going to the second piece of it up in Goshen. There seemed to be a lot of interest from communities on this side of the county with what's going on with their transportation plan. And I actually had 3 different people from the city of Newburgh indicate that they would like to have some conversation with the Town of Montgomery and the Village of Walden. And I know that you have been part of that committee but we really haven't heard very much about it from you.

Manager Revella: I can share that we are trying to create more routes, travel routes and transportation routes throughout the county. As I said last time, we do have the bus, but it's not really a loop service. The City of Newburgh, City of Middletown as well as Kiryas Joel do have really good transportation routes. Will say Coach USA for the game and some other things. They're not really consistent with what's going on. So, we're trying to create a grid for the whole county and utilize all of those services in conjunction so you can actually go from place to place on a schedule and get where you need to go. It's not economically viable for a lot of people. So, trying to get these bus routes consistent throughout the county is really hard. The other part of that was linking a lot of bus route with train schedules so they're getting there you know 10 minutes before the train departs so you can link up and make your way from the bus to the train. So that is really the crux of the plan. It's trying to make that happen. How do we make it happen? How do we implement costs for the crossings? That's what all of the meetings are for to determine transportation dollars for that purpose from the state that we use every year towards buying buses or improving route signage.

Trustee Thompson: Well just so you know, there's definitely interest on the Newburgh end. They're very agreeable to having some open dialogue with people from our neck of the woods. Thank you for giving us a little bit of an update because it was very interesting for me to go and listen and then find out that you were on the committee and I didn't have any input to add.

Manager Revella: I will get another update after our next meeting.

Deputy Mayor Moore: I attended the budget forum hosted by Senator Skoufis and Senator Metzger on Friday. A lot of great speakers, a lot of great testimony. That was actually one of the things that a few of the speakers talked about was the lack of transportation to get from one area to where they're working and back to their area. So, that's a good topic of conversation. Senator Skoufis talked about the aid funding. It was just a great forum.

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Deputy Mayor Moore made a motion to enter into executive session to discuss Collective Bargaining Negotiations, personal history of a particular person and matters of Village Hall. Seconded by Trustee Sebring. All ayes. Motion carried

Reconvene

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**Village of Walden Board of Trustees
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Motions & Resolutions**

Approval of February 19, 2019 Minutes

Trustee Ramos: We were talking about the level 6 issue. I said typical round not ground.

Trustee Thompson made a motion to approve the February 5, 2019 Minutes with corrections. Seconded by Deputy Mayor Moore. All ayes. Motion carried.

Summer Camp Fees

Roll call:

Trustee Svarczkopf - No

Trustee Kraus - Yea

Trustee Thompson - Yea

Deputy Mayor Moore - Yea

Trustee Ramos - Yea

Trustee Sebring – Yea

Mayor Rumbold - Yea

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