

**Village of Walden
Board of Trustees Regular Meeting
October 4, 2022**

Mayor Ramos called the regular meeting of the Village of Walden Board of Trustees to order at 6:30pm.

On roll call the following were:	Mayor:	John Ramos
Present:	Deputy Mayor	Willie Carley
	Trustees	Lynn Thompson
		Patricia Maher
		Becky Pearson
		Brian Sebring
		John Elliott

Absent:

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

Presentation – Seemless Tech

Dan Svarczkopf gave presentation on AV upgrade.

Trustee Thompson: I don't have your proposal in front of me, but I have read it. Did you not have something on there that it could also be done with one TV?

Dan Svarczkopf: It can be done with one TV, absolutely. A lot of times when people are presenting. Especially, if you had a property up and then you needed something else next to it. This gives us the ability to, with that one computer, keep up to documents and still keep it big enough so that people can see. It can be done. But the minute you split that screen, if that happens, both things are kind of not visible at that point. It would just be nicer to have the two but not needed.

Trustee Pearson: Do they have to be that big? That's smaller than 86, that screen. That's probably a 7 foot screen.

Dan Svarczkopf: Two 86-inch width wise would be just under 150 inches. It'd be around 12 and a half feet. I know that sounds big, but in a room this big, it's really not crazy. In the school districts, we use all 86-inch TVs and a room about half this size and they actually seem small in those rooms.

Trustee Pearson: Do we know what size the town has?

Manager Revella: I don't know what size they have.

Trustee Thompson: I don't think they're that big. But our room is set up differently because over there you literally have to turn to see which TV you can view better. I could see where if we had bigger screens, anyone in this room could probably view whatever was up there.

Dan Svarczkopf: And then because of the computer attached to it all the time, if you wanted to keep announcements or digital things going during the day, or if you have people in here, but not necessarily just using the room, you could just leave announcements for the village up there to keep people informed.

Trustee Pearson: What's the next smaller size TV?

Dan Svarczkopf: 75 is the next smaller sized TV. It doesn't save you a ton of money, honestly, and it's definitely not worth the decrease in size. You may save 2 or \$300 a TV.

Trustee Pearson: When people use the equipment, do they have to sign in with a password? Does somebody have to be here from the village to be able to make it work?

Dan Svarczkopf: We could make a guest account on that computer, or we could have a Village of Walden one. Once the computer is set up, we can decide whether we want it to be password protected or not, depending on the network it's on and how secure we want to be. That would be a decision that would be made by John or the Board.

Trustee Pearson: And you can hook it to sound? Is there an extra charge?

Dan Svarczkopf: We looked at running a wire. It would have to be up these walls. Again, I don't want to damage the walls. I found one other option. It's a little Bluetooth adapter, but they're only like \$20, so I can throw that in with the whole thing and then it would just be leaving that Bluetooth adapter on. The other nice thing about having that Bluetooth adapter attached is if you wanted to just have sound in here for any reason, you can attach any phone or any other Bluetooth enabled device, it's not just dedicated to that computer. You can essentially hook up any Bluetooth device to this.

Trustee Pearson: Lifetime of the equipment? Before it goes outdated and all of a sudden, we need something new.

Dan Svarczkopf: TVs, because you're just using it as a screen. They don't really die too often. The computers will obviously need to be updated over time, but probably anywhere from 5 to 15 years. 15 is a really long time, probably 5 to 7 years of useful life for the computer. But the computer isn't the expensive part of this. Honestly, it's the TV's.

Trustee Elliott: That 86-inch TV, that's a diagonal?

Dan Svarczkopf: Diagonal, yes. So, it's actually 75.2 about 47 inches tall. It would be about 4 feet tall. It would fill a little bit more than the space that you have open between these 2 things right here.

Trustee Elliott: Do you think those are big enough? Because when you go diagonal, it's not as big as you think.

Dan Svarczkopf: Right. That's why I said we use 86-inch TVs in school and they are they're not huge in a room this size. I still end up zooming in on particular things when you're presenting for students for kids in the back. People in that back corner would still need to get close even on two 86-inch TVs in here. The next size up is an astronomical jump in price, like \$10,000 per TV.

Deputy Mayor Carley: I've always been wondering about the ceiling side of it, like a low hanging projector would be nice.

Dan Svarczkopf: When I was on board, all I wanted to do was hang a projector. The problem is, it's not just getting the projector up, but you're going to damage the ceiling. But you also need to run power. You have to come in from the top and it's just with the possibility of damaging a ceiling kind of that pretty, it's not really worth it.

Deputy Mayor Carley: I hear you. It's just I've always said it would just be nice if you got a low hanging projector.

Dan Svarczkopf: Yes, because then you could get a much bigger screen.

Mayor Ramos: Connectivity, would we be using the wifi for the library and ours?

Dan Svarczkopf: Connectivity is probably the hardest thing here. I know that we have some wifi for the village. We would most likely use that because that's our most secure connection. The PC itself has wifi. We can run Ethernet to it, but we could possibly run Ethernet through that wall and get it in here too. That would make it a little bit faster, but not a ton faster, depending on the router you using.

Mayor Ramos: When you fix one of the screens to the wall, looking for the extension that comes out because I know Dave is not going to have 100% line of sight from that side. And if we have a people on that corner, would we be able to bring that out?

Dan Svarczkopf: I wouldn't advise against it. We could use a mount that articulates out. I honestly wouldn't with TV's that large. I would really try to keep it flat. Modern TVs have 178-degree field of view, so you're only losing one degree on either side. You will be able to see them pretty much from any angle. Even Mr. Carley definitely would still be able to see. The Village Attorney would be able to see. He would start to get a little bit, just kind of angled at it. But all the board members would be able to easily see what was up on that screen.

Trustee Pearson: When you hang it on the wall, is it out from the wall angled like that?

Dan Svarczkopf: No, it would be flat on that wall. I would use a fixed mount.

Trustee Pearson: Where is the second TV?

Dan Svarczkopf: Right next to it.

Trustee Thompson: So, it can't look like the town where it's off the wall and it's angled to the to the board and to the community?

Dan Svarczkopf: It can. It's just the minute you get to a larger size TV, I really hate using articulated mounts.

Manager Revella: Like a fixed mount but at an angle.

Trustee Pearson: Not moving it. Just leaving it fixed mount. Even if it was on a stand on the ground with two TVs.

Dan Svarczkopf: We can do whatever we want.

Trustee Pearson: I didn't know they were going to be flat. I thought they were going to be angled more like the town, because I thought that was much easier for people to see from back in the corners.

Dan Svarczkopf: No, they would be flat against the wall. The angle that you look at those TVs and modern TVs. I don't think that will be an issue. We can use articulating mounts. It just makes getting into studs way more important. And it also makes the minute you articulate those out, that leverage force coming down on the wall is a little bit more. With the older walls and building, I would just advise against it, but we can do it if that's what you want.

Trustee Sebring: What's the weight of each of the TVs?

Dan Svarczkopf: They're not too heavy. It's like 86lbs approximately. A lot of them are less. I will get at least 2 studs with each mount, twice on each stud. Which it should hold.

Deputy Mayor Carley: Can you put a projector over there and can reach over there?

Dan Svarczkopf: They do have long throw projector, absolutely.

Deputy Mayor Carley: Then you can go bigger with the screen.

Dan Svarczkopf: Long throw projectors that have enough lumens to hold up to these lights, are probably just as much money, if not a little bit more actually.

Deputy Mayor Carley: I was just wondering, because the size would be easier to see if it was a larger screen. I was thinking 86 is kind of small from a distance.

Dan Svarczkopf: It's just the biggest we can go. If we could go bigger and keep it at the price range we need to be I would probably suggest bigger. 110 inches is kind of the next step up and they're very, very expensive. We can look into a projector if you want me to. I just, again, getting power over there and up that wall, mounting it on the wall. It can be done.

Mayor Ramos: Wouldn't the pixels be a little bit distorted from there?

Dan Svarczkopf: Once you get into the higher end projectors that are long throw high lumen projectors. No. They actually wouldn't be. You can focus them really well. Essentially, you're looking at a movie theater projector. You need at least 52-5500 lumens and they're expensive, but they can be done. This would look cleaner. Honestly, the TV's.

Deputy Mayor Carley: Are we trying to get a time frame for this?

Trustee Pearson: I don't mind getting a quote for that just to have a comparison.

Trustee Thompson: I'm just concerned with how much additional work would have to be done in this old building, with these walls, with the electric.

Manager Revella: There's electric there. I just don't know if it'll take it. There's one electric going around and there's also speaker wire going through that. The fire alarms connected.

Dan Svarczkopf: Do you want me to reach out to an electrician and compare it together?

Manager Revella: Just in case.

Presentation – Acquisitions Marketing

William Ibberson gave a presentation on AV upgrade.

Trustee Thompson: Same as Town of Montgomery but smaller TVs?

William Ibberson: Same TV's, but we can go bigger if you want 65, I think they only have 55. That's what we originally quoted.

Trustee Thompson: How would that effect the quote?

William Ibberson: I could look at it. Should be the same be able to absorb it. Depending on when we go ahead with it. If you wait until December, these prices are not going to be the same. If I have to compete with Black Friday and all those different things when everything goes up. You might want to get this done sooner than later.

Trustee Elliott: You're saying the 65-inch screen?

William Ibberson: That would be the largest I would go in terms of that, to do the same set up. If you want to do 85. That's what he's talking about. The things you have to take into account is what's being on there. We're not trying to read things. If they do, they come up and they read them. But we're not trying to vie for them mostly. That's really up to you. If you want to go that big for the one person that's sitting over there, that's a much larger quote.

Trustee Elliott: You think 65 is big enough?

William Ibberson: Yes. To fit in the space. When we put this down, it was just an idea. We didn't talk about moving. We were just trying to fill the space. We could put it on either end as long as there's electric. We're gonna have a professional construction contractor come in and do all the mounting, too, so you can make sure that everything's done right.

Trustee Maher: This is not including a computer, just the cost of the TV's installation. And then anyone can plug in.

William Ibberson: Any HDMI compatible device. If you want, we can give you a like a usb-c adapter too. So if a MacBook needs a plug, but any HDMI device like most of these laptops.

Trustee Thompson: My biggest concern is when the Planning Board and the Zoning Board presents, there's a lot of maps and things like that. I just want to be sure that we have a big enough TV screen that we are going to be able to see those things easily.

William Ibberson: I would substitute with one big one instead of two smaller ones, if that's really what you're concerned about. Which you know, is not really going to fluctuate the price. In the 80 range, not going to go to 110, like he said, because those get very expensive and you don't want to pay to repair those.

Trustee Pearson: Sound, how do you feel about the sound? You aren't always here for Planning board, Zoning Board, which kind of where this is headed. You're here for Village Board. The sound would not be connected?

William Ibberson: The sound is projected out of the TVs sufficiently to do the room or we get amplified through. It could come through the same system. That's not what's in there. But I can take

a look in to see what it's going to add on. But yes, in terms of the sound in here and we'll make sure that it's picked up through the livestream.

Trustee Pearson: Because the town doesn't have sound on there, they just show the pictures and somebody at the board meeting is talking.

William Ibberson: There's no sound, you just plug in and its audio.

Deputy Mayor Carley: The size. It seemed like you were an advocate for the 65 versus 86.

William Ibberson: What do you want? 1 flat TV or do you want 2 that are angled towards where you're sitting?

Deputy Mayor Carley: Everyone's saying so that the person in the corner can sit and see. Just want to make sure everybody doesn't have to break their neck and strain just to kind of visualize. I think 65 is really small. Personally. I'm not a professional.

William Ibberson: If you want to go bigger with 1 flat one, you can do 2 big ones. But like he said, you're putting a lot of pressure on these walls. I'm not a contractor. So, if you want to go into doing all that, we certainly can. I just kind of put in for what the town has. If you want us to do something else, we can. I'm not interested in the projector stuff, that's beyond us. That's something that somebody else should do. We were just trying to fill in the gap.

Deputy Mayor Carley: No, I totally understand it. I just want to be clear.

Mayor Ramos: So, you were thinking about 2 and one over here?

William Ibberson: It would have to be added on. We could do 1 and 1, if you want 1 that's sitting flat on this side. 1 sitting flat on that side too. Just have to make sure there's a sufficient electric over there. It doesn't matter where we put them.

Deputy Mayor Carley: You're going to mess with our clock.

William Ibberson: That's why we were trying to do the best that we could and fill the space. We can move these around and tighten them up.

Trustee Pearson: I just think that for the amount of people that come to the board meetings they can sit a little closer if they need to. There's a lot of empty chairs. Planning Board and Zoning Board are pretty much the same. Once in a while we might have a big crowd. Are we planning for a big crowd every day? Are we planning for the normal people that are coming every week?

Manager Revella: Want to make sure you update the quote with the different sized TV prices, please. Submit the quotes from whatever you can get us for the 18th.

Ginny Niedermier: We do use the room and usually in partnership with another organization or a special guest that we have. People do bring their laptops. Program on their own personal laptops. We have a library wifi, that seems to work very well. It's usually the technical stuff that does not work well.

Village Manager's Report

Manager Revella: Did have some prep for a CSEA arbitration with the Village Treasurer and Special Counsel. They're submitting written briefs to finalize that with CSEA. Went over some

employee progress for new employees and the drainage work at Olley with DPW Super. Drainage is done down there. Next is doing the sidewalks. We're just waiting for the written quotes to come back to get someone to get finish the sidewalks and get the CO. The new drawers have been installed at the office thanks to DPW. Been going over some personnel and financial matters with the department and other people in the office. Had a conference with the Village Engineer to discuss the waterfront project going forward, sidewalks at Olley Park. DPW is helping at the Waterfront Park is getting some drainage put in so the contractor can start. There was an issue in finding the actual pipe. There wasn't anywhere to be found so they're improvising and going to make something that's going to work for the project. Harvest Fest went very well. Everyone did a great job. The weather was great as well. Met with Chief to go the new hire, started yesterday. Some staffing issues and discussing recent incidents, which I'll get into later. Met with Tilcon and the DPW Super to go over the roadwork progress on Main Street. Did have an issue. The contractor was not able to continue with their plan to do the work at night as they had told us and had they had promised since June because the work just got delayed and pushed back too far and due to the weather they have to now do the work during the day, which was much to our dismay and the dismay of many of our businesses, unfortunately. I did ask them to try and be diligent and get it done quickly to not disturb and disrupt their services too much. Parks, they had a Family Movie Night. Went very well. Outdoor soccer's going well. There are 110 participants right now. Basketball registration is open and their Trunk or Treat is planned for the end of October at Bradley Park. Building Inspector issued 3 permits, 8 COs, 3 properties that were scheduled to go to court and did not show up. So, they were issued appearances from the judge. 56 properties are being cited for not scheduling the fire and safety inspections, and they did give an area variance to 9 Overlook Terrace at the Zoning Board. The rear stairs at Village Hall has been repainted. There are a couple little patches that the welder has to finish, but otherwise that project is completed. Code Enforcement Officer did issue 11 building permits, 10 certificates compliance, 3 fire and safety inspections, submitted 6 landlord registry violations and 91 violations since last meeting. Clerk's been working on and continuing following up with workers comp matters. The 3 officers are still out from the Police Department. Went over some things with Special Counsel and myself. Finished the village calendar, minutes and went over some issues with invoices at the office. Treasurer passed her notary exam. So, we will have another notary in the office once she gets her stamp. Working on the bank recs, helping me with a couple different things, including the funding and FEMA, going over capital projects with myself, Department Heads and the engineer to make sure we're on track. Did attend the CSEA arbitration with me since it was a payroll matter that was being disputed by the CSEA. Public Works, the sewer plant still pressing sludge. Doing their daily's on the different pump stations, water department replaced 6 meters, 24 mark outs, 2 inspections, 3 closings and swapped 1 endpoint. We're still pushing to get those done. The Super's putting another staff member on meters to try and help push that a little farther now that we have full staff. They did finish the retaining wall and drainage at Olley Park. They were checking catch basins and stations during the rain events. Since it was such a long time without rain, a lot of material got pushed. Went over capital projects with us and had the meeting with Tilcon and myself. Police Department, they worked on special details, tickets. Chief worked on the new hire with me who started yesterday. They did issue parking summons. Went to 5 mvas, 2 arrests, 7 traffic stops and they did make an arrest in the burglaries that were happening at night to a couple of our businesses. The person is in jail with no bail and awaiting trial. There were 296 blotters since the last meeting.

Trustee Pearson: Looks in the report that there was a conference with the Mayor about the ambulance updates and the drug awareness. Will you reflect on that later or you want to tell us what happened?

Manager Revella: I asked if there's any other updates for the agenda for ambulance and didn't have any updates. The drug awareness thing was a thing we talked about with the park use.

Trustee Pearson: But you also had a conference with the Town Supervisor, too, with Mayor to discuss ambulance service. How'd that go?

Mayor Ramos: We have not scheduled a meeting.

Manager Revella: No real progress, yet, except to say that we are doing what we can to get our information to move forward. He's hopeful that the RFPs come back positive so we can good options for our board to consider and hopefully we're able to sign on at that time. That's the goal at least. I was talking about costs and pricing going forward. If it was to happen, I want to be prepared.

Trustee Pearson: Will we hear about that tonight?

Manager Revella: I don't have anything in writing yet. But hopefully we have something soon when RFPs come back because he won't know what the cost breakdown is until the quotes come back. So, it's really hard to say. But he said, he'll work with us on whatever it is if we don't have the budget for it to do payments over time if need to. He's always willing to work with us on that.

Trustee Pearson: The Clerk, those FOILs, do we get in a lot of FOILs?

Manager Revella: Yes. A lot. Some are crazy, some are normal. Like I need to copy of my accident report. Some are like I need to know what happened on October 12th, 1972. It's not that easy, but she's got to do it.

Trustee Pearson: And you went to arbitration? Is there something we'll discuss later?

Manager Revella: We're waiting for the briefs to be filed.

Trustee Pearson: You discussed with the Treasurer the Community Center funding. Are we having issues?

Manager Revella: We want to make sure that we're on track, that we have enough going forward because we needed to know from the engineer what else is outstanding to finish to get the CO.

Trustee Pearson: Also, the general fund and trust and agency reconciliations. What does that do to us?

Manager Revella: A bank reconciliation is to match your deposits and debits to the actual account. Some of those items were not entered into the right account to begin with, so they had to be moved to be able to balance those accounts. She's got to go through each one of those to make those entries individually in order to move for the next month and then the next month and the next month and next. Sometimes you have to go backwards to find where it came from. So, she had to go back to March 2021 on one account to try and find where something changed in order to fix the months going forward. And until we do that, we don't know the exact amount of money we have in our account. That's the problem.

Trustee Pearson: We could be short, we could be over. We don't know until that's all done.

Manager Revella: That's right. We're hopeful that it's positive, but we don't know.

Trustee Pearson: And still no resolution on the school?

Manager Revella: We got a resolution. The school said they don't know why, but for some reason, they did not see the request from the town assessor to do the exemption. I did get it to the acting superintendent and Brad Conklin at the school district. They are going to make sure that the vote happens. Hopefully it's positive and we're exempted going forward. But for some reason there was no resolution that stated that for those specific SBLs for our properties or the Village Montgomery's and somebody else. We have to pay for this current year.

Trustee Pearson: Because it's our fault?

Manager Revella: No.

Trustee Pearson: Then why are we paying?

Manager Revella: We could pay every year. They're exempting us as a favor to us.

Attorney Donovan: There needs to be an agreement, a consent by the school district. Without that agreement, a consent you're supposed to pay. We, or any community that has property within that district is supposed to pay. There had been agreement, consent from the town in the county. There wasn't from the school district, for whatever reason, a bill was generated. It wasn't a problem until this year.

Trustee Pearson: Do we have to do that every year?

Attorney Donovan: Typically, do it every year. There's a period of time where the county actually notifies us and we adopt the resolution. County legislature eventually adopts a resolution exempting those properties from state and county town taxes. There will need to be one every year from the school district as well.

Trustee Pearson: The retaining wall at the Olley Park, part of it couldn't be installed because of the water and sewer main. Don't we hire an engineer to plan all that out and why would not be able to do what we need to do?

Manager Revella: Fred had planned on curving the wall out, but he couldn't because of where the sewer and water ended up. So, when you plan it out as an engineer, you plan it out not knowing what's underground. So, when it actually happens, it may move. And it did. That happens sometimes. You don't know what's underground to dig.

Trustee Pearson: Working on Boardwalk Project. Where are we with that?

Manager Revella: Like I said before, Fred is trying to get the piping. The pipe has to be done first.

Trustee Elliott: You said the roadwork they can't do at night.

Manager Revella: Correct. Because the temperature. Unfortunately.

Trustee Elliott: How do they do it on I-84 at night?

Manager Revella: I don't know. Or they use heaters. Depends on where the plant is too.

Trustee Thompson: Drug Awareness Memorial down by the Dunkin Donuts. Why is that on here? It's on your report. What do they want to do down there?

Manager Revella: We talked about what they can and can't do down there. I know the Mayor talked to the person that's running it and so did I to make sure that if they're having an event that they let us know so it can be approved in advance.

Trustee Thompson: For whatever reason, I read this as, I thought they were going to change the sign. The conference with the Town Supervisor about the ambulance service. Why have they tried to schedule something with us? Have we reached out to him?

Manager Revella: Yes. I asked if he wants to have a meeting, we're ready. Just give us a date and time.

Trustee Thompson: And we haven't gotten anything.

Manager Revella: The first time was before last board meeting when he said that we didn't schedule anything and didn't confirm. So, we didn't have the meeting and sending the letter to the board. Since then, it's a matter of getting information in order to have the meeting. We don't have any information yet.

Trustee Thompson: Well, if none of you mind, I would be very happy to be persistent on that and see if we could get something scheduled.

Manager Revella: I reached out to him to schedule something also.

Trustee Thompson: I may take it upon myself to do that myself. If I can get something, I will share with you and see if we can coordinate it.

Manager Revella: He was willing to have a meeting, but we didn't have any updates.

Trustee Thompson: I keep reading things on some of the alerts that I get that COVID is starting to creep back in our neck of the woods. I'm assuming that will be an ongoing dialog that if things get really crazy, do you think we'll have to initiate our policies.

Manager Revella: If we get to the percentages will be required to initiate policies.

Trustee Thompson: We're not close yet.

Manager Revella: No, not percentage wise, thankfully. The bigger thing to worry about is polio. Make sure that everyone is vaccinated because that is in our county.

Trustee Thompson: Just checking on the office reno and the work that's supposed to be done on the third floor. Are we moving along with that or are we stalled on that?

Manager Revella: The window is stalled and the engineer's room. But we've been moving forward as we can with little things like we got the drawers fixed and changed out. So, they're ready for whenever we do the new desk, we just move the drawers up.

Trustee Thompson: I'm talking about other things like the floors, all the things that we've been waiting on for a very long time.

Manager Revella: We're waiting on the floor company to get the materials so they can come.

Trustee Thompson: Are we any further with getting the EV charging station yet?

Manager Revella: Yes, I did sign the contract. We're waiting for the electrician to get back to us to update us on the electric part.

Trustee Thompson: Is there any information on any other grants that are out there that you can share with us?

Manager Revella: The downtown revitalization one is the biggest one coming up. They want a video from the village to show the committee, there was a big explanation from the grant people. They're coming to meet with me Thursday to go through things again. But they sent email to myself and to the mayor to let us know a heads up on what they're looking for. They want him to do a video with somebody on the village to entice them to say, yes, we want to award you this grant, but there's other ones. There's another DEC grant we looked at. There's another water one we looked at. A waterfront, one that you were on, I think as well. The other ones aren't due yet, but we are looking to apply. That's what we're meeting on Thursday.

Trustee Thompson: I know there's rules and restrictions that sometimes you can't apply for one grant when you've applied for another grant. These ones that you're looking into.

Manager Revella: Non conflicting. Now, another one just so the rest of the board knows, the one that we looked at, may help us to do the other portions of the waterfront park. The first part the board awarded to the SAM grant was to do the actual boardwalk piece and some other small ones. There are other components of that project that aren't done yet, and we hope that this other grant may do that part.

Trustee Thompson: I know Mike Bliss and John Queenan tried to get that the last time. I think it was like \$50,000.

Manager Revella: It was. It is again.

Trustee Thompson: Have we gotten any further with a tri-board meeting? Nobody gets back to you.

Manager Revella: The Zoning Board did.

Trustee Thompson: We need to work on the Planning Board. Refresh my memory, what did we decide about the comp plan review?

Manager Revella: I was waiting for the board members to let me know when they wanted to meet. I don't remember who you designated.

Trustee Thompson: Mr. Mayor, can we work on that?

Mayor Ramos: Yes, we can.

Manager Revella: And we're working on the welcome packet too. I need that.

Trustee Thompson: I have the business part of it, I'll bring that to you.

Mayor Ramos: We also have to discuss a few replacements that were on the original one. Unless you want to specify some new ones on the original comp plan. There are a few that are no longer on.

Trustee Thompson: Do we know what the attendance was at Harvest Fest? How did we do? The same? Better or worse?

Manager Revella: I was told it was about the same, which was a few thousand people.

Trustee Thompson: Just curious. Do we have any idea when the opening will be for Olley Park?

Manager Revella: Once the sidewalks are in.

Trustee Thompson: Tentative? This year?

Manager Revella: We're waiting for the written bids on the sidewalk. I know the quotes that I received, which were verbal, which don't count, were within the realm of our cost that we can afford. It could happen to them in writing. It means nothing until it's in writing.

Trustee Thompson: Understood.

Trustee Elliott: Is there a deadline for when the bids have to be in?

Manager Revella: The engineer, put something out, I'm not sure what he said. It's not an actual open bid because it's less than the amount required by law. It's under the threshold. So, they just need to send them in writing and that's it.

Trustee Pearson: We can't do that in house?

Manager Revella: We don't have time to do it. Not sidewalks at that scale.

Trustee Thompson: Keep us posted on that. Can we please schedule a meeting with Mr. Bliss to go over the end of the year beautification for the village?

Manager Revella: Thursday. Let's make it happen.

Trustee Thompson: Thursday is fine. What the plan is for 2023. I think we have a place that we started and I'd like to see us keep moving that forward. I bring it up at every meeting. It drives me crazy that we don't see more property violations in the Building Department report. I don't know why we never do. I understood 3 went to court, but I think everybody drives through the village and looks at the village. I don't understand why more of those are not being written. I don't get it.

Manager Revella: There's things there that need attention. Yes.

Trustee Thompson: Can you stay on top of that?

Manager Revella: Yes. I've called a few in the other day.

Trustee Thompson: I know there were issues with that community food fridge. Have the inspections been done? Are we good with that?

Manager Revella: The Building Inspector wrote to me this afternoon, actually, and advised that he has not heard from the county on the inspections. So, he's going to move forward with his inspection.

Trustee Thompson: Is it allowed to be running now or it's not allowed to run?

Manager Revella: I don't know what the county said to them or not. I know that our Building Inspector is going to do what he has to do under our code to make sure everything's compliant.

Trustee Thompson: And we have to wait to hear from the county as well.

Manager Revella: I don't think he needs to wait for anybody. He was waiting for the county, but it's been a couple of weeks, so I'm not sure.

Trustee Thompson: I don't know what this means. 24 mark outs and swapped 1 endpoint.

Manager Revella: Mark outs, when you get a call for a dig, like somebody needs to dig for water line or sewer line or drainage line, whatever it is, they call or the gas company they call and say, Hey, I need to dig at this address. Our guys have to go out and use these rods to find where all this stuff is hidden underground and mark, it was difficult to say, don't dig in these spots because that's where the pipes are or this is where you need to dig because it's where the waterline is. Endpoint is the piece that sends a signal out to us on the meter how much usage you have. If you go to your water meter, it's like a little cone looking thing that comes off the meter. It's attached somewhere to the ceiling.

Trustee Thompson: I've been noticing that the street sweeper hasn't been in my neighborhood in a very, very long time.

Manager Revella: It wasn't out for a few weeks. It'll be out again. It went out the other day.

Trustee Thompson: I haven't seen it in a very, very long time. I was just curious. I know they get busy. I know a replacement for some of those things is difficult, but they are coming back?

Manager Revella: They had the crew on the drainage project at Olley.

Trustee Thompson: Have we figured out how much money we've been saving since we took the fluoride out of our water?

Manager Revella: Fred could tell you that I'm not sure exactly. You can ask them.

Trustee Thompson: Can you ask them for me? The police survey that was supposed to be released to the public on August 18th, I believe, by the Town of Montgomery. Has our village heard anything about that?

Manager Revella: He actually made an announcement that he postponed until whatever, I don't know the date the Supervisor said that he'd postpone it from that date to another date. I don't remember the date.

Trustee Thompson: If we have any information, it's nothing we can divulge to our residents. I've had people asking me, that's.

Manager Revella: They did not present that report to the public yet. They are though.

Trustee Thompson: I see on here that Kelly became a notary. I know the Clerk is a notary. I know the Building Department secretary is a notary. You're a notary. Is the new employee a notary?

Manager Revella: Not currently.

Manager Revella: They know they have a certain number of days in order to get it.

Trustee Thompson: For whatever reason you've had an increase in needing things to be notarized. If the third floor is busy, does anything ever get sent to the Building Department? Or is Fred's secretary a notary?

Manager Revella: We do send him next door sometimes, but try not to because she's already inundated with it.

Trustee Thompson: No, I know. I just want to make sure we're utilizing our personnel. You're having an up sweep in people that need the service. My only other question was if there's been any other update on the bridge.

Manager Revella: No. Dave, did you get a response?

Attorney Donovan: I have no response.

Trustee Thompson: I read the part of the Treasurer's report that Trustee Pearson brought up. I was also going to ask a question about that. It sounded good on paper concerning to me.

Manager Revella: It is. You can't do an audit without those being done. That's what's holding us up. Takes a long time to get through each one of those months. The only issue come into is if you wanted a large bond, you need to have those reports for large bonds. The small bonds. Technically, they want to see your financial reports, but they've been okay with us so far. But it's going to become a problem within the next 4 months.

Trustee Thompson: All right. So, whatever falling behind happens and we're working hard to correct that.

Trustee Pearson: Can you elaborate on those next 4 months.

Manager Revella: After 2 years of not having finance reports, you're behind and they may not grant us bonds. Within 2 years, they kind of look at it like, okay, you're within 2 years, you're fine. After 2 years, they start denying, based on the reports that you don't have them. You could be great credit, but they don't have it.

Trustee Sebring: When does the Building Inspector plan on retiring?

Manager Revella: October 28th.

Trustee Thompson: Are we going to ask him to go to a board meeting?

Manager Revella: We're actually planning a party for him with everybody invited.

Attorney Donovan: Is it a surprise? Not anymore.....

Manager Revella: It's not a surprise.

Trustee Thompson: I would just like to thank him for what is it, 30 or 35 years of service.

Manager Revella: 32 years. We're trying to do lunch that day still. That's the goal. 12:30 on the 28th here.

Trustee Sebring: Has the Finance Department used the drawers that's been installed yet?

Manager Revella: Yes. They're divided between the 2 different deputies there.

Trustee Sebring: They're working out a lot better than. Counting for the money. Everybody's responsible.

Manager Revella: No issues yet on the separate drawers.

Trustee Sebring: I've even noticed with the Building Department that our Code Enforcer has not been looking over properties that have issues and there's a lot of them. We have to keep an eye on him because that's part of his job. I could probably write half a page or page full of issues. But like it's been said if you write me up for grass that's too high. He's got to ride down the same street where there are issues. And he should be looking not just straight ahead. We got to keep on him for that. What area they doing for the fire safety inspections now?

Manager Revella: I don't know which area they're in, but I know that there's a lot of noncompliance going.

Deputy Mayor Carley: I've been wondering about the tri-board meeting too. You said the Planning Board was an issue.

Manager Revella: The Clerk reached out to them. I'm not sure what they said to her.

Clerk Kraus: Just hard to get a response.

Deputy Mayor Carley: I don't see why it's hard to get a response. We shouldn't have to hold up just that. Can we just pick a date and they supposed to be there or not be there?

Manager Revella: Zoning Board Chair is here.

Mayor Ramos: November 15th 6pm. Send official email to Planning Board Chair and Zoning Board Chair.

Deputy Mayor Carley: It's funny you mention the comp plan, so we have to just schedule a time for that to start or is it been ongoing?

Manager Revella: So, the comp plan itself is a 5-year review. It's not up until 2024 really, but they wanted to just look at the comp plan. So anytime you guys want to look at it, just let me know.

Deputy Mayor Carley: If the dates work, I'll work with that, if you don't mind. I was on the last one when I was on the board before. Because it was brought up about the Code Enforcement Officer. Can we have him come in and kind of speak to some things that he does?

Manager Revella: Executive session he could.

Attorney Donovan: Or he could speak generically and openly.

Manager Revella: I wouldn't want the board to criticize personnel in public either if they're having the issues or vice versa.

Deputy Mayor Carley: So, we can do it in an executive session. Our next meeting is the 18th. Tilcon is doing Mian St. Are they just kind of like surface getting up and then they put it down the same day?

Manager Revella: They are going to try to. They grind and they try to put back the lane, but they don't always. Depends on the trucks. Depends on the plant. But that's what their goal is. We'll see if they can get there.

Deputy Mayor Carley: Are we diverting traffic for that day?

Manager Revella: That's up to them. They're in charge of traffic and they're required to have a lane open.

Deputy Mayor Carley: That's what I'm getting at, is cause and that's why I bring up the diversion, because our Main Street is already small, in my opinion.

Manager Revella: That's on them. We don't really have any control on that either.

Trustee Elliott: There's no way we can force them to do that at night because it has nothing to do with weather. They don't want to pay overtime because you can get blacktop at seven in the morning, seven at night. Can we not force them to do that?

Manager Revella: We cannot force them. The state DOT is the only one to control that.

Deputy Mayor Carley: The string of burglaries. You have somebody in custody and they're going through that. Anything we need to put out to the public? We always say, lock your doors, be careful, be safe.

Manager Revella: A press release can be written up. I think it'll be delivered tomorrow that we can release. Otherwise, I would just tell everyone to make sure that they have security systems, make sure they're working. If they have cameras, make sure they check them once in a while, that they're operating properly and recording properly and that. Lock your things up. Don't leave cash out.

Mayor Ramos: We were told that it was going to be a nighttime operation from a month ago. And unfortunately, it was by word. There is no contractual. We took them for their word, and now we're in October. And obviously, asphalt is temperature sensitive. I know it's not. I've worked on the thruway many years and we can load it at 2:00 in the morning. But apparently this is not the case and we weren't too happy about their decision on not working at night, it is going to be a hectic situation between 208 and 52, between school busses and just normal traffic that we have on a daily basis. Next time, we're going to hold them to the fire.

Approval of September 6, 2022 & September 20, 2022 Minutes

Trustee Pearson made a motion to approve the September 6, 2022 minutes. Seconded by Trustee Sebring. All ayes. Motion carried.

Trustee Pearson made a motion to approve the September 20, 2022 minutes. Seconded by Trustee Elliott. All ayes. Motion carried.

Public Comment

Mary Ellen Matise: Thanks for this explanation about this fund transfer, about the school tax. Are we exempt? This is a lot of money, \$5200 for that little piece of property for the wells. That's just a school tax, not other property tax. Are we exempt for all our other properties, like for all our properties in the village?

Manager Revella: Yes.

Mary Ellen Matise: Really, they shouldn't be holding us to it. That's how I feel about it as a taxpayer. Seamless Tech. I have made many presentations in this room to full houses where all the seats are taken. So, it's not just your meetings, Zoning Board meetings or Planning Board meetings. The library, hopefully in a post-COVID world, will get back to using this and people will be coming out for presentations and the way it is now, we use a projector, we set it up, we have cords all over the place, projectors make noise. I wouldn't even waste Dan's time asking for a proposal for projectors when you can just have the simple setup that they have at town hall. And I've been doing meetings there now with the Historic Preservation Commission. And all I have to do is bring my laptop, have my program. They have an HDMI cord. The equipment's behind the dais. I just run the cord to my projector and bingo, it's on the TV screen. It's quiet. We can all see it. We share slide presentations. We have discussions about projects and programs. It's so much easier and it's quiet. When you have a room full of people and when you have a lot of older folks who can't hear and then a projector is making noise and you're not getting the brilliance that you'd have to turn the lights off, which is what we have to do for a regular slide presentation. We do historical society programs and stuff. I would just encourage you to just go with the type of setup he's telling you about and also that it works with what Billy does for you. Then anybody can come with their thumb drive, and if you have it set up for wifi, they can do it right off the phone and it makes so much more sense. Ambulance. There are two aspects to ambulance. One is what we do for next year, 2023. But also, I'm hoping that at some point soon whether. I don't know if you're waiting to hear what the proposals are going to be. But don't forget, by March 1st of 2023, if we want to be part of the tax district in 2024, you have to opt in.

Discussion – Ambulance Service

Trustee Sebring: I'd like to say that you had stated one time that you had all the information and you were going to write it in a book so the committee could read it and understand it. You have all the information that is pertinent to the board here that maybe you should give the presentation because you have all the information and we don't. But I would like to suggest that all the Trustees here are given copies of all the information that you have in your booklet of your meetings and the FOILs that you had put into the town. I'd like to have all the Trustees receive a copy of what the answers were from the town.

Mayor Ramos: Okay.

Trustee Thompson made a motion to receive the notes that's been compiled from the Mayor in regards to the Ambulance District. Seconded by Trustee Elliott. 5 ayes. 2 nays. (Mayor Ramos & Deputy Mayor Carley).

Deputy Mayor Carley: Do you have to have a motion to get information from the committee that we already established?

Attorney Donovan: I'm not sure what the motion was for?

Trustee Thompson: That we be entitled to have the information that's been compiled.

Attorney Donovan: By whom?

Trustee Thompson: By the Mayor.

Attorney Donovan: Okay. I think we established that the Mayor has information.

Deputy Mayor Carley: The committee that was set up for the ambulance consisted of 3 Trustees. The Mayor has X amount of information and some have some of it. So, the motion was made to have the information presented to the board.

Attorney Donovan: What's under the umbrella of information? Do we have, like meeting notes? Do we have written reports? Do we have written research? When you say the information compiled by the Mayor, I'm sure the Mayor knows what he has.

Mayor Ramos: Just notes compiled as a result of committee members. I wasn't the only one that was driving, so I feel that compelling me. Obviously, anybody's welcome to the information. I'm not going to make copies of a lot of documents. Former Trustee Baker and I were engaged in trying to formulate a booklet. But obviously she's been in the hospital for 2 weeks, so we couldn't complete this. Most of the committee people sat alongside of me with this information also. I wasn't the only one taking notes. If I'm diligent enough to take notes, that's fine. I brief every time we brought up the question at any of the board meetings. I briefed them in a synopsis form on what was occurring. To be honest with you, I ceased even writing anything down about the ambulance for about 2 months already. Because I had enough to render a decision on what we needed to do. Obviously, these are my handwritten notes out of my paper. If somebody wants to FOIL them, by all means FOIL them.

Attorney Donovan: I still need to know, just to give a legal answer to what exactly they are. If anyone goes to a meeting as an official representative of the village, whatever you have at that meeting, should be distributed to other board members because you went there as a representative of the board. If you went to a town board meeting where this topic was spoke and you made notes, for instance, the Village Attorney is a moron, something along that, that is something that would not need to be shared. So, it kind of depends on what it is. If you were given whatever this is our plan, like they did a map planning report that everybody got, it was something like that. That should be distributed. If it's something that's confidential, then I don't know what that would be. I'm not quite sure how we got to where we are to be honest with you.

Trustee Maher: I think the issue is that we had as a board decided to form a committee, an investigative committee to go and find out more information, get answers to the board's questions. And then the committee was supposed to then come back to the board and inform us of what was discovered during these meetings and interactions. We haven't received any of that information.

Mayor Ramos: First of all, investigative and fact finding are 2 different words. If I stand corrected. We weren't investigating anything. We were seeking information on the issue of the ambulance. What our models are, what we were doing. I wasn't the only one there. I have the information. If anybody wants it, I am not going to make copies for everybody. If you want to look at my book. By all means, look at my book. But it doesn't leave my possession, obviously. And they are my notes, my interpretations of what I wrote and what I heard.

Deputy Mayor Carley: This is the issue and this is why I'm bringing it up. When we make a motion to do something is an official step towards getting something. It was already stated that the information should be shared. And it's not a mayor's committee. It was a committee for the board, where the board selected or however, we came up with the 3 individuals to represent the board and to bring back information. So, the information, in my opinion, should be discussed between the

committee members. Then you make your notes to present to the board and then we can have a dialog based on your notes. So whatever notes the mayor has, whatever notes a former Trustee Baker has, whatever notes the From the committee people currently have, that should be discussed with your committee. There's no reason to say we make a motion as now we're forcing the hand. The committee was supposed to bring back their information as a committee, not as an individual.

Trustee Elliott: I know we had FOIL'd a bunch of stuff from the town and I have asked multiple times for the FOILs and I have not received them. Now I'm not asking to make copies of them, but you could just forward them to me. That don't take long.

Mayor Ramos: You have FOIL material that I sent you.

Trustee Thompson: I have some, but I don't know if it's complete.

Deputy Mayor Carley: Basically, the committee should have the conference by themselves and discuss what you have so you can present to the board as a committee, not as an individual.

Trustee Elliott: I get that for certain things, but the FOIL, we all FOIL'd.

Deputy Mayor Carley: I don't know about that. But whoever FOIL'd whatever FOIL that's on them.

Trustee Elliott: They were returned back to the Mayor.

Mayor Ramos: They were not returned back to the Mayor, they were returned to John Ramos, period. I did that as a civilian. It wasn't in my capacity as a Mayor.

Trustee Elliott: We didn't do that as members as a board? You did that personally?

Mayor Ramos: The only person that was on the dotted line.

Trustee Elliott: When we discussed that, you said you were going to do it for the board. Correct?

Mayor Ramos: I did not say I was going to do it for the board. I was going to FOIL information. That information was supposed to be distributed to the committee members.

Trustee Elliott: No.

Mayor Ramos: What's not correct?

Trustee Elliott: The FOILs that we put in were not for the committee. They were for each person that put in the FOILs. We sent them over to the village. I believe our attorney looked over them first and then they were submitted.

Deputy Mayor Carley: You're saying we. I don't remember doing anything.

Trustee Maher: You and I were not a part of the FOIL.

Trustee Thompson: They were specific questions and they were supposed to be reviewed so we didn't have redundancy because some of us had the same question.

Trustee Maher: Questions were separate from the FOIL.

Trustee Thompson: The questions were the FOIL. The questions that we had that we wanted answered by the Town of Montgomery were part of a FOIL Request.

Trustee Maher: There was also another FOIL request that I'm thinking of. Willie. You and I were not on the list of the board members that request.

Attorney Donovan: There was a FOIL request, a bunch of different stuff from the Village Board members. You all sent your stuff to me. I had the rather arduous task of reviewing all that and it still sits in a pile in my office because it was submitted. Everyone responding in a timely fashion. I reviewed it all, but I think that's different than what you're talking about.

Manager Revella: He's talking about the responses from you guys to the FOIL request of you. You're asking for the responses from the town to a FOIL Request from Tara Stickles.

Attorney Donovan: I'm not aware of anything that came from the town. Nothing from the town came to me.

Trustee Thompson: They never replied to any of those FOILs?

Deputy Mayor Carley: Can we be clear on what we're asking?

Trustee Elliott: Some of the FOILs you sent to us and you said there was more and you were going to forward them. But I never got them.

Deputy Mayor Carley: Just for clarity. Help me out because evidently there was something for our attorney to do.

Attorney Donovan: That was in response to a FOIL, I think primarily from the ambulance district, if I recall, was a while ago. They FOIL'd a bunch of stuff from the village. I ask that you direct it all to John, to me so I can make a determination whether there's anything that was protected by law not to be disclosed. We responded to the FOIL that was made up the village many, many months ago. Whatever was received from the town. I don't have a recollection of ever receiving or being asked to look at anything.

Deputy Mayor Carley: So that's the attorney one.

Trustee Maher: I was just saying the FOIL request that John's talking about is different than the information that we're asking of John now.

Manager Revella: The FOIL responses were sent to each board member in April 2022. We have a copy here on the computer.

Deputy Mayor Carley: As Mayor Ramos?

Manager Revella: As the responses came back, we gave them to everybody. Each person got one. And I see Trustee Elliott's email. I don't know why you didn't get it. We have 2 emails. One has to 2 attachments. The other has a 4.

Trustee Elliott: There's more after that. That's what I'm saying.

Deputy Mayor Carley: We have the one for the attorney. We have the one from Mayor Ramos. He says you did personally. What's another one?

Trustee Thompson: I'm talking about all of the notes that were taken at all of the meetings. Now, I came on to that committee late because I believe you resigned.

Deputy Mayor Carley: Right early in the game.

Trustee Thompson: I didn't come until later, so I don't know whose spot I took. We went to meetings. The Mayor, I was under the impression that he was the Chairman of this committee. I took very few notes because the Mayor was always taking notes. Cheryl Baker took some notes and it's my understanding that she was trying to get everything condensed into a format that everyone on the board could have. It's my understanding that she tried to do that several times well before she's been sick in the last 2 weeks and we've all asked many times if we could have the information and we've been told when it's done it will be released, but it's not been done. Or if it's been done. It hasn't been released.

Deputy Mayor Carley: So, what we're asking are the town meeting notes or the ambulance committee notes?

Trustee Thompson: They weren't town meetings. They were individual meetings with very various ambulance corps personnel, with the consultants. I don't recall any of them being with the town.

Mayor Ramos: That was it.

Trustee Maher: I know you guys met, from what I've heard of, with several different town representatives and got a few different quotes. That information.

Trustee Sebring: The reason I brought that up is that. Lynn and myself and John were on a committee. Willie was and he resigned. I would have expected but then I didn't ask, that the committee here should have at least had a meeting together so we could discuss what we had learned in meetings with the other town ambulances, plus FOIL requests to at least understand everything all at one time. That's my gist. Then with the town putting out their RFPs and all that stuff, we're waiting for that. I understand that. But for us to at least discuss it between the 3 of us, was the main thing that I'm not talking about.

Deputy Mayor Carley: The reason for the discussion was it's an issue between the committee of gathering information. Present it to the board, which you've accumulated. It's not a motion for the board to make you do your job as a committee. You see what I'm saying? Because if you already as a committee to do it, then the committee, the 3 that's there, has to have that communication between themselves and bring it to the board. It's not a motion to have you do that.

Trustee Thompson: I'm sorry. I believe it is a motion because it's been asked at several meetings and we've been told, please review the minutes at several meetings that it would be released to us once it was all compiled and ready to go. I've never been asked to go to a meeting to compile everything and make it ready to go.

Deputy Mayor Carley: I get that 100%. But they haven't had their meeting. They need to have their meeting so they can put their mind together and they can say, this is what we got, how much or how few? It doesn't really matter. So, it's not the board to make them do that.

Trustee Maher: But I think when it comes to a certain point of no information then it is okay in this situation to ask.

Deputy Mayor Carley: That was the reason I asked because I don't see it as that's the board to make the committee do something which the committee is already been formulated to do, and maybe we're parsing words or whatever, but I just don't see the force of hand with that. The committee should get together, get their information, and then bring it to the board.

Attorney Donovan: I'm still a little bit of a deficit because I don't know what it is. I don't know what the information is. Let me give this example. At the meetings that you went to, the committee went to. Were official minutes taken at those meetings?

Mayor Ramos: Official minutes?

Attorney Donovan: So, if someone tonight wanted to FOIL the minutes of the meeting. The Clerk takes minutes and that's a representation of what happened at the meeting.

Trustee Thompson: There was no Clerk.

Deputy Mayor Carley: No, it was not official. There are no minutes that was supposed to be taken from the committee.

Attorney Donovan: So, if someone wanted the notes that some board member took, some member of the public, nothing to do with the ambulance district, you might not want to disclose those. Your personal notes about what happened. There should be, in my view, if a committee went to a meeting, there ought to be some official report back from that committee to the board in some fashion. We attended a meeting on October 3, 2022, which would have been my father's 99th birthday, had he lived. We attended the meeting, present at the meeting are the following people. Joe Smith gave a presentation about how much it was going to cost if the 3 Villages joined into the ambulance district. Here's what he says going to cost. So, it should be a factual recitation of what occurred. In my view, there should have been there should be some sort of official report back, someone's personal view of, I think this is a bad idea. I think it's a great idea. I think whatever is not something that's typically turned over because it's not part of any official report. If there is factual material. It was a PowerPoint presentation. That PowerPoint presentation was distributed at that meeting. That should be given to the village board. Any kind of factual or a factual recitation of what occurred at the meeting in the form of minutes or some sort of report committee meeting. Brian, Lynn, the Mayor, were present at this date, this time this is what happened. This is who spoke that should be something that's in existence is turned over as opposed to someone's personal notes.

Deputy Mayor Carley: So, that warrants a motion?

Attorney Donovan: It's not up to me to decide, if someone wants to make a motion. Anyone can. That's up to you to decide. Is it out of order? Is it legal for a motion to be made?

Deputy Mayor Carley: I know it's not illegal or anything like that. My argument is this, is that the committee has already been established to present or to get the information. They just haven't done their part. And now we're trying to make a motion for them to do their part.

Attorney Donovan: My role is to tell you what you can and can't do, not what you should or shouldn't do. Can someone make a motion for that? Sure. My concern about the motion was specifically identifying what's to be turned over and the distinction between a statement of opinion

of one committee member or the view of the committee minutes of what transpired at the meeting together with factual information was provided.

Deputy Mayor Carley: I can't speak for the committee. So, my question is for the committee, did you come together to write a review of the minutes or the meeting that you attended so that you can present it as a committee? If the answer is no, then you basically don't have any minutes. But if the answer is yes, then we need those.

Trustee Thompson: Then I didn't hear what Mr. Donovan said the same way that you said. He said if someone was taking notes and it was factual information that should be relayed to the board, correct or incorrect?

Attorney Donovan: What I said in a perfect world, I didn't say the words in a perfect world, but in a perfect world a committee goes to a meeting and they issue report. I call the minutes a report of that committee. If there is no such thing, then I think that's why you appoint a committee, right? So that committee can report back to what happened at the meeting and there ought to be some sort of factual recitation of what occurred. It doesn't need to include any statements of opinion of the individual board members. Just this is what happened at the meeting. This was the information conveyed. I think that's why you have a committee, right?

Mayor Ramos: And each time that we met with certain individuals regarding this, we briefed during a board meeting, we briefed the people and I got to continue to say that the notes that I've taken just were just my notes. Unfortunately, I write things down. They weren't an official document. Those are things that I need to recall certain things. Your words too, I can say that this is crap, I'm going to put it down on that. But those are my views and mine only. I was only representing with the committee members just information gathering. We weren't investigating anything. We were just looking for information.

Trustee Sebring: But I think that's what the board is looking for. Your information.

Mayor Ramos: You're looking for a book. There isn't a book. There's just a synopsis.

Trustee Pearson: You have information on how much certain places were charging and what was going to be.

Mayor Ramos: I don't have anything what they were charging. Each person had a little tidbit of what they were doing on their own. Cheryl had numbers. I did not have numbers. I was just listening. I was just looking for information and that is it.

Trustee Sebring: I just didn't want us to get, when the RFPs came out from the town and their numbers are given, I just want us as the committee to at least know what we should be doing.

Mayor Ramos: The numbers are going to be the numbers are going to be different.

Trustee Maher: I feel like at this point, but the RFP responses are coming back October 15th. The town board's then going to make a decision at their October 20th meeting. I don't really think we even have time for the ambulance committee to sit down and discuss what we should do. I think at this point the whole board needs to be in on that discussion.

Deputy Mayor Carley: The committee has something, the 3 can talk and then present to the board on the next meeting. Then that will satisfy what the attorney just said. That's your official view.

Trustee Sebring: We should have at least a plan B set for us.

Deputy Mayor Carley: I'm just saying in first of all, you're going to just discuss what was said as a committee. Then when you say yes and when you come back, the board can say, okay, this will be our plan.

Mayor Ramos: We can meet. But obviously because Cheryl Baker is incapacitated. She was a committee member and she used to sit on that because she has information which is critical to everything compiled. I don't have numbers. I'm sorry, I did not write numbers down.

Deputy Mayor Carley: But we can't ask Ms. Baker to come and do that because she's indisposed. So, whatever you have as a committee, it should be discussed, then presented to the board, then we move forward. If Ms. Baker is available after that or during that time, that's great. However, the committee needs to have a dialog and then to bring it to the board.

Trustee Sebring: We should have a meeting to discuss what we do have. I wasn't present at all your meetings that you had, but I was present for one or two. All the information, that's what I'm getting at. Did I take notes? No. You have the notes, and I appreciate that you do that. So, this is what I'm trying to get. At least we can go over your minutes and refresh our memory as to what's been said, who's been contacted and things of that nature, and be prepared for when the RFPs do come out.

Mayor Ramos: Trustee Maher, what were those dates again?

Trustee Maher: The RFPs are coming in the October 15th. The October 20th town board meeting, they're going to be making a decision as a town board with hopefully which RFP they're going to move forward with. I would like to request that if we give it another go with the ambulance committee, if you can meet somewhere between that, it has to be the 21st. We want to know what their decision is so that we guys can discuss that and consider that. And then also there is consideration from, I know, the Town of Montgomery Ambulance Corps, they were going to give you quotes, but wanted to wait until after the RFPs came in. So, that will then give you more time to consider those options. Then if you could get that information to us before our November 1st board meeting, I think that would be great. If you can't do that, I think we need a special meeting somewhere in between the 21st and the 1st. You could have a meeting with the Town Supervisor for that Monday to review them. But then if the committee can't make a meeting happen, then I think we should have a special meeting.

Trustee Pearson: Can you meet before the 18th? The committee, so you have something compiled for us from the old notes and your thousands of pages of notes.

Mayor Ramos: The committee will speak about it.

Trustee Pearson: So, we'll have some information at our next meeting on the 18th if you guys meet before that. They're going to open it up on the 15th. You'll have to know what that's hopefully saying. Maybe we can get some information.

Mayor Ramos: Are you 2 free on the 17th? 10 o'clock.

Trustee Thompson: I am now confused. Mayor, you just said you took notes because you have to recall certain factual things.

Mayor Ramos: I said I take notes.

Trustee Thompson: No, you said factual things. I heard you say that. And then as far as not having numbers on one of the recent live streams, I don't know how many meetings back it was. Cheryl Baker was on there and she was angry. I saw her say, I gave the Mayor those numbers. I'm very confused about what's going on here. I'm under the impression, perhaps I'm very obtuse that you were Chairing the committee meetings and you were the keeper of the notes. I have very, very few notes. And if there were no notes, why did Cheryl want to put the notes in order and collate the information that she had with you? I'm very, very confused that.

Mayor Ramos: We're going to meet on the 18th.

Manager Revella: You guys are meeting on the 17th. Board meeting is 18th.

Mayor Ramos: 10 a.m. here.

Trustee Thompson: There was a motion on the floor.

Manager Revella: The motion was voted on already. 5-2. You discussed after the vote. It's on the record. I don't know if you want to change it, but you can make another motion.

Deputy Mayor Carley: I had a discussion.

Manager Revella: I hear you.

Deputy Mayor Carley: No one voted because we were in the discussion.

Manager Revella: They all said aye.

Trustee Maher: We all voted. And then Willie brought up discussion.

Deputy Mayor Carley: I get it because it was chronologically out of order.

Manager Revella: It was after the vote. If you want a new motion, do a new motion.

Deputy Mayor Carley: Now we're talking about Robert's Rule for real. Because we did it out of order. We had a discussion after the vote. .

Mayor Ramos: Can you read the motion?

Clerk Kraus: Lynn made the motion, seconded by Elliott and it was all ayes except for Ramos and Willie.

Mayor Ramos: The motion is to compel me to give up that information.

Manager Revella: Whatever the words were in the motion. She didn't type it word for word yet.

Mayor Ramos: Well, you're compelling me to give up that information, correct?

Attorney Donovan: The question came up in my in my mind, what constitutes the information? As I recall the motion and I mean obviously Lynn is very capable speaking for herself. It was to have the Mayor, I don't believe the word compel was used, was to have the Mayor turn over the

information that he has, and I'm paraphrasing from memory, turned over the information that he has relative to the ambulance district. Is that correct?

Trustee Thompson: I believe so, because we didn't talk about factual until after you recommended that or advised.

Attorney Donovan: I advised. Correct. In response to Deputy Mayor's question. Typically, private notes are not something, but there should be an official report, official something that says this is what happens at this meeting. But that's not what the motion was.

Mayor Ramos: In theory, the board is compelling me to give up my information.

Trustee Elliott: I think whether there's a motion or not, me personally, I don't care. All we're asking is for whatever information you have, you share it with the board because we're going to have to make a tough decision. Maybe. We don't know. We want to make an educated decision.

Deputy Mayor Carley: I'm bringing emphasis that it's a committee. It's not a Mayor. It's a committee.

Trustee Elliott: Whether it's a committee or not, I don't care.

Deputy Mayor Carley: The committee needs to work out whatever the committee said. That's why I didn't hear Lynn specifically say the Mayor. She might have, but I didn't hear it. It's a committee. She wanted the information and it would have inferred that the Mayor had the majority information.

Trustee Elliott: Like we said before, though, we formed the committee in hopes or assuming the committee is going to come back and tell everyone. That's the whole purpose. And we haven't gotten anything. That's all we're asking for. Whatever the committee has, whatever the Mayor has, whatever information there is out there, we would appreciate it.

Mayor Ramos: Let's move this along. The motion was completed and we have a meeting on 10/17/22 at 10 a.m.

Manager Revella: It'll be on the agenda at the next meeting as well.

Discussion – 9/11 Ceremony

Deputy Mayor Carley: I think the issue was being every 5 years or every year, that was the question that came up. And I think that's what we're going to discuss because there is there is a divide in for 1 year versus 5 years. For the record, Willie Carley, can go either way.

Trustee Sebring: I think I've stated every 5 years that we have the 9/11 and then try to get maybe the Fire Department and other organizations if they want to fill in every year so it's not always the village because it did take in the police that did take in the Fire Department. They lost a lot of members between the police of fire. I would think that the Fire Department would want to have an outing for that just to show their support for the firemen that did die. Whether the Police Department wanted to do something, that's another story. Other organizations may want to do that. Like we said that the county. The county has of 9/11 the ceremony.

Trustee Thompson: I would like to see it stay of every 5 years that the village does it. We can budget for it. We can have time to plan for it. All the other events that we have. Memorial Day, Flag Day, Veterans Day, organizations come before us and ask for permission to run those events. We grant them permission and then we support them with whatever services they ask us for, whether it's

police presence, refreshments, help organizing the ceremony. Walden government does not host all of those events. Organizations do that, which I think is a very nice thing. And I agree with Brian, the Fire Department, they feel very strongly about a 9/11 ceremony. I get it, they lost members in that horrific event. So did the police. Churches, different church organizations can come and ask if they can hold the ceremony. Again, we can provide support if that's what they would like us to do. And then every 5th year, the village has an event, all-inclusive event that we run, we fund, we plan.

Trustee Elliott: I was a Police Officer in New York City on 9/11. I was there the day of 9/11 and days and weeks after that. To me, the only ceremony that means the most to me is the one that happens at Ground Zero every year. So, if we want to do our own, that's fine. I get the local departments here. They want to do that also. I would say leave it up to them if they want to do it. I'm in support of it. If they don't want to do it, that's fine. But I don't think it should fall on the village every year. Again, I think the most important one is the one that happens at Ground Zero.

Trustee Maher: How much does that cost to put on a small ceremony?

Mayor Ramos: The last one cost nothing to the village.

Manager Revella: Normally, 600 bucks.

Trustee Elliott: It wasn't a village event.

Manager Revella: The last one? No. The one before that was, I think it was \$600. I didn't count the police time. That was for the audio visual and support, that kind of stuff.

Trustee Maher: What if we didn't livestream it?

Manager Revella: We didn't livestream. It was just for AV and sound.

Trustee Thompson: But didn't you say there was police overtime and whatnot that wasn't incorporated into.

Manager Revella: That doesn't count the police. Salary, benefits in that. I didn't do that.

Trustee Maher: I think we should do something every year. I would be happy to reach out to the local departments and see if anyone wants to spearhead that.

Trustee Pearson: I'm fine with what already voted before, which is every 5 years and if a community group would love to have it, I'm in support of it. Totally. And if they need somewhat of a funding through us, if we have it available, I am for that as well. I'm still for the 5 years. Thank you.

Deputy Mayor Carley: I'm either way. I'll be that tiebreaker.

Mayor Ramos: Yes, I did arrange the 9/11 ceremony. There was no cost to the village. We had different plans in place in order to do that. I, too, was down there on the hill and I've lost a lot of good friends. We even lost a brother of a retired Police Officer here in the Village of Walden, who I promised that family that we would recognize that particular day. And along with our MPB, Father Tom Calucci, who worked there and was a member of the 15. I'm going to stay with 1 year. I know I'm voted off the island on that. But if any of the churches or any other organizations, I'd be happy to sit alongside them every year for their Remembrance Day.

Manager Revella: 4-2 and 1 neutral to every 5 years.

Resolution 12-22-23 – Budget Transfer

Trustee Elliott made a motion to adopt Resolution 12-22-23 – Budget Transfer. Seconded by Trustee Sebring. All ayes. Motion carried.

Public Comment

Brenda Adams: The battery storage proposal in the Wallkill Valley Times. I don't know anything about it. I'm not in a position to critique it in any way, shape or form. And probably none of you are. But you have access to people who can. I was hoping that I could just tell you some of my concerns and see if we could talk about it or if when the town does more to it. I did go online and read the town's presentation that was made at their last meeting. This battery storage proposal that's going to the town for the dump, the old dump on Lake Osiris Road. I'm wondering if we can find out about groundwater. I know groundwater runs different ways. We have a well on 52 and we have a well on Lake Osiris Road. Is there any possibility and I know you can't answer this, but is there any possibility that that groundwater can run to our wells and cause damage? I do remember that years ago there was a thing, I don't know if it was New Jersey, Long Island, but somebody built a whole housing development on a dump site on a landfill, and there were all sorts of problems with that. I don't even know if it's solved now, but I know a lot of people got sick. The second part is not only are they building on it, but are they going to disturb the land? Because that landfill was used years ago when there was no rules or restrictions, anything and everything went into that place. Even if they have to smooth it off, like even if they don't build foundations for these storage centers, they're still going to be doing something in there, I would think bulldozing. Again, I don't really know what I'm talking about, but it's these are concerns to me. I can't help it, but it made me nervous when I read it. This company is a parent company in Germany, according to the Web site, and it's based in Irvine, California. I'm not sure they really care too much about what they do here. They also said there's a 20-year life. And they made a comment that the town will get the lease. So, the town gets a benefit of revenue, 3 to 4 jobs, which isn't really much, and there's no guarantee that they're even local people. It's got to be probably somebody with a skill for that type of thing. Then according to the presentation, it said, and I quote, they will when they're done, they'll restore it to, quote, reasonably similar condition. That's sort of left open for interpretation because it was a dump. So, what are they going to leave it as another dump with dead batteries and everything like that? Then they're talking about that they will enhance the local electric reliability, except that it's going to go to Central Hudson. And most of Walden is NYSEG.

Manager Revella: Right across the street from the Central Hudson grid terminal, which runs from a hydraulic plant in Walden. So, it'll be on the grid. Which we do benefit from. So, even though we're not technically Central Hudson, it goes to the grid, which feeds Walden.

Brenda Adams: So, NYSEG would see that. Also, there was a place in Arizona that burnt up this particular thing. It was an explosion and injured 8 firefighters. Apparently, it's hot, flammable, toxic gases in a large storage system. Our firemen, our volunteers, local people, I wouldn't want to see them get hurt because the town could get some money for leasing to these people. They also mentioned that they are helping to meet the state carbon emission reduction goals. But I don't want to see that at the expense of Walden people for our wells. Every time I hear about anything that has to do with batteries and solar and all the stuff that's left over, they only have a life span. And it almost scares me more than what fossil fuel can do to us. I'm definitely concerned about this. It appeared that the town was going to make a decision to at least let it go forward to the Planning Board in this fourth quarter of this year. Then there's I think I saw close to 2 years, a year and a half for the discussion at the Planning Board, and then they would build someplace 2025, I think I saw online. But can we get our engineers involved in this or people? You folks have the access to folks that would really know what they're talking about and be able to decide what the exposure to

Walden is, what the exposure to our wells are. I was also wondering the town has the well head protection on their agenda for Thursday night. Do we have a copy of that so that if it's really what we need here in Walden or do you just get that when you go Thursday night?

Manager Revella: I haven't seen it. I don't know.

Brenda Adams: Just to make sure that A: were covered properly. And, B: does it include anything like this proposal if it goes forward? Thank you.

Mary Ellen Matise: I believe that this board passed a resolution about signs by the McKinley Monument. Now for the last couple of weeks, there's a recruitment sign there for Boy Scouts. And as much as we love Boy Scouts, we did pass a law saying no signs by the McKinley Monument. Could somebody please move it? The Pathways meeting this morning I asked a question of Zach Coleman OCTC and yes, they are helping us. They're helping us with this grant application. Which would be new trails, trying to get the abutments, the right to use the abutments. And he also said that Allan Sorenson is pursuing the idea of a rail path connection between here and Village in Montgomery. Our request to him didn't go on deaf ears so he is promoting that which is nice. Then maybe some other things will happen. From the public point of view about information about other ambulance services. I did actually research some myself. I contacted Warwick and got a lot of information. So, if anybody wants that to see how other people are funding their services and what services they're providing, people are willing to tell you. It's kind of like you backed yourself into a corner and make yourself look like the Emperor and the Emperor really don't have any clothes on because for months the public has been told, and I'm not pointing any fingers at any of you, but the public has been told you're getting information and you're looking at information. We all knew Cheryl Baker was researching information. And it really has never been forthcoming. I think that was the information that the public was waiting to hear along with the board members so that you could make an informed decision or come up with some ideas about what this board wants for ambulance services. So, in the absence of that information, yeah, it really looks like nobody has any clothes on.

Payment of Audited Bills

Trustee Maher made a motion to approve payment of audited bills. Seconded by Trustee Thompson. All ayes. Motion carried.

Miscellaneous Comments from the Board of Trustees

Trustee Pearson: The water sewer line letter that you sent to us. I have concerns about the wording on it because it says the Village Board has asked me to write all the property owners in the village to remind you that as a property owner of the Village of Walden, you are responsible to maintain your water sewer laterals, which are the pipes that run from the mainline in the street and then it says which is the responsibility of the village. I'm not sure. Our code does say it's the responsibility of the village, but that's written here. I don't think that's what you want to say. I think that we should say you are responsible for the repairs. I have reworded here. Maybe I'll send it to you. I don't know if anybody else read it and had any concerns about it, but I think that needs to be tweaked a little bit. I'd like to try and get that out somehow and how we're going to do it. I don't know whether it's going to be with a bill or a postcard and who makes that decision, how it's going to go out. But I'll send this to John. Sign law review. I know we had talked about. We are not up to code with what the sign law supposed to be saying by what our attorney said. It changed and we didn't change with it.

Attorney Donovan: I don't know if I said exactly that. I know I provided the Manager the model law that the county put out like 20 years ago.

Trustee Pearson: If we can maybe work on that, I would like to bring that back up again about signage.

Mayor Ramos: Next meeting.

Trustee Pearson: I know we got this insurance for retirees. Are we going to be discussing this sometime soon like maybe tonight executive session? Because I have some questions on it.

Manager Revella: If you have any questions, it would be for that attorney. Special counsel. So, give them to me and then we can have that on the agenda.

Trustee Pearson: Hill Street Bridge. Anything?

Manager Revella: Negative.

Trustee Pearson: We did send the letter.

Attorney Donovan: Yes, hopefully you all got it. It was sent, should have been received. I sent it Federal Express 2 weeks ago. Trustee Thompson had given me the petition. I sent a letter, copy the petition as I was asked to do. Went by Federal Express. And I'm going to say the day before the last meeting. The original to the Clerk, copies to the Supervisor and all the councilmen.

Trustee Pearson: We also passed the landlord law, but we did not pass any fee schedule. We probably need to work on that as well.

Manager Revella: The fee schedule that's in place now is what's now. If you want to change it. Yes.

Trustee Pearson: I don't know if we're gonna change it, so maybe we need to discuss that because we had talked about different fees. I don't know if that's changing or not. Watershed is on the Town of Montgomery agenda for Thursday night's meeting. I do have a copy of the old law that I had sent to me, but I had met with them and sent them other laws. I don't know if they've rewritten. They haven't showed me anything and I asked another Trustee whether they had another law yet, and she didn't have that information for me either. So maybe we'll find out on Thursday night if it's the old law that they're tweaking or whether they're writing a whole new law. I don't know. It would be nice if some Trustees would show up because it is so important for our wells. It is so important for the Village of Walden. The battery storage. I got that. Brenda, I'm going to reach out to somebody I know who's an environmental engineer, so I'll try to get you some information.

Trustee Elliott: I know there was an incident at MPB school that turned out to be a non-issue. Does the Chief need permission from the board or need to notify the board prior to sending out like a social media something to dispel. Does he have to go for you first? Does he have to go through you first to do that?

Manager Revella: I usually review it for him before he sends it out. Sometimes it takes 30 seconds.

Trustee Elliott: As long as there's a way to get that out asap. I hope he knows he doesn't have to come through us.

Manager Revella: You want him to give a message out based on the results of the MPB incident.

Trustee Elliott: No, not just that incident. I'm just saying, if there's another incident like that where he could he can dispel a rumor to send that out immediately. That way we shut down the panic before it happens.

Manager Revella: We try.

Trustee Elliott: Can we let him know that?

Manager Revella: Yes, I talked to him today about that, actually. For that incident?

Trustee Elliott: No. For any incident that he thinks he feels that it's necessary to send it out immediately.

Manager Revella: Yes. he knows.

Trustee Elliott: I know we have cameras throughout the village.

Manager Revella: We do have cameras. Half of them do not function. We got a quote to repair them of \$120,000. I don't know, if we have that in our budget right now. I asked to get a couple more quotes and look at some grants as well.

Trustee Elliott: While we're on that topic. Can we also find out about putting license plate readers in? Because I know we had the burglary suspect. And that is a very valuable tool to have. License plate readers would be put in certain places in the village. So now every car that comes through there, it's documented what time, the car and the plate. So, now if you could see on a video camera that this guy's robbing this place and then jumps in a car, you could backtrack, say, 4:00 in the morning, this happened. You backtrack, look at the records and say, all right, these are the cars that went through the village at this time. It's just really helpful.

Manager Revella: Correct. We have some we don't have enough. When we have incidents like that. We do rely on other agencies to come assist. State police have assisted in that method before and would likely do it again as well.

Trustee Thompson: I'd like to say thank you to all the people who worked so hard for a year to put on the Harvest Fest. I can't speak for everyone else, but I went, I spent the whole day there, I had a wonderful time. I won a prize. I took pictures. It was all good.

Trustee Maher: It was such a fun day.

Trustee Thompson: Thank you to everyone in our village who participated in putting together such a really nice event and hopefully next year we can build upon the success of this year and keep it moving forward. Thank you, John, for salvaging some of the railroad tracks. There was a lot of back and forth on Facebook. There was a lot of comments from the community.

Manager Revella: There's still more on the ground just so everybody knows. They're not all gone.

Trustee Thompson: I get how huge they are, how heavy they are. I get it it's a big, big undertaking to unearth them and try and do something with them. We've actually had a village residents ask if they could have a piece of it. I was thinking maybe we could somehow use that as a fundraiser. I don't know. I know Trustee Pearson thought that was a good idea too.

Manager Revella: Cost that much just to cut the pieces.

Trustee Thompson: I would like to comment on Brenda Adams concern about the battery storage. I'll find out. But there was one before the Town Planning Board and the town council for Route 17k. And there were a lot of questions about disturbing the earth. What comes out of those facilities being so close to the Tin Brook, prime farmland. I don't know where that went. If they've stopped that project, if it's just on hold, if they're moving forward with it, I don't know. But I have gone to 2 presentations on the battery storage. Some of your concerns are very valid. It's a big undertaking. There are a lot of things. Fire suppression is huge. Location of the facility is huge. I also question about our wells and the groundwater in the aquifer. I was on the group that's trying to get a CEA passed through the town. A lot of resistance. I was at one of the meetings with Supervisor Maher when he did say he wanted to revisit the wellhead protection, make it a law, talk about a water overlay district came into play. I will go to that town meeting on Thursday and I don't have a problem asking those questions. Wellhead protection has been on the table for a decade or more, so it's long overdue for that to be addressed by the Town of Montgomery. And I agree with you. The residents in the Village of Walden should not be endangered in any way, shape or form by a project that the town is interested in promoting. Hopefully we would have some input on that. And the fact that it's going to be on a landfill, that ground will be disturbed. What will happen to that when the project is no longer there? I just think those are very valid concerns that our village should look into.

Manager Revella: One of the issues we have is we're not an interested party because it's not within a certain number of feet from the village or land. So, we're only going to know by going, but a lot of the issues are going to be on SEQR and with DEC review, I hope. But you know, we'd have to be at the meetings to know because we're not entitled under the state law to be notified officially.

Trustee Thompson: Is it worth us to be proactive, start writing letters?

Manager Revella: It can't hurt. I don't know what the facility really is yet.

Trustee Thompson: Once we get more information, maybe we should ban them together and see if our comments make any difference to anyone.

Manager Revella: They're not having a public hearing at the town board level. It would be at the planning board level once it gets there.

Trustee Sebring: The new cameras that they put on Main Street by the bank. Are they for the village use?

Manager Revella: Traffic. For the lights. Instead of having the ones that are underneath the tires based on weight, they're based on motion and that's what the cameras are for.

Trustee Sebring: The food pantry is in dire need for cereal. The supplier has not been able to give them any, so we're running low. Anybody that would like to donate any cereal. Any certain brands would be greatly appreciated.

Deputy Mayor Carley: Just for clarity, the information that the Chief sends out is supposed to go through you.

Manager Revella: Yes. Any public notices, really, from any department. I usually review them before they go out. It'll go out from him, but I'll review before it goes out.

Deputy Mayor Carley: I think what Trustee Elliott was saying, do we have to make that official?

Manager Revella: That's already been. It's a policy I already gave to them.

Deputy Mayor Carley: I think the license plate readers are really good. Can we look at that? I know our budget is what it is now, but moving forward.

Manager Revella: The last one I think we got through a grant and we always look for grants for those. We try and get some more. I'll ask them how available they are and the price on them. The last time we tried to get it was pretty expensive. I think the cheapest was six grand, most expensive, was 12 grand. But that's the range. I don't know what they are now. That was a few years ago.

Trustee Elliott: There's certain ones that go on the cars. The ones I'm talking about getting mounted in various places in the village. Usually entrances and exits.

Deputy Mayor Carley: I think that would be very valuable or strategic place. If we can look into that.

Manager Revella: The new cameras that we're looking at have that function. They can do facial recognition, a lot of different things. It's pretty expensive. Looking at some options that we can afford, but if we can get a grant to cover a lot of it, it'd be helpful because those cameras are amazing. They're crazy. They do sound. Facial recognition, cars, everything.

Trustee Sebring: If you were to get a grant for that with the email that you sent us from T Mobile. Would that be covered maybe under that?

Manager Revella: I don't know. It's one of the grants we're reviewing on Tuesday as well. But I didn't bring that up. I can ask them.

Trustee Thompson: Can it fall under any of the infrastructure?

Manager Revella: We can find something.

Mayor Ramos: I, too, had a great time at Harvest Fest. Thank you, Mr. Bliss and Parks and Rec and also Ms. Debbie Robb for facilitating Harvest Fest. This is our 35th one. I'm looking forward to the number 36 next year.

Trustee Thompson: I would just like to ask everyone on our board and in the community to please keep former Trustee Baker in their prayers. She's been very, very ill. I'm told she is recovering, but I just want her to know that the community is wishing her well and we hope that she's back joining us in community activities is very soon.

Read Community Events into minutes

Trustee Maher: One more thing, John. I just want to add, I know it's not a Village of Walden event, but we are having Hudson Valley Honor Flight 27 Flight of Honor this Saturday, October 8th. The takeoff ceremony will be at 6:30 in the morning for anyone who would like to get up super early and cheer on our Veterans as they take flight out of Stewart Airport and then coming home celebration is at 8 p.m.. I highly recommend going there at 7:30. It's always a great experience and Walden's own Frank Pettine will be on the flight. Takeoff celebration actually starts at Shoprite in Montgomery. Get there as early as possible. Our veterans are there sometimes an hour before, so it's always great to have those morning conversations with them. There's coffee, bagels. They can do a little meet and greet there and hopefully it's a nice day and no rain. And then the caravan usually

starts at about 6:15 and makes its way to Stewart Airport. In the evening there is no caravan, so it's just the coming home celebration. A lot of chanting and there's school kids there. Sometimes a band.

Manager Revella: Be at the airport at what time?

Trustee Maher: That's 8:00. But sometimes planes are early, sometimes they're late.

Attorney Donovan: Since I mentioned my father earlier, I will mention he was on the first Honor Flight. I still have a picture of him in my office at the World War II memorial in Washington, D.C.

Meeting adjourned

**Village of Walden Board of Trustees
Regular Meeting
October 4, 2022
Motions & Resolutions**

Approval of September 6, 2022 & September 20, 2022 Minutes

Trustee Pearson made a motion to approve the September 6, 2022 minutes. Seconded by Trustee Sebring. All ayes. Motion carried.

Trustee Pearson made a motion to approve the September 20, 2022 minutes. Seconded by Trustee Elliott. All ayes. Motion carried.

Discussion – Ambulance Service

Trustee Thompson made a motion to receive the notes that's been compiled from the Mayor in regards to the Ambulance District. Seconded by Trustee Elliott. 5 ayes. 2 nays. (Mayor Ramos & Deputy Mayor Carley).

Resolution 12-22-23 – Budget Transfer

Trustee Elliott made a motion to adopt Resolution 12-22-23 – Budget Transfer. Seconded by Trustee Sebring. All ayes. Motion carried.

Payment of Audited Bills

Trustee Maher made a motion to approve payment of audited bills. Seconded by Trustee Thompson. All ayes. Motion carried.