

**Village of Walden
Board of Trustees Regular Meeting
April 21, 2015**

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

On roll call the following were:

Present:

Mayor	Sue Rumbold
Deputy Mayor	Sean Hoffman
Trustees	Brenda Adams
	Bernard Bowen
	Willie Carley
	Edmond Leonard
	Brian Sebring

Absent:

Also Present:

John Revella, Village Manager
Tara Bliss, Village Clerk
Dave Donovan, Village Attorney

Hearing – 98 South Montgomery Street

Jay Buchalski, Code Enforcement Officer stated the vehicle in question has been removed from the property, no action is required tonight. It was however moved to 94-96 South Montgomery Street in the rear of the building but it is still in pieces so he will send out a notice tomorrow.

Public Hearing – 2015-2016 Budget

Deputy Mayor Hoffman made a motion to open the public hearing for the 2015-2016 Budget. Seconded by Trustee Sebring. All ayes. Motion carried.

Mary Ellen Matise, 21 Clinton Street, noticed that Chief Holmes asked for body cameras and that we are also asking for more tasers. Do we have a record of how many times we use them, do they need to use them, and do we really need more in light of the fact that we are going to have body cameras, why do we need them. There has been a lot of reporting lately of misuse or accidents involving tasers so do we need more on account of all that.

Manager Revella clarified that the budget does not have additional tasers in it. It does have additional taser cartridges and targets. He realizes that the newspaper may have had wrong information. They do use them a lot.

Mary Ellen stated she saw additional guns and thought she saw taser guns.

Manager Revella stated there is an additional glock hand gun but no tasers, just targets, holsters, and cartridges.

Trustee Bowen made a motion to close the public hearing for the 2015-2016 Budget. Seconded by Deputy Mayor Hoffman. All ayes. Motion carried.

Public Hearing – Water/Sewer Rates

Deputy Mayor Hoffman made a motion to open the public hearing for the Water/Sewer Rates. Seconded by Trustee Bowen. All ayes. Motion carried.

Peter Sullivan, Village Treasurer, explained for the benefit of the public that we have been talking about this issue since December. The problem is that our fund balances for water and sewer are declining and we are getting less yield out of the rates than we were at the time of our last increase in 2010-2011. Debt levels are growing a lot due to a lot of capital improvement projects. DEC Consent orders for sewer plant, including rehab of the water tanks, pump house facility improvements, CDBG type projects that we bonded for, and the belt filter press. We took some steps this year to slow down our capital investments and put them off. A committee was formed to analyze this issue and see how they funds would play out over the years if we did nothing and to come up with solutions to keep these accounts self-sustaining. The Board at their last meeting chose a blended solution which is one of our proposed solutions. Since that meeting we realized that the numbers presented were not conservative enough. We had based the projections on rates from 2012-2013 and we didn't take into account water/sewer adjustments. We realized that our figures were off by about \$100,000 so we readjusted the figures and came up with what we have before you tonight which is different than what was presented at the last meeting. In the water fund we would increase the quarterly service fee to \$10 and increase the rates to \$4.50 per 100 cubic feet. In the sewer fund we would increase the quarterly fee to \$12 and the rate increased to \$5.25 per 100 cubic feet. These new fees would make our water and sewer funds self-sustaining, as they should be.

Maureen Vetro, 173 Walnut Street, stated that you are talking about adding a service fee plus a rate increase. What is the service fee is for?

Peter replied that the service fee is meant to capture revenue that is not a usage charge. It is common practice in other municipalities and is a certainty of revenue rather than solely consumption based. The Board had decided that it is appropriate at this time to do a blended rate increase with the quarterly service fee.

Maureen replied that is \$22 per quarter before you even use any water; that's a lot of money.

Mary Ellen Matise, 21 Clinton Street, stated that she is still asking the Board to consider a tiered system for seniors. It is doubling what she uses now and that is a hardship and a bigger hardship for many other seniors.

Mary Ann Landolina, 147 Walnut Street, is opposed to the increase because she is a senior and it is not fair for seniors to get the same increase as other people. She feels it should be prorated if you are going to do anything.

Janice Goutell, 183 Walnut Street, explained that she is on a fixed income and this is a really big increase and she is not in her home for a quarter of the year and this increase will still hit them when they aren't here. She feels the Board needs to look at what people have to spend when taxes and everything is going up.

Trustee Sebring made a motion to close the public hearing for the Water/Sewer Rates. Seconded by Trustee Leonard. All ayes. Motion carried.

Village Manager's Report –

- Had a meeting with the Building Inspector, Code Enforcement Officer and himself and have been speaking more frequently now that the weather has broken regarding property maintenance issues. Might start to see a lot more of those. Good response so far with compliance.
- Trustee Sebring has gone around and familiarized himself with all the Village properties.
- Had meetings with the Treasurer and Deputy Treasurer and Village Engineer to finalize presentation for today.
- Met with the DEC about the status of sewer issues. The Village Attorney, Village Engineer and himself traveled to New Paltz and we went over a few different items. We are corresponding now to get a list of items they would like us to fix and a timeline. Continue I and I work now one specifically was the sewer siphon and head works at the sewer plant and long term overflows at the pump stations. All of these items were already on our radar but we wanted it formalized.
- Met with the striping company to show which cross walks and other lines we want done. You will likely see them over the next few months but a few we discussed not to do as we are doing road repairs on some of them so we will do them after they have been completed. He also told them to just do the arrows in the square until we finalize what we are planning to do in the square.
- The Clerk has been going through a lot of the personnel folders to clean up a lot of duplicate forms and getting forms sent to the county. Keeping up on that.
- Completed our budget sessions where we reviewed different departments in the budget, discussed changes in the budget, and is available tonight. There is a cheat sheet up at the podium if anyone would like one. The budget is available online and at the library.
- Met with the Recreation Coordinator to make sure the parks are up and ready and open for the season.
- Met with our Workers Comp insurance carrier, NYSIF, to show them our facilities and they were very pleased. They actually cut the meeting short and said they didn't need to see anything else and offered trainings to us.
- Working on the renewal for our insurance coverage for next year with Insurance Agent. He is looking at pricing aggressively to help reduce the costs for next year.
- Received some additional snow appeals and made decisions on those. Got another one yesterday. We changed language on those invoices so they are appealed in a certain amount of time so they aren't lingering to the end of the fiscal year.
- Meet with DOT on Friday afternoon to go over the Ulster Ave project. We have a more aggressive timeline than they do so we are meeting with them to hopefully get them on our timeline.

Deputy Mayor Hoffman asked for a status on the Belt Filter Press.

Manager Revella stated NYSEG still has not installed the pole. No date provided. We contacted the Binghamton office and Queenan has been in contact with them as well to try to push it along.

Approval of the April 7, 2015 Organizational Meeting Minutes

Trustee Adams made a motion to approve the April 7, 2015 Organizational Meeting minutes. Seconded by Deputy Mayor Hoffman. All ayes. Minutes approved.

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Deputy Mayor Hoffman made a motion to approve the April 13, 2015 Budget Session minutes. Seconded by Trustee Sebring. 5 ayes, 0 nays, 2 abstentions (Trustee Leonard and Trustee Carley). Minutes approved.

Approval of the April 14, 2015 Budget Session Minutes

Trustee Bowen made a motion to approve the April 14, 2015 Budget Session minutes. Seconded by Trustee. 5 ayes, 0 nays, 2 abstentions (Trustee Leonard and Trustee Carley). Minutes approved.

Approval of the April 15, 2015 Budget Session Minutes

Trustee Bowen made a motion to approve the April 15, 2015 Budget Session minutes. Seconded by Deputy Mayor Hoffman. 5 ayes, 0 nays, 2 abstentions (Trustee Leonard and Trustee Carley). Minutes approved.

Trustee's Committee Reports

DPW Liaison– Trustee Leonard

Trustee Leonard reported that he and Trustee Sebring looked at the Sweeper that was brought over for review and they were generally impressed with it. Highland Avenue got swept.

Village Offices Liaison – Trustee Bowen

Trustee Bowen reported he had nothing new to report at this time.

Planning and Zoning Boards as well as the Building Department Liaison – Deputy Mayor Hoffman

Deputy Mayor Hoffman reported that he met with Dean and went over the inspection of apartments 122 units completed. He's finding more compliance with scheduling and feels it may be unfortunately due to the tragedy that Newburgh had last month. Zoning Board will likely not meet next week as they have no applications before them but will they will likely have a meeting next month just to approve minutes.

Town of Montgomery & Library Board liaison – Trustee Carley

Trustee Carley reported he had nothing new to report at this time.

Police Department Liaison – Trustee Sebring

Trustee Sebring reported that he met with Chief twice since last meeting to learn more about what they do during the days and the programs they have. He is up to date on that but has a lot to learn and understand from him. Everything seems to be going well.

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

Trustee Adams reported the school board meeting is April 27th and the Public Hearing on their budget is on May 11th. Noticed in their public notice they are having one election place again at the High School so apparently they didn't listen to anything the Villages asked. She feels we should find out if a petition would be helpful to get voting back in the Villages. You can all see the report from the Recreation and Parks Department and Mike said he had nothing new to add. You will notice the Senior BBQ and Movie night on August 1st and 4 movies for the children this summer which is also exciting.

Mayor Rumbold read the community events into the minutes.

Public Comment on Business of the Board

Manager Revella stated there is one additional discussion or action about the Wastewater Treatment Operator RFPs and he would also like the Board to discuss the surplus of Truck 1. Before public comment he wanted the public to be aware that those items may be discussed.

Mary Ellen Matise, 21 Clinton Street, asked what the CDBG Application on the agenda means, there was nothing in the packet.

Manager Revella stated that we don't know yet. That is what they will be discussing.

Mary Ellen asked if it will be a 1 year or 3 year application.

Deputy Mayor Hoffman added that this is the forum for proposed applications.

Manager Revella stated that they had discussed in the budget session the possibility to apply for sidewalk for 1 year until we solidify with DEC for a 3 year. He would prefer to do a 1 year for now.

Action Items

Public Hearing – 2015-2016 Budget

Trustee Adams thanked the Village Manager and the Department heads that proposed a budget that represents the needs vs the wants and identifying the items that could possibly be reduced. Our projected fund balance as of yesterday per Peter Sullivan for end of this fiscal year is \$266,412. Proposed use of the fund balance \$130,451 for next year's budget. The projected fund balance we will end with is \$135,961. Those are just projections that can go up or down. She would ask that we put in some kind of control where the Manager can further scrutinize the expenses. She knows he does it regularly now but \$135,000 is not much fund balance to fall back on. Any savings that we can do this year and save it would be beneficial. She would like the Village Manager to speak to

the Department Heads to help him with this. She knows they have gone over this in the budget sessions with us, but she feels that if these numbers come close to real the following year will be a very difficult budget year if we don't have anything to fall back on. Next year could be a difficult year and taxed would likely need a serious raise.

Deputy Mayor Hoffman made a motion to adopt the 2015-2016 Budget. Seconded by Trustee Bowen. 5 ayes, 0 nays, 2 abstentions (Trustee Leonard and Trustee Carley). Motion carried.

Public Hearing - Water/Sewer Rate Increase

Trustee Adams stated that she knows it's a big increase as the public stated here tonight, but it is also something we have to do to insure our water/sewer system continues to function and to make the DEC happy. She doesn't have an alternative solution so she has to be in favor of this solution. This is a hardship. Perhaps we can look at in one year and see where we are then as well as what the DEC might do then. We talked about this in budget sessions, to do a 1 week period where we can test our time that is spent on these to see if it's over/under or right on the mark. Right now it is an assumption and a little shaky so it would be better to have something concrete.

Trustee Sebring stated that he knows it's a hardship on everyone, himself included but in order to keep the finances going and everything properly being fix and being things with the mandates we have he feels as though the blended system is easier. We don't like to see it but it has to be this way, we can't please everyone but act on behalf of all the residents and the funds have to be solvent. Could be a bigger increase later on if we don't do anything. He hates to say it but it has to be this way.

Trustee Carley appreciated the dialogue at the last meeting. We made a distinction between having it too high or too low, which would bring us all having to talk about this again real soon. So we came in the middle which he thinks is good. He appreciates that the committee went back and reassessed the numbers and they didn't move it a lot, they moved it a little to make sure we have a fund balance which he really appreciates. Hopefully we will have a good balance next year.

Deputy Mayor Hoffman stated that no one on the Board likes to or wants to increase the rates. We have been looking at this from multiple angles. We got input from our Village Treasurer, Village Attorney, and Village Engineer. We looked at other neighboring municipalities and compared ourselves to them to see if what we were doing made sense or if we had some deficiencies that we could try to tackle to keep things well. The option the Board ultimately selected he feels tried to balance the impact to the seniors which he understands a lot of people here are disappointed with, but also tried to raise rates to continue to encourage people to conserve water. As you heard about the DEC meeting last week, we are not alone, there are others in the same boat. DEC is very aggressive in this regard. He believes that what we have today will allow us to correctly balance this issue and continue to make improvements.

Trustee Bowen stated that we are all in this together Trustees and the public and this is a cost that is needed to help us get through this. We can reassess after one year which may give us a good feel if we can cut this back some. He thinks it's a good thing and we have to try to do it.

Trustee Leonard wanted to point out that when we went over the numbers 5% of the houses were unoccupied in the Village which represents approximately 105 properties which fluctuates from month to month that we are getting no income from those properties. The other thing that has happened is that people have cut back on usage reflecting an 8% water usage reduction in the last few years. he was reluctant himself to see the service fee but the other side of the coin if we raise the rates we felt that people would continue to lower their consumption and therefore that would be self-defeating so reluctantly we went to this quarterly rate. That's how we got with where we are today.

Mayor Rumbold agrees with everyone and its difficult when you have to do things to cause hardships on people. We are faced with the trifecta of an aging system, DEC Consent orders we must comply with and they will continue to mandate what we have to do with our system and the timeframe we have to do it in with the understanding that when they give us more to do we have to do that also, and we also have lower usage. We tried to plan for this in 2011 when we last increased the rates. These are separate accounts that have to sustain themselves and pay for all the equipment and bonds, and maintenance of each system. We anticipate having to continue more improvements from the DEC consent orders. Initially she was the only one who wanted just the basic service fee not a usage increase but has considered it and now feels everyone was more quick than she was. We had to do something to increase revenue, we have a lot of empty properties and people are conserving. She hates telling folks to conserve and then punishing them as the fee only would have done. She thanked everyone for their hard work and asks that when we are asked by residents to tell the community that as much as we aren't happy about it we had to come up with this solution in order to sustain the accounts that are so critical to the Village.

Deputy Mayor Hoffman made a motion to adopt the Water/Sewer Rates. Seconded by Trustee Sebring. All ayes. Motion carried.

Snow Appeal – 82 Ulster Avenue

Jay Buchalski, Code Enforcement Officer, showed the photo of 82 Ulster Avenue with the time stamp 10:03am on March 6, 2015. This has been fixed so there will be no issues in the future of time/date stamp not being on the photos. There was snow fall on March 1st that ended at 5:40pm where we got 4" that day. On the 4th another snow storm ended at 4am. On the 5th he went out handed out violation notices to the property owners and went back out and took the photo before you on March 6th. The boys were sent in on March 7th to clean up the snow and ice and the owner was billed. He cited 65 properties on March 5th and 24 of them complied. The majority of the rest were unoccupied.

Marc Jaeger, 82 Ulster Avenue, 11:30am he cleared the snow on Friday and Saturday was completely clear before the Village attempted to clear it.

Trustee Bowen asked if he was saying that they are billing that they cleared it but that he cleared it himself.

Manager Revella replied that the employees would state it was done on arrival if that were the case; some are and they mark it.

Trustee Bowen recommends that whomever comes to clear the property take a photo themselves.

Manager Revella stated that the last time you were before the Board you said you cleared 90%; is that not correct?

Marc replied that on Friday it was 90% clear around 11:30am. Around 8:30-9am he finished in the morning on Saturday.

Clear it was done in a timely fashion with the camera. Understand the equipment malfunctions. If officer can't

Manager Revella asked what is more concrete than an employee said he did it, how much more do you need.

Trustee Carley commented if the photo had a date and time stamp it would be more clear. He can understand if an employee made an error.

Marc stated the sidewalk was clear on Saturday morning.

Deputy Mayor Hoffman asked Marc if he called the Building Department. He commented that if he had received a notice he would call if it was already done or that you disputed it, not wait until after he got the invoice. Receive the initial notice and took measures to take care of it.

Mayor Rumbold explained that the dispute comes in on the 7th. He is being billed for work that he's disputing was done.

Marc stated he did 90% on the evening of the 5th and stayed home Thursday and Friday and placed rock salt and ash at 11:30am on the 6th.

Manager Revella summarized that Marc states he removed it Saturday morning by his own hand and that no one from the Village ever came. Our paperwork state that at 11:15am on the 7th they went to the property and removed the snow and ice. He is saying that is inaccurate.

Marc stated he didn't know what they would have removed as he did it already.

Trustee Carley made a motion to overturn the snow/ice charges for 82 Ulster Avenue. Seconded by Trustee Bowen.

Roll call:

Trustee Leonard – Nay
Trustee Bowen – Aye
Deputy Mayor Hoffman – Nay
Trustee Carley – Aye
Trustee Sebring – Nay
Trustee Adams – Aye
Mayor Rumbold – Nay

2 ayes, 4 nays, 0 abstentions. Motion failed.

Set Public Hearing – CDBG Application

John Queenan, Village Engineer, explained we are taking suggestions for the Community Development Betterment Grant (CDBG) grant process. This is the first part, to talk about the projects and have applications in by May 29th. Only offering \$1 Million County wide, so maximum amount to apply for would be \$550,000 for a one year and \$450,000 for multi-year up to 3 years. To be competitive he would like to do the 1 year option at this point up to \$125,000 in one year. County is recommending we don't apply for the full amount this year due to the decrease in the amount, they recommend \$75,000. It's for utility improvements, site improvements, and sewer improvements. In the past we did DEC consent order projects for sewer improvements. Recommends not applying for sewer improvements this year but suggests doing the sidewalks instead.

Manager Revella also stated we have a shovel ready project for sidewalks and curbs on East Main Street.

John added that this is just the beginning steps to think about what direction it is you want to go in.

Deputy Mayor Hoffman asked if in order to apply for a generalized sidewalk project or do you have to name a specific sidewalk.

Manager Revella replied that in the past we have moved based on need from one area to another but we have identified one that would be in that range. This doesn't become available until spring 2016.

John stated we are targeting Wait Street from First Street to Seeley Street. He understands there are potential litigation issues in that area so it has to be addressed at some point.

Manager Revella said to let him know if you have any other ideas or suggested sections.

Trustee Bowen added that we haven't done much on the west side in the way of projects.

Trustee Adams made a motion to set a public hearing for the CDBG Application for Tuesday, May 5, 2015 at 6:30pm or as soon thereafter as the matter could be heard. Seconded by Trustee Carley. All ayes. Motion carried.

Award Bid – Bradley Park Pavilion

Trustee Bowen made a motion to award the bid for the Bradley Park Pavilion to Seldom Rest Construction in the amount of \$31,950.00. Seconded by Trustee Leonard. All ayes. Motion carried.

Manager Revella added that we have a grant from Senator Larkin's office of \$50,000 to pay for this so we will have money left to do some electrical, get picnic tables, painting, and it will cover everything.

Award Bid – Surplus Vehicle – 2006 Chevy Tahoe

Trustee Sebring made a motion to award the bid for the 2006 Chevy Tahoe, Surplus Vehicle, to the highest bidder from Auctions International in the amount of \$3,200.00. Seconded by Trustee Leonard. All ayes. Motion carried.

Wastewater Treatment RFP

Manager Revella stated that we had wanted to hold off at the last meeting on awarding the RFP but the other bidder didn't have the correct amount of hours. Current contract is up in on month.

Trustee Sebring made a motion to award the RFP for Wastewater Treatment Operator to VRI Environmental Services Inc. in the amount of \$66,653.04 subject to the contract approval by the Village Attorney. Seconded by Trustee Bowen. All ayes. Motion carried.

Surplus Vehicle - Truck 1

Manager Revella asked if the Board was inclined to surplus truck 1 and discuss what that means. We would be decreasing the large fleet and increasing the smaller fleet. That is our oldest truck that we have. It is a 2000 International dump truck. He wanted to see how successful we were with Auctions International before we discussed it. He feels it was very successful. Wanted the Board to discuss it.

Trustee Leonard asked if that would be including the plow and other equipment.

Manager Revella replied that he would prefer just the truck at this time. We may be able to use the plow and equipment on other vehicles.

Deputy Mayor Hoffman asked if there was a value in keeping for parts.

Manager Revella replied that we don't have storage for this one.

Trustee Adams made a motion to surplus the 2000 International Dump Truck with Auctions International. Seconded by Trustee Leonard. All ayes. Motion carried.

Manager Revella added that we did have a demo of a Sweeper recently, as we mentioned it earlier. The company was willing to give a large reduction in cost by trading in the current sweeper. He wasn't sure what the Board's pleasure was for that but wanted everyone to keep it in mind for the next few meetings. We will get numbers and bring it up again next time.

Mayor Rumbold asked how we would we pay for it.

Manager Revella replied the first year would be paid by trading in the current sweeper, following years we would pay for by either equipment bond or a budget line. Whatever the Boards pleasure.

Trustee Leonard added that they had a used one available as well.

Manager Revella stated he would get more numbers for next meeting, just wanted everyone to know it was a possibility.

Public Comment

Anita Vandermark, 76 Highland Avenue, was glad they brought up the sweeper and for cleaning the street the other day, she's been getting calls asking were the sweeper is and now she can tell her neighbors. She thanked anyone who helped with the Friends of

Walden Youth Sale. It was a great sale and worked out well. She thanks Brian Maher for the ceremony in the square that was great for Col Bradley Day, but she was disappointed in the size of our Village we have and the small turn out we always have for things like this as well as at elections, tonight with the budget as well. This was a pretty big night with 2 public hearings and very little people were here. She asked about the street repairs needed on Hepper Street; is it on the list to fix the holes in the street.

Manager Revella stated that there is a big problem under the street that is undermining the road. We tried to fix it last year also, but the same thing happened again so we have to dig up the street and find out what the problem is there.

Mary Ellen Matise, 21 Clinton Street, asked if we were looking for other grant money for sidewalks by the Sunoco station.

Manager Revella replied yes he is. We already had Lanc and Tully do a meets and bounds survey already so it's a shovel ready project, just looking for funding.

Mary Ellen continued that it would complement work done with the Main Street Grant projects. She suggested he take a look at the curbing by the post office; it's bad by there and is high traffic.

Manager Revella added that the East Main Street project would include curbing.

Mary Ellen asked if the garbage contract would be moved up 6 months.

Manager Revella replied that he has recommended that but we will bring it up again in September and from there it is up to the Board.

Payment of the Audited Bills

Deputy Mayor Hoffman made a motion to pay the audited bills. Seconded by Trustee Leonard. 6 ayes, 0 nays, 1 abstention (Trustee Bowen). Motion carried.

Correspondence

Mayor Rumbold got correspondence from the 2 residents on Woodruff Street about the suggested name change on Woodruff Street changing to Kimball Way, both residents it would affect are opposed to the change. She understands there concerns and can't blame them, there is a cost involved.

Deputy Mayor Hoffman reported that Dean followed up with 911 and they were fine with it.

Mayor Rumbold stated the issue is there still are two Woodruff streets. Do we leave the 2 streets that could lead to confusion with a 911 call vs the inconvenience to the 2 residents this would effect.

Manager Revella added the Board should keep in mind that Woodruff Street is also named after a family. It is named after Mr. Woodruff whose home is still there.

Trustee Adams added that one of the letters from the resident mentioned that the road was split because of the Rail trail which is not true it was done many years ago when the factory was built.

Deputy Mayor Hoffman asked Manager Revella to reach out and talk to them about concern with emergency response.

Trustee Carley asked if there was historically 911 issues in that area.

Mayor Rumbold added that it is a 911 issue to have 2 streets with the same name. Not sure why, but it does happen.

Trustee Carley asked if a small change like changing it to Lane or Road would be easier.

Mayor Rumbold replied either way you would be changing people's address.

Trustee Sebring stated that only 2 residents would be effect on this side and around 5-6 would be effected on the other side of Woodruff Street.

Mayor Rumbold asked for the Board members to think about this and we will put it on the agenda for the second meeting in May.

Miscellaneous Comments from the Board of Trustees

Trustee Leonard was also disappointed at the turnout on Saturday but it was quite a history lesson from the re-enactors and Brian Maher talking about Col Bradley, he enjoyed it very much.

Trustee Bowen would like to put something about the snow clean up procedures to whomever is going to clean it up, take a photo before they clean it and then again after to show they did. It would eliminate the questions.

Trustee Adams mentioned that the IDA meeting is tomorrow at 5:30pm and per their agenda they are going to discuss a to-be formed affiliate of related Cliff Street and Main Street Village of Walden discussion at Town of Montgomery Town Hall. If we don't show up they are likely to pass it without any further ado thinking we forgot about it.

Trustee Leonard added they will also be discussing the Taylor project.

Mayor Rumbold echoed everyone else wish the ceremony had been better attended. She asked if the State ever gives us a job list of when they will take care of their pot holes.

Manger Revella stated that they scheduled a meeting with all DPW heads in the County and then we were uninvited today because they thought the information they gave at the meeting would be leaked to the press. We did plan on going to talk about reclaiming, pot holes, and other State road maintenance. DOT uninvited us and we had been invited by the County.

Deputy Mayor Hoffman asked if he knew what municipalities would be at the meeting.

Manager Revella replied he thought it was the Executive Board of the OC Highway Supervisor Association. They will share information with us and ask questions on our behalf.

Mayor Rumbold asked if the DOT holds meetings with municipalities to explain things and maintenance.

Manager Revella stated not that he is aware of. He is lucky to be on the Transportation Council so he can voice our concerns in that venue.

Mayor Rumbold asked again if they ever give a schedule of when they will be tending to things like this.

Manager Revella replied no. They have noticed that they will be out doing certain things.

Mayor Rumbold stated that a lot of our residents don't understand that Route 52 and Route 208 are actually State roads that we can't do anything to. She tries to explain it to residents whenever they ask but she can understand their frustration. She wanted to let the Board know that the Walden Seniors are having an issue with being able to meet at the firehouse. We spoke to Mike and John and are trying to work out something for them but wanted you to be aware.

Adjournment

Trustee Bowen moved to adjourn. Seconded by Trustee Carley. All ayes. Meeting adjourned.

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Trustee Bowen made a motion to approve the April 15, 2015 Budget Session minutes. Seconded by Deputy Mayor Hoffman. 5 ayes, 0 nays, 2 abstentions (Trustee Leonard and Trustee Carley). Minutes approved.

Snow Appeal – 82 Ulster Avenue

Trustee Carley made a motion to overturn the snow/ice charges for 82 Ulster Avenue. Seconded by Trustee Bowen.

Roll call:

Trustee Leonard – Nay

Trustee Bowen – Aye

Deputy Mayor Hoffman – Nay

Trustee Carley – Aye

Trustee Sebring – Nay

Trustee Adams – Aye

Mayor Rumbold – Nay

2 ayes, 4 nays, 0 abstentions. Motion failed.

Set Public Hearing – CDBG Application

Trustee Adams made a motion to set a public hearing for the CDBG Application for Tuesday, May 5, 2015 at 6:30pm or as soon thereafter as the matter could be heard. Seconded by Trustee Carley. All ayes. Motion carried.

Award Bid – Bradley Park Pavilion

Trustee Bowen made a motion to award the bid for the Bradley Park Pavilion to Seldom Rest Construction in the amount of \$31,950.00. Seconded by Trustee Leonard. All ayes. Motion carried.

Award Bid – Surplus Vehicle – 2006 Chevy Tahoe

Trustee Sebring made a motion to award the bid for the 2006 Chevy Tahoe, Surplus Vehicle, to the highest bidder from Auctions International in the amount of \$3,200.00. Seconded by Trustee Leonard. All ayes. Motion carried.

Wastewater Treatment Operator Award RFP

Trustee Sebring made a motion to award the RFP for Wastewater Treatment Operator to VRI Environmental Services Inc. in the amount of \$66,653.04 subject to the contract approval by the Village Attorney. Seconded by Trustee Bowen. All ayes. Motion carried.

Surplus Vehicle - Truck 1 – 2000 International Dump Truck

Trustee Adams made a motion to surplus the 2000 International Dump Truck with Auctions International. Seconded by Trustee Leonard. All ayes. Motion carried.

Payment of the Audited Bills

Deputy Mayor Hoffman made a motion to pay the audited bills. Seconded by Trustee Leonard. 6 ayes, 0 nays, 1 abstention (Trustee Bowen). Motion carried.

Adjournment

Trustee Bowen moved to adjourn. Seconded by Trustee Carley. All ayes. Meeting adjourned.