

**Village of Walden
Board of Trustees Regular Meeting
September 1, 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
	Edmond Leonard
	Gerald Mishk, Jr.
	Brian Sebring

Absent:

Bernard Bowen

Also Present:

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

Hearing – 41-43 Valley Avenue

Jay Buchalski, Code Enforcement Officer, stated that the condition of the property hasn't changed since the original July 15, 2015 violation letter. Debris is still all over the property. There has been no contact from the owners either.

Manager Revella stated for the record that the owner is not in attendance tonight.

Trustee Leonard made a motion clean up the debris on the property of 41-43 Valley Avenue and charge any fees associated with said clean-up to the property owner. Seconded by Trustee Mishk. All Ayes. Motion Carried.

Hearing – 1-5 Orange Avenue

Manager Revella explained that there is no need for a hearing for this property as they have complied and remedied the violation.

Village Manager's Report –

- Had an issue with the digester at the sewer plant. We had to empty the tank. There was a lot of grit and other material clogging the digester. Completed and done finally and we are past that. The road to the plant was finished also once the digester was completed.
- Had a meeting with NYSIF and had a training for proper lifting and fire extinguisher safety and we had about 20 employees for it which was good.
- The last Music in the Grove Concert was great and the Movies in the Park as well; both were well attended.

- Attended an event for the Buddhist Temple on behalf of the Village for His Holiness' birthday celebration.
- Snow committee met about the snow policies in the Village. Discussed options that make more sense and are more reasonable try to implement those this year. Changing the name of the policy as the words snow emergency indicated there was an emergency situation in the Village and that businesses weren't open which is not the case and it also got confused with States of Emergency which is a totally different thing. Believe the language we will be now saying is that the snow policy is in effect instead. We also talked about the State roads and how the State maintains those roads and enforcing those areas. Overall he felt it was a very positive meeting which did have business members there. He did bring to the table snow policies from other municipalities that all seemed pretty reasonable. Big thing we talked about was removing snow at night as opposed to during the day especially with school in session during the day which can be difficult. We have done that in the past and we are going to try it again to see how it works financially and with the general public and then weigh out those options.
- Next meeting there will be an agenda item where we have discussed putting speed limits near parks for all of our parks. We wanted to discuss the speed limit in front of all our parks as we did have an incident near a park and we wanted to address it. Chief is away at a conference receiving the 2015 NYS Juvenile Officer of the Year award and we wanted to wait until he was back for his input. It is something that is on the minds of the Board members and will be addressed.
- Looking into doing a public service announcement about our sewer system and what should and should not be put in it like a Frequently Asked Questions sheet for the public. Have a list from other municipalities.
- Year end audit report from Peter was reviewed.
- Met about the 9/11 ceremony with Chief and Rev Van Houten.

Trustee Mishk asked for more information about the video for Hannaford listed in Chief's report. Is it to put a camera down there?

Manager Revella replied that the policemen had an incident down there and wanted to request the video down there but their corporate needs us to fill out paperwork down there before they will do that.

Trustee Leonard asked if there were any mechanical problems with the digester with piping or was it all just built up material causing the problem.

Manager Revella replied that there was no damage to the digester, just buildup of sand and grit that clogged everything. Not sure how it happened, it may have been when the sludge was put back in the first time and it wasn't filtered so it may have been silt at that time that didn't go through the current headworks. This type of system is supposed to be cleaned out every 5-10 years and this was only 3. They did a thorough cleaning and sprayed the whole digester down. If it happens again in less than 5 years we will address it again but it should be more like 5-10 years.

Approval of the August 11, 2015 Minutes

Trustee Adams made a motion to approve the August 11, 2015 minutes. Seconded by Trustee Sebring. 6 ayes, 0 nays, 0 abstentions. Minutes approved.

Trustee's Committee Reports

Town of Montgomery & Library Board liaison – Trustee Leonard

Trustee Leonard reported that he represents the Village at the NYCOM winter meeting. In the last issues of NYCOM magazine Peter Barnes wrote about what happened. He said that the tax cap is no longer a 2% cap, it is just a tax cap. Republicans, Senate and the Governor want to make the tax cap permanent and they overrode that and extended it temporarily until 2020. That was a win for us as it allows us to open a door hopefully for next year to give a break to municipalities. The other thing is that the tax break for seniors is only affected by the school board budgets not municipalities which starts in 2016-2017. In 2017 up to \$1700 rebate is available. So it is not us just the school budgets.

Village Offices Liaison – Trustee Bowen

Trustee Bowen was absent.

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

Deputy Mayor Hoffman apologized for being late this evening, there was heavy traffic on the Thruway that detained him. He reported that Dean was on vacation last week but they spoke this morning and they reviewed the property on Orange Ave that was scheduled for a hearing tonight. Discussed the modification to the Small Cities guidelines that were adopted at the last meeting as well as the Planning Board meeting on the 16th. Overlook will be on that agenda to discuss project phasing. The Zoning Board meeting scheduled for October 1st has 2 use variances scheduled at that meeting and they also discussed the ongoing Landlord registry law and where he is with that.

DPW Liaison– Trustee Sebring

Trustee Sebring reported he met with Fred and John for a demo on a vacuum truck in Montgomery which would be a joint venture with Walden and Montgomery though a grant. Good demo lot there is a lot involved. Will be a matter of time to find out if we get the grant. The Truck would be used to suck out catch basins of dirt, use at sewage plant for backups and unblock sewage lines, comes with a sewer jet and you can dig with the machine to expose the pipes. He talked to Dave Green about plows for the winter and then 2 guys came in with a backup on Grant Street with a backed up sewer line for a house so he had to go with them to assess the situation. It got cleared but there is a problem to be addressed later. He went to the Back pack give away this past weekend at Wooster which had about 175 kids with bounce houses, free haircuts, and a photo booth. It was very good with a school bus demo there also.

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

Trustee Adams reported that the Recreation & Parks Department did a wonderful job this summer between the Summer Camp, Music in the Grove, and Movies in the Park they did great. School tax bills are likely in today's mail. Increase is about \$72 per \$100,000 of valuation. There is a 2% penalty if not paid by November 2nd. 2 million fund balance used toward the budget. Have new custodial rates for non-school affiliated groups. It was \$38.78 in 2009 and is now \$68.33 per hour and Sundays and Holidays will be \$99 per hour plus depending on the facility being used could be a use fee. They secured a \$41,000 grant from Senator Larkin to do program, project, or equipment for use directly by the children. They have made a Response to Intervention plan which does an assessment to September 1, 2015

identify at risks substandard performance and intervention to target individual academic needs.

Police Department Liaison – Trustee Mishk

Trustee Mishk reported that he met with Chief a few times and talked about some issues. One thing is they need a labor management meeting between PBA and the Village to iron out some loose ends on the contract. 10 days ago they were pretty busy as they had a few stabbings on Ulster Avenue and Oak Street no one was charged both refused treatment. Radio system issue is fixed as of today. Need to wait and see if it addressed the whole issue. Chief has two men as well as himself to juvenile school. He does that so everyone knows how to handle juveniles in the Village. Car seat safety will be sometime in early October. Traffic detail doing well on crosswalk checks and that detail is going well. Two officers will be assigned for General Montgomery Day and they gave us 2 for National Night Out. Cars were here for radio repair today. Body cameras, they are shooting for November to get those started. The 911 cad is not here yet, changed over the system but they had a glitch with the county so it is not installed yet.

Manager Revella added that the Labor Management meeting is delayed as they don't have a teamster's union rep. Chief met with the camera people for the body cameras yesterday and should be in in a few weeks.

The Mayor read the community events into the minutes.

Manager Revella stated that there will be 2 additional action items tonight: hearing requests for property maintenance for 5 Hiddenview Drive and 40 Alfred Place.

Public Comment on Business of the Board

Rebecca McNally, 52 Oakland Avenue, wanted to discuss the crosswalk situation. Saw a woman with a bicycle trying to cross by Wooster and no one was going to let her. Earlier today she went over by Wait Street and a woman was trying to cross with groceries and a little boy and no one would let her. Wondering at that place there is no sign in the road and when you come up to that it's not real clear there. Many of our crosswalks don't seem have a nice white painting on them like they do around Village Square, maybe we can combine yellow and white so people can see them better as they seem to pay more attention to yellow. How long will it take for the signs to get installed that have been ordered?

Manager Revella replied that some of the signs are here. He spoke with the State DOT as it's their roads and they were going to try to get more. The state has to paint the road as it's their road. We also talked about changing the texture of the road and colorization but we aren't sure if that's the best answer or another option.

Rebecca continued that the neighbor by Wait Street came out and told her they wrote tickets and wrote like 63 tickets which pretty well documents that no one is paying attention to the crosswalks. Wondering if those 63 tickets document that one is needed there. What would our liability be if a person got hurt there? She knows most of that would fall on the person who hit them obviously but what is the liability of the Village for knowing there is an issue there?

Attorney Donovan replied that it depends on the situation.

Mayor Rumbold asked if we could talk to the State DOT using our tickets as a weigh in and whether that might spur them to do something there.

Manager Revella replied no. He already spoke to them about that. We will need to collectively think about the texture issue. Other municipalities have done it with permission.

Mayor Rumbold commented that as long as we spend our money it's ok.

Deputy Mayor Hoffman asked if the tickets that were given out were speeding tickets.

Manager Revella replied the majority were for failure to yield to pedestrians, but also speeding, cell phones and others.

Mayor Rumbold agrees with Becky but with a state road it's difficult to get them to do something.

Rebecca asked if we painted them, what would they do to us.

Manager Revella replied likely nothing.

Rebecca added that perhaps a sign at the entrance of the Village that says warning tickets issued for crosswalk violations would help.

Mayor Rumbold asked if we were allowed to do that if it's their roadway.

Trustee Mishk commented that this is a Statewide issue. It is a fairly new law and most people don't pay attention to it. You have to be in the crosswalk for them to have to yield, but you will get hit if you go in it over by Wait Street.

Rebecca feels we have an increased risk of harm as we have a lot of walkers in our building and she feels bad about it.

Attorney Donovan stated that we likely could have a local ordinance that has higher penalties than the state. You are also entitled to put up signs with DOT permission and you also can use different textures which you may see in other municipalities. You could do all of those things and it may decrease the problem, but you need to be aware of the fact that you can't fix stupid and that people don't pay attention to the laws. He prosecutes traffic tickets in the Village of Goshen all the time and the issue is that people do not pay attention when they are driving.

Trustee Leonard stated he was in New Hampshire on vacation some 15 years ago with his family and they had strict enforcement up there. Not sure what we can do there.

Manager Revella stated that he knows that in the city of Port Jervis they put stop bars before the crosswalks in either direction perhaps we can look into that as well.

Trustee Sebring asked about stamped blacktop and have rumble strips that vibrates drivers.

Attorney Donovan stated sure but on 52 you need DOT permission to do that.

Becky Pearson, 167 Walnut Street, asked about the digester and how long and John said 5-10 years. Why wait another 3-5 years instead of addressing it now? How much will it cost to fix it?

Manager Revella replied that we don't have the bill yet.

Becky asked what his thoughts on the price were.

Manager Revella replied approximately \$30,000 to fix it.

Becky replied that she would suggest that you address it now and not wait.

Manager Revella replied that the problem is that we don't know what happened yet so we don't know how to address it at this time. We think it was due to the initial sludge that got put in there with a lot of grit. Now with the new system in there most of the grit should come out in the grit channels. This was stuff that was in the tank when everything got changed.

Becky stated she thought we were putting a new digester in.

Manager Revella replied that we did it had the old sludge in it and they processed it to press it rather than paying a disposal bill.

Becky asked why the old sludge got mixed in with the new sludge.

Manager Revella replied it wasn't the same process then as it is now as we have a different system now.

Becky stated that's why she asking.

Mayor Rumbold stated that was why we are going to address with the public what can and cannot be put in the system. Just to give an example there were T-shirts, old diapers, and wipes all have been being flushed and unfortunately people have been doing that and is part of the issue that caused this to happen.

Manager Revella added that the other thing is infiltration which we've been attacking the last several years. We've done pipe relining as a lot of sand and grit is coming through there. We've also done work on the pump stations which should help.

Becky commented that she thought the Digester was the end result of this process.

Manager Revella replied yes but some people are putting in sump pumps and drains from their roof leaders into our sewer lines at times which puts other form of material in that has to go through this process too. Thankfully the process should be a lot cleaner because of the improvements being done from the headworks all the way through.

Becky stated she saw in the minutes there was \$5,000 for landfill expense. We still don't need to use that money as we still have sludge. How often do we have to remove sludge?

Manager Revella replied that with the new system, it is a different kind of sludge.

Peter Sullivan stated that was budget money not reserved cash in the account.

Becky commented about the crosswalks that in New Paltz for example you can't walk across the street without cars stopping. She feels it is an enforcement issue. If people understand they are going to get a ticket they won't do it just like speeding in Montgomery. It's the same thing here, once they get a few tickets they will understand.

Mayor Rumbold replied that we just educated 63 people, we have to start somewhere.

Manager Revella added that we have 12,000 cars every day going through the Village.

Becky replied that she understands but it is also an enforcement issue. If you go to the state and ask permission for an intersection maybe we can ask for all of them.

Deputy Mayor Hoffman commented that we would be asking for permission, not money. In his experience as long as the surface texture won't damage plows or anything like that they usually do grant that permission however if they do paving they will not replace what we have done.

Becky clarified she wasn't talking about money she was talking about a letter to have them all done at the same time.

Deputy Mayor Hoffman stated that they look at a number of things and he's seen some times where they approve it and some where they don't.

Mary Ellen Matise, 21 Clinton Street, commented about the crosswalks and that maybe if drivers aren't looking down and noticing the markings on the pavement and we know they like to knock over the signs in the roads. Maybe on the sides of the road we can put up a sign or a flag or banner that indicates there is a crosswalk.

Manager Revella stated that we do try to put out the road signs at those locations. There are some that the Village and the State put up. That's what he asked the State to do on 52 and they seemed to be amenable to. He is trying to push them to do the other ones or let us do the other ones. Some sort of crosswalk ahead sign.

Mary Ellen thought that something moving might be more effective.

Deputy Mayor Hoffman stated that might be distracting also. Typically they will only allow signs that are in the Manual Uniform code for installation.

Mary Ellen used Washington DC as an example. They have issues at the lights and crosswalks and the pedestrians use the flag on one side and bring to the other side which works because it's visual that motorists can see it.

Deputy Mayor Hoffman stated that a lot of things happen in Washington DC that he doesn't understand.

Mary Ellen commented about garbage. When can she stop taking pictures and sending them? She is getting tired of it. She feels the rear toters are ridiculous. She feels that should be part of the discussion with tonight's garbage contract. They leave the lids open and it smells. They still leave toters all over the street and on a narrow street two cars can't pass. It's the same ole problems we always have. She asked for a repeat of Deputy Mayor Hoffman's report.

Action Items

Hearing Request – 54 Pleasant Avenue

Request has been tabled as the property has been cleaned up and the violation abated.

Set Budget Session date in November

Peter Sullivan, Village Treasurer, stated we expect to get at the end of October the sales tax payment anticipation.

Mayor Rumbold asked if the Board would like to have it as a discussion item at the November 17th meeting.

Deputy Mayor Hoffman asked if the Village Manager could let the Department Heads know we are looking to keep the agenda somewhat light on November 17th and if they can schedule anything they may have for the previous meeting, the last meeting in October.

Hearing Request – 5 Hiddenview Drive

Trustee Mishk made a motion to set a hearing for 5 Hiddenview Drive for September 15, 2015 at 6:30pm or as soon thereafter as could be heard. Seconded by Deputy Mayor Hoffman. All ayes. Motion carried.

Hearing Request – 40 Alfred Place

Trustee Leonard made a motion to set a hearing for 40 Alfred Place for September 15, 2015 at 6:30pm or as soon thereafter as could be heard. Seconded by Deputy Mayor Hoffman. All ayes. Motion carried.

Liquor License Request – Renee's Hot Stuff Deli, 78 Oak Street, Suite 4

Manager Revella stated we have received a request that we waive the 30 day request for a liquor license for Renee's Hot Stuff Deli. He wanted to know if there was any opposition to this request and if not the Board would need to give the Village Clerk authorization to send the waiver letter.

Attorney Donovan added that by law when someone applies for liquor license they need to notify the local municipality and the law provides we have 30 days to respond. What they are requesting is if we will waive this 30 days hold. His only suggestion for the Board is that you uniformly do it or uniformly don't do it and treat everyone the same. It is of course up to the Board and he's not sure if they have had requests like this in the past. There is no real reason for it. A lot of times it's a place where there have been a number of police calls that is the purpose.

Trustee Adams stated she is worried if we speed it up and it puts them ahead of others we have approved.

Mayor Rumbold stated she thinks she already has a license just looking to get it moved.

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Trustee Leonard asked which store this was going in.

Mayor Rumbold replied that she was not sure but it says 2nd floor so thinking the empty store next to the gun store.

Trustee Sebring made a motion to approve the Liquor License Request for Renee's Hot Stuff Deli 78 Oak Street, Suite 4, and authorizes the Village Clerk to send the waiver letter as requested by the applicant. Seconded by Trustee Mishk. 4 ayes, 2 nays, 0 abstentions with one absence. Motion carried.

Manager Revella stated that in the packet there is a license renewal for Blue Mango but that is just informational, no action is needed for that.

Discussion Items

Resolution 19-15-16 Rehab Loan Guidelines

Trustee Adams stated that she wanted to revisit this resolution that was passed at the last meeting. We authorized that the Manager Revella could authorize up to \$20,000 per unit for our Rehab Loans. We are very fortunate to have the money to give to homeowners and would personally like to see the money stretched as long as possible. It doesn't take much to see that there are a lot of homes that could benefit from that repair. The concern that she has is that a large property or an owner who owns many properties in the Village would take a lot of that money at one time by having no cap on the loan. She would like to see the money get spent in many ways. She wrote a memo to the Board explaining this. With no cap she feels the Village Manager would have no way of saying no if they pass all the criteria such as the credit check, percentage of mortgage and their debt to income ratio and all of that. What are they going to say if he says no he thinks it's too much and they reply by saying but your resolution says that you can have up to \$20,000 per unit, it doesn't say how many units they can apply for. If he were to proceed to say no then it comes to the Board and we could be sued or anyone that has negative feelings towards the Board or is greedy could get that money and she'd like to see it spread around. Having a cap would also take the pressure off the Village Manager who is willing to take it on he is not nervous to do that, but she still feels we are putting him under pressure by not giving him some parameters with a cap. She would just like to see the money spent in the best possible way to use the money. Our loan administrator can go and talk to people and see what they need and how they can use the money and we have the Code Enforcement Officer who is out there all the time, so he can certainly see who could benefit from it and tell them to go to the Village to apply for the loan. Maybe we can make the Village look a lot better. In her own neighborhood she's taken a walk and it's sad and depressing to see what some of these places look like, there is no pride left. Maybe we can help that along. This money doesn't need to be paid back until the property is sold.

Manager Revella replied that some are that way but some are monthly payments as well.

Trustee Adams continued that we are fortunate to have this money and it came in because of a large complex but if we can put it back out there. We also have commercial properties and she has spoken to John about the difference of HODAG and Small Cities maybe the commercial properties can do something too. Maybe we can put some motivation into it for some people. She would like to suggest a cap and revise this resolution.

Manager Revella stated that they had discussed a suggested \$100,000 cap to see how it works.

Deputy Mayor Hoffman asked if he has any discretion when approving these loans.

Manager Revella replied that he does have discretion.

Deputy Mayor Hoffman confirmed with Trustee Adams that that is mostly what she is concerned about. If he tries to exercise that discretion then we risk being sued or what have you.

Trustee Adams agreed and added that if there is no cap and they pass all the other criteria what happens if they have 20 units then all the money is being used in one spot as compared to getting it out to many of them. She feels that if there was a cap it would give him an anchor to say I can give you this much and if you want more go to the Board. The Board could look at it and we could say or base it on the New York Main Street Grant based on need of the person and how it makes the Village look. It would protect the Board too. If someone needs \$200,000 to fix up a really big eye sore then we have the authority to override that cap. She likes \$100,000 as a cap, not sure if she's overreacting.

Deputy Mayor Hoffman stated he had really considered it as he felt that John could use his discretion and weigh those factors if it was a great community need that this would allow him to use as much money as is available. He asked John if he felt like he had a liability there.

Manager Revella replied that she is worried about the one occasion where you have a 60 unit complex come who has no debt on the property and they have great credit. We could float a mortgage for that much if it makes business sense on the Village. On the commercial loans they are required to pay 3% interest and make monthly payments, but that ties up a lot of money for up to 30 years. Obviously he wouldn't like to say yes to something like that as it's more than 50% of the total amount we have available so he'd likely say he could grant them up to a certain amount instead. She's concerned that they could come back at us and say that we said no because of an illegal reason not because of the criteria that he looked over.

Deputy Mayor Hoffman stated that even if the cap was there he could still be exposed to that possibility, correct.

Manager Revella agreed.

Mayor Rumbold asked if he was concerned about it.

Manager Revella replied no, not personally but he sees her point of view.

Mayor Rumbold asked if our Attorney had any concerns about it.

Attorney Donovan replied that frankly he hasn't considered the issue as he wasn't aware of it before tonight.

Trustee Sebring would want to get the Building Inspector involved to give a good estimate of repairs and put that into the language.

Manager Revella replied that he is involved in it now.

Mayor Rumbold understands Trustee Adams' concern. Her concern is that she doesn't want to put handcuffs on the Manager to make a good business decision on behalf of the Village. There are a lot of buildings that could use this and she'd hate to see him not give a loan. She asked if she was comfortable with his feelings about it or still want the Board to put a cap there.

Trustee Adams replied that she would like to see a cap there and have it protect the Manager and the tax payers who might be able to use that money. She does not feel it is handcuffing him as we meet frequently. Why couldn't it be brought to us if it was something big? Most likely if he had an option to give a large sum of money to a large building that needed the money we would likely say go for it but she just sees it as protecting the Village from someone who feels discriminated against in some way.

Deputy Mayor Hoffman felt that a cap could work counter to that. If we put a \$100,000 cap and the person is asking for more so their next step would be to come to the Board he would think that you are going to bypass that cap just because you like the project or the owner. He just saw it that way.

Trustee Adams replied that the Zoning Board does that all the time.

Deputy Mayor Hoffman stated he just saw that a little differently.

Trustee Adams commented that she wanted to bring it up because it has bothered her since we approved it.

Deputy Mayor Hoffman stated he didn't mind having further discussion on the topic. He would like more information from John in terms of the number of loans we have outstanding and the number of applications in terms of denials and terms like that.

Trustee Leonard would like the attorney's opinion on this as well as he knows it just came up tonight.

Attorney Donovan replied that it may have come up prior to tonight, but he was late for the last meeting and was not certain of what the discussion was because he came in after this topic was discussed.

Mayor Rumbold asked if we could put this on as a discussion item for the next agenda to give the attorney time to give his take on it.

Village Office Hours

Manager Revella explained that several months ago we discussed changing the hours in the office temporarily to see how it works. He had asked the staff to keep track of the people who came into the office since January and we had seen a large drop off in Friday afternoons so we shortened hours on Fridays and increased them Monday through Thursday. Think we've only had about 3 people come on a Friday afternoon since we've
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done the change. It seems to make good business sense to keep the hours the same as we are very productive on the other days. He is sure that Peter and Tara feel the same way.

Clerk Bliss added that it allows the staff to schedule personal appointments on Fridays without having to take time off during the week.

Trustee Adams and Deputy Mayor Hoffman asked who this would be for specifically.

Manager Revella replied the Deputy Treasurers; Lauren, Marisa, and Vicki.

Deputy Mayor Hoffman stated his only thought on the matter was that when his phone is not ringing after hours is the time he actually gets work done. Do you find you need those hours in order to get work done?

Clerk Bliss replied speaking for herself when she needs to and it happens quite frequently that is why she does stay after hours to get things done without the interruptions. She doesn't feel however that the Deputy Treasurers in her experience working with them need after hours' time to get their work done. They have plenty of time with the counter as we all try to work as a team and all help out at the counter.

Trustee Sebring asked if a due date fell on a Friday what would happen.

Manager Revella replied that we stay open and everyone is aware of that, we have always done that already over the last few years when we did summer hours.

Trustee Leonard asked if the Town does these types of hours.

Clerk Bliss replied yes as well as the Village of Maybrook.

Trustee Adams asked if they stay longer on a Friday would we adjust their hours that week or would it be on overtime.

Manager Revella replied we would change the hours.

Trustee Adams asked if that was allowed in their contracts.

Manager Revella replied that they don't have contracts.

Deputy Mayor Hoffman commented that when this first got brought up he asked about summer hours and thought that the Board determined it was the authority of John to determine the hours. Are you asking our opinion?

Manager Revella replied yes.

Mayor Rumbold thinks its ok as long as he still has the leverage to change the hours for a particular week if we need to. Not sure how that would work if someone made an appointment on a Friday and then the hours got changed.

Clerk Bliss replied we work around those types of issues all the time. We try to cover each other as much as we can.

Deputy Mayor Hoffman clarified that you are asking to go from 5 8 hour days to 4 10 hour days.

Manager Revella replied no. It would be 7:30am-4:30pm Monday through Thursday and 8am-12pm on Fridays.

Trustee Mishk asked if this policy would bar you from changing it back if you find is a problem.

Manager Revella replied no, it can change either way at his discretion. He would like to give some sort of notice about it but he can change it as he sees fit.

Deputy Mayor Hoffman asked if this was requested by the staff.

Manager Revella replied that yes, they initially requested it and when I told them the possibility of summer hours to become permanent they were happy to hear.

Mayor Rumbold stated her only concern would be to make sure the public is being served as that is her primary concern. She would think that he should do what he feels is best and revisit it in December to see how it's working out. What about phone calls?

Deputy Mayor Hoffman asked what he does to ensure that he is policing the staff properly.

Manager Revella replied that Peter is usually there by that time and Tara is usually there as well.

Mayor Rumbold stated we would keep the current shortened hours and revisit the topic in December.

Garbage Contract Discussion

Manager Revella explained that it is time to consider the fact that our contract expires December 31, 2015 and Peter and I have both discussed this before about having the garbage contract line up with our budget as it would be better for us at budget time. Would change it to a June 1st through May 31st contract rather than a January 1st through December 31st contract. It doesn't make fiscal sense to continue doing it the way we are now. Additionally starting a contract in January is an issue, was actually quite a fiasco and not a good practice. The current contract is reasonable and the garbage company would give us an extension for 6 months to get us through to May 31, 2016. We would then need to put out an RFP in February and in March award the contract to begin on June 1, 2016. He would like the board to consider that and if the Board is amendable with that he would like to go ahead and put that on for Action at the next meeting.

Mayor Rumbold asked if the garbage company was ok with keeping the same rates.

Manager Revella replied that they would be fine with that.

Deputy Mayor Hoffman asked if there were any issues with the Public Bidding laws and extending the contract.

Attorney Donovan replied no.

Mayor Rumbold asked to put it on the agenda as an Action item for the next meeting.

Public Comment

Anita Vandermark, 76 Highland Avenue, thanked the Board for listening to the cross walk problem. Would it be possible to put a notice on the Village calendar?

Manager Revella and Clerk Bliss replied yes.

Anita added that if a letter from the Sunshine Society as they would be willing to do that.

Manager Revella stated that would certainly help. Can send it to Bill Pullar.

Anita continued that the streets need to be swept before Harvest Fest.

Manager Revella replied yes they do, and if we don't have our own we will borrow one.

Anita thanked Mike Bliss and staff for the Music in the Grove Concert Series and the Movies in the Park as well as Hannaford for all they did. It was great!

Becky Pearson, 167 Walnut Street, stated that she agreed with Brenda on the Rehab Loan guidelines as she thinks that money should be spread around. She knows that John has discretion on that but it is putting a lot of pressure on the Manager and people can always come before the Board. Same thing as going before the Zoning Board and skipping that and going before the Board for a zoning change. What's the difference? It's taking one presence and going to another, which can certainly happen, that's why you have this Board. It's ok to put a cap on it and you have multiple family buildings that would take thousands and thousands of dollars. She knows we want to fix things up and get the word out there; that is great. One question is that the comment was made that there is criteria for this, is it in writing?

Manager Revella stated yes it's all in writing.

Becky asked how you determine how much they pay back. Is that part of the criteria as well?

Manager Revella replied yes it is.

Becky continued that another thing to think about is that you may not have this Manager here just like we talk about communities as a whole. We may have another manager later down the road and it may be another person totally different than John who doesn't live in the Village and we have had issues like that in the past. This is long term so it is something to think about.

Mayor Rumbold commented that one Board can't bind another Board down. That is not a fool proof way to do things.

Becky continued that she understands that but she thinks it's a really good idea and agrees with Brenda.

Mary Ellen Matise, 21 Clinton Street, suggested that they put the cap at \$75,000, she agrees with Brenda as well. We did that on the Main Street grant and it worked fine. She handed out flyers about a newspaper reporting on her when she went to Terryville fair in CT where the knife companies came from that came and settled in Walden. She did research and enjoyed it and it made us look good too. She asked about getting people to follow the MS4 regulations and that their grass should not be going down the storm drains. That is a real no no for MS4. We should have an educational push of what should go down the sewer and what shouldn't go down there. She also asked about who would speak to Dunkin Donuts and ask where the snow is going to go this winter, hopefully not in the Tin Brook.

Payment of the Audited Bills

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

Correspondence

Deputy Mayor Hoffman mentioned the one email about the Landlord Registry Law that everyone received.

Miscellaneous Comments from the Board of Trustees

Trustee Leonard spoke with the Town accessor and asked him what the increase for the Village was and she said his Deputy sent a letter and turns out we have picked up \$4 million in assessments. He wasn't aware of the work done at the Frostee Freeze Plaza and the storage facility at the bag factory. So we are going in the right direction. It might be a small increase but at least it's an increase in the tax base. The Recreation & Parks Summer Camp picnic was great. He was very impressed and everyone had a great time.

Mayor Rumbold commented that we are so lucky with our volunteers and organizations that work hard to do things for everyone in the Village. The concerts were fabulous and we can't thank Hannaford enough as well as thanking the guys who manned the grills. Everyone did a great job. Movie nights were great. The back pack give away this past weekend was so fabulous for the community and the kids were so excited. The volunteers were fabulous as usual. She did go to the new Dunkin Donuts and got a coffee and boy, that drive thru was tight. Pulling out was difficult. She was going right and someone pulled in front of her and cut her off so he could go left which was dangerous. She has had 2 people specifically who questioned why on certain occasions the Manager spoke and not herself as she is the Mayor. She would like to address that by saying that she and John work together to do things in the Village and feels it's an honor to be asked to speak at things in our Village and she doesn't mind sharing that honor with the Manager. She feels he deserves to address and speak to the residents of this Village. She is not shirking her duties as they work together as a team and share those responsibilities and honors. She feels it should be shared and that's how it's going to roll as long as she is the Mayor.

Executive Session

Deputy Mayor Hoffman moved to go into executive session to discuss personnel history of a particular person. Seconded by Trustee Sebring. All Ayes. Motion carried.

Reconvene

Deputy Mayor Hoffman moved to reconvene the regular meeting. Seconded by Trustee Adams. All ayes. Motion carried.

Adjournment

Trustee Mishk moved to adjourn. Seconded by Trustee Leonard. All ayes. Meeting adjourned.

**Village of Walden Board of Trustees
Regular Meeting
September 1, 2015
Motions & Resolutions**

Hearing – 41-43 Valley Avenue

Trustee Leonard made a motion clean up the debris on the property of 41-43 Valley Avenue and charge any fees associated with said clean-up to the property owner. Seconded by Trustee Mishk. All Ayes. Motion Carried.

Approval of the August 11, 2015 Minutes

Trustee Adams made a motion to approve the August 11, 2015 minutes. Seconded by Trustee Sebring. 6 ayes, 0 nays, 0 abstentions. Minutes approved.

Hearing Request – 5 Hiddenvue Drive

Trustee Mishk made a motion to set a hearing for 5 Hiddenvue Drive for September 15, 2015 at 6:30pm or as soon thereafter as could be heard. Seconded by Deputy Mayor Hoffman. All ayes. Motion carried.

Hearing Request – 40 Alfred Place

Trustee Leonard made a motion to set a hearing for 40 Alfred Place for September 15, 2015 at 6:30pm or as soon thereafter as could be heard. Seconded by Deputy Mayor Hoffman. All ayes. Motion carried.

Liquor License Request – Renee's Hot Stuff Deli, 78 Oak Street, Suite 4

Trustee Sebring made a motion to approve the Liquor License Request for Renee's Hot Stuff Deli 78 Oak Street, Suite 4, and authorizes the Village Clerk to send the waiver letter as requested by the applicant. Seconded by Trustee Mishk. 4 ayes, 2 nays, 0 abstentions with one absence. Motion carried.

Payment of the Audited Bills

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

Executive Session

Deputy Mayor Hoffman moved to go into executive session to discuss personnel history of a particular person. Seconded by Trustee Sebring. All Ayes. Motion carried.

Reconvene

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Adjournment

Trustee Mishk moved to adjourn. Seconded by Trustee Leonard. All ayes. Meeting adjourned.