

**Village of Walden
Board of Trustees Regular Meeting
November 17, 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.
	John Ramos
	Brian Sebring

Absent:

Also Present:

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

Mayor Rumbold congratulated Supervisor Hayes, Councilmen Hoyt and Dempsey, as well as Judge Gorss on their election wins. She asked the Clerk to draft a letter stating the same on behalf of the Village Manager, Village Clerk, and Board of Trustees.

Hearing – 14 Riverview Street

The Building Inspector reported that the issues at this property have all been resolved.

Hearing – 19 Bank Street

Tabled as no one was available to present this case.

Village Manager's Report –

- Got a complaint from a resident about the fire horn on the noise, again, from Valley Avenue. We met with the fire district on this a while back but nothing has changed and we didn't get very far. If the Board would like we can further our discussions.

Mayor Rumbold asked if they did the experiment of when they were going to sound the horn.

Manager Revella replied that they didn't do it.

Mayor Rumbold asked if we can ask them why they didn't do it as she thought that was the agreement we made.

Manager Revella replied that she was correct and that he will ask them why they didn't do it.

- Had several personnel matters with CSEA and PBA grievance issues that are ongoing.
- Met with Village Engineer and Village Attorney reviewing the DEC correspondence and our response to them.
- Working on the County Mitigation Plans, they asked all municipalities to work on that and we have been working on that. Next meeting is week after Thanksgiving.
- He took a few days for vacation to go to Mississippi.
- Met with the Rec Coordinator about the haunted house on the trail at Olley Park. It was awesome and had great feedback from that.
- We hired the CPI-HR to assist with the Affordable Care Act paperwork this year. Hopefully we won't need them next year but to get us through this first year we will.
- Reviewed letter drafted by the Village Attorney to Senator Larkin asking for assistance with the speed zones around parks.
- Attended Association of Towns Villages and Cities meeting at the Lake View House which was nice.
- Been assisting our Working Leader with projects especially with the vehicles and shuffling them around. Hopefully will have an appointment quickly as today was the deadline for the applications for the mechanic and the liaison has already gone through them and we've begun the background checks.
- Finalized the Greenway Grant with the Planner which will be on the agenda for the next meeting for the waterfront park plan. Also went over the welcome packet as well as the trees on Main Street and the kiosk for Orchard Street parking lot.
- Orange County Transportation Council meeting going over TIP amendments. There is a lot of funding out there that we are moving around to repair a number of bridges in the county. It's great for us to have a conduit for all the departments such as the DOT, MTA, the Thruway all in the same room to talk about issues. Very helpful for us and able to talk about projects we have and find funding for projects.
- PBA labor management meeting with Trustee Mishk and hopefully finalize matters shortly we are making progress.
- Met with Trustee Adams on Budget matters and the process.
- Have reviewed a lot of water sewer payment plans. After our water sewer billing there were over \$180,000 in bills not collected and we sent them letters to let them know they would be shut off if not paid or a payment plan put in place by the 12th.
- Attended the ribbon cutting for Angry Orchard with the Mayor and Deputy Mayor Hoffman which was very nice.
- Veterans Day ceremony was well attended and wonderful. One minor incident that we hope won't happen again.
- Met with our insurance agent about Workers Comp rate. Had Workers Comp audit and they seemed to arbitrarily assign rates and codes which we are working on to get that fixed going forward.

Trustee Mishk asked about the mechanic position and if it was a tested position.

Manager Revella replied no it is not competitive.

Trustee Mishk asked about employee testing in his report.

Manager Revella replied that's our random drug testing.

Trustee Mishk asked if we were finished with sidewalks for the year.

Manager Revella replied that we are not. We are waiting to hear about CDBG funding for sidewalks. Waiting to hear about our application for Wait Street.

Trustee Mishk reported that there are sidewalk areas that have been replaced with black top. One slab has been replaced but others not replaced yet with sidewalk. Contractor needs to replace it, 34 Wait is concrete now but a few doors up is still black top.

Trustee Adams asked about the meeting he had with the Planner and Rec Coordinator about street scape.

Manager Revella replied that he wanted their opinion on what they would suggest. We are just in the beginning stages.

Trustee Adams asked when the street sweeper is coming.

Manager Revella replied not soon enough should be here now. Will call to follow up.

Trustee Adams thanked him for making sure the flag pole at the scout cabin got fixed. She asked if 62 North. Montgomery Street property maintenance was resolved.

Manager Revella replied yes.

Deputy Mayor Hoffman stated that last year we talked about trees on Main Street the Arborist came and offered to give a lesson on tree trimming. Did we do that yet?

Manager Revella replied that we did start trimming now but can follow up of course.

Mayor Rumbold spoke with Manager Revella about her displeasure with IWS for a few reasons and he's going to address them. When will the new contract come out?

Manager Revella replied that we will put out the RFP in February and get bids back in February/March to begin with our fiscal year on June 1, 2016.

Mayor Rumbold asked if other than phone calls, have we sent them a letter outlining our concerns so they can be addressed.

Manager Revella replied that they get emails about it every time.

Mayor Rumbold asked if they have gotten fines for anything.

Manager Revella replied no, not in a number of months.

Mayor Rumbold stated she gave Peter a bill from an electrical company from December of 2014.

Peter Sullivan, Treasurer, replied they were bills for work they did but we did not receive them. We asked for clarification when we finally received it and that took time but it has been confirmed and the amounts are correct and was back in the pile.

Mayor Rumbold asked about the Ulster Avenue project.

Manager Revella stated they are slating for bidding in March. Funds are not yet obligated waiting for final design approval. DOT will be the longer part of the review but they said it would be done as quickly as possible due to the issues we've had. He has meetings with them regularly which has helped move it along.

Mayor Rumbold asked about their pot holes, do they have the same policy that we aren't allowed to repair them.

Manager Revella replied that they wouldn't give us permission to do that.

Mayor Rumbold commented that a lot of people don't understand that we can't do things on streets in our own Village as we get reprimanded for doing them.

Manager Revella added that if we do that, we are paying for it twice as we are being taxed by the state to repair them. They have been more responsive than they have been in the past.

Approval of the October 20, 2015 Minutes

Trustee Adams made a motion to approve the October 20, 2015 minutes. Seconded by Trustee Ramos. All ayes. Minutes approved.

Trustee's Committee Reports

Town of Montgomery & Library Board liaison – Trustee Leonard

Trustee Leonard reported he spoke to Congressman Maloney about the passenger rail feasibility study that we've been sitting on. Gov. Christie of NJ shot down the tunnel and refused to spend money on it about 3 years ago. When that happened it took away his argument to increase passenger rails up here. Transportation bill is in the final stages at this point. Not sure if we can get anything out of it or not, but Gov. Christie inadvertently hurt our applications.

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

Trustee Ramos reported that the Halloween party and the volunteers and personnel in the Rec Department to make the event so great for the kids. Thank you to Anita Vandermark for the Newspaper. The school budget is online with important dates for the budget and anyone can go on and track those dates that they will discuss the budget topics.

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

Deputy Mayor Hoffman reported that he met with Dean and they reviewed 14 Riverview Street, 19 Bank Street and his memo about that property, as well as 1-5 Orange Avenue which he has received plans and they are waiting for a contractor to be awarded the project and also insurance info for the specs of work. We spoke about the status of 55 Main Street which has the scaffolding up there but there has been no activity. He said it was rented prematurely and work will be starting soon. Dean will be out beginning December 3rd as he's having surgery.

DPW Liaison– Trustee Sebring

Trustee Sebring reported he spoke with Fred last Wednesday and they went to Amthors that afternoon to find out what was going on with the one sander we have there. Also spoke about the new truck and flatbed but the flatbed is not in yet. As far as the sander, have they talked to the factory on that problem and what do they say?

Manager Revella replied that we don't believe it's a factory issue but we can discuss that.

Trustee Sebring continued that with regard to 1-5 Orange Avenue he saw 3-4 guys up on the roof who did some work up there but only one day that he saw. Has seen them up on the scaffolding the last few days.

Village Offices Liaison – Trustee Adams

Trustee Adams reported that she met with Peter a few times talking about a lot of things from the budget to a webinar on the tax cap. We are looking at moving into doing cash flow projections.

Police Department Liaison – Trustee Mishk

Trustee Mishk reported that he met with Chief and discussed issues such as the fact that PD is down to 3 cars due to a Ford wide problem and hopefully will be back soon. Discussed Halloween which went well and made it safe for the children and parents. Labor Management meeting they talked about the contract and think we are on the right track just need to get the PBA to be thinking a little more economically. We are in the process of fine tuning some new parking tickets that the judge has given input on. They are getting low on tickets and are concerned about having enough tickets to put out there. He suggested going forward with the latest plan at a minimum order.

Manager Revella stated that the new tickets will have envelopes with them and are more practical.

Trustee Mishk continued that the back of the card will be an envelope that they can send right in hopefully all set to go. Also discussion on looking into a more full time prosecutor for traffic court as opposed to officers coming in on overtime to do that. The county is in the process of purchasing all the Emergency service radios which if it goes through is good for 2 years of maintenance but he feels more studies need to be done. County has more grant funding but have selected a company and installer to do this work. It's a \$10 million project and looking to handle all ambulance, fire, and police. Lastly he would like to discuss HR 218 which he will bring up at the end.

Mayor Rumbold stated that a number of folks attended the Town budget session where they asked a lot of questions with not many answers. Spoke to John about trying to get info to Village residents about what the Town is doing as far as the A fund is either through our newsletter or on the website. Over \$2 million in taxes paid to the Town of Montgomery and not sure residents are aware of that and here's what we get as far as services from the Town so people will understand more what happens to that tax money.

She read the community events into the minutes.

Trustee Sebring asked if there were any issues with the tow operators from last year we should address before it snows.

Manager Revella replied no.

Trustee Mishk asked if there was anything we can do to recoup some of the funds for the kids that were not Village residents that attended the summer program.

Manager Revella replied that they asked them that at the budget session.

Mayor Rumbold stated that when Maybrook cancelled their summer program she asked for more funds and Supervisor Hayes asked for paperwork which was submitted the week after he asked for it but when asked at the budget meeting, he said he didn't get it. It's very frustrating and she doesn't know what to do as we don't get answers when we ask questions. Asked specific line item questions but they went unanswered. Not sure if we ask for a meeting if that will even help.

Trustee Leonard asked about the Unifi tax.

Manager Revella replied that amount changes every year over the next 5 years.

Public Comment on Business of the Board

Becky Pearson, 167 Walnut Street, asked about the Election polling hours. She believes it should stay at 6am. Many folks go to vote on their way to work. When you figure your budget to make it happen with summer camp, and she knows it's not fair to the kids, but to make it work consider increasing park use for Town of Montgomery residents to make the parents complain and report to the Town. Not fair to kids she knows but may be the only way to get your point across. The Library will be affected as well. Agrees with Sue about letting the people know so they can understand where their money does go. The Library will likely go out for a proposition and more money.

Mayor Rumbold stated she spoke with Ginny to see what their Board would be doing. We are trying to talk to them about that issue.

Becky stated they didn't go out for a referendum last year, it was 2014, not 2015.

Mayor Rumbold said they are going to think about what they are going to do.

Becky thinks they should raise their fees to the Town residents as well as it is what it is.

Action Items

Hearing Request – 45 High Street

Manager Revella explained that there is debris all over the property.

Trustee Ramos made a motion to set a hearing for 45 High Street for December 1, 2015 at 6:30pm or as soon thereafter as could be heard. Seconded by Trustee Sebring. All ayes. Motion carried.

Village Elections Polling Hours

Mayor Rumbold explained the letter from the Clerk shows that over the years the polling hours for the Village local elections has been 6am-9pm. The clerk is asking us to consider changing that to be 8am-9pm. According to her memo, Walden and Warwick are the only 2 polls open for those hours. By law they are only required to be 12pm (noon) – 9pm. The
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machines used for the elections require the election inspectors to start the machine at least an hour prior to start time which means we have to get there by 5am. Bottom line is that it is a 16 plus hour day for only \$150 per inspector. The Clerk provided the details in her memo for the past few elections on the number of voters who come to the polls between either 6-9am or 6-8am.

Clerk Bliss stated that as you can see from the numbers provided they are not staggering figures overall of the number of total voters who came to the polls but even less impressive is the number of people (excluding the inspectors and myself) who come to the polls between those hours. Most of the people who come out that early are either seniors or in my opinion, having been at the polls the past 3 years personally, people that can and would likely come to the polls at a later time in the day. A number of the people listed who come that early I personally saw periodically throughout the day or at the end of the evening just prior to the polls closing in addition to their early morning arrival. Based on this evidence, I am respectfully requesting, not for the benefit of myself, but on behalf of the election inspectors, that the Board seriously consider changing the opening time to 8am rather than 6am. That would still make it a 14 plus hour day for them but would allow us to get there at 7am rather than 5am and the polls would still be open for 13 hours throughout the day.

Trustee Adams asked to clarify that only Warwick and Walden do this.

Clerk Bliss replied yes, that is correct in Orange County.

Deputy Mayor Hoffman asked if she got the feeling that we would have a difficult time to get inspectors for the elections.

Clerk Bliss replied that she has some people that right off the bat say no because of the hours and the little pay.

Deputy Mayor Hoffman asked if increasing the rate would get more inspectors.

Clerk Bliss replied yes.

First time the inspector was keeping tally during 2 hour blocks studying like everyone does.

Mayor Rumbold stated that at first she was interested in keeping it the way it was as a lot of people commute and may not be able to get back in time. However those that are committed to vote or intend to vote will go get an absentee ballot. With the number of people voting and absentee ballots available would not have a problem changing the hours. The other suggestion would be to raise the pay. Would inspectors work half days?

Clerk Bliss stated she wasn't sure if you could do that. She would have to look into it.

Attorney Donovan stated that he is not sure that we have authority to allow half day inspectors. It presents more difficult issues than it resolves.

Clerk Bliss stated that transition issues would play a part as well.

Mayor Rumbold stated it was just a thought.

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Trustee Adams asked if we could try it for one year and see if we get complaints.

Attorney Donovan stated that the issue before the Board is the hours. You can set the pay at the next meeting.

Clerk Bliss stated the pay would be set at the next meeting.

Becky McNally, 52 Oakland Avenue, stated that an inspector spoke to her and said that most of the people who do this job are over 60 and where they sit is not a comfortable atmosphere. Maybe make them more comfortable so the hours don't seem so long.

Trustee Adams stated that at the last meeting we had until January can we wait for more time. Torn between getting the voters to the polls and that we are one of the last ones that are open from 6am.

Mayor Rumbold said she agrees as well. She knows it's a long day. If can't do half day and can't do the hours she understands both sides.

Trustee Sebring asked if when we put it in the paper can we make a big point of it that absentee ballots are available.

Clerk Bliss stated that the absentee ballot application is already available on the counter and the community table in the hall way.

Deputy Mayor Hoffman stated he didn't think that someone who leaves early and gets home late qualifies for absentee ballots.

Clerk Bliss replied that is not the case they are eligible and eligible voters can pick up an absentee ballot up until the day before the election, vote right there, and hand me their sealed ballot right at our counter.

Trustee Mishk made a motion to change the Village Election polling hours to 8am-9pm for the March 15, 2016 Village Election. Seconded by Trustee Leonard. 6 ayes, 1 nay, 0 abstentions. Motion carried.

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Resolution 33-15-16 - 191 East Main Street

Attorney Donovan described a matter that required an emergency remediation that is eligible for financing and authorizing them through our Village Rehab Loan program. It is work on the property at 0% that is to be paid back upon selling the property. It is subject to his review and approval and authorizes the Village Manager to sign said documents.

Trustee Adams made a motion to approve Resolution 33-15-16 - 191 East Main Street. Seconded by Trustee Sebring. All ayes. Motion carried.

Taylor Biomass Contract

Attorney Donovan stated that on Monday we got an agreement called a direct agreement which is basically an addendum to the agreement we have already have with Taylor which allows the lender to step into the role of operator should Taylor not be able to operate the facility where we would pay the lender instead of Taylor. We just received this and are being asked to do this immediately. He's looked at it but if the Board is not comfortable with it you don't have to move forward. It is a continuation of the contract we have. It's an addendum to that contract. If for some reason Taylor fails to or cannot function that Citibank or their successor can step in to operate the facility instead and that is who we will pay. Last thing he wants to do is rush into something if the Board is not comfortable with this. The bank wants to be secure that if or some reason Taylor is not operating maybe they aren't making money, this is a tremendous risk for this but they want to be able to continue to run the facility to get their money back.

Mayor Rumbold clarified that if they were taken over it wouldn't null and void the contract it would just be with whomever that operator is.

Attorney Donovan stated yes.

Trustee Mishk asked if we can opt out.

Attorney Donovan replied that he cannot answer that right now. They won't get financing without this addendum. This is a lender requirement not a Taylor requirement. If the Board is not comfortable with this wait a few weeks.

Trustee Adams commented that we signed this agreement because we have confidence with Taylor that's why we have a contract with Taylor but who are we to say that the lender or other operator we would have that same confidence in.

Trustee Ramos asked if Citibank could offer us a plan B or another option for us.

Attorney Donovan stated there is nothing to say they will or not. They are trying to make the bank feel more secure.

Trustee Leonard made a motion to allow the Village Manager to sign the Taylor Biomass Addendum. Seconded by Deputy Mayor Hoffman. 0 Ayes, 5 nays, and 2 abstentions. Motion fails.

Mayor Rumbold stated that we will wait for a recommendation from the Manager and the Attorney and they will advise us if we want to bring this up again in the future.

Discussion Items

Budget Session

Mayor Rumbold explained that the Board asked the Treasurer and the Manager to give us an idea of where we are and our potential for our 2015-2016 budget.

Peter Sullivan, Treasurer, reviewed his hand out given to the Board. Net result is the general fund will be pretty close to the budget chiefly due to increased revenues. We aren't doing as well in Workers Compensation as John mentioned in his report earlier tonight. Water you won't see a decrease as we needed a lot of power to use the blowers

when we had the issue with the digester. There is an issue with our electricity bills that we still need to work out. We got assigned a provider that is not NYSEG and our rates significantly increased.

Mayor Rumbold asked how long to work out the electricity issue and whether we are being charged the correct rates.

Manager Revella replied the end of the week.

Mayor Rumbold asked about sales of equipment as we are projecting \$18,000; what have we got that we are surplus?

Manager Revella stated he is not sure but this is based on what we had last year and what we have to surplus.

Mayor Rumbold asked about the Village Justice overtime line as it seems like this line typically goes over each year. It is the salary for the clerk. Is the court that busy or paperwork issues.

Manager Revella replied it is a little bit of both. We are trying to adjust hours to help.

Mayor Rumbold asked about the DPW electricity that is the facility gas and electric at the garage. Is that because it is in bad shape?

Manager Revella replied partly plus the rate issue we are discussing.

Mayor Rumbold remembers when we talked about the increase for water/sewer those rates are only as good as the checks that come in to pay their bills. Regardless of what we did with the rates we still have that issue.

Peter replied that this is revenue that we've earned by sending out the bills not a reflection of what people actually paid.

Mayor Rumbold continued that as the number of residents increased that mail their payment in to sustain them are more people choosing to put them on their tax bill at the end of the year.

Manager Revella stated it's about the same.

Peter stated that the amount of unpaid bills the amount was \$60,000 less.

Manager Revella stated that is last year before we increased the rate for. Was lower.

Peter added that we just sent out letters to get payments plans.

Mayor Rumbold asked if we should have someone to be able to be trained to turn them off as what is the point if you make the threat then nothing happens.

Manager Revella replied that last year it was maybe 10% of the plans didn't comply. We had over 25 got shut off but the same day 15 got turned back on. Some valves don't work but have been working on those.

Trustee Adams commented that revenue and expenses doesn't matter if it's not collected or paid. When they don't pay it affects your cash flow, which are two different things.

Mayor Rumbold said she understands but she is trying not to borrow from the general fund to cover water/sewer.

Trustee Adams added that the problem here is not that the people didn't pay it's that the expenditures are higher too. Just wanted to clarify that.

Manager Revella stated we have had 4 service line breaks and 1 main break so far.

Mayor Rumbold added that they are saying that snow may be light this year. Snow tends to insulate and we might get less breaks when not as much upheaval of the ground. That can destroy the budget immediately.

Trustee Leonard stated that the water sewer fund anticipated that the fund balance would increase over 5 years. Just starting out with the new plan.

Deputy Mayor Hoffman added that we also didn't anticipate \$140,000 in electric bills. Would be doing great without that.

Mayor Rumbold commented that there has to be something wrong with the rates then.

Manager Revella stated there were a few from the primary provider but the other factor was increased usage.

Mayor Rumbold stated that we have a lot of food for thought and you guys have work to do with the electric and workers comp rates. This does give us an idea of where we are and how we can prepare for February/March for the budget with better numbers.

Fire Lanes and Handicap Parking

Manager Revella stated there are several areas in the Village that are designated as fire lanes and handicap lanes. We are looking to have the ability to enforce people who are parking in these designated areas.

Attorney Donovan explained that Chief has some concerns in their ability to enforce those spots. He would recommend if the Board agrees that they Board adopt a local law to give our police the authority to write tickets when a handicap spot is designated. Don't give police to access fines.

Deputy Mayor Hoffman asked if we had to identify each handicap stall.

Attorney Donovan replied not handicap but fire lanes you would. Fire lanes would need to be designated by location just that they should be designated and not impeded in any way. In section 144 of your code in fire prevention and would recommend a provision in the vehicle in traffic code provision.

Mayor Rumbold knows where they are because they are clearly marked. If they aren't whose responsibility is it to mark them.

Attorney Donovan stated that if it is located on a private entity to do them. You can put that cars can be towed in your local law as well as ticketed.

Mayor Rumbold and the Board authorized him to do a local law for their review would include private property yes.

Public Comment

Diane Sandbothe, 90 Liberty Street, stated she went to Verizon to get Verizon cable and they told her that the Village blocked them out, why is that?

Manager Revella stated that Time Warner is the only place that gave us a franchise agreement, Verizon could do the same thing.

Diane continued about the cross walk by the banks where she almost got hit. That area is on the police monitors she was going to go to the police station to get him ticketed. That area is so dangerous crossing in that area why don't you have a police man patrolling that area all the time. Her husband would like to meet with John and it is very important to get up there. He made 2 cement flower pots and are 500 lbs each on the edge of our property and doesn't want anything touching it no salt no snow. He's going to be furious if you do. They are tired of fixing it as the Village doesn't have an easement to plow snow into his property. When will patching be done on Lafayette Street, Madison Street, and Liberty the pot holes are bad there.

Manager Revella stated they have been going through that area already.

Diane stated that we asked 2 years ago to clean out the swale and still hasn't been done yet.

Manager Revella asked the Engineer to go there and see what can be done. You might see him there.

Diane continued about the cemetery as nothing has been done and no one can verify there is a cemetery there or not. They plan to build a new garage there and will get their permits and everything they need. They even went to Ulster County and the Town and no one can pin point it. This has been going on for years and years. Had people from New Paltz there but no one has a viewing machine.

Anita Vandermark, 76 Highland Avenue, stated she is getting older and wants to know the status of the grant for the community center.

Manager Revella replied we don't have results yet. Not until next month sometime, they said December.

Anita asked about the tree for the square.

Manager Revella replied we are getting it tomorrow from the Methodist Church property on Route 52.

Anita continued about Veterans Day which was wonderful but would like to find some way to stop Wilner Isnedy or to find a way to prevent what happened during our opening prayer. Tomorrow night is our Veterans program at VFW at 7pm about PTSD. Walden Historical Society is having their tea on December 6th 1-4 at the Walden House.

Mary Ellen Matise, 21 Clinton Street, thanked the Manager and Fred Perna for putting up the historic markers.

Becky Pearson, 167 Walnut Street, commented about the Ulster Ave project where are with that.

Manager Revella stated that they have to be obligated this year that ends September 1st. Bid will be out in March for bluestone and cement options.

Becky asked about the new mechanic has he been hired yet.

Manager Revella replied that the applications were due today.

Becky was reading the minutes and Sean was talking about the pedestrian bridge and the plan for that.

Deputy Mayor Hoffman replied the design work doesn't get done until the grant is accepted and the railroad gives us the property.

Becky asked about the next Tri-Board Meeting. She also saw a solar law in the packet.

Manager Revella stated it is in there as informational.

Becky added that she feels the Board made a mistake on the polling hours change. Both of her sons work out of town and one son was the first person at the polls and doesn't always know when he has some of those late meetings. Thought the Digester was fixed 9 years ago, are we still paying for it?

Manager Revella replied that the aeration system clogged.

Becky asked why that happened, it didn't work well.

Deputy Mayor Hoffman replied that the sludge clogged up the bottom of the digester and the electric tried to go and we don't check it every day.

Becky responded that maybe you should check it every day or weekly.

Manager Revella stated that by checking is how they figured there was a problem.

Becky asked about the Recreation fees are behind on the budget. Is that because we have less kids or too much expenses.

Manager Revella replied that these are just projections.

Becky asked about street lights and if we have LED lights in our street lights.

Manager Revella stated that LED are in our lights but not NYSEG lights.

Becky feels we should look into it and save money on street lights. Push the state to allow municipalities to control street lights in their areas. Ornamental lights. Thanks for the electric at the park and the speakers and Stabner for Veterans Day.

Payment of the Audited Bills

Trustee Mishk made a motion to pay the audited bills. Seconded by Deputy Mayor Hoffman. All ayes. Motion carried.

Correspondence

Sue read a letter from Walden Community Council and the Veterans Park Committee for Veterans Day Ceremony participation.

Miscellaneous Comments from the Board of Trustees

Trustee Leonard commented that Veterans Day ceremony was even better than last year, the committee really outdid themselves. We should publicize a little more. Was great.

Deputy Mayor Hoffman thanked Peter and John for work with the budget items, this was helpful from our prospective to see the issues you are working on like the electricity.

Trustee Sebring thanked everyone for coming out for the Veterans Day Ceremony and Board members that came out.

Trustee Adams said ditto about Veterans Park, Brian Stabner was great. Appreciate equipment and loan of Brian Stabner.

Trustee Mishk asked if the Board would allow a discussion for HR 218 for the police department on the next agenda. Also wondered about considering a web based streaming of our budget process for residents that can't make the meeting so they can see them online. Hannaford parking lot is not very pedestrian friendly in his opinion. Nowhere in the area for a pedestrian walkway. Should have been addressed when the project was in process in his opinion.

Mayor Rumbold added that we had a beautiful ceremony and a beautiful day for our Veterans Day Ceremony. She thanked our volunteers who spend time literally on their hands and knees to make it that way. Went to Angry Orchard with Manager which is a nice facility and everything says Walden NY on it which is great. Halloween was great heard a lot of great things from people who really enjoyed it. Chief, mayor, deputy mayor went to prayer breakfast this morning good discussion about. Proud to have Fox Hill community with us.

Adjournment

Trustee Sebring moved to adjourn. Seconded by Trustee Adams. All ayes. Meeting adjourned.

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Temporary Event Sign Request – Breakfast with Santa, Col Bradley Hose #2

Trustee Ramos made a motion to approve the temporary event sign request from Col Bradley Hose #2 for their Breakfast with Santa sign. Seconded by Trustee Leonard. All ayes. Motion carried.

Resolution 33-15-16 - 191 East Main Street

Trustee Adams made a motion to approve Resolution 33-15-16 - 191 East Main Street. Seconded by Trustee Sebring. All ayes. Motion carried.

Taylor Biomass Contract

Trustee Leonard made a motion to allow the Village Manager to sign the Taylor Biomass Addendum. Seconded by Deputy Mayor Hoffman. 0 Ayes, 5 nays, and 2 abstentions. Motion fails.

Payment of the Audited Bills

Trustee Mishk made a motion to pay the audited bills. Seconded by Deputy Mayor Hoffman. All ayes. Motion carried.

Adjournment

Trustee Sebring moved to adjourn. Seconded by Trustee Adams. All ayes. Meeting adjourned.