

**Village of Walden
Board of Trustees Regular Meeting
February 19, 2019**

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

On roll call the following were:

Present:	Mayor	Sue Rumbold
	Deputy Mayor	Faith Moore
	Trustees	Brian Sebring
		Larry Kraus
		John Ramos
		Dan Svarczkopf
		Lynn E. Thompson

Absent:

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

Village Manager's Report

- Had a few meetings with DPW and Police Dept for snow removal.
- Talked to the Finance Department about the Edmund software integration going on.
- Went through personnel problem with special counsel.
- Had a meeting with the senator's office regarding different problems going on with the Village and the aim funding. He promised to work hard for us in Albany and get back to us on what's going on with all of the requests that we have made.
- Went over the first draft of the budget with the Treasurer. Should have that ready and go over with the Dept Head's soon.
- Attended last week's Harvest Fest meeting. Went through the planning of events. Looks like everything is going to go smoothly.
- Went through the building and the library with the cleaner to make sure they had everything they needed to cover.
- All evaluations are complete.
- Also had a lovely farewell to Vicki for her retirement. Was very well attended.

Mayor Rumbold: How is the software integration going?

Manager Revella: Ok, so far. Not going to go live yet, but we did go through the A/P and looked at some sample vouchers and things like that so that should be good to go soon. They've done their transitions in the background of Edmunds.

Mayor Rumbold: I just did want to mention, for the record, that the manager, myself, Deputy Mayor, Recreation and Parks Supervisor Mike Bliss and DPW Supervisor Fred Perna and Chief Holmes, all went to Senator Skoufis's office with our requests and concerns about the village. So, we did have a contingent.

Approval of February 5, 2019 Minutes

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

Trustee's Committee Reports

Village Offices Liaison – Trustee Svarczkopf

Trustee Svarczkopf: Sworn in the election officials for the March election. The snow had Edmund's training them remotely. They are moving forward with the migration. Computers are ordered, at some point, we will get them. Gina is continuing to be trained on the clerk duties.

Mayor Rumbold: Any ETA on the computers?

Trustee Svarczkopf: Yes. It was January 15th, then February 12th.

Mayor Rumbold: Do we know why there is a holdup?

Manager Revella: They said the processors were backed up, but they didn't have enough processors in stock from Intel. So, they're waiting for the processors to come in to be able to do it.

Mayor Rumbold: How many did we order?

Manager Revella: 4.

Town of Montgomery & Library Board liaison – Trustee Kraus

Trustee Kraus: Spoke to Ginny and everything is going smooth, nothing new to report. The room is coming along well. She expects completion by the end of April.

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

Trustee Thompson: The last Zoning Board meeting was canceled. I did go to the Planning Board meeting. A senior housing project came up on the agenda. So, I had a lot of questions. I met with Dean and John and they took me over to look at the site and that answered some of my questions. I'm anxious to hear more about that project and eventually everyone will hear about it. He's been trying his best to keep up with the sidewalks, but it seems to be never ending. The last two weeks I do have a letter from the lady who originally made the complaint about the crosswalk. She asked if I could read it.

****Read letter into the minutes****

Manager Revella: Make sure the clerk gets a copy.

Trustee Thompson: Yes, I will.

Police Department and Justice Department Liaison – Deputy Mayor

Deputy Mayor Moore: Couple of things, just to address the questions from the last meeting that I said I would get back to you at this meeting. In November there were 65 tickets issued, 40 of which were snow related. December, 14. January 53, of which 24 were snow related. Snow parking event that happened on February 12th, there were 12 tickets, 6 tows. And again, I want to remind everybody that there is a phone number to call to find out if a snow parking policy is in effect; 778-4919. To avoid being ticketed. We

reviewed the vehicle mileage report as well as the fuel usage report. There also was 2018 crime data report, that we reviewed, nothing of major importance to share with that. Our Village Treasure has worked on reimbursements for the Orange County active shooter training from 2018 as well as the Orange County active shooter training reimbursement for 2017. The Orange County Stop DWI for the third enforcement period in 2018. Chief, as well as, all of the Sergeants attended training today at the Orange County 911 Center for legal standards and tactics in the use of force. On March 27th and 28th, Officer Conklin will be attending Effective Animal Cruelty investigations. Chief will be on vacation from March 11th to the 15th and Sgt Metzger will be the Supervisor in charge while he's away.

Mayor Rumbold: Did they say anything about upcoming training or conferences regarding the marijuana laws in New York State and enforcement issues with that?

Deputy Mayor Moore: There were conversations about that at the NYCOM conference that I was going to address when we got to miscellaneous comments of the board. Myself and Trustee Thompson attended the NYCOM Conference last week and that was a hot topic. That has not been a conversation with our Chief yet. Think they're waiting to find out what is going to happen. I did take the information that I learned at NYCOM and brought it back to Chief as well as the Village Manager. And then additionally, the last piece of my report is that I mentioned at the last meeting, started having conversations with the Tri-County Partnership regarding Hope Not Handcuff's. So, I did have those conversations with Annette from Hope Not Handcuff's, she is going to be meeting with Chief over the next two weeks and if it's the pleasure of the board, she would like to address the board at the next meeting on March 5th to talk more about the program.

Manager Revella: So the board is aware, I did have discussions with Chief regarding new potential marijuana laws. The biggest concern that we have with this is enforcement proceedings, what's legal, what's not, what's purchased and what will not. With the training of dogs especially, would be one of the biggest costs that would come from it right now. There's a couple of little minor concerns but those are the two biggest ones that came up with putting it into effect.

Trustee Svarczkopf: Why would the dogs need retraining?

Manager Revella: Because they're trained now to hit on certain smells, including marijuana.

Deputy Mayor Moore: One of the other hot topics surrounding that is to ask for municipalities to start having conversations regarding zoning that where there can be dispensaries, what it's going to be. Vermont had some great things that they did about where they actually had these community liaisons to say that you won't be able to see what through the window. There can be no signage with marijuana or paraphernalia on it. Start thinking about zoning immediately so that it doesn't get passed and then you have somebody here saying "oh, I want to put something on Main Street" and then you're scrambling to figure out if it's allowed or not.

Manager Revella: I feel like right now there's a lot of legislation regarding tobacco sales and where it can be displayed and things like that. It should be something similar to that but we can figure that out as well.

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

Trustee Ramos: I spoke with Mr. Bliss, there are flyers out for the Father's Day event at Yankee Stadium. It's on the left field side. Summer programs are starting to spin up with all the Sports Illustrated sign in's. Summer program has not yet been summoned right now. And if anybody walked through Olley Park, there is a big hole in the ice. Nobody fell through. There was a fire training exercise that they had it kind of roped off and had caution tape on that and just that they were conducting their yearly ice training program for the fire department. School board, there's a couple capital projects coming up. They're going to look at bonding some serious projects coming along. One project for Walden Elementary is to air conditioning the gym and the cafeteria for comfort for the kids. There wasn't much of just a couple of cosmetic pieces that are going to happen. Nothing big compared to the high school and middle school.

DPW Liaison– Trustee Sebring

Trustee Sebring: I talked with Fred today. They had a holiday yesterday. The crew has been cleaning catch basins prior to the snow. They had many snow events which they salt and plowed. They had a water main break. Cleaned Main Street of the snow. The guys after the snow storms clean and power washed the trucks to get the salt off. The water department had replaced ten new meters and they hadn't many frozen meters this year.

Trustee Svarczkopf: What percentage of the way through are we with replacing meters? Because it's like 10-15 meters a month. I'm assuming we have the goal to replace all.

Manager Revella: We are probably 40 percent.

Mayor Rumbold: We're doing it in zones anyway. These storms were kind of odd anything that they want to change and do differently.

Manager Revella: The only thing that a couple of people had concerns about was removal in the downtown area was some of the businesses, as they did before asked not to do during business hours. So, I think that doing it in the morning was getting it out of the way. It was best for most the majority of the business owners and residents because when you do it at night, you effect the people that are sleeping there and it's on over time. If you do it in the middle of day, you're affecting everybody in the business, including traffic and schools. So, first thing in the morning is what we're trying to do and they're pretty quick, getting it done and getting out of the way. They would like to continue to do that for now. Only had a couple of minor complaints on West Main Street.

Mayor Rumbold: I think credit is due to our DPW crews that go out and trim the tree branches. I think we've been pretty lucky with the amount of ice that we've had. I think it's a credit to them because they do go out and trim those branches and try to keep the lines as clear as possible.

Deputy Mayor Moore: I have one question, have you heard anything regarding any funding reimbursement for the storms that came through in May?

Manager Revella: Negative.

Trustee Thompson: And since you're talking about the snow removal, I'm assuming road conditions can also be part of that. I know you've been working really hard to get the DOT here, but the railroad tracks down by the laundromat there, that's going from bad to worse. What can we all do?

Deputy Mayor Moore: That was one of the topics of conversation with the senator's office.

Manager Revella: Been handing out information to DOT, Norfolk Southern, whoever we can to contact. DOT is in charge of signaling and on overall projects at railroad crossings. The track in Walden is owned by Norfolk Southern but maintained by Middletown New Jersey Railroad. I know the DOT has slated to upgrade the crossing at Coldenham Rd, then we hope to put Grant St on as well. We'll see if it gets on the list.

Trustee Thompson: Do they actually come and inspect the tracks that the train rides on?

Manager Revella: DOT does not. The train company.

Trustee Thompson: Have they been here recently at all to inspect those?

Manager Revella: They were the last time there was an accident.

Trustee Thompson: So, we have to wait until there's another accident and maybe they'll come.

Mayor Rumbold: You're talking about the DOT and the 2 railroad companies.

Trustee Thompson: And I assume that's a very convenient way to continue to pass the buck.

Trustee Svarczkopf: Would it be illegal for us to go pour gravel down?

Manager Revella: Yes. You cannot touch railroad crossings without DOT approval, it is an odd process where the Federal Railroad administration defers to the state DOT.

Mayor Rumbold: So, those tracks are their jurisdiction?

Manager Revella: Yes, just the crossings are.

Mayor Rumbold: Because of the conditions of the road there, we can't put anything up to block the tracks so no one crosses them?

Manager Revella: We can block the road. We can put a detour.

Mayor Rumbold: Oh no I don't want to inconvenience them.

Manager Revella: No way. That's a big no no.

Trustee Thompson: Open up the railroad ties in there, they're probably disintegrating.

Mayor Rumbold: Because there's salt and everything else.

Trustee Svarczkopf: Well, just today after also talking about snow, thank you for putting down the phone number you said that there is a phone number. What's the number?

Manager Revella: It's on the website as well.

Deputy Mayor Moore: I said it, but I'll say it again. It's 845-778-4919.

Trustee Svarczkopf: And I've asked a couple times before and someone else asked me, I know there's a way, put it on the website, a place that you can sign up, so a mass email goes out.

Deputy Mayor Moore: It's on the website to sign up for CodeRed.

Trustee Svarczkopf: CodeRed doesn't do snow emergency. I'm looking for just the snow emergency or sign up for a particular newsletter so there's one for Parks and Rec or one for snow emergency. If you let people voluntarily sign up for them. That way all we got to do is make some spreadsheet everyone that wants one an e-mail. There's a quick way for us to do that. Not a lot of work but it's something that we might get 12 tows down to four. I've been towed and it took \$700 for me to pay it back, because I didn't know.

Mayor Rumbold: I don't have any problem letting people know, then sending out emails. So, people are going to read the e-mails at 2 o'clock in the morning.

Trustee Svarczkopf: If I know it's snowing again. Yeah.

Deputy Mayor Moore: I think the last time we talked about this we weren't 100 percent sure that this was in our system.

Manager Revella: That's correct.

Deputy Mayor Moore: So, when we get that up and running, we can do that.

Trustee Svarczkopf: I can build a system quickly for that. The question is. Do we want it?

Mayor Rumbold: Well, I think we want to alert people. I would hope that if someone is smart enough to have an iPhone or whatever else they have, that they would see a weather report, it's going to snow. To me, it would tell me before I go to bed to get my car off

Trustee Svarczkopf: Sure. The issue is people who don't have off street parking. So, they're going to wait until that two inches is called.

Mayor Rumbold: And then scramble with everybody else who doesn't have off street parking and try to find a parking spot.

Manager Revella: My concern would be how far would you take alerting people, to what end when there is a sidewalk issue?

Trustee Svarczkopf: I think that's something we discuss. It's a voluntary sign up. I would want snow emergency alerts. I think that's a big one for me and a lot of people. Granted the computers write the e-mails, it's not like we're writing a thousand emails. It's just a matter of how far do we go. But I think we can do some take some steps.

Trustee Sebring: I'd like to say, some years ago, the police used to go around from street to street with a megaphone asking people to please move their cars or they come and knock on your door. And after a while they wouldn't listen. So, that program was discontinued because you didn't get too many people to obey. The Village has always tried

to help everybody out and there is just some of them there that they leave the car and they go away for a weekend or two weeks or they say well I never got the notified one way or another. So, things have happened and they just stopped everything.

Trustee Svarczkopf: I mean just by nature of the megaphone for a greater period and you're going to piss some people off and you're going to make some people happy. But an email is silent and quick. We can make it so it's 30 seconds from the word, it goes out. That's why I would just like to look into it. I can go and show you guys what it would look like, because it won't take very long.

Trustee Ramos: One more comment. Going back to the railroad ties and everything else. We do have standards of liability in New York State and if we could possibly at least correspond with the three agencies putting them on notice that if something happens, we are noticing you right now that you could be held civilly liable for damage, running over the Mayor as she's slammed down on the pavement. But we're all subject to a standard of liability. I would be taking up a good useful tool to send to the railroad company.

Manager Revella: DOT is on notice. I sent them copies of the accident reports as well.

Trustee Ramos: But we need a document.

Mayor Rumbold: We've been trying to go to them for a long period of time. You ever have your radio on loud and here comes the train. I mean, they do blow the horn when they approach there, but you're not paying attention. I don't know what it's going to take. There have been accidents there. You would think they would have jumped right on it.

Trustee Thompson: Have we sent them any photographs of the deterioration.

Manager Revella: They came. They've seen both crossings.

Mayor Rumbold: I mean not that you're an engineer, so what would it take, is it just a matter of filling in those holes?

Manager Revella: It's really pretty quick and easy. You take out the ties, you frame in for the concrete, pour the concrete around the ties that run the rails. That's pretty easy. They did 17k.

Public Comment on Business of the Board

Diane Sandbooth: Snow by the post office. Nobody has cleared it. You can kill yourself on that ice.

Manager Revella: The Postal Service is responsible for removal of snow at the post office.

Mayor Rumbold: The same with the nasty bushes that were there full of poison ivy. Had to beg them to trim those. They were their property as well.

Diane Sandbooth: Planning Board meeting for February 21st is canceled?

Mayor Rumbold: The 20th is canceled, but here is another one on March 4th.

Diane Sandbooth: How do I know what they're discussing?

Manager Revella: There's an agenda online.

Deputy Mayor Moore: The agenda for the Planning Board meeting is posted on the website.

Trustee Thompson: Do you use the village website? If you go to the Village of Walden website, you can find out almost every single you'd like to know that's going on in the village. And phone numbers of different village personnel and the planning board agenda will be there, when the zoning board is. If not, Mr. Stickles.

Becky Pearson: Becky Pearson, 167 Walnut, I see the park fees. I'm happy you're talking about that. Just a comment about that. Will you also discuss the baseball fields being used for people that paid to use our baseball fields?

Mayor Rumbold: This is just summer camp.

Manager Revella: Mike and I discussed some potential fees. I went over it with the Treasurer. We inundated her with a lot of stuff lately with the budget and Edmunds, so I don't think she's had time to do a thorough analysis on it, but just so the board is aware where the proposal is. Currently, we have a program for Village residents is \$50 to pay for half day for the summer. The proposals is to move it from \$50 to \$60. The Town of Montgomery residents, \$60 to \$75. Non-Town Residents from \$75 to \$100. For the full day program each one would go up \$25 as well. Kelly still has to do a full analysis to make sure that estimate is sufficient with fringe benefits. I want to make sure the board's aware of those numbers.

Mayor Rumbold: So, is this increase reflective of cost of personnel?

Manager Revella: Personnel costs a lot. The minimum wage went up. So, everything with goes up when minimum wage goes up.

Trustee Thompson: Half day program is from 9:00a.m. to 1:00p.m.

Manager Revella: Correct.

Mayor Rumbold: How long do you think, by budget time that'll be calculated?

Manager Revella: We'll have that for the next board meeting. We'll have to do that for the next board meeting to make sure Rec gets the flyers out.

Trustee Thompson: Mr. Bliss is aware of these numbers?

Manager Revella: He e-mailed to me, we were considering higher numbers. But in the past, we didn't want to do a huge percent all at once. We tried to ease in every year a little so it doesn't push people away due to cost. We want to make sure it doesn't lessen participation.

Trustee Thompson: OK. And you're going to base this on the enrollment from last season.

Manager Revella: We have averages to use. A staff salary average at the moment.

Deputy Mayor Moore: I would like to take a look at that for two years, not just last year but that was two years ago that we had a shortfall.

Manager Revella: We use about five- or six-year averages when we can but the data for this might be hard to track back that far.

Mayor Rumbold: And through attrition. It's really a guesstimate because you don't know who is going to return. And obviously longevity plays into what everyone's salary is.

Manager Revella: We've been pretty good, we guess a bit and use the averages because we know who's likely to come back based on who's in college and who's in high school where they're going when they stay in touch. A lot of the workforce stays year around. So, it's a little easier.

Trustee Svarczkopf: The national average for daycare for one week, three hours a day is \$211 a week for daycare.

Manager Revella: This is Camp.

Trustee Svarczkopf: They could have done more.

Manager Revella: You got to consider daycare also includes infants, we don't allow infants. So, it's a huge cost.

Trustee Svarczkopf: That's per child. We're charging \$425 for 6 weeks, top tier. And that's for full day and a half day top tier is \$100 for 6 weeks of care for 3 hours a day.

Trustee Thompson: Don't compare it to day care, if you're going to do a google search, search summer day camps and you could even be more specific to search for Orange County. These rates are a little low but they're not crazy. This is just a summer day camp. I mean we definitely have room, we could go a little bit higher but we also need to look at where we draw our population from too.

Trustee Svarczkopf: I'm not saying we should be going to \$1200.

Trustee Thompson: I know, but don't compare day care to summer camp because that's going to be outrageously more than this. You need to compare rates at different summer day camp rates.

Trustee Svarczkopf: I understand. I think, still so way off and I think we're still losing money. Last year we really didn't budget.

Manager Revella: We will lose money again, because we subsidize summer camp fees for kids that live in our community.

Trustee Svarczkopf: I understand it and I'm all for that. I just don't think after that we should be losing money. I think we're losing more than the subsidation.

Manager Revella: We subsidize into tax dollars and so that's how we always pay for summer camp as a program that benefits our residents. That's why the rates are lower. We try to get as close and try to strip that gap as much as we can, but it's going to be a

gap.

Trustee Svarczkopf: Can we get numbers on how much the total program costs? How much we take in? Because I was looking for numbers.

Manager Revella: That's why I said in the beginning that we were inundated with a couple of things and didn't do the analysis yet.

Mayor Rumbold: We get the numbers every year.

Deputy Mayor Moore: That's why I wanted to see not just last year. I had a lot of concerns about that. Which is why I wanted to make sure that we went back. But we do see it in the budget.

Manager Revella: Because the year before it wasn't that bad. It changes.

Mayor Rumbold: You have to get to the point where you're servicing our community. It was just recently through Supervisor Winchell, that the library came to parody. The Village of Walden residents have been subsidizing 12586 zip code for years. We talked about it and we did it. I never looked at the summer program as a money-making venture. It was more to service the community and the children in this community. And I agree with raising the fees to keep it as close as we possibly can, but I for one don't have a problem with the taxpayer subsidizing that kind of program. So, I know where kids are during the summer. The parents know that the children are safe and if they're saving a few bucks on child care, maybe they can buy their kids a new pair of sneakers for the school year.

Trustee Svarczkopf: I'm just saying that we need to charge them more than \$100.

Deputy Mayor Moore: I do want to point out that compared to the other summer camp programs in the county, our's has received a lot of praise. So, I still think it's also a really good opportunity.

Mayor Rumbold: And we've also been the benchmark for other programs in New York State. They use our plans the way the program is run. We subsidize so many other things with our tax dollars. I don't see any reason why we can't subsidize our own children. We do subsidize because the family's income doesn't allow for it. I've personally paid for kids to go on trips with the summer program because the parents couldn't afford to send their children. So, I don't see anything wrong with subsidizing that. Let's keep it as close to the vest as we can. But I also don't want to price it so the children that we're supposed to be taking care for our residents can't attend that camp because their parents can't afford it.

Proposal for Security Window for 3rd Floor

Manager Revella: You should have had the packet with the specs for the window, what they're looking for in that total cost.

Trustee Svarczkopf: Question on the openings. There's a 6" down below and there's a circular one. Is that open beyond that?

Manager Revella: The circle is covered.

Trustee Svarczkopf: The circle one is covered in ballistic materials.

Manager Revella: Yes, just a small space for voice that'll go through.

Trustee Ramos: This says it's a level three.

Manager Revella: It's what it can withstand. Number of shots means it can withstand 3 shots.

Trustee Thompson: Level three or four was pretty normal, yet pretty acceptable, which we shouldn't have to be going all the way up to the top of the range.

Manager Revella: No, that's like jailhouse.

Trustee Ramos: Level 6 is your typical round that anybody could possess 9 mm full metal copper jacket with lead core and then level 7 as your 5.56 which is 2 to 3 which is more commonly used nowadays.

Mayor Rumbold: So, you're saying we're not at the right level now?

Trustee Svarczkopf: I think that the issue with Level 6 is that'll it will take 5 shots because Level 1 is 9mm.

Manager Revella: Take 3 shots.

Trustee Svarczkopf: Did you look at the price difference?

Manager Revella: No, they didn't think it would be appropriate to go any higher than that. But if you want to look at it.

Trustee Svarczkopf: What was the price?

Manager Revella: \$9,237.

Mayor Rumbold: That's for everything, the movement, the removal of those doors.

Trustee Svarczkopf: Did you look at the Dutch door?

Manager Revella: The Dutch door can't be reversed as is. We would have to redo the frame. We're going to do it in house, if we can.

Mayor Rumbold: So, are you keeping that door or are you just doing the frame, are you replacing the Dutch door with a solid door?

Manager Revella: The Dutch door has to be replaced in its entirety, it's not good enough. This is just for the 2 door.

Mayor Rumbold: We can't do that in-house?

Manager Revella: The Dutch door? No. We probably could, but we have to go buy a new frame and door.

Mayor Rumbold: Well, but in my opinion that door still if you can't get through the bulletproof glass you can still go through that Dutch door and the hinges are on the

outside. So, we're going to have to do that door. So, is this company not going to do the door? We're going to do it with someone else?

Manager Revella: Yeah, we'll try and do it in the house if I can get the right door for us. If the guys have time, they looked at it. They just couldn't do it with the current frame.

Mayor Rumbold: So, the \$9,237 is just for the bulletproof glass and the shifting of the main door.

Deputy Mayor Moore: Trustee Ramos, you're saying that level 3 in your experience you don't think it's enough?

Trustee Ramos: No, I do not.

Deputy Mayor Moore: And you would recommend level 6? I'm sorry. I just want to clarify that.

Trustee Ramos: I personally would go to level 7.

Trustee Thompson: Why wouldn't the company not recommend that? They would make a lot more money off that. Why would they select something to put themselves in jeopardy? We didn't have the right degree of safety as per whatever the standard is.

Trustee Ramos: I don't have the statistics right now in front of me but obviously the amount of shootings that have been occurring throughout the country have been used with assault weapons and cop calibers of 223.

Manager Revella: It doesn't say it doesn't stop a 223. Just have to ask them.

Mayor Rumbold: It doesn't say it would stop it, but it would withstand five shots.

Manager Revella: I don't know. We have to ask.

Mayor Rumbold: Maybe because of the proximity of the police station. I mean was that a consideration?

Manager Revella: No, not for this.

Trustee Svarczkopf: While we're talking about this, I think we need to talk about a broader security of the building. It's open 24 hours a day.

Mayor Rumbold: I think it's a great subject. If you want to have a discussion, we're talking right now about the office area. You want to talk about building security. We can certainly discuss that. Find out what's in place, what we can put in place. We can have the Chief write up a report about what he's done and Sergeant Werner has gone through the building maybe if you have an overview of that and have a greater understanding of what we're doing or what we looked at.

Trustee Svarczkopf: Thank you.

Trustee Thompson: John, I did ask you the last time, about the court clerk window and you said that's a separate entity. I did try and get a hold of Ray. We did some telephone

tag. If we're really going to do this, I really feel strongly that if we're doing this for the right reason, we need to take into account the employee at the other window and even if it is a separate entity and they have to get different funding or whatever. I think if we're going to do construction and work with a particular company, we should do them both at the same time. So, do you want me to keep trying to talk to Ray?

Manager Revella: I have to talk to Ray and the other justice about security at the window. They were trying to secure funding for it as well. They had some options there under the rules of courts of The State of New York. So, they have to have certain specifications and they may have to use certain companies.

Trustee Thompson: So, that company never came and looked at the other area.

Manager Revella: I showed them the whole building with all doors and the whole building.

Trustee Thompson: Did any other company ever come to look at the court window?

Manager Revella: When they did their grant application, they may have done something with another company.

Trustee Thompson: Because nothing can get done in this building without your permission. Is that correct?

Manager Revella: That's correct.

Trustee Thompson: So, I thought perhaps they would discuss with you anything that was floating around on the table.

Manager Revella: Discussed doing their window and our window with a grant, but they got denied.

Mayor Rumbold: From start to finish, how long did it take for this DAIS to be built?

Manager Revella: 9 years, since we first got the funding. It was before I got here.

Mayor Rumbold: They may want to keep trying to get a hold of Justice Ozman and see if they moved in that direction. I agree with you it needs to be addressed but our focus is the area that we have charge of. I agree it should be addressed.

Trustee Svarczkopf: When you did the walk through, did they make suggestions for other things?

Manager Revella: Yes. But there's a lot and we are going to talk about in next meeting.

Mayor Rumbold: So, did they happen to mention when they do this? How long are we going to be down in that area?

Manager Revella: He said it wasn't going to be that long. They have the materials already cut for the size and shipped for assembly and place. A couple days.

Mayor Rumbold: I just wondered how long that area is going to be down.

Manager Revella: Understood. Yes. Not long. We tried to talk to them about doing it over the weekend to avoid that kind of problem.

Mayor Rumbold: So, you're also moving that counter.

Manager Revella: Yes, the counter will be all the way at the front where the doors are.

Mayor Rumbold: This company is doing that. What about the wiring and everything for the stuff that we have in there?

Manager Revella: There's really not much in there except a local alarm that we can move ourselves. That's all that's wired and there's a plug for credit card machine, but that's just an extension cord.

Mayor Rumbold: So, that it shouldn't impact that office too much.

Manager Revella: Will get those answers for you. The cost difference for going to level 7 with some of the force.

Mayor Rumbold: Let's get that answer. And would you mind me asking to see if you can address the question as to why they recommended the level that they recommended? I would be interested in what the answer is.

Manager Revella: It's likely a combination of cost effectiveness. We'll find out.

Mayor Rumbold: Just so we know so we could make an educated decision about what level we want to go to. But they're the experts. So, yeah would be interesting to know why they recommended that.

Deputy Mayor Moore: I would be comfortable if Trustee Ramos was having conversations with you before your next meeting as well. I trust his level of expertise in this matter.

Trustee Ramos: Has the Chief and Roy seen this?

Manager Revella: Chief has talked with me.

Mayor Rumbold: Did Sergeant Werner write up a report, because I don't think I ever saw any.

Trustee Thompson: You didn't when you guys originally asked me. I was quite certain he must have done one. So, I asked him. Apparently notes were taken by Ginny because he did that initial walkthrough with the library personnel.

Mayor Rumbold: Does she still have those?

Trustee Thompson: She has whatever notes she took from that meeting.

Mayor Rumbold: But she shared them so they're in the packets so we can see them.

Trustee Thompson: I can ask her. I thought she gave them to John.

Manager Revella: Roy's notes? I don't have that.

Trustee Thompson: Ginny took the notes as they were doing the walk though together.

Mayor Rumbold: I guess what we're looking for is a list of suggestions or observations for the whole building and that would be in a confidential report. Because I don't think everybody in the world needs to know what our security concerns are.

Manager Revella: The board had asked Dave to look into whether they could do something more scrupulous to the people who don't remove snow from the crosswalk areas. He did look into that.

Attorney Donovan: I took a look at chapter 256 snow and ice removal. The way that this paragraph of this code is written is the emphasis is on removal. So, we'll leave the sidewalks clear and of course the removal is then passed back to the property owners, so in fact the fine is embedded in the article. Because the way the language works is that the cost of removal is basically the cost, the time that was invested, so the theory being removed the crosswalk takes more than any other place we already pay higher. So, a higher fee, a higher penalty embedded in the removal of stuff in the first place. If you wanted to modify this by setting forth a fine you could do that. My suggestion would be though it does kind of change the direction of this article 6 to be more refined than a removal. So, I would suggest we limit just the crosswalks if you want to impose fines that the fines relate to everything that is involved with removing snow from the sidewalks. Might have a higher fine for the crosswalks and a lower fine for the other removal. Not talking dramatic because you're limited in how much you can fine. You can't fine people tens of thousands of dollars. I think the most important point I want to make though is the fines are embedded in this because based upon manpower, manpower hours. So, you're going to pay more. Someone who has to have the crosswalks removed from their properties going to pay more than someone that doesn't have crosswalks because it takes more time.

Mayor Rumbold: When you do think about the 24-hour period and then you can't issue the violation for a 24-hour period. So, if the event happens on a school day then I understand and you can't really ask the guys that are plowing in the middle of a snowstorm to try to not have the snow pile there. I don't think that's a possibility. I don't know anything about plowing them not a plow person but I would think that would be a little difficult to do.

Manager Revella: I think you're talking about that they could do a fee structure for a crosswalk.

Attorney Donovan: A fine structure or a fee structure.

Manager Revella: I was concerned about the inclusion of that.

Mayor Rumbold: It should be just a straight fee because the adjudication could be different in all cases.

Attorney Donovan: Well, I think the question was could you impose a fine. The answer is, you could. They may not want you may not want to go in that direction.

Manager Revella: They could set a separate fee for removal of snow at crosswalks.

Attorney Donovan: Correct, even though in fact it's already in place because it takes

longer.

Manager Revella: But right now, they there's just the snow removal fee, flat \$220 no matter how long the sidewalk is or how much work.

Mayor Rumbold: The thing for me for me and I'm not an attorney, is that you have crosswalks because that's where the public is supposed to cross the street, within those crosswalks. If the snow is piled there and you impede them from being able to follow the law, who's liability does that become? The property owner? Because they haven't cleared that area? Now you're talking about an issue that you tell people you have to use the crosswalks. Now they can't use the crosswalks.

Attorney Donovan: I assume you're talking about access to the crosswalks. The crosswalks themselves are in the street and still be maintained or plowed by state, town.

Mayor Rumbold: Sometimes the snow extends into the crosswalk when it's piled up on that corner. Not only is it a mound but sometimes the snow, until they get curb to curb, it's in the crosswalk itself. Now whether that's because of people climbing on it or whatever the case may be, but sometimes the snow extends into the crosswalk for whatever reason they haven't gotten the curb to curb yet. I don't know. I can't answer that question.

Manager Revella: Who's liability is it if there's still snow blocking the crosswalk?

Attorney Donovan: Well, blocking the crosswalk and clearing the crosswalk are 2 different things. I've told you this before, I live in the Village of Goshen. I live on a corner lot. So, I have to go out and use my shovel. It's just kind of common sense to put it off. Do we want to regulate people being in the middle of the street? You know I think the idea is we keep it clean to the street to access, not industry.

Mayor Rumbold: And I understand that, but you're telling people that you have to use a crosswalk to cross the street. They can't use the crosswalk because they can't gain access to the sidewalk from the crosswalk. That's the homeowner's responsibility. I understand what she's saying with the timing, especially if it's a school day and the next day the crosswalk still isn't cleared. Our guys have had to go clear it and it's like a glacier by the time they get to it.

Manager Revella: The liability remains with the homeowner, it's their property.

Attorney Donovan: But it depends on where you are in the crosswalk.

Trustee Thompson: It has to be 24 hours for crosswalks?

Mayor Rumbold: We have to give them 24 hours after a snow event, cannot be changed. What if we lower the time period after a snow event? Usually if there's that much, then the school would be canceled or there'd be a 2-hour delay.

Attorney Donovan: This sounds easy but you may want to ask a DPW person. For an example where a recent snowstorm that I can recall at least thing the Village of Goshen, there was a period of time when they didn't plow the streets. The crew went through once. The snow was accumulating. So, I don't know what you want to tie in the beginning of the responsibility because in fact you could say someone needs to go out within 45 minutes after the end of the snow, they go out and clear it. And you know what happens? The plow

comes back and pushes it back in. Generally speaking, and I'm sure the Village of Walden is no different than any place else. They're going to do it at a period of time to keep everything clean. They're going to come back at 4:00 in the morning, 5:00 in the morning, they're going to pass through the streets again because more often than not you're going to find snow at the end of your driveway, crosswalk. Give it some thought.

Mayor Rumbold: That's why we're having the discussion. How do we solve the issue of people being able to use those crosswalks to get, especially, to the school and not have to walk in the street? What can we do to achieve the goal we're trying to achieve which is when school becomes open after a snow event, those crosswalks are accessible to the sidewalk?

Manager Revella: It's not going to be easy because you're not going to have everybody in to do that at one time and we don't have the manpower to do it all at once, so it's going to take some time. That's why we do 24 hours because our crews are tired, they've been out sometimes 36 hours straight. Parks are also out during snowstorms. Keeping the sidewalks clear.

Trustee Svarczkopf: What you're saying is though the law that you were looking at writing is already in place? It's a flat fee right now. So, you want to say that if your property has a crosswalk, that fee goes up?

Attorney Donovan: We need it to a local law. But yes, we have the ability to do that.

Trustee Svarczkopf: This is not going to solve the timing issue. There are people that work 12-18-hour shifts. So, if they can't get home, I'm not willing to fine them \$220 because they didn't get home because they were working. Most the time, they're going to work an 18 hour shifts on the snow day are nurses or doctors. I'm not willing to fine those people for 12 hours. I'm not sure we're going to get a solution when school opens up and those crosswalks clean. But I think the best solution then is to make it financially unwise for those people to not wait 24 hours.

Trustee Thompson: Aren't some of these crosswalks owned by landlords? These are all just residential properties on these crosswalks.

Manager Revella: There's businesses and churches and synagogues.

Mayor Rumbold: It's not the monetary, it's the accessibility to the sidewalk. And that's what this mother's complaining about is that when the school finally gets into session she can't walk her child to school because she cannot exit that crosswalk and get onto the sidewalk.

Manager Revella: I don't think you're going to get that in less than 24 hours.

Mayor Rumbold: There's certain people that are not going to bother and not going to care what the fine is. They're just not going to clear it and we're going to end up going to clear it anyway.

Manager Revella: You got to climb around the snow bank or go over it, that's why there's a crossing guard there to escort you around, if they have to, they'll stop traffic.

Trustee Kraus: Question, why can't we get, a crew, part timers, for snow removal, then

we charge the resident's? And they don't do it in the amount of time, we do it and it's done.

Manager Revella: We have that now but with a 24-hour notice. This resident wants it done immediately. We can't.

Trustee Kraus: We need it for businesses in the area. We need it for the school here. It's got to be done right at the beginning of the day.

Manager Revella: We can't just fine people with no notice. That's the problem.

Trustee Kraus: I understand giving them 24 hours.

Mayor Rumbold: And yet he doesn't want to reduce the time frame because there are certain people that work extended hours so he feels that less than 24 hours is unfair to them because they're not around and accessible to take care of it.

Trustee Kraus: It looks like we're not going to make everyone happy.

Mayor Rumbold: I guess what I'm trying to do is get the kid to be able to get to school through the crosswalk.

Trustee Kraus: Same here.

Deputy Mayor Moore: As a business owner, in the Village of Walden, I know that our sidewalk and our crosswalk has to be cleared and I take that very seriously. I have my own home to take care of by myself so I pay somebody who goes out to take care of my commercial property. That includes our driveway, that includes our parking lot, the sidewalks and that includes the crosswalk. So, as a responsible business owner, which includes landlords, which includes commercial spaces. I would hope people have enough sense to say I'm going to hire somebody to do this. We can't do it themselves. I do sympathize and agree with the single resident owners who work and sometimes get called in or get stuck at work. Get stuck mandated to do doubles and they stay there. So, I kind of agree with the 24 hours policy, but I would be in favor of having a conversation to increase or double the fines. For people that have a crosswalk and they're not doing them. So, the Building Dept can fine them.

Trustee Svarczkopf: The other option is we suck up the costs and the crosswalks right around the school, we send a loader out there every single time. It's an option and it solves the immediacy issue with the school. Every single time within four blocks of school that is going to get done by us. I don't know if that's an option that I like, but it's an option today.

Deputy Mayor Moore: How is that fair to the landlords that are not in school zones that have to do it themselves?

Trustee Svarczkopf: If you want to get a school done, then us and the village need to say we're going to set this up.

Manager Revella: That's what we're talking about whether that is an option, having the school zones snow removal.

Attorney Donovan: I'm not familiar with what they've done. I mean you come down to an

issue that becomes difficult because you are attempting to craft legislation to compel people to do what you shouldn't have to legislate. If the snow is there and you have a sidewalk and a crosswalk you need to clear the snow. It gets a little frustrating to figure it out how do we craft legislation to make this person do what they're supposed to do.

Trustee Thompson: Who does the sidewalks in front of the school, the school personnel?

Manager Revella: Yes, it's their property. They're responsible for it.

Trustee Thompson: Has there ever been a dialogue with the elementary school. That if their people are out clearing anyway and they have equipment, is it a huge union issue?

Manager Revella: No. Liability issue. It's someone else's property.

Trustee Sebring: I mean kids have been going to that school for as many years as I can think and you know winter is winter.

Trustee Thompson: What happens when we finally have someone who falls and gets seriously hurt there, then we're in trouble.

Trustee Sebring: I realize that.

Trustee Thompson: I know, but just because we've allowed it to go on for so long and no one's really complained, doesn't mean it's right.

Mayor Rumbold: I'm following the law.

Trustee Svarczkopf: What's the actual cost?

Manager Revella: We have to see how many we're doing.

Trustee Svarczkopf: We have our guys clearing here anyway right. And the crosswalk in question is right here.

Mayor Rumbold: Is there a way to evaluate the number crosswalks we're talking about.

Manager Revella: How many do you want me to paint?

Trustee Thompson: Didn't you say it can be turned to school zone.

Manager Revella: Well, we were told whether that's even feasible. I've never heard of it.

Attorney Donovan: I'm not familiar with any municipality that does that.

Mayor Rumbold: Well, how can you say that? There's a drug free zone that goes around school buildings and that's how it's able to arrest someone if they're selling drugs within that area. So, there are school zones.

Attorney Donovan: Yeah, but they're not created by the village. They're state legislature.

Mayor Rumbold: What are their parameters? How did they come up with their parameters for what that amount of space would be that they created a school zone for that?

Trustee Svarczkopf: The school butts up to the river.

Manager Revella: No, it's off by like 4 houses.

Trustee Svarczkopf: We're not going 4 blocks in every direction that's kind of what I'm saying.

Trustee Thompson: Is there a crosswalk at the Catholic school too?

Trustee Sebring: Yes.

Mayor Rumbold: There's kids that I've seen them walk down Main Street and they cross over Oak.

Trustee Svarczkopf: I don't know. There's no good solution. I'm almost better at fining the property owner more and hoping that forces people to change their behavior as opposed to us taking on that cost.

Mayor Rumbold: How much is it now?

Manager Revella: \$220 per property, that is with the admin charge.

Mayor Rumbold: I agree with Trustee Svarczkopf and everybody else said to double it a little more than \$220 so let's do \$450.

Trustee Svarczkopf: Now I know that would hurt.

Manager Revella: We're trying to see, we're not talking about penalizing people we're talking about compensating our time and efforts for removing snow.

Mayor Rumbold: Well, it takes them twice as long if it's not removed. There's machinery.

Deputy Mayor Moore: Is it possible, Mr. Village Manager, to then take a look at that and determine what with time and all that?

Attorney Donovan: I would suggest that we contact Parks and Rec, who do a lot of this work and get the rest of the time, the time differential. And then we have the basis before we increase whatever the dollar price would be. So, we have a basis to say hey this is our base fee now. We know this is the additional time and energy and effort that's involved.

Mayor Rumbold: There were 3 guys, 2 Park and Rec guys and one driving the skid steer that had to cost money.

Attorney Donovan: So, what I'm suggesting is that we need to establish a record for that. So, we have a basis upon which to add.

Mayor Rumbold: We have those figures?

Manager Revella: We'll get it.

Mayor Rumbold: So, can we go in that direction? At least we can take that action.

Manager Revella: We're just trying to make sure we can do this as a fee schedule change instead of a local law change.

Maple St Parking Hours

Manager Revella: We were talking about approaching this years ago, and I have had some people bring up the concern again. Right now, the Maple St parking lot is 24 hours, 365 days a year. You can park the car there never move it, ever. For years you wanted to, as long as it's registered. We do mark it for no parking when we do snow removal and when we restripe and seal the parking lot. People have been using it as just a parking lot for themselves. It's not what its intent was and its intent is to help those that are using those facilities in front of it on Main St, Post Office. Things like that to park and utilize those offices. I think that its reasonable, if we change those hours to similar to Orchard St parking lot. Where they could park that nights from 11:00p.m. to 6:00a.m. is open completely and three hours parking before and after that because we made it 3-hour parking. We should get some movement in that parking lot. You don't have people parking a moving truck there for nine months or more or their spare Corvette. It's something I wanted the board to consider to see whether they're interested in doing that.

Mayor Rumbold: I don't have a problem with that because they're supposed to be parking there to utilize the businesses.

Manager Revella: There's not many spaces. If that's the pleasure of the board, we can work on that for the next meeting.

Trustee Svarczkopf: I didn't know this was a municipal lot.

Mayor Rumbold: So, next meeting.

Manager Revella: Yes. Thank you.

Resolution 21-18-19 – Stop DWI

Manager Revella: This is for the rest of the funding for the this fiscal year so it will go through May 31st. We just need the board to accept the funds.

Trustee Svarczkopf made a motion to adopt Resolution 21-18-19 Stop DWI. Seconded by Trustee Ramos. All ayes. Motion carried

Public Comment

Mary Ellen Matise: 54 Gladstone, maybe not too distant future, I know that our engineer made comments about Project Sailfish. And they have a lovely chart for all of Amazon's present and future distribution centers online and the confirmation is that 17K and 747 is on the list. Definitely on Amazon's list.

Mayor Rumbold: Do you have a copy of that?

Manager Revella: I just know that it was on the list. We talked about this at the conference this week.

Trustee Svarczkopf: This is to bring a distribution center?

Mary Ellen: Project Sailfish. A parcel where they can only use 80 acres.

Manager Revella: There's almost 500 total and there's almost half is swamp. I think they're only taking the first 200 acres for this for this project.

Mary Ellen: But now there is nothing new for the Town Planning Board to get skinnier parking spaces so they can get more spaces. So, there's a lot of issues and I wonder it can affect us or not. They seem to have the same M.O. though because they also have a proposal. The same time building on the aquifer. And that's really the issue and that's really a problem for us. I don't know if that the statement that Lanc and Tully sent, centered on retention ponds. But what about the recharging the aquifer? Yes, it's a tough one but it just seems to be what they should be addressing on our behalf. The public comment for the County Planning Comp Plan coming this week or Friday.

Manager Revella: I have read the plan and sent notes.

Mary Ellen: And when are we going to have our next meeting?

Manager Revella: We need the maps.

Mary Ellen: Maybe she's too busy working on matrix to help us. She seems to have a lot of other hats there and especially in light of what Faith brought up about something for dispensaries and stuff like that it's very, very good point.

Becky Pearson: 167 Walnut. The blue stone discussion. I just wondered if the board discussed, it's not on the agenda. Is it going to come up soon? You're going to be starting work on there. So just questioning when you might have a discussion and the other thing is on the core of the sidewalks. Just because of this year, it was so slushy and it froze. I mean unless they have a machine that can really get through those piles of snow, it's not like they had only skid steer loaders so within 24 hours how cold that really gotten how bad was it it's not every winter, but I'm just saying that they may not be able to get through it at some point. I mean certainly remove that slight chunks of ice. Homeowners may not have the ability to get rid of some of that if it's within 24 hours. Just a thought for you and Faith, thank you for getting that information.

Diane Sandbothe: 90 Liberty St. This is my front lawn. Whoever put down the paving on Liberty St and in September of last year, really did a terrible job. The whole thing is worse now than it was before. And when the snow plows come and they shot and they plowed the snow, they are plowing up the blacktop. And then when my husband snow blows our driveway, this is what is on the snow and this is what's on our wall. This is all the blacktop that's on our lawn. In spring time, who is going to clean it up?

Mayor Rumbold: This is your public comment, so you make the comment and then if we have information for you, we will get back to you.

Diane: I'm at a dead end, so when the snow plow comes, they plow all the snow on our property. And that is all the blacktop that had been plowed up.

Mayor Rumbold: After the snow melts, this is what's left?

Diane: Right. And you really can't just go and pave over the road again. Our house is very low and people go to pave the road, it's going to be higher than the house and everything is going to come right back into our house. And street lamps. As John knows, my husband has this fetish for street lights. He counts every single one of them that is out. He sent John a memo of every single street with a light out. Also sent that to the electric company. On Ulster Ave, there have been lights that have been out for almost 2 years. And my question is and I know that NYSEG is now owned by somebody in Europe and they don't really have enough help and they don't have enough standing and whatever. There's a light on Alfred Pl by the park. The light is falling off a pole. Is the village going to wait till it falls down? I mean, these things have to be fixed. And I don't know what the answer is. Certainly, if my electric is out, I'm not paying the bill. I mean when we had power outage because of the hurricane, I called up the Spectrum and I got a day and half credit. I mean why can't you do the same thing? There're 20 lights in the village that are out and ten dollars each, each month. Take them up as credit and do something. It's really bad. I mean you're using the lights for a purpose, to be safe. And it's really, really bad. My last thing is, my bottom line my, tracks and I know it's 52, the old tracks go underneath it. If you're pregnant you can have a baby right on that road. Now, I have to tell me it's Rt 52, it's the state. They have to fix it right?

Mayor Rumbold: Yes.

Trustee Thompson: Isn't there a number that residents can call and harass them?

Manager Revella: There is. We've also discussed it with the senator's office. We also discussed at the transportation counsel.

Mayor Rumbold: Just for your information, Diane, we're in constant contact with DOT about issues on the streets, bridges. Numerous things. We did repair something last year we bartered with the state because the hole was so bad. But we got told that they had no crews to come and fix it. They couldn't give us an estimated time of fixing it. So rather than lose a car or a small child in the hole we went and fixed it. They did reimburse us for it in another manner but it's constant and we're always calling. We're always sending emails. We're talking to representatives. We bring them here. We take pictures.

Diane: What are you going to do about the electric company? I'm going to say it wouldn't fly.

Mayor Rumbold: We've also had our electrician come and look at the lights and why are they always out and why are they always burning out. We had a specific problem on the bridge, the Memorial Bridge, that was a state project. They never closed in the wires underneath the bridge and we figured finally figured out. That's why we were having outages all the time because they weren't covered and they were corroded. So that was finally taken care of. But all these entities have no crews, have no money or working with a shortage of people and we call, we email, we scream we beg and we plead.

Diane: Last year when we had the hurricane and no electric.

Mayor Rumbold: The same thing. The governor's office called me and asked me what can they do. We gave him a laundry list of things that we needed in this village. Sewer plant. Offline. Told them you need to come and get that thing hooked up or we're going to have a major problem in our village. They finally listened and came and got it back online. But when you're dealing with all these entities, we do what we can do. The manager gets

on the phone. I get on the phone the e-mails start immediately. Orange County Disaster. We're on the phone with them trying to coordinate what's going to happen. It's just that it's easy to say. Call them and tell them that this is what we'd want to do. We call them and tell them, we e-mail, we beg. We do whatever we have to do. They do it in their own time at their own convenience. So, we're stuck between a rock and a hard place. We fix the hole on a state road and we got a nasty letter telling us don't touch our stuff. We do it a certain way. We have certain ways that we do our work, don't do it. Residents don't understand that they think they're in the Village of Walden and every road that goes through the Village of Walden we're responsible for not the case. And it's a case of if we go and work on that piece of property or that issue that does not belong to the Village of Walden, we've got liability issues. So, you're between a rock and a hard place. And we do the best we can trying to get a hold of the proper authorities and those agencies and plead our case. But I was told simply we don't have the crews to do it. I can't tell you when it's going to happen. So rather than face someone. Getting terribly hurt or a car accident happening. We did what we had to do in that particular case. It's frustrating. You look at the railroad crossing. We've been after them ever since I got on this board so to fix those railroad crossing. It's dangerous. Something's going to happen. Well we had accidents there and it still didn't motivate them to come over and fix those areas. I understand your frustration, Diane. We're frustrated too, we don't know what to do anymore. Who to call. We've called everybody we can think of. I've talked to the Governor's Office. Who do I call next? So, it's very frustrating for smaller municipalities when you're dealing with these entities, they have their priorities. We don't happen to be on that list and if we are, we're real low.

Trustee Sebring: After last year's hurricane, I know of 3 light poles or 3 lights that was on poles that they had to replace because of one thing or another. They never put the lights back but we're still paying for that.

Mayor Rumbold: We tried to bill them because we were cutting the weeds by the Tin Brook Bridge. You couldn't see to pull out on 52 and at one meeting Anita Vandermark and I threatened to get my weed whacker and an extension cord and put it across 52. Then they came and they cut the weeds. It's you call them. You say this is your property. You have to take care of it. They don't want to show up. So, there we are. We're stuck between a rock and a hard place.

Robert Sandbooth: I understand you got a fee for the people not removing the snow. Where are they supposed to put the snow? It's illegal to put any snow on the streets so it can't they can't throw it out in the streets.

Mayor Rumbold: They can blow it into their yard, if they have a corner lot.

Robert: Most of the people this is going to effect, our senior citizens are probably either too fragile or too old or whatever else to be able to do it themselves. And you're going to you're going to impose a \$225 fee if they don't get out there within 24 hours to do it. Well the reason why it didn't get done in the first place they probably couldn't afford to get a young guy or a guy with a plow or whatever else to get it off their property in the first place. So now they don't know to do.

Mayor Rumbold: The particular crosswalk in question, is not an older person, it's a landlord.

Robert: On Main St, the shop owners and the businesses and so where do they put this snow?

Mayor Rumbold: They remove it.

Robert: It's totally off the sidewalk?

Manager Revella: Sidewalks are up to 4 foot wide.

Robert: So now there probably is a row, right where everybody parks the cars that have snow. I know there is because I've parked there. The problem with the crosswalks, that's some of the same problems that that they're having in front of the businesses. Is this where you put the snow. You know it's some places, you can put it in the front yard or whatever else. Some places there's not going to be that spot. So, I think if they put it by the curb well then, they're just creating the problem with the crosswalk now. Now you block the crosswalk. So where do you put the snow?

Mayor Rumbold: If they put it on the curb on either side of the crosswalk, you've seen what Main Street looks like when you try to park your car, sometimes you can't open the door because the snow happens to be there. And what they've done when they do the cut in over on Main Street is, they put it on to that pile. That's to the left of that crosswalk. So, they do clear it. It is possible to clear the snow and leave it in a nice spot. Then when our crews come, they clear it off Main Street. We do it. We have cut in so our patients can get across the street and into our sidewalk. We put the snow on that pile on the edge of the curb. So, it's not on the sidewalk and it's not in the street.

Robert: That's a fine line though. Revella said to have a 4 foot of a crosswalk or on the sidewalk clear.

Mayor Rumbold: And don't think the guys get out there with a yardstick and measures.

Robert: Then if you get it on the curb, now nobody can park there because the snow's in half of the street.

Mayor Rumbold: You can park, you just can't get out the passenger door until it's cleared.

Robert: Thank you very much I'll see you Thursday night.

Payment of the Audited Bills

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

Correspondence:

Trustee Thompson: Just the earlier email.

Miscellaneous Comments from the Board of Trustees

Trustee Svarczkopf: I just had a question after that. Did we specify how much it would cost? Are we talking the entire corner, a cut in?

Manager Revella: There is a rule about how wide it has to be.

Trustee Svarczkopf: Last time, we talked about a Facebook, is that coming out?

Deputy Mayor Moore: It's up.

Manager Revella: Did you like the page?

Trustee Svarczkopf: I would love it. I would like it. Thank you. We talked about getting a time clock. Did we get to test it?

Treasurer Kelly: So, there was a little snafu. The software company wants to make sure that they talk to each other. They're having a hard time getting the final requirements right.

Trustee Svarczkopf: I did check the website for the parking hours. And thank you, it's up. I saw that Orange County refunded part of their sales tax increases.

Manager Revella: No, they cut it. They cut sales tax funding from everyone. There's two parts. They have to disseminate whatever they get. They also got an audit where they had to reduce everybody by a lot as well.

Trustee Svarczkopf: Did that affect us?

Manager Revella: Absolutely. I don't know the exact numbers, Kelly has the exact numbers in her office.

Trustee Svarczkopf: I've gotten some business owners talking to me about signage in the village. And to be honest I need to do more research on what our current laws are. They want to be able to post signs and apparently, they can't where they want.

Manager Revella: With a temporary sign up, which they do for 30 days or less. But if it's something permanent got to go before the review board.

Mayor Rumbold: Are these established businesses?

Trustee Svarczkopf: Yes.

Mayor Rumbold: So, like more than a year, 2 years?

Trustee Svarczkopf: Yes, it's not their business sign, they want to put a sale sign out.

Manager Revella: There's rules for that.

Trustee Svarczkopf: I'll do some more research on that.

Mayor Rumbold: Did you refer them to the Building Department?

Trustee Svarczkopf: I didn't. I wanted to look into what it was.

Mayor Rumbold: Sometimes when people ask you a question like that if you're not familiar with what the law is, refer them to the Building Department they're happy to answer questions and guide people about what they need to do.

Trustee Thompson: I wanted to ask when we were talking about the parking lots, there's certain places in the village where there's a sign saying you can park there for a few minutes I guess if you're going to pick up. Do you think we have enough of those?

Manager Revella: No. The hours are on it as well. We need to consider changing the hours. Going to ask Dave to look into that.

Trustee Thompson: Ok. And the other thing is you know there's two handicapped spots here. There's one by the library and there's one across the street. The one on the library seems to always be properly utilized. The one across the street is now the temporary way for your kid to get out of music lessons spot and it's just it's never available there and there and I never paid much attention to those things but now that I am in that group of people, They're sitting in their parked car and I looked to see if there was something on the mirrors or if there was something on the license plate. It's just somebody waiting for their kids to come out and then you can't utilize the parking spot there and there's only two of them. So, it's a little difficult.

Mayor Rumbold: Can we just have the police monitor that area.

Manager Revella: Yes.

Mayor Rumbold: Is there a camera there that we can see that part.

Manager Revella: No.

Trustee Thompson: I know it's difficult because there aren't a lot of parking spots and it's winter and it's cold and it's nighttime and it is dark when they come out of the music lessons but you know what the municipal law is. There're other places you can park. And then I just wanted to report. I didn't give it as a committee report because it's not a committee. But I went to the last Walkkill River Watershed Alliance meeting in New Paltz, and it was very well attended actually. John was not able to go with me for this one. It was well attended meeting. The warehouses were a very hot topic with Medline. I don't know who asked Mr. West to write a letter about Project Sailfish, but he did and he sent it to me but I sent to you to give to the town.

Manager Revella: Have to give it to the Town Planning Board.

Trustee Thompson: Ok, make sure that goes to where it needs to go. They're very anxious. They're very excited actually that Walden wants to participate in this group. They truly are. He didn't talk about discounts, however what he did offer, I did ask him for the letter, in support of our upcoming Waterfront Park project he was very happy to write that. He said I should remind him like within a week if we don't get it. They're very excited to hear more about what's going to happen there. There was a lot of discussion about actual zoning rules on the water and what happens if you change certain stretches of the river to recreational, pros and cons. That's up for discussion. He did say they talked about MS4 and that it's beneficial if we belong to the alliance that we can get additional documentation on our MS4 requirements that they will do. Because that comes from our engineer. Well this is something that they do in conjunction for that as part of if you join the alliance so they're just really, really happy to have us. And they're looking forward to you coming to another meeting. I didn't say that, that it's affirmative we're joining, I did tell him there's been much discussion we're giving it serious consideration. I don't know if it's too soon to entertain a motion to join the alliance or wait for budget time.

Mayor Rumbold: How much is it?

Trustee Thompson: \$1,000 to join annually. It does give us more opportunity to get certain funding. Through that group.

Mayor Rumbold: Well our budget's coming up soon so that could be as well.

Trustee Thompson: I told him that after we get closer to our budget time in April. We can give you a more definite answer.

Deputy Mayor Moore: Just wanted to clarify that everybody is on board to have the representative from the Tri-County Partnership come and speak to us at the next meeting on March 5th, for Hope Not Handcuffs. I will go ahead and set that up. I did send my notes from NYCOM to the Village Manager, they included such things that the New York State Attorney General has money out there. There is \$9 million dollars in grants for municipalities so I've already identified what I want the village to apply for. I offer my services to assist the Village Manager to apply for that. There's a lot of talk about the opioid crisis which I'm hoping we will start doing a little bit with this Hope Not Handcuffs. A lot of conversation about the age funding and if the age funding is going away. How can we be expected to meet in under a tax cap. There are some serious revenue shocks with jobs and sales tax which they're doing as a result of salt tax reduction. A hot topic as we already mentioned was the legalization of marijuana in New York State and a deep conversation about starting zoning conversations now. The Village of Walden Facebook page is now up and running and everyone like the Village of Walden Facebook page, but I think it would be a great idea for us to look at an opportunity to highlight our village businesses on the Facebook page on a weekly, a "Business Tuesday" or something like that and highlight different businesses and there was one of the speakers was this really big over the National League of Cities and I was able to get some information about the housing council and as a representative of the village I would like to apply to join their National League of Cities as housing council.

Trustee Sebring: Since the National Purple Heart Association in New Windsor has been before the Planning Board, maybe we should look in to the parking spots that are down there past Ciardullo's, that has been used for unloading the trailers when he was in business. Maybe we should look at putting those parking spots back into place.

Manager Revella: They got a waiver from Dean. They didn't have to go to Planning Board.

Mayor Rumbold: I've said it before and I'll say it again. The current governor has made no bones about the fact. That he wants small municipalities to go away, so it doesn't surprise me that Albany continues to try to find ways to make it impossible for small municipalities to survive. So, I think we're going to see a continuation of ways like trying to remove AIM funding, unfunded mandates. Just to try to make it more and more difficult for us to stay in business. I happen to think that small municipalities are the heartbeat of any state because it's local people controlling who does what for their municipality. But the governor seems to think that it's a better idea to have small municipalities absorbed into towns and counties. But we'll continue to do what we can to make the Village of Walden run and run as fiscally responsibly as we can. Despite all the efforts to undermine us in the job that we're trying to do for our communities. you.

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Reconvene

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**Village of Walden Board of Trustees
Regular Meeting
February 19, 2019
Motions & Resolutions**

Approval of February 5, 2019 Minutes

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

Resolution 21-18-19 – Stop DWI

Trustee Svarczkopf made a motion to adopt Resolution 21-18-19 Stop DWI. Seconded by Trustee Ramos. All ayes. Motion carried

Payment of the Audited Bills

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