

**Village of Walden  
Board of Trustees Regular Meeting  
September 3, 2024**

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

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| On roll call the following were: | Mayor:       | John Ramos        |
| Present:                         | Deputy Mayor | Chris Batson      |
|                                  | Trustees     | Ralph Garrison Jr |
|                                  |              | Bill Taylor       |
|                                  |              | Becky Pearson     |
|                                  |              | Liz Kyle          |

Absent: Kristie Hall

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| Also Present: | John Revella, Village Manager  |
|               | Marisa Kraus, Village Clerk    |
|               | Dave Donovan, Village Attorney |

**Public Hearing 10 of 2024 – Residency Requirement**

Deputy Mayor Batson made a motion to open Public Hearing 10 of 2024 – Residency Requirement. Seconded by Trustee Taylor. All ayes. Motion carried.

**Trustee Pearson:** So, I sent you all emails, hopefully you got them with the couple of things that I was looking at and I know we talked about civil service, in this law it states, specifically, letter B, be where it states Chief will be a citizen, shall be 18 years of age, maintain the residence in the County of Orange and provide further that is eligibility, subject to regulations under Civil Service Law. I looked up Civil Service Law in Orange County, NY. \*read Civil Service Law\* So if that doesn't mean he has to live in Orange County, my concern is we're making this Orange County. But it sounds like you can come from another county and still be Chief. That's what I need clarification on. Sounds like he doesn't have to live in Orange County.

**Attorney Donovan:** Sure, he does. By New York State Village Law. Our local code is limited, right now it's Village of Walden, that trumps the civil service.

**Trustee Pearson:** But that's not what our law says. The law that you wrote.

**Attorney Donovan:** There's a mirrored requirement in Civil Service Law to be qualified for the Chief of Police. They have to be eligible for the test. Pass the test. Have to be reachable. If you're #1 and you meet our local criteria, which right now is Village of Walden. You'd have to meet that criteria, but you also have to be eligible with Civil Service. You could disagree.

**Trustee Pearson:** I'm just saying such position is subject to the regulation under Civil Service law.

**Manager Revella:** That doesn't change. The Civil Service Law is our State regulation. You can be stricter than that, which you are. Just saying you can't conflict.

**Attorney Donovan:** Bear in mind and I guess I don't know what the board's objective is here

because I really don't know what the direction heading to. But the law that's being modified, it's just not being manufactured from folklore, it has been in effect for over 50 years. All you're doing is, as I understand it, is extending the geographic boundaries for the Chief of Police from the Village of Walden to the County of Orange.

**Trustee Pearson:** Okay, but that's not how I read it. I read it that when you hire Chief, because of Civil Service Law, because we put that in our law that it's either that or that.

**Attorney Donovan:** That's been in the law since, at least, since 1970s.

**Trustee Pearson:** We should change that.

**Attorney Donovan:** That's up to the board.

**Trustee Garrison:** Is this one of those situations where you have to follow the Civil Service Law, which you can always add to, but you can't take away from?

**Manager Revella:** Right. We can be more restrictive, not less. We can't say they can come from Steuben County.

**Trustee Pearson:** The other one was residency and domicile. We talked about this before and the differences between and I know I'm beating a dead horse, but I just need to it one more time and then you guys want to do your vote. Do your vote. What's the difference between legal address and residence? Basically, the term domicile and legal residence refers to the same place. The state you consider your permanent home. On the other hand, your residence is simply where you're going to be at a particular time. What's the difference between residency and domicile? Residency is where one chooses to live. The domicile is more permanent. And is essentially somebody's home. So, I don't know why we can't be using domicile instead residence because it's a stronger definition?

**Attorney Donovan:** That's up to the board. I would say 2 things to the board. Number 1, perfect is often times the enemy of good. Number 2, beware the paralysis of analysis.

**Deputy Mayor Batson:** Becky does the definition of residence that they've provided, do you find that insufficient? My question would be, let's say that we eliminate residence, replace it with domicile. Would you just simply put the definition of domicile right there? He has residence as "a place where a person resides and maintains a fixed and permanent principal home for at least 183 days of the calendar year and to which that person, wherever temporarily located, always intends to return". That sounds strongly worded. It is not the wording domicile. But if we change it to domicile.

**Trustee Pearson:** We have residence and what they say is legal residence or domicile. We don't have the word legal in there.

**Deputy Mayor Batson:** What would the word legal add to it?

**Trustee Pearson:** It says it's the same place. The state you consider a permanent home. On the other hand, the residence is simply where you're living at the particular time.

**Deputy Mayor Batson:** That definition says that. However, our definition says maintains a fixed and permanent home.

**Trustee Pearson:** I just wanted to throw it out here.

**Trustee Taylor:** Dave, the only question I have, this local law as written, we are in compliance with New York State Law?

**Attorney Donovan:** That's correct.

**Trustee Pearson:** Back to civil service, it says generally you maintain a current place of abode for substantially all the tax year to maintain more than 11 months during the year. We have 183 days, so one is stating 183 days, this one is giving you, this is tax law. Just proving that you live there, basically. Those are my concerns. I wanted to bring it up for one last time. Thank you for listening.

**Trustee Kyle:** I think that the tax law is a lot different to how it applies to local code. Just for tax purposes. I get that there's 2 different definitions. I think they have a different definition for a specific reason.

Trustee Taylor made a motion to close Public Hearing for Local Law 10 of 2024 – Residency Requirement. Seconded by Trustee Garrison. All ayes. Motion carried.

Trustee Garrison made a motion to adopt Negative Declaration in regards to SEQR. Seconded by Trustee Kyle. All ayes. Motion carried.

Trustee Taylor made a motion to adopt Local Law 10 of 2024 – Residency Requirement. Seconded by Trustee Garrison.  
Roll Call:

Trustee Pearson: No

Trustee Taylor: Yes

Trustee Kyle: Yes

Trustee Garrison: Yes

Deputy Mayor Batson: Yes

Mayor Ramos: No

Motion carried.

### **Village Manager's Report**

- Had a few meetings on parks projects and updates for the bids for the roof at Wooster. Hopefully, get that back soon
- Punch list for Maple Street. Coming back to do more seeding and touch ups
- Met with DPW Super to go over projects, including capital and sewer upgrades
- Met with contractor and Lanc & Tully rep on Walker St to review progress
- Met with Deputy Treasurer and Deputy Treasurer/Clerk to go over invoices
- Building Dept, went over property maintenance and other updates that are on the agenda
- Went over some potential hires with the Police Chief
- Conference with the Village Planner. Went over comp plan updates
- Covered for DPW Super when he had time off. Made sure there were no issues
- Conference with Spectrum and Deputy Treasurer/Clerk to go over options for our phone system upgrade. Also went over some NYSEG bills with Deputy Treasurer/Clerk and attorney

- Rec & Parks, continue to do upgrades, maintenance. Soccer registration is open. Teen Center and After School Program are going well. Indoor pickle ball is still going. Programs consistent at the Community Center. More programs are going to be starting. Harvest Fest is getting ready to go. MIG should be finishing up soon, weather permitting
- Building Dept issued 23 new permits, 26 violations. Doing follow up on 36 Orange Ave and 35-37 North Montgomery. Several people trying to get into North Montgomery St to do rehab project. Not sure if it's going to be viable. Issued 2 stop work orders, 2 CO reports, 4 fire and safety inspections, assist with Planning and Zoning
- Clerk's been updating Facebook and website, communicating on FOILs, handicaps, dig permits, minutes, respond to residents
- Finance Dept, met with me on invoices, working with the auditors, billing issues, journal entries, Edmunds updates and online billing
- Public Works have been maintaining vehicles, sewer plant has been trying to keep things running until upgrades. Water Dept did 20 mark outs, replaced 14 meters, replaced 25 endpoints and did 3 closings. Working on some poles for streetlights. NYSEG will no longer maintain our ornamental lights. Trying to stump grind as time allows, catch basins, road repairs, flushing and jetting
- Police, continuing to interview for the position we have. Should be filled this week. Working on patrols, did 27 traffic stops with 17 traffic tickets, 13 parking tickets, 2 mva's, 11 arrests and 311 blotters

**Trustee Pearson:** The kitchen for the Community Center, where are we with that?

**Manager Revella:** They're not going to put that back out until the parking bid is done right.

**Trustee Pearson:** The parking lot was already fixed once.

**Manager Revella:** No. The main parking lot.

**Trustee Pearson:** So, what about the old parking lot that had the sink hole in it and was supposed to get redone?

**Manager Revella:** Like I told you last time, when they come to do the big lot, they'll fix the other lot. They're expanding it because the entrance was not put in the right spot.

**Trustee Pearson:** What time frame?

**Manager Revella:** When the bid's done. He has put the bid out for a certain number of days and when it comes back, you have to evaluate and potentially award it and then they get to work.

**Trustee Pearson:** The kitchen is after the parking lot.

**Manager Revella:** Yes.

**Trustee Pearson:** Why can't you do the kitchen first?

**Manager Revella:** We need the parking done while the weather is holding out.

**Trustee Pearson:** What's the pricing, roughly, for both of them?

**Manager Revella:** I don't remember what you budgeted for them. It's in the capital projects budget.

**Trustee Pearson:** We can't do both at the same time?

**Manager Revella:** We could, but I don't think it will be ready, they're working on it.

**Trustee Pearson:** What does one have to do with the other?

**Manager Revella:** He has to draw up the bids.

**Trustee Pearson:** We've been talking about the bid for the kitchen for months. Was being worked on. That was 4 months ago. How long does it take?

**Manager Revella:** It would take me forever. I don't do the bids. That's the engineer.

**Trustee Pearson:** I don't understand time frames because they go by the wayside. Nobody's following up, nobody's pushing things.

**Manager Revella:** We are following up. Don't say that we're not.

**Trustee Kyle:** Do we have a layout? I think kitchen renovation could be really long or really short depending on the kitchen. I don't know the scope.

**Manager Revella:** It's a commercial kitchen.

**Trustee Pearson:** It's appliances. The kitchen's done.

**Manager Revella:** Counters, fume hood.

**Trustee Kyle:** I'm kind of on the same page.

**Manager Revella:** We're all on the same page. Just can't force someone to do something. It's taking time.

**Trustee Pearson:** What do you mean, can't find somebody? Either get it done or find someone else to do the job.

**Manager Revella:** You would have to contract somebody else to do that. That would be the board.

**Trustee Pearson:** Olley Park you're going to fix when you do the other part and that's going to be before winter.

**Manager Revella:** Yes.

**Trustee Pearson:** You talked at the last meeting; I missed the last meeting. Sorry, I was away. We talked about well, elementary schools not. They are moving. They're singing. You know anything. You talked about Walden Elementary School is not moving, are moving, staying? Do you know anything?

**Manager Revella:** They're not moving. They did orientation already.

**Trustee Pearson:** Mayor, do you have any other information?

**Mayor Ramos:** No, they're finishing up their survey and they'll be announcing it at one of their board meetings.

**Trustee Pearson:** Orange County Transit, do we have any more information? Did we finalize that or where they stand? Are they working on stuff? Are they doing sewer?

**Manager Revella:** We can discuss that later. I don't have the information, and I don't want to give you the wrong information.

**Trustee Taylor:** Is there a reason that we're not getting an update from them?

**Manager Revella:** I don't know. If you want one, can ask for one. I can't force them.

**Trustee Taylor:** I think we should be asking for it. They got their permit, and I think we're entitled to know where they stand in that process. And I'm getting the impression that once we got the permit, now we don't need to update you on anything unless you ask.

**Attorney Donovan:** My recollection is yes, the last information from them was they're supposed to start construction. It was October 1 or October 31. I don't recall other than it being the month of October. That's what we were told. There's no reason for us to not reach out. They're going to need a building permit to start that work. That would be the first indication they're going forward. That's my recollection when they appeared though and some e-mail communications and some letters. We could follow up with that. I could reach out to the attorney.

**Trustee Taylor:** I don't think it's too much to ask to be brought up to speed as to where we stand on this project that we've been waiting on for how long now?

**Trustee Kyle:** Are they still supposed to be coming to board meetings for updates?

**Trustee Taylor:** We haven't done it.

**Trustee Kyle:** But are they supposed to be coming to the board meetings?

**Manager Revella:** To do what?

**Trustee Kyle:** To give us updates.

**Manager Revella:** About what?

**Trustee Kyle:** The progress.

**Manager Revella:** There's going to be nothing else to say until October.

**Trustee Kyle:** So, if they don't have any update, they don't come to the board meeting.

**Attorney Donovan:** Typically, the developer doesn't come. They go to the Planning Board, they get their approval, they get the permit, and they work in purview of the Building Department. What was different with this applicant, was the need to get DOT approval to install the sewer.

**Trustee Taylor:** I'd like to see us get back to a monthly. I mean, they fell in love with doing e-mail

updates as it is. I'm not saying you have got to have them stand here and have nothing to offer, but I don't think it's unreasonable to find out where we stand. I'd like to make a motion that we at least get monthly updates.

**Attorney Donovan:** An update regarding what kind?

**Trustee Taylor:** Are they still on board for that anticipated start date?

**Attorney Donovan:** I would anticipate we could get that answered before the next meeting. If I'm going to reach out to their attorney, I need to tell them what purpose they're going to be here for.

**Manager Revella:** They want updates regarding the hookup to village water and sewer.

**Attorney Donovan:** Water is already done.

**Mayor Ramos:** Update on sewer.

**Trustee Taylor:** And anything else associated with that property.

**Attorney Donovan:** I just want to caution the board. There's no other project that I'm aware of that's called before the board to give updates to where they stand. Are you saying you want to treat this applicant differently than others?

**Trustee Pearson:** It's nothing that he hasn't done before. He's been coming for 4 years now and giving his update. So, why is that any different than what he did for 4 years?

**Attorney Donovan:** Because it was relative to the 1 issue. You want to know other issues. Just to be clear, you want to treat them different than others.

**Trustee Pearson:** I want to treat them all the same. I want everybody to give me everything they need.

**Attorney Donovan:** Sure, but you don't have jurisdiction with that.

**Trustee Taylor:** We need to know where they stand on the sewer project. We have not gotten any information since the permit was awarded.

**Trustee Pearson:** I also had North Montgomery St. Very frustrating to me because I actually pulled out some paperwork from a year ago when it came before the board to tear it down, and here we still are, a year later, again. Is there another avenue we can take? They can't go to court and pay or we can make them go to court pay? Or do we have to tear it down and we have to pay for it?

**Manager Revella:** We have to bond and pay for it to be torn down and levied on to their tax bill. That's our recourse right now. Another recourse, I'm not aware of.

**Attorney Donovan:** That's the recourse. The bids came in when the bids came in and it was substantial amount of money.

**Trustee Pearson:** We don't have anything in our code or any of our laws that states that if they can't tear the building down or don't choose to tear the building down, we can take the property?

**Manager Revella:** Take it? No. The county can, we can't.

**Attorney Donovan:** It's also not authorized by any state or federal law. Cities are authorized to do that. Villages and towns are not.

**Manager Revella:** The first bid did include if it had asbestos in that price.

**Trustee Pearson:** So, it'll be another 5 years before something happens, basically. Most likely. Because there's no recourse.

**Attorney Donovan:** There is recourse if the board wants to spend that money. You can do that.

**Trustee Pearson:** That's what I'm saying. Either we spend money or it stays up like it is.

**Deputy Mayor Batson:** If we do spend money, if this is a legitimate safety concern when you spend the money and that levies on the taxes, does that stop the sale of that property in the future like. I mean would if he sold that. Just walk me through, if we are going to get money back and this is substantial safety issue, but I understand the cost. I'm struggling with why we wouldn't do it? Even if it is somewhat cost prohibitive, if we're going to make money back.

**Manager Revella:** Because we need to make sure that we have the money to cover it. We get the bond, have a limit in our bonding. Make sure we have room in our bond and be able to bond that much money and to hold it for that long before it's paid back.

**Deputy Mayor Batson:** And it is hypothetically possible that they just simply don't pay the taxes back?

**Manager Revella:** Correct. We wait for the county to pay us back.

**Attorney Donovan:** So, what happens is when a village or town taxpayer does not pay their taxes, the county reimburses the town and village unpaid tax and after a period of time, they'll conduct a tax sale. And historically the county can make money. A Supreme Court case about 2 years ago. It calls that into question, but doesn't matter for us. We would get our money back.

**Deputy Mayor Batson:** Did you pay any interest on a bond?

**Manager Revella:** Yes.

**Deputy Mayor Batson:** So, then our only real financial loss would be the value of the interest that we're paying the bond for upward of a year.

**Manager Revella:** I think we can levy the interest. Dave?

**Attorney Donovan:** I don't know the answer to that.

**Deputy Mayor Batson:** So, it sounds like there is recourse that can be done, we just need to decide if we want to pay the interest on the bond. But if the money is guaranteed and it is a safety concern, then perhaps it is worth pulling the trigger.

**Mayor Ramos:** John, just make sure that we follow up on the interest that is going to be paid back. Is it after the year that we're supposed to pay the bond off?

**Manager Revella:** Yes. Payments start after the first year. Interest starts accruing immediately.

**Deputy Mayor Batson:** I think the only hesitancy would not just be so much money, but again, is it honestly from the Building Inspectors opinion? A real safety concern. You don't have to answer that now. I just think that if there's substantial money involved that we would eventually get back, that would be the question.

**Trustee Pearson:** Kidd Farm, that the Building Department talked about. Did they get the information they were looking for? Whether they were approved to do extra work or not?

**Manager Revella:** I wouldn't be answering that question in this forum.

**Trustee Pearson:** Police report, to me is still not substantial. Give me some more information. I'm still talking about that for 2 years.

**Manager Revella:** What are you looking for?

**Trustee Pearson:** I'm looking for, like parking summonses, where are they? Where do we have issues?

**Manager Revella:** You want the location of every parking summons?

**Trustee Pearson:** No, but just generally. Are they in parking lots, are they on the street?

**Manager Revella:** It's a blend. I just want to make sure when you're talking about someone's report as a Board Member, you shouldn't be critiquing that in this forum. That's an employment performance issue and you shouldn't talk about that here.

**Trustee Pearson:** Streetlights. There was a report about streetlights in here. Are we talking about that tonight? There's a couple options in here that were left for us to look at. Is that something that we're going to discuss?

**Manager Revella:** Not yet we're trying to work with NYSEG on that now to see if it's something we're required to do. They just gave me a response this morning about it. I wasn't sure if the board was prepared to discuss that yet.

**Trustee Pearson:** Sounds like there's 2 ways. Either they pay or we pay. We're going to talk about that at another time?

**Manager Revella:** Hopefully, I have the information from today, I'll be able to add to the packet for next meeting. It looks like we're going to go the route that we do it and pay less than NYSEG. We're required to upgrade the light bulbs to LED. That's NYS requirement. NYSEG will not touch them.

**Attorney Donovan:** Just need to go slow on this. I've run into this. Orange and Rockland had a whole series of requirements as to who were approved contractors. Orange and Rockland, in another municipality that I represent, put it on the pole, what would be different is if the village owned the light, the fixture itself. But if there was a problem with that, we had to have an approved electrician, would have to have sufficient insurance, and had to be approved by Orange and Rockland. I don't think, unless something came in this morning, we had enough information to commit because you need to know, it sounds like a good program. The other municipality discovered it was going to be really too expensive. Just be a little careful.

**Trustee Kyle:** The streetlights. I know on the website, there is actually and if you have a streetlight

out, it's a broken link. I wanted to check on that or make a note of it. I'm sorry, you obviously didn't know about it. I did have a resident ask me and I went to go find it myself and the link is broken. It gives you an error message.

**Trustee Taylor:** John, where do we stand on the parking signs that are approved for parking on one side of East Ave?

**Manager Revella:** Its 14 days after it's mailed to the state, we're allowed to that. I don't know if she got the report back from the state that it was actually filed.

**Trustee Taylor:** No response, yet?

**Manager Revella:** They don't always respond timely, but as long as you mailed it, you have to wait your 14 days.

**Attorney Donovan:** I think it's 7.

**Manager Revella:** Whatever days it is you have to wait, if they don't respond, you can move forward. We have signs in stock. Just have to spray where he's going to post them and put them in.

**Deputy Mayor Batson:** I just want to say I share Trustee Pearson's frustrations around the bid process and I think that as we look to contractors who put our bids together, perhaps we should consider how quickly they can do it when that contract is up for review. There's a note here that says conference with Chief Herlihy for the potential hiring. How many open positions are within the Police Department?

**Manager Revella:** 2 full time. Several part time jobs.

**Deputy Mayor Batson:** Met with Building Inspector to discuss rehab loan, one for Alfred resident. I don't get the specifics on that, but that's the program where we have the ability to loan money at a different interest rate for people to take. I'm just happy to see that in here. I feel like that is an underutilized program that the town offers. I do think we should have a serious conversation soon about 35-37 North Montgomery Street. If it is a serious issue, I hate the money piece, but we cannot let it linger. This board deemed that building should have been demolished. And I think that we should stick to our word and do it. Under the Building Department. Just curious, it says, we've had some inspections, have we started on any AirBnb's?

**Building Inspector Wallner:** We haven't had any.

**Deputy Mayor Batson:** Worked on Edmunds updates and cloud services, we approved them to go to cloud, is that going to happen?

**Manager Revella:** It's happened.

**Mayor Ramos:** A tendency to fall on the issue with North Montgomery Street. I think we should go ahead and exercise our board right to demolish this building even if we start this process, it'll be about 3 months before we even have the preliminary. Now we're going into the winter months. I think we ought to expedite what we're supposed to be doing for that.

**Manager Revella:** Yes, we have to make sure we can get the bond in place. Can't award a bid until we have the bond. We're trying to make sure we have that.

### **Approval of August 20, 2024 Minutes**

Trustee Garrison made a motion to approve the August 20, 2024 minutes. Seconded by Trustee Kyle. 4 ayes. 2 abstentions (Deputy Mayor Batson, Trustee Pearson) Motion carried

### **Public Comment**

**Mary Ellen Matise:** The audited voucher policy, I read through here, makes sense and it's good. Just 1 comment it and I don't know why they do it, but it's kind of interesting that the Town Board meetings, they give a total before they approve it. They say payment of audited bills for the time period and then give the total. It's \$1,000,000, sometimes it's \$2,000,000 and I think that gives the public a good idea of how much is being spent and it's for all different purposes, of course, salaries and everything else, but it's just a nice point of information that maybe we would want to do as long as we're revamping policy. I see this is a discussion item, parking meters. If you really want to kill Main Street, I know we're probably not talking about the old stand-up parking meters anymore, but even doing those little kiosks. The drawback to part of that is you have to have a credit card. The Village of Montgomery doesn't have parking meters. Maybrook doesn't have parking meters. So, if it's a business, are people gonna go there instead of coming here. I think it would be a drawback for the merchants on Main Street. Also, they have the Orchard Street parking lot, which as we all know was paid for by the merchants. Tore down buildings and houses and everything else and that's parking for Main Street. Millspaugh has their own. Then there's Oak St lot. Daytime use in that lot. Now we have the parking person back and as long as they're enforcing what time it's on the street and in the lot, we shouldn't have a problem. I think that residential parking is a much bigger problem, and I think we need to address that. I don't know. Parking meters to me, I would say it's a no brainer to not have them.

### **Audited Voucher Policy**

Tabled

### **Resolution 2-24-25 – Budget Transfer**

Deputy Mayor Batson made a motion to adopt Resolution 2-24-25 – Budget Transfers. Seconded by Trustee Garrison. All ayes. Motion carried.

### **Discussion – Parking Meters**

**Manager Revella:** This came about from several businesses asking about it. If they have somebody there for a certain amount of time, don't have to worry about moving a car. Employees were asking. Those are the ones that really came up with the issues. Several businesses asked if we could please do meter systems instead of just a timed parking. Let's say if they wanted to park there for 5 hours and want to pay additional money or whatever for the time. At their request. Businesses and owners made the request, NYSM, Sohn's. There's a few.

**Trustee Kyle:** So, that way someone can pay and stay there.

**Manager Revella:** If the board was thinking about doing that, I would recommend doing the kiosk method. It's much more efficient. You won't have a meter in front of every parking space. There's different ways to do it. Can go by license plate number or by the spots. They're requesting that. I wanted to make sure the board is aware of it. Will look into it further, discuss it with some of the businesses.

**Trustee Kyle:** I definitely have some opinions on the type of system.

**Manager Revella:** If you want one or not, is the first question for you guys. You guys can think about that. I would recommend you talk to some of the business owners around the area downtown and see what they think.

**Trustee Kyle:** What prompted the need or the discussion to have paid for parking? Is it just to get cars from not from parking there all day so that these businesses can survive and have that parking available?

**Manager Revella:** That's the idea. So, that people get moving. And if the cashier can't move. They have to be there all day and can't move their car, they get a ticket. For that amount of money, they would rather pay a meter fee.

**Trustee Taylor:** John, isn't that part of the problem, that a lot of parking has turned into tenant parking now and not business parking as it was originally built for?

**Trustee Pearson:** Well, I go by there in the morning around 7:30-8:00 in the morning and the lot is almost empty.

**Manager Revella:** Yes, because they get tickets.

**Trustee Pearson:** Okay, but where are they parking instead?

**Manager Revella:** I don't know.

**Trustee Pearson:** Are you just talking about meter parking in the parking lot or on Main Street?

**Manager Revella:** All of our parking. I would think it would make sense. I think it's the B3 zone, in general. Including the 3 lots, would make sense if you're going to do something.

**Trustee Taylor:** You're talking about Oak Street lot as well. There have been some disabled vehicles in that parking lot for several months.

**Trustee Pearson:** Well, we're talking about parking, I know that somebody might have gotten a ticket for parking too long in the solar. How long is that supposed to be for? They were parked there for 4 hours, because it took 4 hours to charge their car. You might want to extend that. But Lynn said that it's not supposed to be an all-day charging station. Supposed to charge a little bit and then move on.

**Deputy Mayor Batson:** Is there anyone interested in doing a little bit of a walking tour with me on these parking meters with these businesses? Some of these make sense, some of them doesn't. If I want some Chinese food, I don't really feel that I want to pull out my phone, log on to an app, pay for parking spot for 8 minutes. \*overlapping conversation\*

**Trustee Garrison:** The way that they do it too if you go, I don't know if anybody travels like the Beacon train station, they have paid parking. But there's certain times where you don't have to pay and there's certain times where it's like you get the 1st 10 minutes you don't have to pay. So, for a situation like that, you're just parking to run in, get your Chinese food. You're not gonna have to pay for the 1st 10 minutes there. But if you're going to go sit down in the restaurant and eat for an hour.

**Deputy Mayor Batson:** I struggle with someone mentioning that you have to have a credit card. You may have to have an app depending on the type of kiosk. I really struggle with the fact that employees in our local businesses having to pay for parking every day like that. I feel like for their customers, it gives them access. I will talk to them about what I'm talking about. I feel like, yeah, for their customers, it gives access to the businesses. I think that it probably is valid. But for their

employees? But that's why we're able to get out and talk to them.

**Trustee Kyle:** I know this sounds old school, but the meters that are in front of every spot. That's how it used to be in the City of Newburgh. I do not like the kiosks at all. I will say, there's been more than one time that either me or my husband have gotten a ticket after paying, because the people who are checking the parking meters, aren't checking. They didn't check the license plate. So, then you have to call and fight a ticket that you weren't supposed to get because they don't require you to put anything in your vehicle. They're just supposed to check your license plate number, and it wasn't happening. So, there's human error involved there as opposed to a meter where you just stick a quarter in. Then if the kiosk is down the street now you have to walk down the street and if there was something you put on your dashboard, you're going down the street, you're coming back to put that on your dashboard and then going to where you need to go. If there was to be metered parking, I almost would prefer there be a meter with a coin slot in front of every spot. It's more money than a computerized system.

\*Discussion between Trustee Kyle and Trustee Garrison\*

**Deputy Mayor Batson:** I always appreciate the dialogue. With these types of issues if we could maybe follow the ol' crawl, walk, run mentality. We are full speed right now and we haven't even started crawling, yet. So, can we talk about maybe discussing building the plan before we get to the meters? Let's engage local businesses. I don't know if it's possible bring forth public hearing so we can hear from other people. I think this is a contentious issue and the issue that we're really solving for is long-term parking.

**Manager Revella:** You can encourage them to come to the meeting and speak in the public forum.

**Deputy Mayor Batson:** So, if you are out there listening in public, if you could please come to our next meeting and share your thoughts on this. I think the issue that we're most likely solving for is long-term tenant parking that's taking the place of business parking. But if we could offline organize a bit of a walking tour to engage some of these businesses. So, we have some information we can perhaps build a plan. Please public if you're out there, come talk to us at the next meeting because for the year and a half that I've been here parking has been an issue and we'll have to do something to solve it.

#### **76-80 West Main St – Set Hearing for Unsafe Building**

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#### **60 Main St – Set Hearing for Unsafe Building**

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#### **Public Comment**

**Colleen Space:** I was here 2 weeks ago, and we all know why, a garage show. I'm having a real problem with this. If you can explain, you amended this law 181-5 in 2022. You guys don't know it right? Off of the top of your head. \*read code into minutes\* That's what your law says. I don't understand it. Because it kind of contradicts itself. Does it not? I don't know. That's what the law looks like to me. Let me tell you, this garage show is still going on. When I came here today, now we call it a birthday party. So, I'm having a little problem with this. I'm having a little problem with our Chief of Police because when I was here that day you said to me we'll have a plan. Don't worry. Well, this was your plan. I thank Trustee Pearson. She wasn't here 2 weeks ago. She came and knocked on my door and introduced herself and told me she would be here that night. That night

she did come. This was your plan of the Police Department from your Chief. Which I don't know him, but I'm really not happy with him, because right now I'm thinking Walden is a do whatever you want kind of village. I've been here for 58 years. Now I'm having this problem as a taxpayer. Don't bother calling the police because they've been to my house 8 times. 2 officers came and there's another law in here that states they have to know the meter system. 1 of your officers, which is new, I get it. He said "Where's the meter?" How do I know where your meter is? They come, they give them a warning. They kind of stop. They leave, they start playing again. I can see 1 warning, 2 warnings. They've been called 8 times. Hit them with a ticket. A violation, \$250. Maybe it's just a ticket. But after 6 \$250s, I don't think these kids or the homeowner is going to really like that. I was worried about emergency vehicles getting through. Trustee Pearson took a picture and you couldn't fit anything up Sadlier, they were on both sides. I had my cars in the front because I didn't want them touching my gate. All the way up. Somebody's plan was, Sergeant Werner came. That was the plan, we put on Sergeant Werner. I've known Sergeant Werner for 29 years. Sergeant Werner came through, Trustee Pearson said to "What are we gonna do about this? You can't fit emergency vehicles". Nothing. That was one of my concerns. I drive a school bus. We don't bring school buses up there. We park pick up on 52, can't make the swing. Especially, can't make the swing on Saturday. Sergeant Werner came and talked to me and my husband, 40 minutes. It was quieter in my driveway than the pictures falling off my wall in my bedroom. My dogs are drugged. Sedated from the vet. We're having a good old time over there. I said to Sergeant Werner there because my house isn't from their garage. It's only 40 feet away. My property line, were peeing all over the place. Over my rock wall. Sergeant Werner. Did you know if I gave you permission to come to my house to urinate, you can on public property. Did you ever hear such a thing? Never heard of such a thing in my 58 years of being alive. Nothing was done. I said Sergeant Werner, can you please take the meter thing when I go to the board, I want to know what the level is. Wouldn't walk down to my property line on the side. He told me and I'll quote you, "We were told not to do anything". I don't know if the other neighbor and him are friends. I really don't know what went on that night or their conversation or even my neighbors conversation with Mr. Revella. I really don't know what on that night. You also said that as long as you don't pay admission it's okay. They stood on top of the driveway with a big sign. Wasn't called an admission. You had to pay a donation to get in. How is this going to happen every single weekend? Every single night? I got a school bus. We're going back to school tomorrow. I'm getting up at 4 tomorrow morning. If you, in this law, say 11:00. I'm only getting 4 1/2 hours sleep. I hope I don't have your granddaughter or your child on the bus with me because I'm not giving it 100% driving that vehicle to and from school. My husband drives the truck. He leaves at 3 in the morning. He drives 12-14 hours a day. How are we doing that? He's on a major highway. All because we have adults, I don't know, don't want to find themselves. I can't live like that. My neighbors are afraid. Whether they have little kids. I don't have anymore. I'm really not afraid. Me and my husband aren't afraid. You want to do whatever to my house. If they want to retaliate. They are retaliating against me. The postmaster asked me about 6 months ago, I had my mailbox by my front door. I have 2 dogs that are not the friendliest. Protect the property. They're never out without and we have fenced in the yard. I guess because when the postmaster comes, he's a new guy. The dogs go on the window like they're going to kill them, but they can't get out. The postmaster asked me if I would move it to the road. I did. I have a disabled mother. I have a fence in my front yard that was 40-50 years ago. I didn't own the house. My mom has parked in the street. She's 88 and she walks with a cane. Here are the pictures of them parked in front of my house. The mailman will not deliver my mail anymore. And my mother can't come to visit. I think that's a problem. \*showed pictures to the board\* I meet the mailman in the road and he hands it to me. As a taxpayer, how much am I supposed to pay? Your Police Officers, your Sergeant was standing right there. And the homeowners standing there and they are calling me every name in the book. I said "Got to take it?" He said, "They have freedom of speech". Well, so do I. My husband said to him "If I go over there, then you're instigating". He told me and my husband "You have 2 choices. Go back in the house or if you're going over there to do something. You'll be at going in handcuffs". Now as a taxpayer that goes to work every single day, come home. Just wanna be in our little

surrounding. Why do I have to listen to this? Why did we do nothing about the parking? What do I do about this? What do I do about the noise? Before I came here I could have called the police and said could you come with your meter? They don't give them a ticket. You keep hitting them with \$250, get over \$1000. They're gonna stop, right? What's to say they're not going to have a birthday party? Or funeral or a wedding? Can someone explain the law because I'm not understanding it. Is it contradicting? I don't understand the law.

**Attorney Donovan:** The police or the Building Department needs to interpret that. I wouldn't get into that. I don't have total recall of the entire provision. I would not get into an interpretation at this time because it's not for the Village Board to interpret unless you want to change it.

**Colleen Space:** My whole point is getting the police there. They do nothing. So, what did we do? I can't give the citation; I can't stop them from parking in a public road in front of my mailbox or in front of my walkway. This is an escalating situation that's happening. No one's helping me. I'm asking what am I supposed to do as a taxpayer? It's escalating.

**Trustee Kyle:** I wish I had an answer for you. I understand what you're talking about. That's definitely something that I feel has to be figured out.

**Trustee Pearson:** I think that the Village Board should relook at the law.

**Colleen Space:** I still have to go home and live with this every single day.

**Mayor Ramos:** Call the police every time.

**Deputy Mayor Batson:** I just want to make a plan of action. So, we have to walk away from this and take action. We're not going to do nothing. So, we need to understand why some of these comments are made, why it wasn't enforced. Just for us to challenge. I think Trustee Pearson was right. I struggled with the code being to 11:00pm on Sunday. That is challenging. Saturday night. I'm okay. Sunday, any night of the week, I think 11, probably is excessive. We will follow up on those 2 things.

**Ronald Davis:** I have the same issue, and I have the pictures of this as I was instructed. The party in the number 51 Capron, again 5 cards today. Back and forth. I have to park in another area. I called the police. I had the same situation. They said the parking on the street is public. I said, yes, I know that, and it's based on the weight of the vehicle. I said these people are commercial and they have a business in Montgomery and now I also think that she was on my porch. By the time I got to the porch she was walking away. I'm putting up cameras now. But I have one request and if you look at this picture, I would like to know if it's possible to have on the corner of High and Capron, from where this young man is parked this Ram 2500 for 2 1/2 weeks, never moved. Commercial plates and I think that he should have got ticketed. The cop says, "We can't do that". I said, "It's my understanding the commercial vehicle is not supposed to be there overnight". Now I looked it up, it is based on weight. But 5 commercial vehicles and an empty driveway? It's the same thing. Officer Reynolds says, "This is what I would suggest. Introduce to the board that maybe you could put a no parking from here to the corner, which will allow you 2 parking spaces from your house". I'm at 49 and the person I'm talking about is 51. She owns Armani Limousine. Her office and her building is in Montgomery. I even asked the officer. They pay insurance and I'll guarantee you that insurance wants to know where these are garaged when they're not in service. I don't know how to look into that. But I want something done because I'm at the point right now, I'm 80 years old and I have a handicapped tag. I know I'm not going to get a handicapped sign in front of the house. But maybe somebody can look into getting that note from here to the corner and hopefully might partner and I can have our residents back. It's like I'm at the point now where we're saying, nothing's resolving,

I'm going to State Troopers next time. I'm tired of her nonsense. And if that doesn't work, from there I'm going to Sheriff's Department and then next thing you know, for sale. I've had it. All these years. Too old for this nonsense. We never had a problem. We were friendly. But this woman here? She gotta go.

**Trustee Kyle:** The no parking from here to corner sign, would that help you?

**Ronald Davis:** I think it will. If we don't go out and see who's a Cadillac limousine there. Is there any law at all that says overnight parking? They went away for a week. They left 4 cars there. There's nothing in the driveway \*showed picture to the board\*

\*Discussion about the picture\*

**Mayor Ramos:** They weren't there Sunday, right?

**Ronald Davis:** They were there for a week. That haven't moved that truck in 2 weeks. The Mercedes and a Cadillac. Then last night, a Cadillac, Lincoln, Mercedes. Then the truck on that corner.

**Mayor Ramos:** We're going to look at the sign from corner. We'll get together with the Village Manager to see how we can facilitate that and we'll keep pushing.

**Ronald Davis:** She's doing this just for harassment. She's not a nice lady.

**Mary Ellen Matise:** Parking. I don't even want to think about parking because I'm up to here with parking issues right now. You know that I'm a big champion of Walden. Solving problems in this village for 20 years and right now, parking? I'm up to here. Talk about parking meters, don't forget. We're also talking about this building and you're talking about the library. And that's a big issue. You don't want to be charging people to park to come to the library. Because that's the biggest cultural service in the village, it's the biggest draw to downtown and to the square and to this building, aside from people may be coming to pay bills. I wouldn't go there and pay parking. I was in retail for a long time and when it was Thruway and now it's Hannaford. The employees do not park where the customers park. If you want business, then that parking in front of the shop is for the customers. We used to park, when I worked in New Jersey, in a swamp and the bus would bring us to the building. Because the parking at the building was for the customers. That's rule #1 of retail. We did have a meeting about parking years ago, same issues all over again. We had problems in the Orchard Street lot and the doctor had big issues and was forced off of Main Street because of it. He has better location now and plenty of parking. But what's going to start to happen is then all your businesses from Main Street are going to start to gravitate towards other places where they can provide parking. Like over on East Main Street, by Stewarts and stuff. The nucleus that we're starting to build downtown is going to just collapse. You really have to think about this as an issue. If you want to have a vital downtown, you need critical mass. You need people walking around. You need people coming to Main Street. And you have to let that parking be for customers. I never have a problem parking downtown. You drive around the block once and you find a spot.

**Trustee Pearson:** What I was hearing is the employees. It wasn't people coming to the village. I didn't really say a lot because I agree with you.

**Mary Ellen Matise:** But if the employees take the on-street parking or the prime parking in the Orchard Street parking lot, then there's no place for the customers. At that time, we talked about maybe, it was Walden Federal, now Wallkill Valley, they seem to have excess parking. Maybe having some agreement with the employees to park in some of those lots. Maybe Walden Savings

Bank, which gives an agreement to Millspaugh Funeral Home. Maybe they have extra spaces that they can do an agreement for employee parking. I think you have to look at it really carefully and figure out what you want to do, and in the meantime, can you just have a meeting about residential parking?

**Cheryl Baker:** Just a reminder, it's open to the public, I'm sure parking will be one of the issues because it usually does come up. The Business Council meeting will be held at Sweeter than Sweet Cupcakes. It'll be at 7:00pm this Thursday.

### **Payment of Audited Bills**

Trustee Garrison made a motion to approve payment of audited bills that have been reviewed and signed. Seconded by Trustee Taylor. All ayes. Motion carried.

### **Miscellaneous Comments from the Board of Trustees**

**Trustee Pearson:** Cameras, where are we? We had some issues with passwords and stuff that we couldn't connect to 911.

**Manager Revella:** They're working on those things. The next step is getting NYSEG on board. The attorney is reviewing the agreement before I fill out and sign it. We have everything in place.

**Trustee Pearson:** Catholic Church, are they putting new trees in? Or are they just taking out the roots?

**Manager Revella:** Taking roots out and putting new trees in.

**Trustee Pearson:** Planting at the Community Center, are we doing something in the front or maybe some spring plantings that will be coming up in the spring? It's beautiful. I love what that the park is doing, showing on social media and every time I sit at that Community Center with the rock garden in the front with dirt.

**Manager Revella:** We have a couple friends in the community that are assisting us with it. The options for that area. We're making sure we do the right plant choices.

**Trustee Pearson:** Tin Brook Pump Station, the digging and tunneling, where are we at with that?

**Manager Revella:** We don't have the approved bid docs, yet from the DEC.

**Trustee Pearson:** We had in our packet a while ago, standard workday hours, are we going to go back to that? What was that all about?

**Manager Revella:** We were making sure that we have the right documentation in place. The Treasurer was working with the auditors and retirement office of the state to make sure everyone is up to date.

**Trustee Pearson:** Waterfront Park, I was down here yesterday. I understand that we make people mow the lawn, cut the grass, pick up their weeds. It's a mess. I took pictures. It was beautiful. 3 kids fishing. It was great. There was a guy sitting on the bench. There was somebody else, I don't know who that person was, pulling weeds from somewhere. He just was starting to pull weeds. There are weeds in between all the pine trees. There are weeds growing up in the grass. So, where are we at?

**Manager Revella:** Those are punch list items. We were told that not to touch it.

**Trustee Pearson:** Can't weed wack?

**Manager Revella:** Not in between the trees.

**Trustee Pearson:** There's rip wrap still there. Also, when it rains the water, \*inaudible\* at the end of the road, it's a huge pond.

**Manager Revella:** We have to raise the road.

**Trustee Pearson:** What's the time frame on that and we're not talking about doing anything with dock? Kids were fishing from the sidewalk. They were great. It's nice to see it, but I just concerned about how it looks. It's beautiful, but it can be much more beautiful and hopefully we'll be able to plant more trees in there. Maybe for Arbor Day.

**Manager Revella:** I'm going to plant some sycamores. Once the punch list is done, we can actually do some stuff there.

**Trustee Pearson:** When is that over?

**Manager Revella:** That's what I asked him today. It should be now, I would hope. He was calling Consorti about it.

**Trustee Taylor:** Just to follow up, we are going to reach out to Orange County Transit to provide us with an update.

**Attorney Donovan:** I'm certainly going to follow up with the attorney and see if it's ready construction on the sewer connection. The water connection has already been made. My only question, I volunteered to reach out to him is what we want them to report on.

**Trustee Taylor:** We've been told October 1st, is that still a good date? Do they project that's going to come to fruition October 1st? Generalities. John, you're going to follow up on the situation with the notifying statement feedback as to how long that process was relevant to the parking signs on East Ave?

**Manager Revella:** Yes. I have to follow up with Marisa.

**Trustee Taylor:** I kind of agree with Trustee Pearson. I was down to the waterfront as well. Great start. But I was down there picking up garbage, food wrappers thrown all over, empty cigarette packs. Do we still only have one receptacle down there for garbage?

**Manager Revella:** Right now, the one by the kiosks.

**Trustee Taylor:** The garbage was nowhere near it. Can we see that we can get one down there and we tend to use them if they're available. There is a 9/11 ceremony at the Firehouse. Everybody here I believe got an invitation. I responded. Would be great if we collectively were all there. Looking forward to that.

**Trustee Kyle:** National Night Out was great. It was great and the turnout was way more than I was expecting because of the weather. The weather held out. That was awesome. The planting, Becky, that you mentioned with what we're going to have around that area. I want to talk to you about that. I wanted to talk about the Harvest Fest, as far as the Board of Trustees goes. Me and Chris talked about putting up a vendor spot for the Board of Trustees. I know we try to get community

involvement. There's not a huge amount of interaction at any board meeting. I know that people join in on Facebook, but I thought it would be a good idea if we went where the village residents were. Maybe us having our own booth at Harvest Fest for people who can come up and talk to us, ask questions, voice their concerns. Chris made an entire sheet, kind of a survey that we could possibly give out to residents. They can give us their feedback and maybe that will bring in more answers that we don't have. That we would like to know. We can't solve problems that we don't know exist. We can't answer questions that weren't asked, so I think it would be a great way for us to interact with residents that maybe don't come to board meetings, don't watch the Facebook lives. But they are at Harvest Fest. I think this is a good start for us.

**Trustee Garrison:** I like the idea of doing the stand at Harvest Fest and I'm definitely interested in doing that. So, if you guys do want to do that, I'm in.

Deputy Mayor Batson made a motion to have a booth at Harvest Fest for the duration of. Seconded by Trustee Garrison. All ayes. Motion carried.

**Deputy Mayor Batson:** I understand that you do have with public parking policies. Just curious, are there no exemptions for a handicap permit? There are? So, it is possible for a citizen to have a handicap spot in front of the home.

**Manager Revella:** You have to designate by law.

**Attorney Donovan:** The code, you could designate, if you say no parking from here to the corner. You can designate parking between certain hours. Or you could provide for handicap parking space.

**Manager Revella:** I would caution that to be setting a precedent for a spot.

**Deputy Mayor Batson:** It's delicate. I understand that, but it is an option and I like to have options. It has the potential for a handicap. That's great. I put 2 sheets in front of everyone. In the past, I've committed to, one of the things we discussed was an active list of capital projects. This is a list of all of the open capital projects. I think John said there may be a couple of these closed out. This is enough to get the gist of it. Lists the project number, the code, lists the original budget amount. I think that this is probably an outstanding start. I don't want to create a huge amount of work. But perhaps if this is available electronically, other things that we may want to look at is when the project is closed out, how much it spent for. On this document which I understand the public can't completely see. There's a budgeted amount, perhaps the project closes out. We put the amount that was actually spent on there. I think the other piece would be, there's a huge amount of projects on this. In excess of 25. I don't know that we necessarily need constantly updated, speaking points on all of these, again because I don't want to add to the bureaucracy, but I think that if we can hone in on this document, it will help to answer a ton of our questions. Think about it tonight. I don't think we need to finalize it tonight, but it is a solid start. That is a list of all of Capital projects, I'm assuming there is a sister document to this that shows all of the non-active so it could have 2 documents if you would like to double our documents. I think closing will be useful to show the original budget versus the spend. Perhaps our homework can be to think about how we make use of this because it is something that we ask for. The second piece of paper that you have in front of you is a survey. I know that we had talked about a survey at some point, so I will warn you, I am not a professional survey writer, but I did Google the hell out of it and found the most common municipal survey questions. It doesn't contain any demographical information and I thought about choosing the questions that often times come up to us in terms of relevancy. An example, there's one on there that actually questions our integrity. Which I didn't want to move away from challenging questions. Like it. Don't like it. I want to see this at Harvest Fest. This is available electronically. I signed up for the free survey service. They can fill it out on paper. They can fill it out electronically over their

phones. They can fill it out electronically over my phone. We can send it out as a link. We are on a bit of a time frame. Harvest Fest is coming up. If we could maybe start to talk about that offline and get that nailed down, at least we have a starting point here, but I don't necessarily have an ego as it comes to the content of the survey. Feel free to take it apart, add, subtract anything. But at least with starting going to engage the public. My ultimate goal is to answer the question of how we are doing. I did choose a free survey service so I was struggling to get the QR code to work.

**Trustee Kyle:** I can do that.

**Deputy Mayor Batson:** If you can do a QR code to a website link. I'll meet with Liz afterwards and we'll get that going and make this Harvest Fest work.

**Mayor Ramos:** I'd like to thank the Ortiz family on August 24th, Saturday they had a fantastic backpack giveaway. About 150 backpacks were given. Hot dogs, hamburgers were cooked, had a great time at the park. We have 2 new businesses here in the village. Kerr Market at 61 Main Street. Stop by and have a cup of coffee and say hello. 75 East Main Street we have a new Tibetan eatery. If anybody likes curry, go there. All that kind of really good stuff. Say hello to the owner. I stopped in to the temple to for His Holiness birthday. I think it was 80th birthday. A very nice gathering of all the participants.

Building Inspector Wallner introduced Keith Roosa as part time Code Enforcement Officer.

\*Read Community Events into Minutes\*

#### **Executive Session – Personal History of a Particular Person**

Deputy Mayor Batson made a motion to enter executive session to discuss personal history of a particular person. Seconded by Trustee Taylor. 3 ayes. 3 nos. Motion failed.

**Meeting adjourned**

**Village of Walden Board of Trustees  
Regular Meeting  
September 3, 2024  
Motions & Resolutions**

**Public Hearing 10 of 2024 – Residency Requirement**

Deputy Mayor Batson made a motion to open Public Hearing 10 of 2024 – Residency Requirement. Seconded by Trustee Taylor. All ayes. Motion carried.

Trustee Taylor made a motion to close Public Hearing for Local Law 10 of 2024 – Residency Requirement. Seconded by Trustee Garrison. All ayes. Motion carried.

Trustee Garrison made a motion to adopt Negative Declaration in regard to SEQR. Seconded by Trustee Kyle. All ayes. Motion carried.

Trustee Taylor made a motion to adopt Local Law 10 of 2024 – Residency Requirement. Seconded by Trustee Garrison.

Roll Call:

Trustee Pearson: No

Trustee Taylor: Yes

Trustee Kyle: Yes

Trustee Garrison: Yes

Deputy Mayor Batson: Yes

Mayor Ramos: No

Motion carried.

**Approval of August 20, 2024 Minutes**

Trustee Garrison made a motion to approve the August 20, 2024 minutes. Seconded by Trustee Kyle. 4 ayes. 2 abstentions (Deputy Mayor Batson, Trustee Pearson) Motion carried

**Resolution 2-24-25 – Budget Transfer**

Deputy Mayor Batson made a motion to adopt Resolution 2-24-25 – Budget Transfers. Seconded by Trustee Garrison. All ayes. Motion carried.

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