

Village of Walden

Village Board of Trustees Meeting

September 1, 2026

Meeting called to order at 6:30 PM
Total duration: approximately 1 hour 27 minutes

Attendance

Role	Name	Attendance
Mayor	Becky Pearson	Present
Trustee	Lynn Thompson	Present
Trustee	Gerald Mishk	Present
Trustee	Cheryl Baker	Present (arrived late)
Trustee	Kristie Hall	Present
Trustee	Jerred Sanusi	Present
Trustee	Jose De Jesus	Present
Village Attorney	John Cappello	Present
Village Clerk	Anisetta Valdez	Present
Village Manager	Tony Cardone	Present
Village Manager	Kate Luciani	Present

1. Call to Order / Pledge of Allegiance

Mayor Pearson called the meeting to order and led the Pledge of Allegiance. The Mayor welcomed Kate Luciani as the new Village Manager, thanking interim Village Manager Tony Cardone for assisting with her transition, and noted the Board would refer to her as “Kate.”

2. Roll Call

All Trustees were present; Trustee Baker was noted as arriving a few minutes late.

3. Public Hearing

3a. Code Revision — Chapter 105 Brush, Grass & Weeds

Motion to Open public hearing — made by Trustee Mishk, seconded by Trustee Thompson. All ayes. Motion carried.

Mayor Pearson: We amended the fine amount and the definition. No comments from the public.

Motion to Close public hearing — made by Trustee Hall, seconded by Trustee De Jesus. All ayes. Motion carried.

3b. Code Revision — Chapter 109 Unsafe Buildings

Motion to Open public hearing — made by Trustee De Jesus, seconded by Trustee Mishk. All ayes. Motion carried.

Mayor Pearson: What we changed was allowing the owner/occupant of a property with a dangerous building to continue to be open for 7 days prior to notice of a due-process hearing. No comments from the public.

Motion to Close public hearing — made by Trustee Thompson, seconded by Trustee Sanusi. All ayes. Motion carried.

3c. Code Revision — Chapter 117 Clothing Bin Containers

Motion to Open public hearing — made by Trustee Sanusi, seconded by Trustee Thompson. All ayes. Motion carried.

Mayor Pearson: What we changed was the fine, and each day will constitute another violation.

Mary Ellen (public): Did we change that so there are no bins, or that bins are only in certain locations?

Mayor Pearson: Bins will be in certain places, and there will be a fine for non-compliance.

Trustee De Jesus: Does this apply to the bin at the former Catholic school (Most Precious Blood) and the fire department property, or just to the one that was the problem?

Mayor Pearson: There was one on private property, near the custard stand, that became a mess — that's how this started; items besides clothing were being dumped there.

Attorney Cappello: This does not restrict bins on private property — it just requires that they be registered.

Motion to Close public hearing — made by Trustee Mishk, seconded by Trustee Hall. All ayes. Motion carried.

3d. Code Revision — Chapter 140 Firearms and Fireworks

Motion to Open public hearing — made by Trustee Mishk, seconded by Trustee Thompson. All ayes. Motion carried.

Mayor Pearson: We changed sparkling devices to those permitted by NYS; an individual carrying as authorized must have their license/permit on their person; the fine for a first offense is not to exceed \$1,000, increasing per day for continued violation.

Trustee Hall: Was this the same local law carried over from the last meeting?

Trustee Thompson / Mayor Pearson: Yes — no changes; it has been carried over.

Motion to Close public hearing — made by Trustee Hall, seconded by Trustee Sanusi. All ayes. Motion carried.

3e. Code Revision — Chapter 167 Littering

Motion to Open public hearing — made by Trustee Hall, seconded by Trustee Sanusi. All ayes. Motion carried.

Mary Ellen (public): What is the definition of littering, and does someone have to be caught in the act?

Mayor Pearson: Litter is garbage, refuse, and rubbish, and all other waste material that is thrown or deposited and tends to create a danger to public health, safety, and welfare, or tends to create blight.

Attorney Cappello: Someone has to be caught in the act — for example, throwing something like an apple core from a car or depositing garbage on the sidewalk.

Mary Ellen (public): Is this limited to inorganic material, not organic material? What about grass clippings left in the street?

Mayor Pearson: Confirmed — inorganic material (papers, wrappers, etc.), not organic material.

Motion to Close public hearing — made by Trustee Thompson, seconded by Trustee Mishk. All ayes. Motion carried.

3f. Code Revision — Chapter 200 Parks and Recreation

Mayor Pearson: We were missing some park names, so we specifically named the parks in the Village, and we added cannabis and vaping to the existing no-smoking/tobacco prohibition.

Motion to Open public hearing — made by Trustee Hall, seconded by Trustee De Jesus. All ayes. Motion carried.

No comments from the public.

Motion to Close public hearing — made by Trustee De Jesus, seconded by Trustee Thompson. All ayes. Motion carried.

3g. Code Revision — Chapter 205 Peddling and Soliciting

Motion to Open public hearing — made by Trustee De Jesus, seconded by Trustee Mishk. All ayes. Motion carried.

Mayor Pearson: This amendment provides gender-neutral language and an exception to the permit requirement for persons disseminating information related to religious beliefs and political purposes.

Mary Ellen (public): Are religious beliefs covered the same as political speech? What if a group is soliciting funds?

Attorney Cappello: Persons soliciting on behalf of a registered non-profit (which would include a religious organization) qualify for the existing non-profit exemption; that provision is in the existing law and is not being changed by this amendment — this local law only updates the language and permit requirement.

Ms. Matise asked further questions about how the exemption applies to specific local organizations; Attorney Cappello confirmed non-profits and religious/political canvassers are exempt, but all others must have a permit.

Motion to Close public hearing — made by Trustee De Jesus, seconded by Trustee Thompson. All ayes. Motion carried.

4. Manager's Report

Interim Village Manager Cardone: Hired a new DPW Superintendent, Kyle Livesy, starting 9/15; the salt shed project is moving forward; trees are scheduled for removal; the schedule for new sewer pumps has been received; met with Ms. Sandbothe regarding a large firepit and noted the burning law should be reviewed for a grill/propane provision; toured Village departments with Kate; Grove Street is severely undermined and Kathy has been asked to assess the needed repair work. On the WWTP: NYS approved the preliminary report, the design report presents three alternatives for sewer plant upgrades, L&T is preparing it for a first-of-December completion, it will go out to bid, bids should be returned by March/April 2027, with construction beginning summer 2027; the Village is pursuing funding.

Mayor Pearson: Asked about the salt barn.

Interim Village Manager Cardone: If bid in October it could be complete by December, but recommended targeting next year; extensions were received on this and on the plant.

Mayor Pearson: Asked about a fine/timeline for Grove Street.

Interim Village Manager Cardone: Kathy is handling that. Also reported: quarterly water billing goes out this week or Monday; billing totaled roughly \$3 million across 2,236 accounts, about 35% still to be reviewed; noted this building (Village Trustee) is not metered and should be, and that several historical billing issues have been found and corrected, with accuracy expected to improve as accounts are verified; overall billing is up compared to prior estimates, partly reflecting summer usage.

Trustee Thompson: Requested a copy of the billing report.

Village Manager Luciani: Thanked the Board for welcoming her and introducing her to Village staff; noted she toured the library, DPW, and sewer departments, was impressed by the historic library, and met Mike Bliss and the summer camp participants.

Interim Village Manager Cardone: So one one other thing. So the quarterly billings for water are going out tomorrow or Thursday. Normally they go out on the first, but they were doing a deep dive with everything. And the current billing for this quarter totaled 13,982,109 gallons more than last quarter, and that was attributed basically to the estimated billings where there were a lot of accounts that were at zero, and they have yet to complete everything on there. There's 2,130 2,236 accounts that that they've been going through, and they still have probably 30, 35 percent of them to get through. But there was a lot of corrections made because there was a lot of zeros in estimated billing, so they were getting a minimum charge. There are meters that still have to be addressed. One of the biggest closures is this building here is not metered, so you don't know how. Much water is coming out of here, and I would suggest it's quite a bit on a quarterly basis. So I'm going to be meeting with Rich and Kevin, along with Kate, to try to get them to install a meter here ASAP. I think it's up to the board to decide whether the village should be paying for the water they use because you know there's there's two thoughts there. Okay, it's going to fall back on the taxpayers, but but the other thought is you're also contributing to the depreciation of the infrastructure of it by paying for the bills, and I think that's important. So that that's up to that's up to the board. And I'll just give you a summary that Fran had wrote for the third quarter billing. They've identified several historical meter and data entry issues that affected the reported consumption. Staff have corrected numerous accounts and continue to address any outstanding discrepancies. And as additional updated meters are replaced and account information is verified, the accuracy of the future water and sewer billing and consumption reports is expected to improve drastically, but I mean it's basically almost 14 million more was billed this quarter, and I think a real large majority of that. I know it's summer and the consumption is going to go up, but a large majority of that was due to the estimated meters that were being billed at zero. So, anybody have any questions?

Mayor Pearson: Anybody? No. No. Thank you.

Trustee Thompson: Thank you. Thank you. Can the board have a copy of that with the with the data?

Interim Village Manager Cardone: Absolutely not. Yes. Yeah. I'll.

Trustee Hall: I would like to just have it, too.

Interim Village Manager Cardone: I'll make copies. I'll put it in your mailbox, or actually, go make copies now and get you.

Village Manager Luciani: I just I want to take a moment to thank all of you for giving me this position. It's been a great week jumping in, not even a full week yet, but I've thank you, Lynn, for taking me around and introducing me to some of the people in the departments, along with Tony, I really appreciated getting to know the departments today. I had the liberty of seeing your beautiful library and how historic it looks, and like it honestly almost like brought tears to my eyes to see like such a beautiful. You know, you go to different towns and you see these brand new libraries and buildings that are put in place, and to see something that's so like historic and beautiful, it was it was breathtaking. I've gone down to the DPW, the water department, the sewer department. I've gotten to know a few of the people down there, and you know to see some of the issues that you have, you know, with your sewer and and things like that. So it's good to hear that you know you have grants coming into place, and Michael Bliss. I got to meet him at the end of the camp, so I got to see all the kids down there enjoying the beautiful camp. And you have so many wonderful amenities here in you know your village of Walden, is a beautiful town. I've been trying to you know make my face known to people out there, I've met a few people in the public today. Well, not today. This past week, and you know, I'm really enjoying this position and getting to know each department and each person. And so, thank you.

5. Minutes — 8/18/2026

The minutes of the August 18, 2026 meeting were presented with a few corrections noted by the Village Clerk.

Motion to Accept the minutes of 8/18/2026, as corrected — made by Trustee Mishk, seconded by Trustee Sanusi. All ayes. Motion carried.

6. Payment of Audited Bills

There was brief discussion of which bills had been submitted and signed in time for the meeting.

Motion to Pay the audited bills submitted by Friday's deadline — made by Mayor Pearson, seconded by Trustee Thompson. All ayes. Motion carried.

7. Public Comment on the Business of the Board

Mary Ellen Matise (public): Asked about a \$414 historian-line expenditure shown in the statement of revenue and expenditures, noting she did not recall submitting any vouchers this year.

Mayor Pearson: Clarified the figure was part of last year's (FY 6/1/25–5/31/26) budget transfers being finalized, not a new expenditure this year.

8. Business of the Board of Trustees

8a. Park Use Request — None

8b. Code Revision — Chapter 105 Brush, Grass & Weeds — Resolution of Adoption (Local Law 4-2026)

Motion to Adopt Local Law 4-2026 — made by Trustee De Jesus, seconded by Trustee Thompson. All Ayes. Declared adopted.

8c. Code Revision — Chapter 109 Unsafe Buildings — Resolution of Adoption (Local Law 5-2026)

Mayor Pearson: Thank you. What we change, and we're doing this, was allow any owner-occupant custody real property who allows permits building to continue as dangerous building, to be guilty of violation to allow or seven days notice in advance of due processing hearing.

Motion to Adopt Local Law 5-2026 — made by Trustee Mishk, seconded by Trustee Hall. All Ayes. Declared adopted.

8d. Code Revision — Chapter 117 Clothing Bin Containers — Resolution of Adoption (Local Law 6-2026)

Trustee De Jesus: I have a question. So, the school, the Catholic former Catholic school, they have a bin over there. That's their private property, right? So,

Mayor Pearson: Can you use your mic, please?

Trustee De Jesus: So, so those this applied to, for example, the bin on that the fire department has an Orange Avenue, old Orange, and also the the old school, the old most precious blood school. They have their like a private bid for collection there. Does this apply to them, or just on?

Mayor Pearson: It applies to well. We had one by the custard stand that was on private property, but it was always a mess, and that's where it started. Over by you, there was one by that little fence over there, and that's how it started because there was stuff on the ground. There was mattresses. There wasn't just clothes. It was they threw everything there. The Union House as well,

Trustee De Jesus: But that was that was over there. That is public on 52. I'm talking about, for example, the school, the church, property.

Mayor Pearson: I'd have to reread the law, but I've read it 100 times. I can. It should be in your copy. I don't think

Attorney Cappello: You need everybody who does it needs to permit. Get a permit. Okay. That's what I want to clarify. That assessable. So it doesn't restrict that on private property. You just have to register it so everybody knows it's proper access and safe. Okay.

Motion to Adopt Local Law 6-2026 — made by Trustee De Jesus, seconded by Trustee Mishk. All Ayes. Declared adopted.

8e. Code Revision — Chapter 140 Firearms and Fireworks — Resolution of Adoption (Local Law 7-2026)

Mayor Pearson: We were changing. We were changing only sparkling devices permitted by New York State as allowed in section one, section two. An individual allowed license or permit to carry in New York State must have the license permit on their person if they are carrying as unauthorized by law, section three was first offense was not to exceed \$1,000, and each calendar day would be constitutes another separate violation. So not a lot, just finalizing it with New York State law as well.

Motion to Adopt local law (read into the record as Local Law 7-2026) — made by Trustee Sanusi, seconded by Trustee Thompson. All Ayes. Declared adopted.

The Board caught, while reading the next resolution, that this law and the Chapter 167 Littering law had both been drafted/read as "Local Law 8" — they confirmed Firearms & Fireworks should be renumbered Local Law 7-2026.

Motion to Amend the resolution wording to correct the law number to "Local Law Number 7, 2026" — made by Trustee Sanusi, seconded by Trustee Thompson. All ayes. Motion carried.

8f. Code Revision — Chapter 167 Littering — Resolution of Adoption (Local Law 8-2026)

Motion to Adopt Local Law 8-2026 — made by Trustee De Jesus, seconded by Trustee Sanusi. All Ayes. Declared adopted.

Mayor Pearson: Thank you. Moving on to amendment of the village law littering, which is number 167 chapter. Really, this was basically just the fines that we were changing. We said okay last time. I'm sorry. Yes, motion to open public hearing. I'll make a motion. 140 up. 167. Sorry, Christy and Jared. All in favor? Aye. Thank you. Any more discussion other than that? Public. Mary Ellen. It's

Mary Ellen Matise: It's a little hard because I'm flying blind here. What's the definition of littering, and does somebody have to be caught in the act?

Mayor Pearson: Let me find it for you. You know,

Mary Ellen Matise unless it's like you know Alice's restaurant.

Mayor Pearson: Litter is garbage, refuse, and rubbish as designed here, and and all other waste material which is thrown or deposited, or here prohibited tends to create a danger to public health, safety, and welfare, or tends to create blight.

Mary Ellen Matise: But does that hurt you finding from littering? Because it's the person being littered on that has to clean it up once the litterer. Drives away down the road. It says no but the law's not here.

Attorney Cappello : The cleaning it up on the property would be property maintenance issue. Yeah, this littering is. So this would be if they if you caught somebody in the act. Somebody thrown out of the car or somebody you know depositing a thing of garbage, throwing it out on the sidewalk, and this this doesn't this is

Mary Ellen Matise: Inorganic material, not organic material by an animal?

Mayor Pearson: Anything, anything you want to throw on the sidewalk, you're going to get fined for.

Mary Ellen Matise: I know we closed the other one, but I don't, I don't know what that would what it would come under when people cut their grass. If their grass winds up all over the street, which is a safety hazard for motorcycles. Also, it's littering because you're putting your property. Does that come under this law? Where would it come?

Mayor Pearson: Thank you very much. Any more comments from the board? All right.

8g. Code Revision — Chapter 200 Parks and Recreation — Resolution of Adoption (Local Law 9-2026)

Mayor Pearson: Lynn, second. Jerry, all in favor? Aye. Thank you. Moving on to the next one, which is Chapter 200, Parks and Recreation. What we did in this one was we were missing some parks names, and in the we specifically named the parks in the village, and then we also no smoking or tobacco or cannabis. So we added cannabis and vaping in the parks. That was the only changes that we made to that. Make a motion. Make a motion. Make a motion. Christie, second. Second. Jose, all in favor? Aye. Thank you. Any other comments from the public? No. Okay. Thank you.

Motion to Adopt Local Law 9-2026 — made by Trustee Hall, seconded by Trustee Mishk. All Ayes. Declared adopted.

8h. Code Revision — Chapter 205 Peddling and Soliciting — Resolution of Adoption (Local Law 10-2026)

Mayor Pearson: Jose, second. Jerry, all in favor? Aye. Thank you. This was really to provide a gender-neutral language and provide an exception to the permit requirement for persons disseminating information related to religious beliefs and political purposes. Anyone from the public? I

Mary Ellen Matise: Wish you had made it more public. I know, as covenant and First Amendment that you're going to camp on them door to door. Is religious beliefs covered under the same thing? But when you're saying disseminating information, that is it is it restricted to that? Can be restricted to that. What if they're soliciting funds? Are they allowed to?

Mayor Pearson: They still have to have a permit, so that's going to go through the permitting process, and they're going to look at this code. No,

Mary Ellen Matise: an exemption?

Mayor Pearson: Oh, that one. Exemption

Mary Ellen Matise: To the requirement is religious and political.

Mayor Pearson: Thank you. So,

Mary Ellen Matise: If they're soliciting funds, money, then what happens?

Attorney Cappello: What their law? Persons soliciting contributions on behalf of organizations or nonprofit organizations registered under the executive law or exempted under who, while soliciting or possessing a card or other written of its appointment or authority to solicit for said organization or contribution, so it does say nonprofits can solicit. Doesn't really say religious, but I think as a religious, as a nonprofit would be able to. So

Mary Ellen Matise: Then, any John, you really should.

Attorney Cappello: Yes, I think a religious, you know, would be. But then

Mary Ellen Matise: Are nonprofits exempted?

Attorney Cappello: Yes, yes.

Mary Ellen Matise: So then, like community council, Rotary,

Attorney Cappello: Registered under the provisions of Executive Law 172, or exempted from registration under Executive Law 172A, and have a card. Or other written evidence of their appointment or authority to solicit for the organization. So

Mary Ellen Matise: That's a state executive.

Attorney Cappello: That's a state executive law. Okay. Yes, if you had that card with you. So

Mary Ellen Matise: Then, why wouldn't that be in here too? It is

Attorney Cappello: That's not. This this local law is only changing the gender neuter gender gen. neutral language, and providing an exemption for permit request. So that's added. The nonprofit one exists in the law today, and that's not being changed.

Mary Ellen Matise: It exists in our law and the state law.

Attorney Cappello: In that exists in the peddling and soliciting law. So that's not being amended, this local law is only amending the existing peddling and soliciting.

Mary Ellen Matise: Okay, so if someone comes to my house, I mean, because we get you get them all the time, spectrum constantly, you know, like different places like that. Of course, they need they need to have a permit.

Attorney Cappello: Yes.

Mary Ellen Matise: But no nonprofit or religious group, or I know that candidates campaigning are exempt.

Motion to Adopt Local Law 10-2026 — made by Trustee Baker, seconded by Trustee De Jesus. All Ayes. Declared adopted.

Mayor Pearson thanked the Board for its work bringing the code revisions to completion.

8i. Budget Transfer — Discussion & Resolution

Mayor Pearson: Reported that [the Treasurer] worked diligently to finalize the budget for fiscal year June 1, 2025 through May 31, 2026, and presented a report on revenue, expenditures, and the transfers needed to settle that budget.

Motion to Accept the resolution adopting the budget transfer abstract for FY 6/1/25–5/31/26 — made by Trustee Thompson, seconded by Trustee Mishk. All ayes. Motion carried.

9. Public Comment

Mary Ellen Matise (public): Asked about the status of the Colossal Sculpture (“The Indian Buffalo Hunt”) and mentioned a presentation on 9/17 and a walking tour on Saturday, 9/19.

10. Correspondence

Trustee Sanusi: Reported that several residents reached out about the Village website being outdated and difficult to navigate, and asked whether it could be discussed at an upcoming meeting; the Board agreed to put it on a future agenda (tentatively October, after Trustee Sanusi returns from NYCOM fall training).

Trustee Thompson, Trustee Mishk, Trustee Baker, Trustee De Jesus: No correspondence to report.

Trustee Hall: Reported two emails received: one from James Sullivan regarding Orange County Transit (status of follow-up unclear), and one from Heather Jurgens regarding donating space/use of the hall; Board members discussed the history of a related prior request.

Mayor Pearson: Reported receiving weekly emails from Mr. Ortiz about e-bike safety, which she has been sharing with the Board; noted Trustee Sanusi is working on revising the e-bike local law and that she is researching other municipalities' laws, including a possible under-16 riding restriction; said the topic will be placed back on a future agenda.

11. Miscellaneous Comments from the Board of Trustees

Trustee Mishk: Nothing to report.

Trustee Thompson: Reported another e-bike incident in Wooster's Grove; police responded promptly, located the child riding the e-bike, and spoke with the parent. Supports working with the police department on stronger language in the local law.

Trustee Sanusi: Nothing to report.

Trustee Baker: Nothing to report.

Trustee De Jesus: Echoed the e-bike concerns, noting sidewalk riding is a hazard, and raised similar concerns about unlicensed ATVs and other motorized equipment operating on Village streets/trails.

Attorney Cappello: Noted the current law already prohibits e-bikes in parks and on sidewalks, but enforcement requires catching violators in the act.

Trustee Hall: Asked whether the Ethics Board has met and whether it will address pending complaints; Mayor Pearson confirmed the Board does not get involved in Ethics Board matters. Hall also raised a question about the electric company/business variance, said she does not favor the complaint form being anything other than confidential (it goes only to the Building Department), and — speaking personally as a longtime resident — said she would prefer minutes be recorded verbatim. She thanked the Police Department, corrected an earlier statement about a broken sign (getting the ambulance corps/FD sign repaired), noted broken poles nearby, and reminded the Board that September is Childhood Cancer Awareness Month — her 20th year raising funds for the cause (look for gold ribbons) — and that the Fire Department is holding a 9/11 ceremony at the firehouse.

Village Clerk: So if I if I can interrupt just a little bit, just because I'm the one that those FOILs would be coming to. Yeah. Any personal information is redacted, so nothing is given to anyone. So even if you do go to, like let's say you ask the building inspector for permission to view a file, there are still pieces of that file that you are not allowed to view. So depending on how a person would submit that FOIL, we would review it and make sure that whatever the person was asking to view if they wanted to go in to view it, if they wanted copies of something, all of that would be looked over. No information, no identifying information, in so far as any complaints would ever be released. We are not trying to paint a target on anybody. To finish up that that FOIL conversation, though, too, where Kathy is coming from is asking to document issues. So, if there is something going on, we have a trail to say this is when it started, and it allows us to create that environment where we can address things within our legal system, within our village code, when necessary.

Attorney Cappello: Regarding the electric-company/business-use question, suggested the Board consider a more expansive variance for commercial use within certain parameters, to be refined further as the Village works through its comprehensive plan.

Trustee Hall: The only other thing I wanted to mention is September is Childhood Cancer Awareness Month. That's why I'm wearing my shirt today. I'm not a little more professional. A lot of you know who know me know that this is what I do all year long. It's very important to me, to my family. Our community is very big into it. This is our 20th year in the village doing these events. We've raised just about \$810,000 to date, and every two minutes a child is diagnosed in the world. So I know that it's, you know, it's rare. People don't see it. You know, everybody knows what pink is, but not everybody knows what gold is. So I'm sure you're going to see me out and around this month or the rest of the year, really. But pretty much just kind of putting up some signs, and if you see gold ribbons, if you're driving past my house, my parents' house, then then that's what it's for. I hope everybody is willing to help some way this year. We have events events from now through April. Sponsoring, volunteering, anything. If you have any questions, just let me know. Oh, and the fire department is doing a September 11th ceremony, 6 p.m. Friday, September 11th, up at the firehouse, rain or shine. That's it.

Mayor Pearson: Explained the ZBA could be positioned to grant a variance/zoning for certain businesses; said she would follow up. Reported the Hill Street bridge project would like to move forward and that a stronger letter from the attorney to the County/State may help; announced the Senior BBQ is scheduled for 9/23, with dial-a-bus registration available after 9/15; raised the Village's ICMA membership, noting the prior manager was active in it and asking Kate to look into

continued participation; and noted continued interest in hiring a part-time building inspector, subject to budget.

Trustee Baker: Asked whether a stronger letter would actually get the Hill Street bridge project moving.

Trustee Thompson: Reported that Mr. Hanen approached the Board about the soap box derby, and as of the meeting only she and Mayor Pearson had responded.

12. Executive Session

12a. Session A

Motion to Enter executive session to discuss the employment history of one or two particular individuals and potential litigation — made by Trustee Hall, seconded by Trustee Thompson. All Ayes. Motion carried.

Motion to Exit executive session made by Trustee Mishk and Trustee De Jesus. All ayes. Motion carried.

Motion to permit the village engineer to send the salt shed out to bid — made by Trustee Mishk, seconded by Trustee De Jesus. All Ayes. Motion carried.

12a. Session B

Motion to Enter executive session to discuss the employment history of one or two individuals and potential litigation — made by Trustee Hall, seconded by Trustee Baker. All Ayes. Motion carried.

Motion to Exit executive session made by Trustee Baker and Trustee Hall. All ayes. Motion carried.

Motion to grant a \$1,458.33 stipend to the secretary to the Public Works Superintendent from April 29 to September 29, 2026 — made by Trustee Mishk, seconded by Trustee De Jesus.

Roll Call Vote:

Trustee Baker – Aye

Trustee Hall – Nay

Trustee Sanusi – Nay

Trustee Thompson – Aye

Trustee De Jesus – Aye

Trustee Mishk – Aye

Mayor Pearson – Aye

13. Adjournment

Motion to adjourn made by Trustee De Jesus and Trustee Thompson. All ayes. Motion carried.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED BY

Anisetta Valdez, Village Clerk

**Village of Walden Board of Trustees
Regular Meeting
September 1, 2026
Motions & Resolutions**

Approval of Minutes – August 18, 2026

Trustee Mishk & Trustee Sanusi made a motion to approve the August 18 minutes, as corrected. 6 Ayes 0 Nays 1 Abstains

Payment of Audited Bills

Mayor Pearson & Trustee Thompson made a motion to approve the audited bills submitted by Friday's deadline. 6 Ayes 0 Nays 1 Abstains

Business of the Board

Park Use Request

None submitted.

Resolution 27-26-27 – Accepting Budget Transfer (FY 6/1/25–5/31/26)

Trustee Thompson & Trustee Mishk made a motion to accept the resolution adopting the budget transfer abstract. 6 Ayes 0 Nays 1 Abstains

Code Review

Public Hearing – Chapter 105 Brush, Grass & Weeds

Trustee Mishk & Trustee Thompson made a motion to open the public hearing. 7 Ayes 0 Nays 0 Abstains

Trustee Hall & Trustee De Jesus made a motion to close the public hearing. 7 Ayes 0 Nays 0 Abstains

Local Law – #4 -- Chapter 105 Brush, Grass & Weeds

Trustee De Jesus & Trustee Thompson made a motion to adopt **Local Law 4-2026** (Ch. 105). 7 Ayes 0 Nays 0 Abstains

Public Hearing – Chapter 109 Unsafe Buildings

Trustee De Jesus & Trustee Mishk made a motion to open the public hearing. 7 Ayes 0 Nays 0 Abstains

Trustee Thompson & Trustee Sanusi made a motion to close the public hearing. 7 Ayes 0 Nays 0 Abstains

Local Law – #5 Chapter 109 Unsafe Buildings

Trustee Mishk & Trustee Hall made a motion to adopt **Local Law 5-2026** (Ch. 109). 7 Ayes 0 Nays 0 Abstains

Public Hearing – Chapter 117 Clothing Bin Containers

Trustee Sanusi & Trustee Thompson made a motion to open the public hearing. 7 Ayes 0 Nays 0 Abstains

Trustee Mishk & Trustee Hall made a motion to close the public hearing. 7 Ayes 0 Nays 0 Abstains

Local Law – #6 Chapter 117 Clothing Bin Containers

Trustee De Jesus & Trustee Mishk made a motion to adopt **Local Law 6-2026** (Ch. 117). 7 Ayes 0 Nays 0 Abstains

Public Hearing – Chapter 140 Firearms and Fireworks

Trustee Mishk & Trustee Thompson made a motion to open the public hearing. 7 Ayes 0 Nays 0 Abstains

Trustee Hall & Trustee Sanusi made a motion to close the public hearing. 7 Ayes 0 Nays 0 Abstains

The resolution number was corrected from “Local Law 8” to “Local Law 7” after the Board identified a numbering conflict with Chapter 167 (below).

Trustee Sanusi & Trustee Thompson made a motion to amend the resolution to correct the local law number to Local Law 7, 2026. 7 Ayes 0 Nays 0 Abstains

Local Law – #7 Chapter 140 Firearms and Fireworks

Trustee Sanusi & Trustee Thompson made a motion to adopt **Local Law 7-2026** (Ch. 140). 7 Ayes 0 Nays 0 Abstains

Public Hearing – Chapter 167 Littering

Trustee Hall & Trustee Sanusi made a motion to open the public hearing. 7 Ayes 0 Nays 0 Abstains

Trustee Thompson & Trustee Mishk made a motion to close the public hearing. 7 Ayes 0 Nays 0 Abstains

Local Law – #8 Chapter 167 Littering

Trustee De Jesus & Trustee Sanusi made a motion to adopt **Local Law 8-2026** (Ch. 167). 7 Ayes 0 Nays 0 Abstains

Public Hearing – Chapter 200 Parks and Recreation

Trustee Hall & Trustee De Jesus made a motion to open the public hearing. 7 Ayes 0 Nays 0 Abstains

Trustee De Jesus & Trustee Thompson made a motion to close the public hearing. 7 Ayes 0 Nays 0 Abstains

Local Law – #9 Chapter 200 Parks and Recreation

Trustee Hall & Trustee Mishk made a motion to adopt **Local Law 9-2026** (Ch. 200). 7 Ayes 0 Nays 0 Abstains

Public Hearing – Chapter 205 Peddling and Soliciting

Trustee De Jesus & Trustee Mishk made a motion to open the public hearing. 7 Ayes 0 Nays 0 Abstains

Trustee De Jesus & Trustee Thompson made a motion to close the public hearing. 7 Ayes 0 Nays 0 Abstains

Local Law – #10 Chapter 205 Peddling and Soliciting

Trustee Baker & Trustee De Jesus made a motion to adopt **Local Law 10-2026** (Ch. 205). 7 Ayes 0 Nays 0 Abstains

Executive Session

Session A

Trustee Hall & Trustee Thompson made a motion to enter executive session to discuss the employment history of a particular individual and potential litigation. 7 Ayes 0 Nays 0 Abstains

Motion to Exit executive session made by Trustee Mishk and Trustee De Jesus. 7 Ayes 0 Nays 0 Abstains

Motion to permit the village engineer to send the salt shed out to bid — made by Trustee Mishk, seconded by Trustee De Jesus. 7 Ayes 0 Nays 0 Abstains

Session B

Motion to Enter executive session to discuss the employment history of one or two individuals and potential litigation — made by Trustee Hall, seconded by Trustee Baker. 7 Ayes 0 Nays 0 Abstains

Motion to Exit executive session made by Trustee Baker and Trustee Hall. 7 Ayes 0 Nays 0 Abstains

Motion to grant a \$1,458.33 stipend to the secretary to the Public Works Superintendent from April 29 to September 29, 2026 — made by Trustee Mishk, seconded by Trustee De Jesus.

Roll Call Vote:

- Trustee Baker – Nay (too low)
- Trustee Hall – Nay (too low)
- Trustee Sanusi – Nay (too low)
- Trustee Thompson – Aye
- Trustee De Jesus – Aye
- Trustee Mishk – Aye
- Mayor Pearson – Aye

Adjournment

Motion to adjourn made by Trustee De Jesus and Trustee Thompson. 7 Ayes 0 Nays 0 Abstains