

**Village of Walden  
Board of Trustees Meeting  
June 9, 2009**

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

On roll call the following were:

Present:	Mayor	Brian Mayer
	Deputy Mayor	Sue Rumbold
	Trustees	Mary Jean Norman
		Roy Wynkoop
		Richard Hurd
		Marcus Millspaugh Jr.
		Edmond Leonard

Also Present:	James C. Politi, Village Manager
	Nancy Mitchell, Village Clerk

**Village Manager's Report**

Manager Politi stated that there is a copy of the Community Development application in the board's packet. The three projects are the McKinley Monument retaining wall, Maple Street sidewalks and the business district signage. That application was turned in on time.

The manager asked if the board had any questions on the department head reports.

Deputy Mayor Rumbold stated that the board talked about inspections of recreation equipment, are they written or are they verbal?

Manager Politi stated that Mr. Howland had them stored at his office. There is a written format that was programmed for the children's park and they are formatting the other inspections. It is a written report with a check list.

Deputy Mayor Rumbold asked how often they are done.

Manager Politi stated that he would have to ask Mr. Howland.

Deputy Mayor Rumbold asked if Mr. Howland could supply the last two or three so the board can see what it looks like.

Manager Politi indicated that he could.

Trustee Hurd stated that there were a significant number of animals that were taken out to the town by the animal control officer, are people encouraged to put collars on their animals with the owners name and address so they can be contacted and returned.

Manager Politi stated that it's through the town where they get their dog license, but he is not sure how they do their public outreach.

Deputy Mayor Rumbold stated that in the building inspector's report, 32 Seely Street and 31 Madison Street are these new?

Manager Politi stated that these are new.

Mr. Dowd stated that if you look at the cover sheet it says new violations.

Deputy Mayor Rumbold asked if it was the same trucks.

Manager Politi stated when they moved the one truck and he believed the owner moved one to the street and one to the driveway which was over tonnage for the driveway. It was over tonnage for the street as well. So he cited him again.

Deputy Mayor Rumbold stated after the board took action one was towed, one was moved from the street back to the driveway.

Manager Politi stated correct. Now you have to go through the process again.

Deputy Mayor Rumbold asked if in two weeks the board will see something on this.

Manager Politi stated yes.

Trustee Millspaugh suggested the building inspector do a list of who gets the standard letter. Just a separate sheet of who gets grass and weed letters and the results. He doesn't need to see the actual letters.

Manager Politi stated that the board had requested the paperwork, but if they want to reduce it to a list they can unless there is something significant the board should see.

Deputy Mayor Rumbold stated that she doesn't mind the copies of the order to remedy.

Trustee Millspaugh also indicated that he would like it indicated who cut the grass.

**Public Hearing – Introductory Local Law I-2 of 2009 – “Flood Damage Prevention”**

Mr. Dowd explained that the Federal Emergency Management Agency or FEMA periodically, every 10 years or so, redoes their flood plain and their flood insurance maps and they did that again this year. Part of that requires municipalities to repeal their old law and put into effect the new law reciting the new map numbers and the new regulations. That is what you're doing tonight. This is important because anyone who lives in a flood plain and are going to get flood insurance the village must adopt these regulations or they can't get flood insurance. It's a mandatory law to pass. All the maps are in the village's possession and have been fully adopted by FEMA and will become effective August 3<sup>rd</sup> so we must adopt this local law by July 3<sup>rd</sup> in order to qualify for the insurance for anybody who is in a flood plain.

Mayor Mayer stated that the notice was published in the Wallkill Valley Times and has been posted. The mayor read the notice.

Trustee Millspaugh moved to open the public hearing on Introductory Local law I-2 of 2009, "Flood Damage Prevention". Seconded by Trustee Leonard.

There were no comments from the public.

Trustee Hurd stated that if anybody in the village feels that they need flood insurance they should act prior to the new rate structure going into effect August 3<sup>rd</sup>. The existing rate is considerably less.

Trustee Millspaugh asked if the village got the maps yet.

The village clerk indicated that they have.

Trustee Hurd moved to close the public hearing. Seconded by Trustee Leonard. All ayes. Public hearing closed.

Trustee Hurd moved to declare the Board of Trustees lead agency and to declare an unlisted declaration with regard to SEQRA. Seconded by Deputy Mayor Rumbold.

Trustee moved to adopt Introductory Local Law No I-2 of 2009, "Flood Damage Prevention" as Local Law No. 3 of 2009. Seconded by Trustee. All ayes. Motion carried.

### **Public Comment**

Frank Lamacchia 20 Woodruff Street presented the board with the attached petition. The residents are requesting no parking on Woodruff Street, both sides and from Wileman to Jessup no parking. They do request the residents get permits to park in the street. They want the no parking from dawn to dusk. They want the signage changed to direct people to Wooster Grove. There are also people on the trail late at night. They are also concerned with the fire trucks and ambulances being unable to get through the streets. He also presented pictures of the street to the board.

Mayor Maher commended Mr. Lamacchia for all the work he's done. He asked the attorney if there was anything legally they could do.

Mr. Dowd stated that you can't grant permits, but you can restrict parking based on hours.

Mr. Lamacchia stated that he is in favor of no parking dawn to dusk.

Mayor Maher stated that he would like to meet with Mr. Lamacchia and go over what they can do legally and what they can't. He will discuss that at the end of the meeting. He did try to get ahold of Ms. Sonner, but she has been on vacation all week.

Mr. Lamacchia stated that Ms. Sonner wants parking by permit for residents. He also stated that there is a black bear in his neighborhood.

Mayor Maher stated that the village will advise DEC that there is a black bear in the area.

Anita Vandermark stated that the committee for the Walden Veterans Memorial Park would like everyone to come to there dedication on June 14<sup>th</sup> at 1pm. There will be a representative from Congressman Hinchey's office to present the flag.

Becky Pearson, 167 Walnut Street asked about General Code.

Mayor Maher stated that the board is in the process of rescheduling the meeting. No date has been set as of yet.

Becky Pearson asked about the water shed protection grant.

Manager Politi stated that it is being handled by Lanc and Tully.

Becky Pearson asked about the water tower and fencing, the scout cabin and solar lights.

Mayor Maher stated that the village is exploring options for the solar lights now since we haven't heard from Mr. Dippener.

Ms. Pearson asked about the cutting of trees on village property and approvals. Last week she called the building inspector and manager and they didn't seem to know.

Mayor Maher stated that the building inspector is not present; he will note it and get back to her.

Ms. Pearson asked if the donated trees have been planted.

Mayor Maher stated that he looked at those trees. They have not planted them yet. We planted three trees which were donated by Manza's. They were planted at Bradley Field.

Ms. Pearson asked if it was possible to put the agenda on line.

Mayor Maher stated that he will be discussing the web site.

Ms. Pearson also asked about information that is going to be discussed at the meeting to be put on line. She also asked if landlord registration was up to date.

Mayor Maher stated yes.

Ms. Pearson asked if the landlord registry was completed or are applications still coming in.

Manager Politi stated that it is on going because properties change hands.

Ms. Pearson asked if the water meter replacement project was finished. She also asked about police consolidation.

Mayor Maher stated that they are in the process of putting something together and they are working hard to do that. We've gone farther than we've ever gone. They've been meeting with the town to figure out concepts. When they have the facts they will bring them to the public.

Ms. Pearson stated that on Bank Street the lower end on the left people are complaining about the curb backfill. She also indicated that they never finished the travel policy and fraud policy. She asked for an update on the sewer plant, do we still have 59 violations and have we been fined.

Mayor Maher stated that is still pending.

Ms. Pearson asked if there was another meeting coming up soon.

Mayor Maher stated that he hasn't heard of any.

Ms. Pearson asked about the pictures for the rail trail welcome center.

Mayor Maher stated that he will look into that.

Ms. Pearson asked if they were going to do the street on Maple Street or just the sidewalks.

Manager Politi stated that the application is for sidewalks.

Ms. Pearson asked if they were doing anything with the drainage at the bottom of Pine Street and the Pine Street pump station still has the graffiti all over it. She also feels the handicapped parking for the rail trail should be addressed. She asked about the tennis court rehab.

Mayor Maher stated that they will be discussing the tennis courts.

John Revella, 16 Church Street suggested they shift the lanes over on Main Street so there is more parking by Sohns and John the Taylor. Also, putting parking box lines in the other areas of the business district. He asked if he sees a property maintenance issue should he email the building inspector or call the village offices to report it.

Mayor Maher advised him to call the village office.

Demetrius stated that a couple weeks ago his daughter was driving over Coldenham Road train tracks and a train was coming real slow and suddenly there was a light and a horn which scared her. He suggested someone from the train jump down and signal drivers.

Mayor Maher stated that he will make a call on that.

Anita Vandermark stated that the flower boxes at the entrance to the village on Route 208 need attention. She asked who was responsible for them.

Mayor Maher stated that it's the recreation department and he will contact them.

### **Bond Resolution No. 1-09-10, DPW Equipment and Roadwork**

Mr. Dowd stated that this has to be tabled because bond counsel was unable to get that done.

Trustee Hurd moved to table the bond resolution for DPW equipment and roadwork.

Deputy Mayor Rumbold asked who prepares the resolution.

Mr. Dowd indicated a bond counsel in New York City.

Seconded by Deputy Mayor Rumbold.

Mr. Dowd also stated that there were several issues discussed on the phone with bond counsel, the manager and treasurer with regard to there are different items they are bonding for and based upon the information he gave them there are two bond resolutions needed.

Deputy Mayor Rumbold asked when they first got the information.

Mr. Dowd stated yesterday.

All ayes. Motion carried.

**Resolution No. 2-09-10, “Smart Growth Grant Program”**

Mr. Dowd stated that the County of Orange wants the village’s cooperation to do an inventory of vacant property.

Deputy Mayor Rumbold asked if it was the county who made the villages designation on the map.

Manager Politi stated yes.

Deputy Mayor Rumbold asked what happened with that.

Manager Politi stated that he hasn’t gotten a response.

Mr. Revella stated that the village’s designation was changed on the map.

Deputy Mayor Rumbold moved to adopt Resolution No. 2-09-10, “Smart Growth Grant Program.” Seconded by Trustee Leonard. All ayes. Resolution adopted.

**Request for Zoning Board of Appeals Cost Reimbursement for an Applicant**

Mr. Dowd stated that this is for Ray Lustig. He is asking for some money back. He appeared before the zoning board for a use variance and an area variance. He did not get the use variance therefore the board did not have to consider the area variance. He is asking for a refund of the area variance. The only question the attorney has is it is his understanding that the costs of the variances were different. The use variance was always more expensive than the area variances. He asked if the village changed that.

Deputy Mayor Rumbold asked if the building inspector was shown this letter.

Manager Politi indicated that he was.

Deputy Mayor Rumbold stated that if he read the letter she is assuming that if he wasn’t questioning the amounts that they are accurate.

Mayor Maher stated that we have the village attorney questioning them. He further stated that we should find out if he was charged the correct amount before we make a decision.

Deputy Mayor Rumbold stated that she would like to know that as well, but if this letter was brought to the building inspectors attention, if the amount was wrong she would think that he would have corrected it or brought it to the board or manager's attention.

Trustee Hurd moved to table the request for cost reimbursement. Seconded by Trustee Norman. All ayes. Motion carried.

### **Tennis Court Rehab Request – Fix One Court in FY 09-10, Second in FY-10-11**

Mayor Maher stated that from what he was told the village does not have the funds currently to pave and create both tennis courts. We have the funds to pave both courts or to create one tennis court.

Manager Politi stated that you have enough to pave but you don't have enough to seal, put the line down and the proper coating that should be on both courts. They are requesting to let them complete one completely with the correct sealer and the lines that should be in there. You don't have enough money to do both, yet they want to get one on line this year. They would do the top court first because the drainage is doing more damage to the lower one. We can do in house work ripping it out.

Mayor Maher stated that the cost is \$25,000 to \$30,000. It will have to go out to bid.

Trustee Leonard moved to go forward with one tennis court rehab. Seconded by Trustee Norman.

Trustee Hurd asked about the drainage.

Manager Politi stated that they will add a little more drainage, but most of the drainage is done.

Trustee Hurd asked if the lower court will stay in its present condition.

Manager Politi stated that it will stay in its present condition and we will work on it in-house ripping it out. You will end up with two courts. You will replace the upper court completely then over the course of the year they will work on the lower court.

Trustee Millspaugh asked what gets ripped out.

Manager Politi stated the lower court.

Trustee Millspaugh stated that the plans the village had was the topping on the existing court.

Manager Politi stated that Trustee Millspaugh disagreed with that concept.

Trustee Millspaugh stated that the original plans didn't call for that, what's changed.

Manager Politi stated that we want to make sure that it's drained off more than what we had. That will be next year.

Trustee Millspaugh asked if they were using the present plans.

Manager Politi stated yes we are.

Trustee Millspaugh stated that had called for keeping the original court and putting tack coat geo textile fabric on there and three inches of topping on top of that, inch and a half of the rougher and inch and a half of the fine coat. It required a high level of accuracy in putting that down. He still doesn't know what they are talking about.

Manager Politi stated that the money you have you have the ability to rebuild the upper court. You do not have the money to rebuild the lower court. He is asking the board to let them go with the money they have based on the plans that they have to rebuild the upper court.

Mayor Maher stated that the board's action is not about ripping out the lower court. Their action is fixing the second court.

Deputy Mayor Rumbold stated that this is the first she is hearing they can't afford to do both courts. So, the original bid that they had to negate because there was an issue, what was that for.

Manager Politi stated that back to the original bid; the bids came in too high for the money. We then want to go out to a second bid that they did in-house. We were trying to put it down as paved tennis courts. The more you talked to people you don't want paved tennis courts. You need that top sealer on it. If you have the money to do it right you have enough money to do a complete rehab of one court. This is not a grant and this is not a borrowing, this is your capital plan that you have funding for in-house.

Deputy Mayor Rumbold asked if engineers were ever involved in this project.

Manager Politi stated yes in the beginning.

Deputy Mayor Rumbold asked if the engineer's original plans include what we are doing now.

Manager Politi stated that you have the original plans and half of it you can pay for and yes they were done accurately. The plans weren't off you just didn't have the funding to do all that work.

Trustee Millspaugh asked if Lanc and Tully would be supervising this.

Manager Politi stated that they are only quickly over viewing making sure the document looks okay.

Trustee Millspaugh asked if they will be responsible for supervising the work.

Manager Politi stated that they will have to because it's over \$20,000. They will have to stamp the plans.

Mayor Maher stated that he remembers talking to a representative from Lanc and Tully and pro bono was their use of words. He would like the manager to ask them about that.

Manager Politi stated that in park settings they tend to work with the communities.

Mayor Maher asked if that was brought up when these plans were looked at.

Manager Politi stated yes. They are doing an over sight to make sure the spec is proper.

Deputy Mayor Rumbold asked what happens to the tennis program if you're down one court.

Manager Politi stated that they will work the best they can with one court. You don't have the funding in this budget. We're trying to get done what we can so you don't lose the program altogether.

Deputy Mayor Rumbold asked how long this will take to get done.

Manager Politi stated that he doesn't have the construction schedule.

All ayes. Motion carried.

### **Set Hearing Date for 78 Bergen Avenue-Property Maintenance Violations**

Manager Politi stated that the building inspector is asking to move forward. He would like the owner to come to a hearing in front of the board.

Trustee Hurd moved to set a hearing for 78 Bergen Avenue, property maintenance violations on June 23, 2009 at 6:30pm. Seconded by Trustee Millspaugh. All ayes. Motion carried.

### **Consideration of an Inter-municipal Agreement for Providing Cooperative Information Technology Services with the Town of New Windsor**

Manager Politi stated that the village typically would work with Patrick Mangan who would help us with our IT. Something is being offered through the Town of New Windsor through an intermunicipal agreement which keeps the cost lower. It would be to work with them and their IT staff. Other communities have entered into that agreement. These are IT guys that are in a town hall setting.

Mr. Dowd stated that legally everything is good.

Manager Politi stated that he wants permission to progress with this so he can give the board more of a cost.

Trustee Hurd asked if they would be maintaining a site that we are going to develop ourselves.

Manager Politi stated that the web site is something else. We need to develop the web site further. This is more issues that crop in our system. The mayor has taken the initiative to work with our current web master.

Deputy Mayor Rumbold asked if exhibit A is consistent with what they charge.

Manager Politi stated that it's less than what we're doing right now.

It was the consensus of the board for the manager to look into this further.

### **Scofflaw Review**

Mayor Maher stated that he has had conversations with Judge Ozman and there are different venues that are being discussed right now. They have formed a committee of him, Judge Ozman, John Revella and Ed Leonard. They will be looking into different possibilities of how to enforce parking tickets.

### **Community Service**

Mayor Maher stated that community service also came up in conversation with Judge Ozman. He wanted to discuss with the board the possibility of having community service for violators instead of fines, doing 10 hours community service.

Mr. Dowd indicated that whenever you bring someone in there are liability issues. There was one time when someone who was doing community service was directing traffic and he got hit by a car. They have to be supervised very closely and you have to be aware that there is a liability attached to it.

It was the consensus of the board not to have community service.

### **Habitat for Humanity Request**

Manager Politi stated that Mr. Rathman contacted the village and he would like to ask the board if they would like to entertain this or have him come in and do a presentation. The Newburgh group is looking to expand.

Mayor Maher stated that he has worked with Habitat for Humanity before and they are a great organization and he would like them to come in and do a presentation.

It was consensus of the board to have Habitat for Humanity come in and do a presentation.

### **Orange County Planning Grant Application**

Manager Politi stated that the next round is out. There is \$7500 for the well head protection program that was awarded. There have been very good meetings with Lanc and Tully. They are getting on line to move forward with them. The well head protection grant is going to move forward. In the end there will be a document with suggestions to the town what they should not do in and around our well heads. The planning grant application is now out. As an idea the commuter rail is moving forward and the MX zone itself is now gaining steam and there could be some more planning money there that would help off set the cost. He would suggest applying for \$10,000 or \$15,000 for planning in that area.

Trustee Millspaugh suggested they apply for a grant to start to talk about encouraging municipalities to update their codes. He went to a program and there was a big emphasis on getting your codes so they are responsive to changing zoning practices. We are in process of revising our code and he thinks it makes a lot more sense to apply in that direction. As far as putting more grant money towards anything to do with this rail connection he feels we're kidding ourselves. There is going to be no train running between here and Campbell Hall for years and years if ever. If there was a demand for that there would be a bus running there today. His suggestion would be to put the emphasis on continuing our code revisions to get state of the art parts of the code in there.

Mayor Maher asked if we have to apply for the grant for a specific reason.

Manager Politi stated or those zoning issues. You've seen a significant emphasis placed on funding for the next step in phase II of that review. You're at the federal level. Everywhere we go we get more interest in that. He doesn't feel its something they should put off. He doesn't think it's foolish or money not wisely spent.

Trustee Millspaugh stated that the whole concept of having a rail connection makes our community more attractive. Our community would be more attractive if we have an up to date code where people are encouraged to use the green technologies.

Manager Politi stated that the board has already programmed and allocated and encumbered money for upgrading the code that you're going to be part of which you

have been part of. The rail connection is something you should chase. Now with the announcement of the tunnel connection on the west side will open up for a one seat ride on the rail connections and access to the metropolitan area in NYC as the job market is its essential going forward. He feels access should be provided. It's a goal that might be ten years away, but if you start now it's always ten years away.

Trustee Millspaugh stated that it's an impractical thought. If a rail comes the station isn't going to be between here and Montgomery. It's not going to be in the center of our community.

Manager Politi stated that every planning concept points exactly to the center of the community because you were built as a walking/working community.

Trustee Wynkoop stated that they've put a lot of time in it already and they've seen some progress.

Mayor Maher stated that they don't see it as a waste of money. This is something this board has agreed upon going forward and we will be spending money on planning.

Trustee Millspaugh stated that this is not going forward it's just a facet of something that would be meaningful if this goes through. He asked if Dave Church could come to a meeting and explain what they could do for upgrading our code.

Manager Politi stated that they can bring that up during discussion of the code revisions.

Trustee Millspaugh stated that there is something that takes professional guidance. What should our code say about solar panels on roofs? He doesn't think our code addresses that. He would like to see the village get help taking our code to a higher level.

Mayor Maher asked if that was something the village could do without spending grant money.

Manager Politi stated that the village is not spending grant money on it. That is part of code processing and the review you're doing with that firm. Right now you're reviewing your code to update your code. When you have a meeting you can discuss that.

Deputy Mayor Rumbold stated that she thought that is what they were doing when they made a submission for stimulus money, for the next phase of that study.

Trustee Hurd stated that is the rail feasibility study. We still have the MX zone at the rail head which has to be planned in and of itself.

Manager Politi stated that you're going to have the planner involved. Here's access to \$10,000/\$15,000 that you don't have in the budget, but you do want to keep promoting it. Now is the time to promote that zone.

Trustee Hurd stated that what Trustee Millspaugh is saying and he feels they should do both. There may not be anything addressing solar panels on roofs. That wouldn't cost us anymore to look at that.

Manager Politi stated that part of the process is paid for through the code review.

Trustee Hurd stated that he feels they go hand in hand. He doesn't see how one excludes the other.

Mayor Maher stated that was his very first question when he said can we put both in the application.

Trustee Leonard stated say we have nothing in our code for solar panels.

Mr. Dowd stated that it's the State Building Code that the building inspector is going off of.

It was the consensus of the board to apply for a planning grant to deal with the comprehensive plan as a review.

### **Public Comment – Discussion Items**

Brenda Adams, 31 Valley Avenue stated that she likes the idea of Habitat for Humanity coming in. She was wondering if they would be interested in foreclosed houses.

Mary Ellen Matisse, 21 Clinton Street stated that the Citizens Foundation did a walk around in Pine Bush which was very informative and interesting. It was very interesting in finding out they started in 1981 and it has taken them that amount of time to bring Pine Bush around. R.J. Smith was the mover and shaker behind getting that happening. Coupling that with the transportation and land use meeting that the county is doing, the two year study. She thinks it's a good idea to start a comprehensive plan review, but she thinks when they do it they need to have an implementation component as part of it.

Manager Politi stated that in the back of the plan you see the implementation. There is an accomplishment list in the back and they've done quite a bit.

John Revella stated that on the planning grant, he thought he read that it was \$10,000 for one municipality and it would be more if it was multi. He feels they should apply for multi. He also stated that it's a good idea for code revisions for energy efficiency and new technology. You want to have some provisions for geo thermal.

Also, there was talk about bus service. Demand for bus service is not the same as demand for train service because sometimes there a stigma attached to the bus that he doesn't have a problem with but some people do. The bus stops for traffic lights, the bus stops for accidents and they don't go through bad weather.

### **Approval of Minutes**

Deputy Mayor Rumbold moved to adopt the minutes of May 26, 2009. Seconded by Trustee Hurd. All ayes. Minutes adopted.

### **Audited Bills**

Trustee Hurd moved to pay the audited bills of June 9, 2009. Seconded by Deputy Mayor Rumbold.

Deputy Mayor Rumbold asked if those bills were pulled, the question on the mileage bill.

Manager Politi stated yes.

Deputy Mayor Rumbold stated that she didn't get an answer about the boat. Will that be brought in every night?

Manager Politi stated that it will be brought in.

Trustee Millspaugh asked if the boat was an insurance item.

Deputy Mayor Rumbold stated that there was a question about what we do for security for it because of the vandalism down there.

Manager Politi stated that they will lock the boat up.

Trustee Millspaugh stated that he was wondering if a missing boat was an insurance item.

Manager Politi stated yes.

All ayes. Motion carried.

### **Correspondence**

Mayor Maher stated that on behalf of the Board of Trustees and the village he wrote a letter thanking Commander Dave Penney for putting together an amazing Memorial Day Ceremony.

### **Board Comments**

Trustee Norman stated that the Friends of the Walden Youth had a meeting last night and they have their houses for Olley Park. They will be delivered in two weeks. They had enough money that they are putting in the wooden train.

Deputy Mayor Rumbold congratulated the Friends of the Walden Youth they did a great job.

Trustee Norman stated that going around the village there are a lot of properties that have the big televisions on their lawns. They should know the garbage company is not going to pick them up.

Trustee Leonard stated that the building inspector cited one person.

Trustee Wynkoop thanked everyone involved with getting the flag pole in the Veterans Memorial Park. Everyone should go see what a job they've done.

Mayor Maher stated that the board did receive the invitation to the Flag Day ceremony.

Trustee Norman stated that they had a crime night out meeting and there wasn't a great turnout. She was asked to come before the board and ask if they can help out. If you can't attend the meetings maybe you can do something at night. They need a lot of help to continue to have the success that they've had in the past.

Mayor Maher thanked all involved with the Veterans Memorial Park. He thanked Becky Pearson because she did a lot of hard work with it. There is a ceremony planned on June 14, 2009 at 1pm.

Mayor Maher stated that there are a lot of new ideas for the web site. One thing they've added is the mayor's blog. It will allow people to comment on items he puts on his blog. He will bring the comments back to the board. It should be up and running by the next meeting.

Deputy Mayor Rumbold asked about the lights on Main Street.

Manager Politi stated that the bulbs have been received and the electrician has been called. The bridge lights are for the state to do the investigation. A number of calls have been made to them.

Deputy Mayor Rumbold asked how much the bulbs cost.

Mr. Lamendola stated that it's \$300. for a case of six.

Deputy Mayor Rumbold asked who put the lights in and who was the electrician.

Manager Politi stated that the village put the lights in and he can't remember who the contractor was. He will find out.

Deputy Mayor Rumbold asked if the contractor was ever called back to check the electrical work.

Deputy Mayor Rumbold wished Trustee Norman a happy 29<sup>th</sup> birthday next Friday.

Trustee Millspaugh stated that the DPW crew, NYSEG, Dave Kurtz and Bill Palmer put the flag pole up. They should also be acknowledged.

Trustee Millspaugh stated that he went out on the river and our river bank looks bad when the town has the riverside park that is nicely mowed. On Pine Street we have a little user unfriendly spot to get to the river. It also has river stuff growing to the right and behind the pump station. He's sure the town dpw has no more skills than our dpw. It must be they get detailed to do the work. He asked that the village dpw get detailed to make our river bank look nice too. Also, the missing street light pole was ordered in February or March, what's happened to it.

Mr. Lamendola stated that he talked to him today and tomorrow he will give him an update. When he ordered it they said six to ten weeks because it's coming from California.

Trustee Millspaugh stated that he's been visiting the wastewater treatment plant and things are looking very good.

Trustee Leonard stated that the manager emailed the board about the bill that was passed by the state legislature which is opposed by NYCOM. The bill would make it easier for villages to consolidate. He would like the manager to compose a letter to support NYCOM.

Mayor Maher stated that you would need the board to discuss that. He has mixed feelings on it.

Trustee Hurd stated that NYCOM is saying that it could have serious ramifications. They are saying that the threshold is there for a reason. It changes the percentage of the people that would vote. It's a very low percentage, 10% or 5,000 depending on the community.

Mayor Maher suggested the board members read the bill and bring it up at the next meeting. We should be unified in their response.

Manager Politi indicated that by the next meeting it will be signed.

Mayor Maher suggested the manager email the information or have hard copies to the board members and tomorrow give the okay or not.

Trustee Hurd stated that the pension fund for municipal employees and police departments, he understands the state lost a lot of money. Do we have any heads up of what we are dealing with?

Manager Politi stated that they are looking into seeing what the ramifications are.

### **Executive Session**

Trustee Hurd moved to hold an executive session pursuant to 105-(f), Personnel, Village Manager's contract and 105-(e), PBA negotiations, of the Public Officers Law. Seconded by Trustee Wynkoop. All ayes. Motion carried.

Trustee Norman moved to reconvene the regular meeting. Seconded by Trustee Wynkoop. All ayes. Meeting reconvened.

### **Adjournment**

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

Respectfully submitted,

Nancy Mitchell  
Village Clerk