

**Village of Walden
Board of Trustees Meeting
April 28th, 2009
Motions and Resolutions**

Trustee Hurd moved to open the meeting. Seconded by Trustee Norman. All ayes. Meeting opened.

Executive Session

Trustee Hurd moved to hold an executive session pursuant to 105-(f), Personnel, engineering firm interviews, of the Public Officers Law. Seconded by Deputy Mayor Rumbold. All ayes. Motion carried.

Deputy Mayor Rumbold moved to reconvene the regular meeting. Seconded by Trustee Wynkoop. All ayes. Meeting reconvened.

Hearing – 31 Madison Avenue-Unlicensed, Overweight Vehicle Truck Violation

Deputy Mayor Rumbold moved to open the hearing for 31 Madison, overweight vehicle truck violation. Seconded by Trustee Leonard. All ayes. Hearing opened.

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

Trustee Wynkoop moved to find the owner of 31 Madison Street in violation and to allow five (5) calendar days to remove the oil truck and take care of the property maintenance. Seconded by Trustee Leonard. All ayes. Motion carried.

Hearing-32 Seeley Street – Property Maintenance Violation

Deputy Mayor Rumbold moved to open the hearing for 32 Seeley Street, property maintenance violation. Seconded by Trustee Hurd. All ayes. Hearing opened.

Trustee Norman moved to close the hearing for 32 Seeley Street. Seconded by Trustee Hurd. All ayes. Hearing closed.

Deputy Mayor Rumbold moved to give the owner of 32 Seeley Street five (5) days to come into compliance with the property maintenance law and authorize the manager and building inspector to have the property at 32 Seeley Street cleaned up and charged back to the property. Seconded by Trustee Hurd.

Resolution No. 18-08-09 – Adopting 2009-2010 Village Budget

Trustee Hurd moved to adopt Resolution No. 18-08-09, Adopting 2009-2010 Village Budget. Seconded by Trustee Leonard. All ayes. Resolution adopted.

Resolution No. 19-08-09 – Community Development Block Grant Application Submission

Trustee Millspaugh moved to adopt Resolution No. 19-08-09, Community Development Block Grant Application Submission. Seconded by Trustee Hurd. All ayes. Resolution adopted.

Approval of Minutes

Deputy Mayor Rumbold moved to adopt the minutes of April 14, 2009. Seconded by Trustee Hurd. All ayes. Minutes adopted.

Audited Bills

Deputy Mayor Rumbold moved to pay the audited bills of April 28, 2009. Seconded by Trustee Hurd. All ayes with the exception of Trustee Millspaugh abstaining. Motion carried.

Adjournment

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

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Mayor Brian Mayer 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
	Kevin Dowd, Village Attorney

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Presentation – Gary Theodore/Nugent & Haeussler, P.C./Audit Review

Gary Theodore, Nugent and Haeussler gave an overview of the audit. He indicated that on Page 1 of the audit is the unqualified opinion and that is the best opinion you can get. It states that the village's books and records are correct and fairly presented. On Page 9 is a comparison of the income and expenses for the 2007 audit and 2008 audit and the numbers are similar, therefore everything looks fine. On Page 17 is the balance sheet of the village on a government wide basis, all the funds together. The total assets for the year was over ten point eight million dollars, your liabilities was only three point one million, which is a lot less than your assets so that is a plus. That shows a healthy

balance sheet for the village. On Page 18 is the income statements which shows that the income for the year was \$820,000 so you had a healthy year. Page 19 shows a balance sheet on the different basis of accounting, by fund. Every fund has a positive fund balance number except for the capital fund which has a negative balance only because of the financing and as the BAN's are paid off that number goes away. Each fund looks good. Page 21 is the income statement by funds. The general fund net assets show a minus \$81,000 and every other fund has a positive or net income for the year. The reason the general fund shows a minus \$81,000 is because it was budgeted that way. They were using some of the fund balance the previously so they budgeted more expenses than revenues. So had everything come in according to budget we wouldn't see a minus \$95,000 there, instead you see a minus \$81,000 and you couldn't get any closer, so there is no cause for alarm there. The financial statements look good. The village is financially healthy. On page 48 starts three pages of showing comparison between the budget revenue and expenses and your actual revenue and expenses. It shows that the revenues came in under budget by \$95,000 and the expenditures show that the village spent less that was budgeted by \$180,000. The water fund and sewer fund both have the same results. The water fund came in at what was budgeted and as far as expenses go you spent less than what was budgeted. Those are good signs as well. Page 52 is a summary of the indebtedness of the village. The village is not really saddled with a lot of debt. The village is in good financial shape. The audit went well. He publicly thanked Jan and all the people involved with the record keeping and book keeping. Everything they needed or asked for the staff was able to produce. It was a pleasure to do the audit.

Trustee Norman stated, "good job Jan."

Trustee Millspaugh stated that there was a comment in the budget about internal controls.

Mr. Theodore stated what happened the last couple years is that there was a new statement on standards. A new rule for them as auditors and that was SAS 112 which dealt with internal controls. It made them take a harder look at internal controls. Internal controls can be increased with more staff but you also have to look at the cost benefit of that. If you don't have the money to hire additional staff then you do the best you can. That is the situation the village is in.

Trustee Millspaugh stated that there was a bill for \$17,000 that had not been anticipated, is a purchase order the method of getting into internal control.

Mr. Theodore stated yes. That means the person is comparing the requisition to the budget. They look to see the approvals are on there.

Deputy Mayor Rumbold stated that she had the same question about internal controls because that seems to be consistent with, this is the only second audit that she has seen and it is a consistent remark in both.

Trustee Hurd stated that we've addressed this every year for, he can't remember. We've always been happy with what we've had because it would be too expensive for us to have that additional staff.

Trustee Millspaugh asked about the assets of the village.

Mr. Theodore stated that came out with the GASB 34. A few years ago they had the government wide financial statements where fixed assets became part of the government wide financial statement and a lot of villages and towns didn't keep good records as far as fixed assets go. That has changed and those fixed assets are on the books and it does make your financial statements look better.

Trustee Millspaugh asked about capitalizing a street.

Mr. Theodore stated that to capitalize it makes your balance sheet look better and then when you borrow money they look at all your financial statements and if you have a strong financial position then your allowed to borrow the money and it may help with a low interest rate.

Mayor Maher thanked Mr. Theodore for coming and he commended Ms. Weiner for all her work. She is invaluable to the board and the Village of Walden.

Hearing – 31 Madison Avenue-Unlicensed, Overweight Vehicle Truck Violation

Deputy Mayor Rumbold moved to open the hearing for 31 Madison, overweight vehicle truck violation. Seconded by Trustee Leonard. All ayes. Hearing opened.

Mr. Stickles stated that due to the fact that the owner has other obligations this evening he cannot attend the hearing therefore he recommends that the village has the oil truck removed and the property maintenance done. The owner called him today and said he had done the property maintenance and upon inspection he did just enough to get under the wire, but it's not acceptable. He feels it should be complete on 31 Madison Avenue and 32 Sheeley Street. The other oil truck that was parked at 32 Seeley is now a licensed vehicle parked on Madison Avenue. He has asked the police department to check to see that it is properly registered and insured. The other truck is still parked at 31 Madison.

Mr. Dowd asked for clarification. The unregistered, unlicensed oil truck is on which property?

Mr. Stickles indicated that it was at 31 Madison. There were two.

Mr. Dowd stated that it is now licensed and on the street?

Mr. Stickles stated no, the one that was parked at 32 Seeley Street is now a licensed vehicle parking on the street. The oil truck currently parking at 31 Madison Avenue is still unlicensed, uninsured and over weight which is parked in the driveway.

Mr. Dowd asked about the property maintenance issues.

Mr. Stickles stated that the grass still has to be cut, still has junk to be picked up and other items that were noticed originally. Everything got thrown under a tarp. He would like the oil truck removed; the property maintained and bill the owner for the village's services.

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

Trustee Wynkoop moved to find the owner of 31 Madison Street in violation and to allow five (5) calendar days to remove the oil truck and take care of the property maintenance. Seconded by Trustee Leonard. All ayes. Motion carried.

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The owner was not present.

Mr. Dowd stated that there was a presentation from the building inspector that one of the violations has now been technically removed and rectified. There are other violations of grass and junk.

Trustee Wynkoop asked if the truck can be parked on the street.

Mr. Stickles stated that the village has a five ton rule.

Mr. Dowd stated that would not be a property maintenance issue which that is what the hearing is for. The overweight truck may then have to go to court for fines.

Mayor Maher asked if public comment could be taken.

Mr. Dowd indicated that this is not a public hearing for everybody. This is to give the owner one last opportunity to explain to the board why he can or cannot comply with the code.

Deputy Mayor Rumbold stated that the building inspector indicated that the truck at Seeley Street is now licensed registered and what did the building inspector want the police department to check?

Mr. Stickles stated that he wants to see if it's legally registered and licensed. Also, is it overweight to park on the street?

Deputy Mayor Rumbold asked if the police department was notified that there was a hearing tonight.

Mr. Stickles stated that he asked the police department to check on the vehicle. It wasn't part of the hearing.

Trustee Norman moved to close the hearing for 32 Seeley Street. Seconded by Trustee Hurd. All ayes. Hearing closed.

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Village Manager's Report

Manager Politi stated that the staff at the treatment plant along with Delaware Engineering are keeping up with the SPEDES permit. The numbers are quite low. They did sign on with Kevin Young, attorney. The hearing is May 5th.

Deputy Mayor Rumbold asked when the manager anticipated getting that final report of the plant.

Manager Politi stated that it's close. He will find out.

Deputy Mayor Rumbold stated that when the manager says the final audit report of the plant meaning that we are just dealing with the DEC issue. Has Delaware seen anything about the digester?

Manager Politi stated that it's the outcome of that audit. Any repairs or rehabs will be an outcrop of that report. That is what that develops.

Deputy Mayor Rumbold asked who will be attending the hearing.

Manager Politi stated that it will be the attorneys.

Mayor Mayer asked if board members should be present, one or two.

Manager Politi stated yes.

Mayor Mayer asked Trustee Millspaugh if he would like to attend the hearing.

Trustee Millspaugh indicated that he would like to attend the hearing.

Mayor Mayer stated that he would also be attending the hearing.

Deputy Mayor Rumbold asked if once they get the report together will they be formulating a plan for the entire wastewater treatment plant.

Manager Politi stated that particular plan is going to deal with the sludge processing component which has caused the problems with the plant. Other things that they are finding they will put into place.

Deputy Mayor Rumbold stated that what she is looking for in here is where we were when they started, here's where we are now and here's are goals and here's anticipated costs.

Manager Politi stated that will be on there. You have to have that in order to go to that hearing. It's not a hearing; it's a meeting that we've set up to bring them up to date.

Deputy Mayor Rumbold stated that she's assuming that the plan has changed from what the original plan was.

Manager Politi stated that you are finding that the whole sludge processing component is what you're doing.

Trustee Millspaugh stated that in May you will have to go back to chlorinating the effluents. Hopefully it's far more efficient than it was. They are not just operating the plant they are doing small steps.

Manager Politi advised the board that the rail trail opening is this weekend, May 2nd beginning with a children's parade in Wallkill, 9:00am or 9:30am. At 10am there will be a ribbon cutting ceremony. Then they will bike or walk to Wooster Grove where there will be music and food.

Mayor Maher stated that it will be a great ceremony and if anyone can make it they should really try.

Manager Politi stated that there are some issues one being the parking on Wileman Avenue and they are trying to find a remedy to that. They've added signage and will add more. They are trying not to restrict parking on the street if they can.

Manager Politi stated that they are trying to get the tennis courts finished up. Mr. Bliss is chasing that with the building inspector.

Mayor Maher asked for the building inspector to give an update on the tennis courts.

Mr. Stickles stated that he just received the information on Friday. They are trying to put together a bid spec for resurfacing the tennis courts. He will try to get it done by the end of the week.

Mayor Maher stated that they want to run a tennis program and that is why they want it done as soon as possible.

Manager Politi stated that he, the mayor and Trustee Leonard attended the Hudson Valley Main Street Summit along with members of the business community. It was a great program by the CPC.

Mayor Maher stated that it was a lot of fun. There were a lot of great ideas and good presentations.

Trustee Leonard stated that he was impressed with the two principals. They were looking for innovation and flexibility.

Mayor Maher stated that having representation from the board really impressed them and they are excited about Walden.

Manager Politi stated that the soap box derby is May 16th with a rain date of May 17th. It is the 5th annual and the largest field they've ever had. Businesses did come out to keep that program going.

Manager Politi also stated that Jim Pursutti did go to Oakland Avenue to treat the oak tree to stop the fruit. We will see how that works.

Manager Politi asked if there were any questions on the department reports.

Mayor Maher asked if Officer Barry was out on an injury.

Manager Politi stated yes. Officer Morris will be activated shortly.

Public Comment

Diane Sandbothe, 90 Liberty Street stated that she saw Mr. Stickles today and asked him about Seeley Street and Madison Avenue. She has been complaining about these properties for the past year. The last hearing was to be in March and it was postponed. Mr. DeGroot took one of the trucks and moved it to the street. After speaking to Mr. Stickles who said it wasn't up to him it was up to the police to fine him and do whatever they have to do, because the truck was over 5,000 pounds. She went to the police department and she asked the officer who said that's not New York State code

and he would have to look it up and he didn't know anything about it. The place is a mess and the trucks are just sitting there. The board is giving him five days and then what? How long will it take the village to come in and clean up the mess.

Mr. Stickles indicated forthwith.

Mayor Maher stated that he will look into her concerns.

Mrs. Sandbothe stated that she wants to make sure the police check it out. She also stated that there are lights out on the bridge. When you go on South Montgomery after the bridge the lights were removed, it's very dark and she would like the lights to be put back up. She also indicated that in the paper it stated that the Department of Transportation is getting thirty two million dollars to study the rail trail feasibility in Walden. She ask what the village is doing for thirty two million dollars.

Trustee Norman stated that it's not the rail trail.

Manager Politi stated that if you were to combine the study, which is about a \$750,000 component. The remainder of that thirty two million was the actual construction and putting in the signalization and any equipment you would need for the trains.

Mrs. Sandbothe asked when it would start.

Manager Politi stated as soon as it's funded.

Mrs. Sandbothe stated that bulk pick up is over and she sees televisions, computers and bags of leaves. She asked what was happening with that.

Mayor Maher stated that the village will look into that and get back to Mrs. Sandbothe.

Mrs. Sandbothe also indicated that on Scofield Street there are little plastic bags with garbage in them and the animals are getting in them. Off of Wait Street there are three house that have two or more unlicensed vehicles. She thought it was against the village code to have unlicensed vehicles at your residents.

Manager Politi stated that if Mrs. Sandbothe gets him the addresses he will take care of it.

Mr. Dowd stated that they have to be unlicensed and in a wrecked or abandoned state.

Mrs. Sonner stated that it's been absolute bedlam at the corner of Wileman and Woodruff Street. The public has been rude and inconsiderate with their personal property and the general community at the corner there. Parking has been horrendous. There is no

place for their family or friends to park. People's driveways are being parked in. One of her neighbors has had profanities spude at him by the public that has come to their community from the outside. Dogs are going into their yards and defecating and people are not picking up from behind themselves. Children are hanging around on the trail at night. There are no hours set for opening and closing, no dawn to dusk. As far as she can see there has been no patrolling of the police on the trail. There have been some close calls with regard to accidents. The traffic has quadrupled in the neighborhood. It used to be a nice quiet street that they lived on and it's been totally turned upside down. They would like to know what the board is going to do. They were also told they were going to have privacy fencing or shrubs put on their property line in the back. They have not heard anything; no one has spoken to them. A couple years ago people came out and asked them what they preferred and they've not heard anymore on that. She would like to know what is going to be done to preserve the community that is being impacted by the rail trail.

Mayor Maher stated that those are all legitimate concerns. They've been put into the minutes of the meeting and they will address them immediately. They have already discussed a number of those issues as well as twilight closing and how they will be doing police patrol. What's challenging about it is that there are two counties involved and several municipalities and it takes awhile to sit down and get things done. We are actually looking into a lot of what Mrs. Sonner said and it means a lot to the village, like she said parking in peoples driveways. There should be penalties.

Mrs. Sonner stated that it took many years to plan this rail trail, she can't believe things aren't in place and figured out how this was going to be handled long before they got to this point.

Mayor Maher stated that is a valid argument and they will look into all her concerns whole heartedly.

Mr. Sonner suggested parking by permit only. There are people coming and going night and day. It's a real disturbance for them. He has people in the back yard, voices night and day. He would like to see the parking issue dealt with now.

Mrs. Sonner asked for cards to be put in the windshield for their family and friends that come, so they can preserve parking.

Mr. Lamachia, 20 Woodruff Street stated that the parking is horrendous. He came home and there was a car parked in front of his house. He has a bank that people stop and look at because he has some beautiful flowers. He's lost three of them from the kids going up and down. He's picked up dog droppings. He's watched people let their dogs lose out of their car. The parking is a big issue. The markings is only pushing the cars back towards their homes.

Mayor Maher stated that the village did put the signs and that is the ones that say “park at Wooster Grove.” They are legitimate concerns and it is on record. He promised they will discuss all these issues and addresses them.

Mrs. Sonner stated that this is an inconvenience to them, but it is also a huge safety issue. There are kids, strollers, bikes, roller blades and wagons all getting unloaded at that corner. For you folks to move quickly is an understatement, because someone is going to get hurt and it will be a sorry day when that happens because your precious project will be tainted pretty badly. There are serious issues here and they all need to be addressed rapidly.

Mayor Maher stated that he agrees and they will be.

John Revella asked if there was any message from the board about road projects that will be done this year. He also stated that Wileman is a public street and it’s hard to regulate who parks on a public streets. He did notice the dogs and the profanity there. He also noticed that Ivy Hill is in disrepair.

Becky Pearson, 167 Walnut Street stated that she emailed the mayor a list.

Mayor Maher indicated that he received the email.

Ms. Pearson asked if he passed it out to the board members.

Mayor Maher stated that he did not get a chance to pass that along to the board members. He did discuss a few of the points.

Ms. Pearson stated that it was addressed to the mayor and the board members.

Ms. Pearson stated that she feels overtime is out of control. She also feels cars should be taken away from the employees that take them home, that would save on gas, mileage and wear and tear of the car. She asked about the sewer plant fine, is that in the budget. We’re up to \$37,500 at this moment. She asked if the village was going to keep the firm that is running the sewer plant or will they be hiring a wastewater treatment plant operator. She didn’t know if the board was going to discuss that tonight.

Mayor Maher stated that the budget is on the agenda.

Ms. Pearson stated Nugent and Haeussler cost is \$11,100 a year and every year they write comments and she knows they use that for bonds and anticipation notes. Do you need to do that every year? She suggested every other year. The ammunition line in the police department, you didn’t spend the \$3500 last year, he’s asking for \$7800 this year, why would you not just use the money from this year to last year instead of adding another \$7800 on that line. One thing her father taught her is if you don’t have a roof you don’t have a building, she is really concerned about the roof here with the leaks. You should be looking at fixing this building. Salary increases of 14% for certain people. She

doesn't know who is getting salary increases of 12 to 14% in any municipality. That is something they may want to look at. She could be wrong on that.

Trustee Wynkoop stated a little bit.

Ms. Pearson stated that phone bills keep going up and up. They should look at what they can do for cell phones and cell usage. The auditor talked about internal controls and she believes if the village is not going to hire somebody for internal controls you as board members are that internal control in looking at every bill that goes out of this building. She doesn't think a lot of that happens and she feels if they are sitting on that board it is their responsibility to look at every bill that goes out of here. She hopes they take that seriously. She was sad to see there was no Arbor Day celebration. She was all about trees. There are donated trees that need to be planted and hopefully that will get done soon. There is a big hole on Walnut Street. There are also holes on that street that are getting bigger and bigger. There is a dead tree at 171 Walnut Street.

John Revella 16 Church Street asked if there was a to do list of catch basins, there is one on Church Street that needs to be done.

Derrick Penney, 135 W. Main Street stated that there was a water main break on Pine Street and that has not been paved over.

Ms. Pearson stated that the wall around the McKinley Monument needs to be done and should be part of the CDBG money.

Jim Nicholson, 3 Wileman Avenue stated that he lives across from the rail trail and he'd like to bring up a safety concern and a maintenance concern. He lives on the corner and right now the parking on the corner is getting excessive. It is hard to see around the corner and people park on the side. It's dangerous with the bikes moving around there. People are getting out of their cars and dropping stuff all over his lawn. He recommended a residence only parking sign be put up, give the residence five or ten parking permits and enforce that for maintenance and safety reasons.

Mayor Maher stated that the village will address that.

Resolution No. 18-08-09 – Adopting 2009-2010 Village Budget

Mayor Maher stated that he and Trustee Leonard received a copy of the budget when they came on board. They took a 7.1% increase and several budget sessions which were a lot of fun, they worked real hard and they made a lot of tough cuts. They looked at every line item in the budget. They talked about a lot of overtime issues. They have cut that 7.1% increase down to 3.7%. They did the best they could in a lot of circumstances. They made a lot of people unhappy, but they are here to serve the taxpayers and they did that to the best of their ability.

Manager Politi stated that after review with the final changes it was 3.8 and they brought it down to 3.7. They had to raise the water and sewer rates quite significantly for operational purposes to make those departments work. They were trying to keep that main budget down as far as they could. They will stay with the capital improvement program. The staffing has been kept in tact, so they will be able to maintain services.

Trustee Hurd moved to adopt Resolution No. 18-08-09, Adopting 2009-2010 Village Budget. Seconded by Trustee Leonard.

Deputy Mayor Rumbold stated that she understands Mrs. Pearson's comments about the budget. She is not entirely happy with it. In her view what it comes down to is being able to sustain the services at the level that they are within the village and do it in a fiscally responsible manner. That is what she believes they have done. Because she is not happy with one section of the budget, she could vote no, she doesn't think that is how it should be. They did it as a group and as a board and she's sure her fellow colleagues on this board, some are not happy with some section and some are happy with some sections. What it comes down to is we're either going to work together as a board or we are going to try and make the budget that we came up with as a group, there was a consensus that we will make it work for the taxpayers of the village. We have to work together and if we don't the only thing that will suffer is the village.

Trustee Millspaugh stated that last year when he came on the board no insight was put and he thought he would have a better grasp this year. He can't say he really did. He thought they started the numerations too late on the budget. They didn't get into the details that he thought they should have gotten into. He went over things again and some of the inserts within departments, going back to last years budget, they have not changed in two years. Are they sufficient or insufficient, he doesn't know. He doesn't feel that he is doing his job. He agrees with the deputy mayor you should support the budget because this is what we are, but he thinks they should start the budget process earlier, maybe there should be a budget discussion the second meeting of every month.

Mayor Maher stated that you have to do three things, you have to protect the taxpayers, treat the employees fairly and you have to provide services to the Village of Walden. Any question he had was answered in great detail by Ms. Weiner and the manager. You talk about understanding and grasping the budget that is why you have the treasurer, attorney and manager for. He felt it was a smooth process. They could start earlier next year, but the problem is every year you have a new board.

Deputy Mayor Rumbold stated that as far as she is concerned what they have before them to vote on tonight right now it's stagnant. It's watching the vouchers, watching what happens to it during the year. That is what she pays attention to more than just the document. She watches the reports that the treasurer gives and she can see what the activity is within that budget. She understands about the line items staying consistent, they never seem to change. It really is an ambiguous document. Only watching it through the year and watching it develop are you going to get an understanding about the way it's going to be. You can start in January and beat yourselves to death and come up

with a document that June 2nd is going to change. It's less the document and more the reports they get from the treasurer that is really their budget.

All ayes. Resolution adopted.

Consideration of CDBG Projects for FY2010

Manager Politi stated that at the last meeting he requested input as to if there were any projects that the board and public felt should be incorporate into the application.

Deputy Mayor Rumbold stated that they talked about the signage for the businesses and the McKinley wall.

Mayor Maher stated that he would like to see the retaining walls on Ulster Avenue since the project was pushed to 2012. Being creative is what we want to do with the money. They also discussed Maple Street.

Manager Politi stated that as they were ready for the Ulster Avenue project to get started they were told that money was pushed to 2012. He would like to find a cost for at least the retaining wall. We are eligible for \$125,000. That would be a good project because they are visual. That wall is in disrepair. Also, he would like to allocate \$10,000 or \$20,000 for a matching signage grant to go along with the Main Street grant. Talking to the businesses that is an expense that is hard for them, the signage. He doesn't know if they can tie the McKinley wall with Ulster Avenue. He will look into that.

Mayor Maher stated that you don't want to compromise the 2012 project. That might be an issue.

Manager Politi stated that he doesn't think it would be, because of the scale of the project from the start of the application and with what the \$250,000 was supposed to do. That may help us push farther. That project was to go all the way to the school and now we're seeing it as we can't get passed Albany Avenue. They have talked to the State about that. Maybe taking this component out will allow them to continue out to the school.

Trustee Millspaugh suggested they make Wooster Grove family friendly with picnic tables and things like that.

Trustee Millspaugh stated that he feels the McKinley monument wall should be pursued politically.

It was the consensus of the Board to do the retaining walls on Ulster Avenue and signage for the businesses for the Community Development Block Grant.

Trustee Millspaugh moved to adopt Resolution No. 19-08-09, Community Development Block Grant Application. Seconded by Trustee Hurd. All ayes. Resolution adopted.

Public Comment on Discussion Items

John Revella, 16 Church Street stated that he can't wait until the sidewalks are done on Ulster Avenue so he doesn't have to tighten the bolts on his stroller. Some other projects he would like to see money allocated for are the Village Square, Main Street street scape, Veterans Park and lighting at Bradley Park.

Mary Ellen Matise, 21 Clinton Street stated that she would like to see the CDBG money be used for fixing storm drains.

Becky Pearson, 167 Walnut Street stated that she hopes they don't break the slate when they do the project on Ulster Avenue. Some of the slate is a mess.

Mr. Stickles stated that they have been put on notice that what ever they break they will replace.

Ms. Pearson asked where they were with the water tower and the Scout Cabin CDBG.

Mayor Maher stated that they will look into those comments.

Mrs. Pearson stated that there is a time frame on the Wooster Grove project.

Mayor Maher asked if they spent money for benches from that grant.

Mrs. Pearson stated that is two different grants.

Manager Politi stated that the one grant has been spent. The lighting, he has a call into the sales rep and he hasn't heard back on the solar lights. There was one grant for \$2500 which was for the two benches.

Mrs. Pearson stated that it was \$8500 for the benches and lighting.

Manager Politi stated that they've been trying to get a solar lighting person to come in. He's been working with one person. He did come to a meeting and since then he has not heard anything. He has called him several times and emailed him. He doesn't know of any other solar companies.

Mrs. Pearson stated that every time she's emailed him he's emailed her back.

Manager Politi stated that she should let him know to email the manager.

Mrs. Pearson stated that she told him to contact him.

Mrs. Sandbothe stated that she works in the Village of Woodridge and the whole town was given a grant and they have solar lighting throughout the whole town. She suggested Mr. Politi call the village manager there.

Manager Politi indicated that he will.

Mayor Maher stated that he feels the solar lighting is important. It could be necessary when dealing with the youth when they are at Wooster Grove late at night.

Approval of Minutes

Deputy Mayor Rumbold moved to approve the minutes of April 14th, 2009. Seconded by Trustee Hurd. All ayes. Minutes adopted.

Audited Bills

Trustee Rumbold moved to pay the audited bills of April 28, 2009. Seconded by Trustee Hurd.

Trustee Millspaugh questioned the bill for the Route 208 sewer line project. He would like to see a stronger letter from the engineering firm that the work has been done according to plans and specifications. There is no report that the testing was satisfactory.

Manager Politi stated that it was tested and passed. It will come in with the as built.

Trustee Millspaugh stated that when they get payment authorization someone puts on it that they've looked at it and the work was done properly. In walking the job it look to him like they were going at a greater depth then the plans indicated they should be going and he would like to know why.

Manager Politi stated that Trustee Millspaugh gave him a list of questions concerning the payment. The work was done and we know there is a lot of paper chase.

Deputy Mayor Rumbold stated that she doesn't see anything wrong with having the engineer sign on the dotted line.

Trustee Leonard stated that the village received a bill for services from Langdon Chapman \$5030.

Manager Politi stated that was the attorney for the defense of the trustees' lawsuit.

All ayes with the exception of Trustee Millspaugh abstaining. Motion carried.

Correspondence

Mr. Dowd stated that he gave the board the next list of code revisions. He also gave the members a copy of the letter he wrote regarding the consolidation of town and village police departments and his conversation with the state comptroller's office. He asked if the board had any objections with him sharing that with the town attorney.

Mayor Maher asked that the board have the chance to read the letter.

Mayor Maher stated that he received a letter from Becky Pearson regarding the budget. He did not pass it on to the board because it was addressed to him. He asked the board if he gets a letter addressed to him would the board like a copy so they can be part of the discussion or would like the mayor to do that at his discretion.

It was the consensus of the board to use his discretion.

Board Comments

Trustee Leonard stated that there was some speeding enforcement last week on S. Montgomery Street. He was glad to see that.

Trustee Millspaugh asked if numbers can go on the light poles and perhaps the police in their normal patrol could report the light that are out in the morning.

Manager Politi stated that lights on the bridge are developing a short because they changed the bulbs and they are popping. That is DOT who would fix that and they have been called.

Trustee Millspaugh stated that there is a kit that makes them water tight.

Trustee Millspaugh asked if this building has leaks.

Manager Politi stated yes in his office. There are two problems, one being if it snows and ice builds up and the main roof is old and needs to be replaced. The parapet wall is where the leak is. You have to find a medal worker to fix those.

Trustee Millspaugh stated that you can do it in plastic these days.

Trustee Millspaugh stated that in front of 32 Ulster Avenue what they are doing there is making the slate sidewalk dangerous. There are sharp pieces sticking up. They should leave that site without fixing that. There should be specs for the flagstone. Back when Mr. Williamson was superintendent of public works he got mason laborers from the hall and they reset the flagstone.

Deputy Mayor Rumbold stated that they talked before about putting the paperwork the board gets in their packets on line allowing the trustees to download what they wanted to bring with them to meetings to save paper and time.

Trustees Millspaugh, Hurd, Wynkoop, Deputy Mayor Rumbold and Mayor Mayer wanted their paperwork sent electronically and Trustees Leonard and Norman would like hard copies.

Deputy Mayor Rumbold stated that you could lose a small child in the grass at the Orchard Street parking lot. She also asked the department heads to give a report on how much overtime there has been over a two week period along with an explanation. She further stated that Wooster Grove was the plan for parking for the rail trail, was it ever discussed what would happen in those neighborhoods if what is occurring and what the plan was.

Manager Politi stated yes and that is why you see the fencing. They explained the parking to the neighborhood. They keep trying to educate everyone to park at Wooster Grove. You can't give out parking permits.

Trustee Hurd stated that the sign says rail trail before Wooster Grove and after that there is a sign that says parking.

Manager Politi stated that they could put another sign up.

Deputy Mayor Rumbold asked who was putting the orange cones out.

Manager Politi stated that it's the residences. He also indicated that they are not enforceable. They will put up more signs and educate people. It wouldn't be fair to have no parking. They are trying to push the parking away from the corner.

Deputy Mayor Rumbold asked if more patrols are going up there.

Manager Politi stated yes.

Trustee Leonard asked if the bike patrol has been up there.

Manager Politi stated that the town has been out and our patrols are going to begin. Walkkill doesn't have bikes.

Deputy Mayor Rumbold asked if there is record of people calling the police when the kids are congregating.

Manager Politi stated that he will find out.

Deputy Mayor Rumbold stated that she attended the Historical Society's spring tea and it was fabulous. They do a great job.

Mayor Maher welcomed everyone to come to the rail trail grant opening on Saturday.

Mayor Maher stated that a village historian has to be appointed. He suggested involving the public and put a letter in the Wallkill Valley Times.

Trustee Millspaugh asked if the manager has checked with Pat Easley.

Manager Politi stated no.

Mayor Maher asked the board if it was okay to write the letter.

It was the consensus of the board to allow the mayor to write the letter in the Wallkill Valley Time.

Trustee Norman also thanked the Historical Society for the tea.

Trustee Hurd stated that it was a great party and he can't wait until the mayor turns 25.

Adjournments

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

Respectfully submitted,

Nancy Mitchell
Village Clerk