

WALDEN COMMUNITY COUNCIL, INC.

Meeting Minutes, January 13, 2010

Monthly Meeting, Law Offices of Jacobowitz and Gubits, 158 Orange Ave., Walden, NY

Present:

John Revella

Mary Ann Landolina

Brenda Adams

Absent:

Jean Winum

The January Walden Community Council (“WCC”) meeting was hosted by The Law Offices of Jacobowitz and Gubits. The meeting was called to order by President John Revella at approximately 7:05 p.m.

John Revella welcomed the WCC to Jacobowitz and Gubits and stated that they were always happy to host meetings.

A presentation was given by Vincent Bradley, Assistant Attorney General in Charge and Mark T. Hoops, Senior Consumer Frauds Representative, Mid-Hudson Region, Office of the Attorney General. Mr. Bradley gave an overview of the many issues the Attorney General addresses, investigates and prosecutes regularly. Mr. Hoops focused his presentation on deceitful practices of telemarketers soliciting for charities, how easily one can be a victim of identity theft and how to protect your credit standing. One of the actions recommended is to sign up for a “security freeze” on your credit report with the three main credit services. Also avoid using debit cards for online purchases. Credit cards have more protection.

Mr. Hoops noted how impressed he was with the public service commitment of Jacobowitz and Gubits staff.

A brief business meeting followed:

Secretary’s Report:

Communications: None

The minutes of December 9, 2009 were accepted as read by acclamation.

Treasurer’s Report:

Brenda Adams read Jean Winum’s report. Bank balances in the regular checking account at Walden Savings Bank \$7,856.91; Scholarship account \$92.62; WBA account \$10; and the Grant account \$1. The Post Office Box rent was paid for one year.

Committee Reports

Village Government:

John Revella reported on the January 12th Board meeting: Local Law prohibiting parking on East Main Street at the Corner of Valley Avenue was approved; Village elections are set for March 16 at the Firehouse; code revisions are being considered; access to parking for 11 Orchard Street was discussed; budget shortfalls for 2010-11 year are expected and public input will be requested at the next Board meeting; solar lights at Wooster Grove will be operational in two weeks; Sergeant Ron Schwandt, Charlie Thompson (DPW) and Jan Weiner (Treasurer) will be honored for their 30 years of service to the Village at the next Board meeting; Veronica DeGroot who assisted firemen at the Borden Farm fire and Stephanie Faso, Chair person of "Christmas on Main Street" will also be honored.

Community Image/PR/Website:

Anita Vandermark noted a sponsor is needed for the newsletter. The cost is \$20 to cover printing and the business is spot lighted.

Beautification Committee: No report.

Harvest Fest:

Jodi Lynn announced the first Harvest Fest planning meeting will be Wednesday, March 3, Municipal Building 2nd Floor Community Room, 7:00p.m.

Walden Business Association:

John Revella noted the next meeting is Friday, February 4, Municipal Building 3rd Floor Bradley Assembly Room, 8:00a.m. Mr. Bradley and Mr. Hoop will repeat their presentation and Dona Adler will also speak about St. John Bosco House.

Scholarship Committee: No report.

By-laws Committee: No report.

Music in the Grove: No report.

Old Business:

Walden Veterans Memorial Park: No report.

NY Main Street Grant:

John Revella noted that the first grant of \$25,000 has been paid out. More information regarding the second grant will be available next month.

Storage Shed:

Nat Winum reported that the Village DPW has the base ready for the shed (made from milled old road scraps). Nat will proceed with purchasing the shed and recommends

shelving be installed before supplies are moved in. John Revella volunteered to organize a group to install the shelving. He asked Nat for the dimensions so that materials can be purchased.

New Business:

None.

Comments:

Robbie Brown announced the St. Baldwick's event is scheduled for Saturday, March 27, 2:00p.m. There will be a spaghetti dinner at the Walden Baptist Church, Bank Street on Wednesday, February 3 to raise money for the event. Mayor Brian Maher is in charge of organizing volunteers for the dinner and the event. There is a coin drop at the Thruway Market for donations.

The "Sock Hop" sponsored by the Walden Woman's Club has been postponed (original planned date, February 20)

The Walden Rotary Irish Show is March 13 at the Paramount in Middletown.

The meeting was adjourned by a motion from Anita Vandermark, seconded by Mary Ann Landolina and passed unanimously at 8:14p.m.

Respectfully submitted:

Brenda M. Adams
Secretary