

**MEETING MINUTES**  
**VILLAGE OF WALDO BOARD OF TRUSTEES**  
**PUBLIC HEARING ON 2020 BUDGET**  
**MONDAY, NOVEMBER 11, 2019**

1. President Gary Dekker called the Public Hearing to order at 6:00 p.m. Present for the meeting were President Dekker, Trustees Mark Spitz, Chris Madgwick & Jerry Hammarlund. Trustee Mike Hintz was absent. Also present were Bruce Neerhof (Administrator), Michelle Brecht (clerk-treasurer), Rodney Schroeter (*The Review* correspondent), John Port, John VanEss and Peter DeGroff (JD Trucking).
2. President Dekker confirmed that the meeting was being held in compliance with the Open Meetings Law.
3. The attendees all had copies of the proposed budget. President Dekker referred to the 2020 Budget hand-out as a slightly amended version from what was originally published.
4. He went on to explain that the recycling costs will be rising; causing some funds to be reallocated in the amended budget proposal. Michelle gave a list of the accounts that were altered to make more funds available for the amendments. The changes totaled \$4,269; and did not alter the proposed tax levy total being requested for approval. President Dekker invited Peter DeGroff to explain the upcoming changes in his services. Mr. DeGroff provided a news article describing the current recycling dilemmas. He shared that his costs for dealing with recyclables is drastically increasing. Different options for the Village to deal with the problems were discussed. The budget amendment will enable JD Trucking to do a bi-weekly roadside pickup of recyclables. If the Village budget doesn't cover the increased recycling costs, residents will need to pay per bag at the JD collection site. Currently the residents can take recyclables to JD Trucking for disposal at no cost. The concern with charging on site is that residents will stop recycling and just put everything in the regular trash for pick up. That poses a lose-lose scenario. The environment needs recycling efforts to improve not stop; and more garbage at pickups will cost the Village more per ton on their refuse collection bills.
5. Details of when and how the recyclables will be gathered were discussed. Bruce Neerhof and Peter DeGroff will settle those details before the January onset of changes. The details will come before the Board at the December meeting. Other budgetary comments and discussion included:
  - The possibility of grants to help provide special recycling containers for residents
  - Future goals for the tax rate
  - Future goals for maintenance projects
  - Future goals for the Project Fund account
6. Motion to adjourn the Public Hearing: Mark Spitz. Seconded: Chris Madgwick. Adjourned 6:45.