

Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Village of Croton-on-Hudson, NY was held on Monday, August 6, 2007 at the Municipal Building, Van Wyck Street, Croton-on-Hudson, NY 10520.

The following officials were present:

Mayor Schmidt	Trustee Brennan
Village Manager Herbek	Trustee Gallelli
Village Attorney Staudt	Trustee Kane
Treasurer Zambrano	Trustee Konig

1. CALL TO ORDER:

Mayor Schmidt called the meeting to order at 8:00 p.m. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mayor Schmidt.

2. APPROVAL OF VOUCHERS:

Trustee Brennan made a motion to approve the vouchers as follows, subject to review by the Audit Committee. The motion was seconded by Trustee Kane and approved unanimously.

General Fund	\$78,246.51
Water Fund	11,506.92
Sewer Fund	24,890.97
Capital Fund	6,259.75
Trust & Agency	<u>10,709.07</u>
	\$131,613.22

3. PUBLIC HEARING:

Mayor Schmidt opened the Public Hearing to consider Local law Introductory No. 4 of 2007 to increase the income level for partial real estate tax exemptions for persons sixty-five years of age or older. There are 3 sets of numbers for the years 2007 thru 2009. Village Manager Herbek read a brief outline of the figures. No comments.

Mayor Schmidt closed the Public Hearing. Vote was taken with Trustee Brennan making a motion to approve Local Law Introductory No. 4 of 2007. Trustee Kane seconded the motion. The Board voted unanimous approval.

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NEW YORK STATE DEPARTMENT OF STATE  
41 STATE STREET,

Village of Croton-on-Hudson

Local Law No. 5 of the year 2007

A local law to increase the income level for partial real estate tax exemptions for persons sixty-five years of age or older.

Be it enacted by the Board of Trustees of the

**Village of Croton-on-Hudson as follows:**

Section 1. Section 204-16. Percent of exemption allowed is hereby repealed and replaced with the following:

Section 204-16. Percent of exemption allowed

a) For the period commencing January 1, 2008 and expiring December 31, 2008.

<u>Annual Income</u>	<u>Percentage of Assessed Value Exempt from Taxation</u>
<u>\$0 to \$27,000.00</u>	<u>50%</u>
<u>\$27,000.01 to \$27,999.99</u>	<u>45%</u>
<u>\$28,000.00 to \$28,999.99</u>	<u>40%</u>
<u>\$29,000.00 to \$29,999.99</u>	<u>35%</u>
<u>\$30,000.00 to \$30,899.99</u>	<u>30%</u>
<u>\$30,900.00 to \$31,799.99</u>	<u>25%</u>
<u>\$31,800.00 to \$32,699.99</u>	<u>20%</u>
<u>\$32,700.00 to \$33,599.99</u>	<u>15%</u>
<u>\$33,600.00 to \$34,499.99</u>	<u>10%</u>
<u>\$34,500.00 to \$35,399.99</u>	<u>05%</u>

b) For the period commencing January 1, 2009 and expiring December 31, 2009.

<u>Annual Income</u>	<u>Percentage of Assessed Value Exempt from Taxation</u>
<u>\$0 to \$28,000.00</u>	<u>50%</u>
<u>\$28,000.01 to \$28,999.99</u>	<u>45%</u>
<u>\$29,000.00 to \$29,999.99</u>	<u>40%</u>
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<u>\$34,600.00 to \$35,499.99</u>	<u>10%</u>
<u>\$35,500.00 to \$36,399.99</u>	<u>05%</u>

- c) For the period commencing January 1, 2010 and expiring December 31, 2010.

<u>Annual Income</u>	<u>Percentage of Assessed Value Exempt from Taxation</u>
<u>\$0 to \$29,000.00</u>	<u>50%</u>
<u>\$29,000.01 to \$29,999.99</u>	<u>45%</u>
<u>\$30,000.00 to \$30,999.99</u>	<u>40%</u>
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<u>\$36,500.00 to \$37,399.99</u>	<u>05%</u>

Section 2. This Local law shall take effect on January 1, 2008

Mayor Schmidt –announced appointments to the WCC: Robert Luntz and Susan Konig.

4. CORRESPONDENCE:

Village Manager Herbek read the following correspondence (full text available at the Village Office):

- a) A letter from Walter Gillis stating that the Run Against Hunger will take place on October 21, 2007 and requesting a permit to utilize the streets and asking for assistance from the DEC. Trustee Gallelli made a motion to approve the request, with the usual caveats; seconded by Trustee Kane; approved by all.
- b) A letter from Althea Corey, Historic Hudson Valley, with the dates of the Great Jack O’Lantern Blaze event and requesting permission to use the train station parking lots for over-flow parking. Trustee Brennan made a motion to approve the request, with the usual caveats; Trustee Gallelli seconded the motion; approved unanimously.
- c) A letter from Joe Biber, Chair, CAC, regarding restricting tree topping. Mayor Schmidt asked for this to be put on a work session to see what has to be done with the tree law and get more information. Trustee Kane added that he has received several calls from residents who have tree issues also.
- d) A letter from Reverend Michael Keane, Holy Name of Mary Church, requesting a special permit to operate a day care center. Mayor Schmidt asked that this be sent to the Planning Board for recommendation.

- e) A letter from Robert Gaudioso, Snyder & Snyder, representing Nextel, Omnipoint and Cingular, stating that they have submitted a revised special permit application showing the new antenna location. Mayor Schmidt suggested referring this back to the Planning Board for their recommendation. Trustee Kane stated that he downloaded information for local officials about radio frequency transmissions and asked that it be copied to all Board members.
- f) A memo from Chris Kehoe, Planning Board Chair, requesting a waiver be granted to the Ackerman/Morgan and Harbeson application for Batten Road. Mayor Schmidt stated that he would like to bring this back to a work session and have some Planning Board members as well as concerned citizens attend a meeting. Trustee Brennan added that he would like to have a site visit with the concerned residents to cover the issues before waiving a subdivision requirement. Trustee Gallelli added that the Planning Board has been discussing this over a year, they have worked closely with the Village Engineer and the plans have been drafted and redrafted to address concerns; this memo reflects a very detailed judgment on their part; however, it is not a bad idea to have Village Board members visit the site. Trustee Kane added that he would like more information on the requested sewer easement and a site visit would be helpful. Mayor Schmidt added that he has concerns if this is the best way to subdivide this lot. Village Manager Herbek will schedule the meeting.
- g) A letter from Jan Wines, Trails Committee Chair; regarding a proposed trail route between Batten Road and Valley Trail which will go along with the previously mentioned subdivision request.

##### 5. CITIZEN PARTICIPATION-Agenda Items

- a) Chuck Trendell, 39 Batten Road, stated that he takes exception that the Planning Board has done a great job with researching the Ackerman/Morgan/Harbeson subdivision request and that there are multiple problems with septic and runoff of water; many homeowners have spent a lot of money on their property; he has a problem with giving this property a waiver; there should not be a waiver for such a large parcel of property; he looks forward to sitting down and reviewing this application; houses must be situated properly. Trustee Brennan pointed out that a waiver has not been granted. Trustee Gallelli added that the law provides a granting of a waiver for similar subdivisions.
- b) Tom Szoboszlai, 1 Ecklof Court, thanked the Board for taking the time to review this matter; this subdivision has been before the Planning Board since 2003; there is no indication a waiver should be granted; the Village Engineer indicated this was an illegal subdivision and that would have to be resolved; this should be looked into; the applicants are not prepared to look at what might be done with the remaining lots in the future.
- c) Bob Wintermeier, 43 Radnor Ave., stated that he participated in one planning board session on this topic; he has a problem with setting precedent; the Village Attorney should have input; he has been to see the properties and is concerned that if they do have water and flooding issues, who will be responsible; if the waiver is granted there is the possibility of flooding and wants to know who will be held accountable. Trustee Brennan replied that he is a proponent of property rights and they also have a responsibility to those situated downhill; common sense must be interjected.

- d) Fran Allen, Finney Farm, regarding the new cell tower location, suggested this application should be sent to the WAC also; there are questions about visibility and danger to migrating birds.

6. RESOLUTIONS:

Village Manager Herbek related a history of litigation with Hudson National dating back to 1998. He stated that the trail around the golf course is part of the over-all trail system in the Village; there have been some issues that have not been completely resolved; negotiations began in 2006 with the golf course board; many meetings have taken place to work out a concept plan that is in the Village and Hudson National's best interests; the Board of Trustees has been involved in these negotiations and they have been out to take a look at the property and review tree cutting and trimming. He added that there are three resolutions on the agenda tonight regarding Hudson National. Mayor Schmidt stated that the Board will be holding a public meeting about this and if there is a public outcry about not allowing the Village to amend the special permit, the entire deal would be null and void and the Village will have to go back and pay the entire amount due on the certiorari and all agreements would be off the board.

Present at this meeting is Village Engineer Dan O'Connor, Peter Woodcock and Bill Null from Cuddy & Feder Law firm, and Chris Smith from Hudson National; they will develop a long-range plan with very little visual impact; they have developed and planned several phases and this year's phase is the area by the club house, holes 1, 13 and 2 which need some work done; all work will be selective and marked before any cutting takes place; there will be no disturbance of the ground; selected trees will be cut down to surface and replanted with grass; they would like to do it in the fall. He added that Chris Smith has some maps and they can answer questions. Mr. Smith added that the selected area will be left alone and maintained twice a year. The work to be done came from a report from the US Golf Association review; there will be zero ground disturbance; each area that is going to be addressed will be replanted with sod; this will be a natural transition to a natural forested area; there will be no added maintained turf area and this will be adding to the wildlife. Trustee Gallelli said she understands that there will be no change to how the golf course appears from off-site. Mayor Schmidt added that this will give better views of the river and this planting plan will actually aid stormwater runoff. Trustee Kane asked if any of the old trees will be removed. Mr. Smith replied that all existing trees will remain intact, except perhaps for some dead limbs.

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**RESOLUTION**  
**Village of Croton-on-Hudson Board of Trustees**  
**August 6, 2007**

**Stipulation of Settlement**  
**Village of Croton-on-Hudson with**  
**Hudson National Golf Club, Inc.**

**NEGATIVE DECLARATION**

This Resolution is adopted in connection with a Stipulation of Settlement (the "Stipulation") setting forth terms and conditions by which the Village of Croton-on-Hudson (the "Village") has reached agreement with Hudson National Golf Club, Inc. ("HNGC") to modify and amend an Order & Judgment entered in the Supreme Court of the State of New York, County of Westchester on June 16, 2006 bearing Index Nos. 6263/00, 6433/01, 6246/02, 6354/03, 5972/04, 5425/05 and 5672/06 (the "Order & Judgment"), so that in certain circumstances the Village may reduce the sums due to be paid by the Village to HNGC.

WHEREAS, HNGC is a not-for-profit corporation created under the laws of the State of New York, and is the owner in fee of an approximately two hundred and sixty (260) acre parcel of real property (the "Subject Property"), having an address at 40 Arrowcrest Drive, Croton-on-Hudson, New York, which Subject Property is situated within in the Village of Croton-on-Hudson, County of Westchester, and State of New York, and is identified on the Official Assessment Map of the Village of Croton-on-Hudson as Lot 67.15-001-004; and

WHEREAS, the Subject Property is improved with a golf course designed by Tom Fazio (the "Golf Course"), as well as a clubhouse and other amenities; and

WHEREAS, HNGC duly filed and served Notices and Petitions before the THE BOARD OF ASSESSMENT REVIEW OF THE VILLAGE OF CROTON-ON-HUDSON, NEW YORK (the "Board of Assessors") to review real property tax assessments for each and every of nine (9) of the Assessment Years consisting of 1998 through 2006, all concerning the real estate taxes levied against the Subject Property as fixed by the Village; and

WHEREAS, the real property tax assessment of the Subject Property in the Village, as set forth in a certain Order and Judgment, has been reduced, corrected and fixed by the ASSESSOR OF THE VILLAGE OF CROTON-ON-HUDSON (the "Assessor") with regard to the above-referenced nine (9) years running, which Order and Judgment was signed by this Court on June 16, 2006 and entered on June 19, 2006 (the "Order & Judgment"); and

WHEREAS, the Order & Judgment requires that the sum of Six Hundred and Six Thousand and Fifty-Two Dollars (\$606,052) (the "Village Refund") plus interest to be paid to HNGC and that interest thereon was to be waived so long as the first half of the Village Refund due to HNGC was made on or before May 30, 2007, and payment of the second half of the Village Refund was made on or before December 31, 2007; and

WHEREAS, HNGC and the Village have agreed by a separate document filed with the Court to defer for a limited time the payment of the first half of the Village Refund as referred to in the Order & Judgment to allow time for HNGC and the Village to modify the Order & Judgment as described in the Stipulation; and

WHEREAS, the elected legislative body of the Village is known as the Board of Trustees of the Village of Croton-on-Hudson (the "Board of Trustees"), which, among other things, has jurisdiction to approve or disapprove the terms and conditions of this Stipulation; and

WHEREAS, at all times relevant, the Board of Trustees was and is the agency of the Village that approved the Special Permit for the proposed Golf Course and amenities, issued on December 21, 1992, as previously amended on August 4, 1994 and April 19, 1999 (collectively the "Special Permit") and the Board of Trustees currently has jurisdiction pursuant to the Zoning Law to consider any request to review and approve, disapprove, or modify and approve any application regarding such Special Permit; and

WHEREAS, the Subject Property is classified in the R-40A (One Family Residence) District and, pursuant to Section 230-9.A(6) of the Village's Zoning Law, is permitted to be maintained and operated as an annual membership club, pursuant to a Special Permit to be issued by the Board of Trustees; and

WHEREAS, HNGC has presented to the Village a request to modify the requirements of the Special Permit affecting the construction, maintenance and improvements to the Subject Property, including the Golf Course and amenities thereon, all in accordance with the Village's Zoning Law and including but not limited to:

- (1) Proposed modifications to the planting and maintenance of the Subject Property, including tree thinning and removal implementation to amend the requirements of the Special Permit regarding revegetation, planting and compliance with a landscape maintenance plan described in Conditions 4, 20, 21, and 22 of the Special Permit so that the recommendations set forth in a December 19, 2006 report issued by David A. Oatis of the United States Golf Association, Northeast Region Green Section, entitled "USGA

Green Section Turf Advisory Service Report, Hudson National Golf Club, Inc., Croton-on-Hudson, New York" (the "USGA Report") are implemented at the Golf Course; and

(2) A May 15, 2007 letter to Mr. Richard Herbek, Village Manager, from Bradford O. Saunders, Sasaki Associates, Inc., forwarding the USGA Report and describing a proposed Vegetation Management Program ("VMP") also detailed on a plan, dated May 12, 2007, entitled "Proposed Vegetation Management Areas, The Hudson National Golf Club, Croton-on-Hudson, NY" consisting of one sheet (the "VMP Plan"); and

(3) A proposal to construct a driving and practice range designed by Fazio Golf Course Designers, Inc., entitled "Proposed Practice Facility, Grading Plan A," dated January 16, 2003 (consisting of one sheet) (the "Driving Range Plan"), a copy of which has been delivered to the Village; and

WHEREAS, by considering whether or not to enter into the Stipulation the Board of Trustees will not be committing itself inextricably to deciding whether or not to grant any of HNGC's requests to modify the Special Permit as noted above and in the Stipulation; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Trustees currently is only considering whether or not to enter into the Stipulation that has been signed by HNGC; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Trustees has reviewed the Stipulation in order to implement the terms more particularly detailed therein, which are intended to modify the Order & Judgment as set forth in the Stipulation and to be "So Ordered" by the Court; and

WHEREAS, the review and consideration by the Board of Trustees of any "action" proposed and/or described in the Stipulation shall be subject to independent review in accordance with SEQRA, which review shall be conducted subsequently; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to SEQRA, the Board of Trustees, hereby designates itself as Lead Agency with regard to reviewing the potential environmental impacts involved in connection with the modification of the Order & Judgment as set forth in the Stipulation; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to SEQRA, the Board of Trustees, as Lead Agency, has received and reviewed a Short Environmental Assessment Form; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Trustees is required to incorporate environmental considerations in its approval actions by: a) identifying environmental issues; b) taking a "hard look" at relevant environmental concerns; and c) making a "reasoned elaboration" as a basis for an environmental determination; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Trustees has received sufficient information upon which this proposal to modify the Order & Judgment, as set forth in the Stipulation, is based, particularly given that this Board of Trustees is not now deciding whether or not any proposed "action" referenced in the Stipulation will or will not be approved, modified and approved, or denied; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Trustees has considered the terms of the Stipulation in light of the facts and circumstances presented.

NOW THEREFORE, be it hereby

RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees declares itself Lead Agency in accordance with SEQRA and classifies this Action as Unlisted; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees determines that no environmental impacts will arise out of , or in connection with the signing of this Stipulation, having examined the potential environmental effects thereof, and hereby adopts a Negative Declaration determining that there is no significant adverse environmental impact arising in connection with, or by reason of, authorizing the signing of the Stipulation, or the actions authorized thereunder including but not limited to the modification of the Order & Judgment; and be it further



Respondents, including but not limited to the Village of Croton on Hudson and the Board of Trustees of the Village of Croton on Hudson

c) On motion of TRUSTEE Brennan, seconded by TRUSTEE Gallelli, the following resolution was adopted unanimously by the Board of Trustees of the Village of Croton-on-Hudson, New York:

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED: that the Village Board of Trustees hereby calls for a Public Hearing at 8pm in the meeting room of the Stanley H. Kellerhouse Municipal Building on September 4, 2007 to consider the proposed resolution of amended special permit approval for the Hudson National Golf Club, Inc.

d) On motion of TRUSTEE Kane, seconded by TRUSTEE Brennan, the following resolution was adopted unanimously by the Board of Trustees of the Village of Croton-on-Hudson, New York:

WHEREAS, the Village Justice Court is applying for a grant under the 2007 Justice Court Assistance Program; and

WHEREAS, the funds for this grant will be used to purchase office and security equipment,

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED: that the Village Board of Trustees hereby authorizes the application of grant funds not to exceed \$20,000 under the Justice Court Assistance Program on behalf of the Village of Croton on Hudson.

e) On motion of TRUSTEE Brennan, seconded by TRUSTEE Kane, the following resolution was unanimously adopted by the Board of Trustees of the Village of Croton-on-Hudson, New York:

WHEREAS, on August 14, 2006 the Village Board of Trustees approved a resolution to enter into an agreement with Westchester County for the CDBG Wayne Street Sidewalk Improvement Project; and

WHEREAS, this agreement expired on July 31, 2007; and

WHEREAS, the County has prepared an amended contract changing the expiration date to December 31, 2007,

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED: that the Village Manager is hereby authorized to sign the amended contract with Westchester County for the Wayne Street Sidewalk Improvement Project.

- f) On motion of TRUSTEE Kane, seconded by TRUSTEE Konig, the following resolution was unanimously adopted by the Board of Trustees of the Village of Croton-on-Hudson, New York:

WHEREAS, Nextel of New York, Inc. and New Cingular Wireless PCS, LLC applied for a special permit to construct a collocation of personal wireless services facilities at Veterans Plaza in February 2006; and

WHEREAS, this matter was referred to the Planning Board for its recommendation and review; and

WHEREAS, on April 3, 2006 the Village Board of Trustees declared its intent to serve as lead agency and authorized the distribution of part 1 of the Environmental Assessment Form and Coastal Assessment Form to all involved and interested agencies; and

WHEREAS, in a letter dated May 22, 2006 Omnipoint also requested a special permit for the purpose of collocating at the proposed Nextel tower and this was also referred to the Planning Board; and

WHEREAS, in a letter dated July 11, 2006 Verizon Wireless expressed interest in collocating at the proposed tower; and

WHEREAS, the site of the proposed tower has moved slightly as per a new lease agreement executed in May of 2007,

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED: that the Village Board of Trustees hereby authorizes the circulation of an amended environmental assessment form describing the 4 carriers and new site and the coastal assessment form to all involved and interested agencies.

- g) On motion of TRUSTEE Kane, seconded by TRUSTEE Brennan, the following resolution was unanimously adopted by the Board of Trustees of the Village of Croton-on-Hudson, New York:

WHEREAS, the Agreement between Holy Name of Mary Parish and the Village for the use of the parking lot near Vassallo Park expired on May 31, 2007; and

WHEREAS, a new five-year agreement has been drafted which will expire on May 31, 2012,

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED: that the Village Manager is authorized to sign the agreement with the Holy Name of Mary Parish for the use of the parking lot near Vassallo Park.

7. CITIZEN PARTICIPATION – NON-AGENDA ITEMS:

Michael Goetz, 13 Irving Ave., asked if anyone has thought about putting a movie theater in the Harmon area where the Dodge car dealer was, similar to Jacob Burns in Pleasantville as an anchor; the site is big enough. He also asked if the Village thought about buying this property and leasing it out or using as a DPW or perhaps purchasing property from Greentree and turning it into income producing property. Village Attorney Staudt replied that there are legal issues in the Village buying property and leasing it out. Mr. Goetz stated that Montrose is putting in over 900 train station parking spaces and the Village could lose extensive revenue if MetroNorth made Montrose an express train. Mayor Schmidt replied that this is something the Board is looking into. Mr. Goetz stated that gas prices in Croton are a little high and we are not a rich town; why not have someone call the gas companies and ask why the high costs and telling them that this is killing small business owners and prices are not equal to the per capita income.

8. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Trustee Brennan made a motion to approve the minutes of the Regular Board Meeting held on July 16, 2007 as corrected. Trustee Konig seconded the motion. The Board voted unanimous approval.

Trustee Gallelli made a motion to approve the minutes of the Executive Session held on July 16, 2007. Trustee Brennan seconded the motion; unanimous approval.

9. REPORTS:

*Village Manager Herbek* reported that the Village has received the final bill concerning the Millennium Pipeline litigation; for May 2007 it is \$393.75 and the total amount spent is \$828,535.24. Village Manager Herbek announced that Ken Kraft, Superintendent of Public Works, will be retiring as of August 24, 2007. He added that Marco Gennarelli will be Ken's replacement and recounted Mr. Gennarelli's recent job history; he will be joining Croton officially on September 17th. Mr. Herbek also stated that he was proud to announce that Ken Kraft has been selected as Westchester County Assoc. of Municipal Public Works Administrators Man of the Year for 2007; there will be a dinner in Hastings on Hudson on October 12<sup>th</sup> to honor him.

*Treasurer Zambrano* reported that legal expenses are as follows: total: \$13,313 for legal fees; the STB case, \$1,152; Metro Enviro Court of Appeals Case, \$3,588; 1A Croton Point Avenue site plan approval \$1,750; Millennium Pipeline, \$919; discussions with the tenants and owners of 1A Croton Point Ave., \$200; General Counsel, \$5,706. The total year to date is \$110,824. from January 2007. Mr. Zambrano reported that the renovations at Village Hall are shaping up and he thanked the Board for their support. Mayor Schmidt thanked Mr. Zambrano for the work he and others have been doing to bring the Village building up to date.

*Trustee Konig* recognized the Recreation Dept for the summer camp; Sue Snyder and staff did a great job. She also offered congratulations to various Croton Little League teams who participated in the Little League Tournament. Mayor Schmidt added that the concert series has been well received; however, no teen trips were able to proceed, but it is a new program and needs further looking into. Trustee Kane stated that it looks like a lack of participation for the teen trips was the cause of cancellation.

*Trustee Kane* reported that the summer camp was enjoyable to watch; the kids have a great time. He added that the Benedict Blvd. project is well on its way and hopes the public is patient; when it is done, it will be very attractive. He, too, offered congratulations to Ken Kraft for his award.

*Trustee Gallelli* reported that on July 23rd they had a meeting with interested property owners about the redevelopment of Harmon–South Riverside area; they had positive discussions. Opinions were offered on how to redevelop the area and introduced concepts for multi-use; the outcome was general agreement by property owners to have another meeting sometime in September. She added that, in the meantime, some members of the original group will be meeting to see what things the Village might do to move this along; they will try to identify things to bring back to the September meeting. Trustee Gallelli reported also that Van Cortlandt Manor received several million dollars in grant money and some will be spent to improve the entrance; they will bury the overhead power lines in that street; this suggestion has been raised several times in context of other streets the Village. Trustee Gallelli gave a special goodbye to Ken Kraft, saying that she has worked with him in many special capacities; he brought some new areas of expertise that allowed him and DPW to work with Village Engineer's office which was a great help, with capital projects especially and offered congratulations on his award.

*Trustee Brennan* congratulated the Recreation Dept. for the wonderful camp; adding that his son worked there this summer. Trustee Brennan reminded everyone that Croton Landing is closing on August 13<sup>th</sup> and will be closed for approximately 1 year. He wished Ken Kraft good luck in his upcoming retirement. Trustee Brennan reported that regarding the Community Center survey, more information should be available by September; they will discuss and resurrect this committee to forge a path in the future; they need to talk over what direction to take.

*Mayor Schmidt* thanked Ken Kraft for his years of service and wished him well. Mayor Schmidt reported that he met with Marco Gennarelli and it will be an exciting change; perhaps with new ideas. Mayor Schmidt reported also that he went to the grand opening of new spa in Croton and suggested residents should go in and take a look.

Motion to go into Executive Session to discussion ongoing litigation was made by Trustee Kane, seconded by Trustee Brennan; approved unanimously.

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Trustee Brennan made a motion to adjourn. Trustee Kane seconded the motion; Approved unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 9:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Phyllis A. Bradbury

Phyllis A. Bradbury, Secretary

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Village Clerk