

Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Village of Croton-on-Hudson, New York was held on Monday, October 15, 2007 at the Municipal Building, Van Wyck Street, Croton-on-Hudson, New York.

The following officials were present:

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

1. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Schmidt called the meeting to order at 8:00 p.m. Everyone joined in the Pledge of Allegiance.

2. APPROVAL OF VOUCHERS:

Trustee Kane made a motion to approve the vouchers as follows; the motion was seconded by Trustee Brennan and approved unanimously.

General Fund	\$48,391.42
Water Fund	2,001.08
Sewer	
Capital Fund	13,500.00
Trust Fund	13,517.20
Total	\$77,409.70

3. PUBLIC HEARINGS

Mayor Schmidt opened the Public Hearing to consider a Special Permit Application by Omnipoint Communications for a Personal Wireless Services Facility at 1 Van Wyck Street

Village Manager, Richard Herbek, stated that he is in receipt of a letter from Robert Gaudio, Esq. of Snyder & Snyder advising that the Planning Board has issued a positive recommendation on August 28, 2007 and also included in his letter were various documents requested by the Planning Board.

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Mr. Gaudioso advised that they have gone through a thorough evaluation with the Planning Board; the Omnipoint Facility is very similar to the Nextel tower except that there will be fewer antennas, the equipment cabinets will be located in the attic of the building and the antennas will be painted in the same exact manner as the Nextel Tower.

Mayor Schmidt asked how the antennas will blend in.

Mr. Gaudioso advised that they will be hand painted so that they match the brick that they are in front of.

Mayor Schmidt asked Mr. Gaudioso what the status is regarding the project they are working on at the Train Station.

Mr. Gaudioso stated that the process is a little more complicated because it is a new tower; they have received feedback to relocate the tower for aesthetic reasons and to move it away from the wetland buffer. Mr. Gaudioso said that since they have revised their application and redesigned the facility they have resubmitted all of the application materials except for the radio frequency testing. Mr. Gaudioso advised that they have performed the crane test and a thorough visual resource evaluation was submitted to the Planning Board and they will be discussing it at the next Planning Board meeting.

Mayor Schmidt asked if this will include Verizon.

Mr. Gaudioso said that while they are not technically on the application they have designed both the tower and the ground space to accommodate their equipment.

There being no further comments to come before the Board, Mayor Schmidt closed the Public Hearing.

RESOLUTION ADOPTING A NEGATIVE DECLARATION WITH RESPECT TO OMNIPOINT COMMUNICATIONS PERSONAL WIRELESS SERVICES FACILITY

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

WHEREAS, Omnipoint Communications has applied for a special permit to construct a personal wireless services facility at One Van Wyck Street; and

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

WHEREAS, on July 16, 2007 the Village Board of Trustees declared itself lead agency for the purpose of conducting a coordinated environmental review of the

proposed installation of the personal wireless services facility at One Van Wyck Street; and

WHEREAS, Frederick P. Clark Associates, the consultant hired for this review by the Planning Board, has prepared Part 2 of the Environmental Assessment Form; and

WHEREAS, the Village Board of Trustees has now received a favorable recommendation from the Planning Board regarding this application,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED: that the Village Board of Trustees does hereby determine, based on the Environmental Assessment Form submitted to and reviewed by the Board, that this is an unlisted action,

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED: that based upon the Environmental Assessment Form, the Village Board of Trustees hereby adopts the attached Negative Declaration with respect to this matter.

Trustee Brennan said that he is not totally sold on radio frequency microwaves being above people in this building and the reason why he voted in the past to move ahead with this is because of the overwhelming response that he received from the Fire Department and Police Department; he felt it was his duty as a Trustee to take the concerns of the Police Department and the Fire Department and address their communications needs so that they can continue to keep the public safe.

RESOLUTION APPROVING SPECIAL PERMIT TO OMNIPPOINT COMMUNICATIONS

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

WHEREAS, Omnipoint Communications has applied for a special permit to construct a personal wireless services facility at One Van Wyck Street; and

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

WHEREAS, on July 16, 2007, the Village Board of Trustees declared itself lead agency for the purpose of conducting a coordinated environmental review of the proposed installation of the personal wireless services facility at One Van Wyck Street; and

WHEREAS, a Public Hearing was held on October 15, 2007; and

WHEREAS, on October 15, 2007 the Village Board adopted a Negative Declaration with respect to this application,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED: that the Village Board of Trustees does hereby issue a Special Permit to Omnipoint Communications for the collocation of a personal wireless facility at 1 Van Wyck Street with the following conditions:

1. As required in the Telecommunications Chapter of the Village Code the special permit must be renewed every 5 years
2. As required in the Telecommunications Chapter of the Village Code the applicant must post a bond in an amount to be determined by the Village Engineer to cover the costs of removing and disposing of the tower, antenna and associated facilities. In the event that a tower is not removed within 90 days of the cessation of operations at a site, the tower and associated facilities may be removed by the Village and the costs of removal assessed against the property, the bond or both.
3. As recommended by the Planning Board:
 - a. That, Omnipoint shall have its antennas and mounting brackets hand-painted to match the brick building using Stealth Painters LLC or an equivalent company. An individual brick and mortar pattern or other pattern to match the background shall be used. Such painting shall be completed to the reasonable satisfaction of the Village Engineer prior to the issuance of a Certificate of Completion. Omnipoint shall maintain such painting for the life of the facility in good condition and re-paint the antennas as necessary or as required in the reasonable opinion of the Village Board.
 - b. That, the Omnipoint facility shall at all times during the life of the facility comply with the applicable FCC regulations pertaining to radio frequency emissions, including such regulations as applicable to cumulative radio frequency emissions. Any necessary mitigation measures to ensure compliance shall follow FCC requirements, procedures and protocols.
 - c. That, Omnipoint obtains a building permit from the Village Engineer prior to any work being performed. That the Village Engineer recommends that LynStaar Engineering be retained to assist the Village Engineer with the review of the electrical plans with LynStaar being paid from the escrow account, which requires additional escrow funds be deposited at the time the building permit application is made.
 - d. That, a fire/smoke detector connected to the building's fire alarm system be installed in the Omnipoint equipment room by the Village's fire alarm company with the cost of the installation being paid by Omnipoint.
 - e. That, in the case of a power outage Omnipoint shall provide an internal battery backup which would power their equipment.
 - f. That, Omnipoint is advised that the Village may switch to the Statewide Wireless Network system in the future and that the Omnipoint system must be

operated to prohibit interference with current and future Village wireless systems.

- g. That, the plans and application be revised in accordance with the RCC Reports 1 and 2.
- h. That, proper radio frequency and antenna location warning signs be posted in the attic near the access to the roof.
- i. That, the AC compressor on the Municipal Building roof be screened to the satisfaction of the Village Engineer.
- j. It is also recommended that Omnipoint provide a basic radio frequency safety course appropriate for Village employees (DPW).
- k. That, a bond be posted to cover the removal of all Omnipoint equipment and the restoration of the premises to its condition prior to the installation of Omnipoint equipment.

4. PRESENTATION BY CON-EDISION - TREE MAINTENANCE PROGRAM

Matthew Glasser, Manager of the Line Clearance and Contract Management Department for Con-Edison stated that as a result of the rough year, Con Edison had to look at how they can improve their performance when storms come through Westchester County. Mr. Glasser said that since trees and tree limbs are the major cause of outages in Westchester County, they had to come up with a multi part plan to try to alleviate the problem. Mr. Glasser said that after reviewing their tree trimming specifications they found that previous clearance requirements were not sufficient and that they would need to increase those requirements to improve the reliability and safety of the system. Mr. Glasser said that they have spent time training with Cornell Cooperative Extension and have three Certified Arborists on staff to help make sure that their work meets the standards of the National Arbor Day Foundation. Mr. Glasser said that they have also been working on educating the public and distributing maintenance guides that explain various types of trees, how high they grow and the best place to plant them. Mr. Glasser advised that the biggest part of their program has been communication and outreach; they have currently trimmed over 600 miles in Westchester County with a lot of success. Mr. Glasser advised that streets that will be trimmed in Croton were chosen based on a circuit that feeds those areas because those circuits were identified as one of the worst performing. Mr. Glasser advised that there will be additional streets in the Village that will be trimmed and the Village will be receiving communication from them.

Mayor Schmidt said that during the last wind storm Con-Edison worked very well with the Village's Department of Public Works and staff to identify critical streets and really mustered the forces together to get out to the right places and get our service up and running. Mayor Schmidt said that this program is presented as a means for Con-Edison to work on the reliability and safety of the system because when a power line comes down it is a danger to the public on many levels.

Trustee Gallelli asked Mr. Glasser to address their cutting strategies as discussed during their work session.

Mr. Glasser said that people were most concerned that what they were going to see was a "runway" and that there wouldn't be a tree remaining. Mr. Glasser said that this is not what they are looking for; they are looking to preserve the look of the community and the pictures in their Maintenance Guide are a graphical representation of what the clearances will look like.

Trustee Brennan asked how much is Con-Edison committing to rebuilding.

Mr. Glasser advised that they have put approximately \$37 million into the infrastructure this year and their capital budget is around \$48 million for next year. Mr. Glasser advised that tree trimming services are contracted with a tree service company called Louis Tree Service; they are a company out of Rochester, New York, and work in New York, Connecticut and New Jersey.

Mayor Schmidt said that the Maintenance Guide contains a lot of information that the public needs to be aware of; it is a good guide that shows the correct types of trees to plant around your home.

Michael Goetz, 19 Irving Avenue said that the Village in the past planted pear trees which fall under the power lines and the pictures of how Con-Edison plans to cut these trees leaves a lot to be desired. Mr. Goetz said that he is concerned that if the center is cut out of those trees there would be nothing in the center and because these trees get a lot of weight on one side they could crack in the next wind storm. Mr. Goetz suggested that they trim the whole tree so that it looks like a tree rather than what the pictures depict.

Mr. Glasser said that just topping a tree is not the best thing from a health standpoint and they will work on an individual basis if a customer has certain concerns about their tree. Mr. Glasser referred to something called "directional pruning" which allows them to do healthy cuts on a tree but also gain the benefit of keeping the canopy of the tree but at the same time you do not create a safety hazard.

Mr. Goetz said that he watched on Radnor Avenue some of the trees that were cut according to Con-Edison's specifications and during some of the wind storms branches came down and if they had been trimmed all the way around they might have lasted longer. Mr. Goetz asked the Board if they are going to keep track of what Con-Edison is trimming.

Mayor Schmidt said that the Village will be interfacing with Con-Edison and we do have the option to hire our own Arborist to work in conjunction with them. Mayor Schmidt said that Croton prides itself as being a "Tree City"; we have been that for many years but we also have to recognize that it is important to maintain a power grid and protect the health and safety of our residents. Mayor Schmidt said that this is a two-faced process; to try to mitigate the amount of cutting that is going to be taking place and to work with Con-Edison on what kind of trees we will be replacing.

5. CORRESPONDENCE

- a. Letter from Patricia Holland of the New York State Board of Real Property Services dated October 2007 advising that the Village of Croton On Hudson's Final Equalization Rate for 2007 has been set at 3.45.
- b. Letter from Peter A. Cannito of Metro North Railroad dated October 3, 2007 advising of their Annual Open House.
- c. Letter from Mark Duncan, Recreation Supervisor dated October 5, 2007 requesting permission to hold the Annual Goblin Walk on Saturday, October 27, 2007.

RESOLUTION APPROVING ANNUAL GOBLIN WALK

On motion of TRUSTEE Kane, seconded by TRUSTEE Brennan, the Board of Trustees unanimously approved the request from the Recreation Supervisor to hold the Annual Goblin Walk on Saturday October 27, 2007 as detailed in Mark Duncan's letter dated October 5, 2007.

- d. Communications including suggestions as it pertains to access for dogs to Village Parks from; Barbara Swanson, Judy O'Hara, Liz Keller, Kelly Schulze, Mary Monahan, Dan Attinelli, Bev Ferguson, Jeanne McCabe, Judy Sandwell, Nick Fusco, Marilyn Oldham, Candice and Russ Borner

6. CITIZEN PARTICIPATION - AGENDA ITEMS

Michael Goetz said that he did some research and found that in 1992 New York City started using Calcium Orthophosphate to reduce lead in their drinking water; Washington D.C. showed a significant reduction of lead when they switched to Chlorine; and the City of San Diego started using Phosphates until they noticed an increase of bacteria in their drinking water. Mr. Goetz stated that the time of day when you test the water could have an effect on the results; if it is tested during hours when water has been sitting still for a long time you would get a higher level but when water is being used you will find a lower lead count because the water is moving through the system. Mr. Goetz asked for a list of communities in Westchester that are currently using Zinc because he was only able to find two communities on the web; Larchmont and Mamaroneck. Mr. Goetz thought that by not adding anything to our water system and saving the \$30,000 that it would cost to do this program, the Village could put that money aside for a fund to replace our pipes. Mr. Goetz said that as a member of the Croton community he does not mind paying to replace pipes; it has to be done and rather putting it off he would like to replace the pipes now.

Trustee Gallelli clarified that there is no lead in our water source coming out of our wells nor in our distribution system; the lead that we have a problem with is in the private connections between the street and the house.

Michael Mamone, 19 Young Avenue, stated that he is concerned that people in the community do not know that this is happening. Mr. Mamone said that we are lucky to have the purest water supply in New York State; our water is essential to our health and does not want rust inhibitors or pipe cleaners in his water. Mr. Mamone stated that it is his opinion that the diseases that we have today are coming from chemicals that we are putting into our body and there are other ways to achieve these results. Mr. Mamone said that if the amount that is going to be put into the pipes is so small that it is not going to cause a public health problem then it is not going to do the pipes any good either. Mr. Mamone said that house filters should be able to take care of the brown water problems.

Trustee Brennan asked how the residents were notified.

Village Treasurer, Abe Zambrano, said that notification of the presentation was put in the June water bills.

Trustee Gallelli advised that the September newsletter, on the first page, also had an article about Chazen making a presentation.

Angelia Melinka, (check spelling) 15 Whelan Avenue, said that she agreed with Mr. Mamone's comments; we should be conservative and asked that the community know more about this.

Kevin Davis, 17 Wolf Road, said that if the Board does not have enough information to make a decision, then they should not make a decision and asked that more information to be given to the public by posting it on the Village's web-site.

Mr. Wintermeier, 43 Radnor Avenue, prepared two charts showing that our lead content is approaching the number 14 and explained that the EPA (Environmental Protection Agency) specifies that 15 is the crises level and if you reach the crises level you will have mandatory enforcement. Mr. Wintermeier said that the other problem is brown water and he is not sure if Zinc Orthophosphate or Phosphoric Acid will fix that problem. Mr. Wintermeier said that in his research he found that another solution called Soda Ash which was used in Maui has also been very successful throughout the United States as well as Westchester. Mr. Wintermeier said that during his conversation with the Maui Department of Health a Doctor Pang explained that they had encountered problems wherein people were reporting rashes, eye irritations, difficulty breathing and everyone thought that the problem was the Zinc Orthophosphate or Phosphoric Acid, but their problem did not subside until they used Soda Ash. Mr. Wintermeier advised that the Maui Department in conjunction with Virginia Tech came to the conclusion that the Zinc Orthophosphate or Phosphoric Acid or any other chemical was not the problem but rather a germ and that Mr. Pang strongly recommended not letting the EPA take over

control of our water supply. Mr. Wintermeier said that people are upset and there is a lot of misinformation out there, this is our third meeting, it has been on the Village's web-site, in the Village Newsletter, in our local newspaper and does not understand how residents can say that they did not know about this. Mr. Wintermeier said that we have to avoid the EPA mandate because he has not heard of anything good if the EPA gets involved.

Dan Ferguson said that he received a copy of the Chazen Report and the costs associated with this project could run well over \$200,000 annually in addition to the costs of purchasing a new building for approximately \$300,000 and would prefer this money be spent on new pipes. Mr. Ferguson gave Village Engineer Dan O'Connor some information he found regarding Zinc Orthophosphate and the effects it has on aquariums; a new EPA Mandate issued September 18, 2007 about controlling lead in drinking water; information on Maui and excerpts from the Journal of American Nutrition about Calcium Magnesium and Bone Density Loss. Mr. Ferguson said that there is a lot of scientific research that has to be evaluated before a decision is made.

Joanne Minett 5 Van Cortlandt Place said we need more time and even though it was well publicized we should still get more opinions from people in the Village. Ms. Minett said that she does not want more chemicals in her life or in our water system.

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING CHASEN ENGINEERING TO PROCEED WITH ENGINEERING DESIGN WORK FOR CORROSION CONTROL DESIGN, NORTH HIGHLAND TANK WATER QUALITY AND WELLFIELD EXPANSION EXPLORATION

On a motion made by TRUSTEE Konig and seconded by TRUSTEE Brennan the following resolution was put forth for adoption:

WHEREAS, the Village is considering a corrosion control program for its water distribution system; and

WHEREAS, the purpose of a corrosion control program is to help reduce incidences of brown water, reduce lead and copper levels, and increase the life span of the distribution system; and

WHEREAS, a corrosion control program is currently being used by 15 communities in Westchester and is particularly helpful for communities with older distribution systems; and

WHEREAS, corrosion control was the subject of a work session on May 14, 2007 and a public information session on September 17, 2007; and

WHEREAS, the Village Board of Trustees approved a resolution on July 16, 2007 authorizing Chazen Engineering to proceed with a number of action items including

corrosion control design, a review of North Highland tank water quality improvements, and wellfield expansion exploration,

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED: that the Village Board of Trustees hereby authorizes Chazen Engineering to proceed with the design of a corrosion control program for the Village's water distribution system.

Trustee Brennan said that he is not comfortable with moving the resolution forward this evening authorizing Chazen Engineering to proceed with the Corrosion Control Design even though he has been and still is in favor of everything that has been proposed. Trustee Brennan said that he would like to take more time and make the residents feel more comfortable.

Trustee Gallelli said that Chazen Engineering was hired by the Village several years ago to provide us with information about how to deal with brown water, North Highland water quality and Wellfield expansion exploration. Trustee Gallelli said that she has no complaints about the work that Chazen has done; they have done exactly what they were hired to do but would like to understand more about how we test our lead levels and why these levels go up and down. Trustee Gallelli said that there were questions raised at the last meeting and we received good answers from our Village Engineer Dan O'Connor but there is no rush. Trustee Gallelli said that because of the concerns of the community and open questions by some of the Board members she moved to amend the resolution to authorize moving forward only on the review of North Highland Tank Water Quality Improvements and Wellfield Expansion Exploration.

Trustee Kane said that he agreed with Trustee Gallelli's suggestion and asked that the Board continue to discuss this further.

Mayor Schmidt stated that there is a tremendous amount of misinformation being disseminated and this is unfortunate and the Village has notified the public on several occasions through various means. Mayor Schmidt said that there is no level of lead that is safe or proper for anyone and it is irresponsible as a community if we do not begin to address this problem. Mayor Schmidt said that if you wanted to solve the lead problem in individual homes, you would have to put a filter on every single faucet in your home in order to address this and then you could not guarantee that every child getting up in the middle of the night to have a drink of water would run the water for thirty seconds to flush out all that lead in the system. Mayor Schmidt said that replacing pipes throughout the Village is a long-term solution and \$30,000 is a miniscule amount; the Village just spent over two million dollars replacing the water lines in the Harmon area which is 10% of our water system and only addressed the brown water, it did not address the lead situation in that area. Mayor Schmidt said that testing is purposely done in older homes because that is where you are going to have the lead problems and you cannot force people to replace their pipes; this is a process that will extend the life of our system through a corrosion control system that will make sure that those pipes that we have invested two million dollars in will last as long as they can. Mayor Schmidt said that this

is a recommendation that came from staff that we begin the process of looking at alternatives to controlling brown water in the Village because we have recognized early on, because of the costs, it would take us a long time to replace the water system and fix all the problems that we have. Mayor Schmidt said that we must address corrosion control and mitigate the lead and copper problems that we are experiencing in this Village and this is why we have been looking at this. Mayor Schmidt said that we have an amended resolution before us and asked the Board to vote.

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING CHASEN ENGINEERING TO PROCEED WITH ENGINEERING DESIGN WORK FOR NORTH HIGHLAND TANK WATER QUALITY AND WELLFIELD EXPANSION EXPLORATION

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

WHEREAS, the Village is considering a corrosion control program for its water distribution system; and

WHEREAS, the purpose of a corrosion control program is to help reduce incidences of brown water, reduce lead and copper levels, and increase the life span of the distribution system; and

WHEREAS, a corrosion control program is currently being used by 15 communities in Westchester and is particularly helpful for communities with older distribution systems; and

WHEREAS, corrosion control was the subject of a work session on May 14, 2007 and a public information session on September 17, 2007; and

WHEREAS, the Village Board of Trustees approved a resolution on July 16, 2007 authorizing Chazen Engineering to proceed with a review of North Highland tank water quality improvements, and wellfield expansion exploration,

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED: that the Village Board of Trustees hereby authorizes Chazen Engineering to proceed with the design of a corrosion control program for the Village's water distribution system.

7. **CITIZEN PARTICIPATION** - NON-AGENDA ITEMS

Joanne Minett addressed the Board with consistent everyday violations; double parked eighteen wheeler trucks, off hour and all night deliveries, disgusting uncontained garbage and a broken gate. Ms. Minett said that the Village is losing money by not enforcing these violations in addition to poor quality of life and health and safety issues

that are not being addressed. Ms. Minett continued to explain to the Board many issues regarding Zetinia that are not being addressed by Village staff and asked that the Board finally resolve this situation.

Mr. Mamone suggested sending every household a letter regarding the water additive issue and asked if spending a lot of money for a building is required to go before the public for a vote.

Mr. Herbek said that the plan is to use one of the existing buildings.

Mayor Schmidt said that the report merely looked at possibilities and we have decided that we have a building that would meet our needs.

Phyllis Morrow said that this is the first meeting she has attended; she is confused and would like to get more information and suggested that the Village put this issue out to the public in a Q&A format.

Mr. Ferguson said that the Chazen Report indicated that the Flood Plain Review Study by FEMA and the NYSDOH may affect costs substantially and because of global warming those figures should be reviewed by Mr. O'Connor. Mr. Ferguson said that he also contacted the River Keeper to see if this will pollute the ecosystem of the Hudson River.

8. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Trustee Brennan made a motion to approve the minutes as amended of the meeting held on October 1, 2007 Trustee Konig seconded the motion. The Board voted unanimously to approve the minutes

9. REPORTS

Village Treasurer Abe Zambrano reported on the following legal expenses:

	Current Amount Paid	Year to Date As of Reporting since January 2007
STB Case	\$3,228	\$40,907
N.Y.S. Court of Appeals	-	\$36,331
1A Croton Point Ave Site Plan Approval	\$ 1,698	\$4,842
Millennium Pipeline	-	\$5,459
Discussion with Owner 1A Croton Point Avenue	\$12,068	\$26,123
General	\$4,941	\$43,985
TOTAL	\$21,935	\$157,645

Trustee Brennan advised that he attended the Harmon Fire Fair, they did a great job and it was a great turnout. Trustee Brennan asked everyone to continue to support the Croton Football Team. Trustee Brennan asked Mr. Herbek to briefly talk about Verizon/Fiber Optics.

Village Manager, Richard Herbek, advised that he received a phone call advising that they are going to try to step up their program for the Village.

Trustee Brennan said that he would like to see the Gazette do more by-partisan reporting because the decisions that he makes are in the best interests of the entire community not because of his political affiliation.

Trustee Gallelli said that she is exploring starting a Farmer's Market in Croton and has had discussion with Miriam Haas of Community Markets who coordinates many Farmer's Market throughout Westchester. Trustee Gallelli said that she would also like to explore a vegetable exchange program and asked residents to contact her if they are interested in organizing something like this. Trustee Gallelli said that the Bicycle Pedestrian Committee met with Lieutenant Harper and discussed pedestrian issues at and near the railroad station; the Committee is quite happy with the initiatives and effort on the part of the Police Department in addressing this situation. Trustee Gallelli advised that the Committee is also pleased that the Village has agreed to put in a Pedestrian Crosswalk on Cleveland from the sidewalk on the east side to the Library. Trustee Gallelli advised that the Planning Board held a joint meeting with the Zoning Board and discussed mutual processing issues. Trustee Gallelli advised that the seniors will be celebrating their 50th Anniversary and will be holding a celebration party; there are now 174 active seniors in the club. Trustee Gallelli advised that the Monday night drop in for youth ages 9-12 has not really taken off and we need to see how we might improve the attendance.

Trustee Kane congratulated the Fire Department on the Fire Fair and encouraged everyone to attend the Harmon Open House this Saturday.

Trustee Konig stated that corrosion control is not a band aid in lieu of replacing pipes; it is in addition to that; it is not a simple solution and the Board has put a lot of thought and time into this and we have looked at the costs, chemistry, and training associated with this project. Trustee Konig stated they have not found a problem in any of the 50 states that use this chemical and we are doing our best to make the right decision for Croton.

Trustee Konig wished Mayor Schmidt good luck in Washington; it is a good day when our Village that was previously known as a "good place to dump" will no longer accept violators, no longer accept 20,000 trucks a year going through our Village and no longer accept businesses masquerading as a railroad. Trustee Konig said that even waste industries are asking Congress to prevent unscrupulous waste companies from avoiding the rules by pretending that they are not waste companies and we should all be very

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proud that Mayor Schmidt is representing the Village in front of a Congressional Committee.

Mayor Schmidt said that he will do his best to represent the Village; this is an important issue; not just for Croton but for everyone. Mayor Schmidt said that he does not think that it is Congress' intent to allow this loophole to exist in the law that would allow a company to set up as a railroad and try to operate as a waste-transfer station. Mayor Schmidt stated that only the wrong people use loopholes and that is one of the most compelling reasons to change this.

Mayor Schmidt congratulated the Rotary for a very successful car show and thanked the Village for allowing the Rotary Club to use the Croton Harmon station. Mayor Schmidt also thanked the Croton Fire Department for their life saving demonstrations. Mayor Schmidt announced that Caldwell Banker will be holding their first child safety day on November 3rd.

There being no further comments to come before the Board, a motion to close the meeting at 10:50pm was made by Trustee Brennan and seconded by Trustee Konig. Motion was unanimously approved.

Respectfully submitted,
Board Secretary

Pauline DiSanto, Village Clerk