

A Meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Village of Croton-on-Hudson, NY was held on Monday, January 5, 2009 at the Municipal Building, Van Wyck Street, Croton-on-Hudson, NY 10520.

The following officials were present:

Mayor Schmidt	Trustee Brennan
Village Manager Zambrano	Trustee Gallelli
Village Attorney Staudt	Trustee Konig
Treasurer Bullock	Trustee Olver

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

General Fund	\$ 132,284.99
Water Fund	1,107.55
Sewer Fund	1,356.24
Capital Account	3,585.79
Trust & Agency	12,612.55
Total	\$ 150,947.12

3. PUBLIC HEARING:

Village Manager Zambrano opened the Public Hearing for Local Law Introductory No. 1 of 2009 amending Section 204-21 of the Village Code, Alternative Veteran Exemption.

There were no public comments. Mayor Schmidt closed the Public Hearing. Village Manager Zambrano read the following resolution:

On motion of TRUSTEE Konig 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, the Village would like to amend the Alternative Veteran Exemption by raising the ceilings to allow the exemption to keep pace with the trend of falling equalization rates; and

WHEREAS, raising the ceilings allows the exemption to maintain its value; and

WHEREAS, Local Law Introductory No. 1 of 2009 has been drafted,

WHEREAS, a Public Hearing was held and closed on January 5, 2009;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED: that the Village Board of Trustees hereby adopts Local Law No. 1 of 2009 amending Section 204-21 of the Village Code, Alternative Veteran Exemption.

4. CORRESPONDENCE:

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

- a) A letter from Robert Hoch, Director, Cablevision Government Affairs, announcing additions to the channel line up effective December 4, 2008.
- b) A letter from Robert Anesi, New York, NY commending the "1930" exhibit by the Historical Society now on display in the Kellerhouse Municipal Building.
- c) A letter from the NYS Office of Real Property Services with the 2009 Final Special Franchise-Full Values. They are now providing special franchise full values instead of equalized assessments.
- d) A notice of Public Hearings from the MTA; one hearing will be held on Wednesday, January 14, 2009 in Manhattan and the other on Tuesday, January 20, 2009 in Flushing, Queens.

4. CITIZEN PARTICIPATION (agenda items):

No one offered comments.

5. PROPOSED RESOLUTIONS:

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

WHEREAS, the cost of road salt and magnesium chloride has increased, and

WHEREAS, the funds appropriated in the 2008-2009 Village Budget is not sufficient to pay for the minimum amount of road salt that the Village is contractually obligated to purchase, and

WHEREAS, in addition to road salt, the department of public works must also purchase magnesium chloride flakes to prevent Village sidewalks from icing, and

WHEREAS, the Superintendent of Public work is preparing for the upcoming winter and is therefore requesting necessary funds to purchase road salt and magnesium chloride flakes.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED: that the Board of Trustees hereby authorizes the Village Treasurer to transfer \$16,500 from the General Fund's Contingency Account number

A1990.4000 to the Snow Removal Account number A5142.4200 for the purchase of road salt and magnesium chloride flakes.

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:

WHEREAS, the Town of Cortlandt and Village of Croton are applying for a General Efficiency Planning Grant under the auspices of the Local Government Efficiency Grant Program; and

WHEREAS, this project will be referred to as the Town of Cortlandt/Village of Croton Shared Services Study; and

WHEREAS, the grant will be to undertake a review of existing shared services and cooperative agreements between the Village and the Town and an exploration of new shared services and cooperation including shared personnel, equipment, and the possibility of the merger of certain departments; and

WHEREAS, the Town will be the applicant and the Village the co-applicant,

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED: that the Village Board of Trustees authorizes the Village Manager, Abraham Zambrano, to apply as a co-applicant with the Town of Cortlandt for a General Efficiency Planning Grant in the amount of \$27,500 with the Village and the Town each agreeing to be responsible for the 10% municipality share which will come to \$1,250 for each municipality.

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

WHEREAS, on August 21, 2008 the Village Board of Trustees authorized the application of grant funds under the Justice Court Assistance Program; and

WHEREAS, the Court Office applied for three label printers, 8 file cabinets and 6 desk; and

WHEREAS, the Village Court has been notified by the Justice Court Assistance Program that they have been awarded a grant for the equipment in the amount of \$16,058.46 with items being shipped directly to the Village Court Office

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED: that the Village Manager is hereby authorized to accept the grant awarded to the Village Court.

c) On motion of TRUSTEE Konig, seconded by TRUSTEE Olver, the following resolution

was adopted unanimously by the Board of Trustees of the Village of Croton-on-Hudson, New York:

WHEREAS, the Village and the Town of Cortlandt annually execute an agreement whereby the Village provides fire protection to the Mt. Airy/ Quaker Bridge Fire Protection District in the Town, and

WHEREAS, the Town Board conducted a Public Hearing in regard to this proposed contract covering the period January 1, 2009 to December 31, 2009, and

WHEREAS, the agreement provides that the Fire Department will give fire protection to the Mt. Airy/ Quaker Bridge Fire Protection District at a total contract price to the Town of \$313,048.00 with \$62,610.00 to be paid to the Fire Council and the balance of \$250,438.00 paid to the Village; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED: that the Village Manager is hereby authorized to sign the Agreement with the Town of Cortlandt whereby the Village will provide fire protection during 2009 to the Mt. Airy/ Quaker Bridge Fire Protection District at a total contract price of \$313,048.00 with \$62,610.00 to be paid to the Fire Council and the balance of \$250,438.00 paid to the Village.

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

WHEREAS, on December 15, 2008, Lorraine Pennington resigned her position of Deputy Village Treasurer effective December 31, 2008; and

WHEREAS, Deputy Village Clerk, Genette Toone has worked for the Village of Croton-on-Hudson since April 18, 2005; and

WHEREAS, during this time Ms. Toone has worked closely with the Village Treasurer and Deputy Treasurer and she is the ideal candidate to be appointed to the Deputy Treasurer Position; and

WHEREAS, in her new position she will continue to be responsible for the payroll and the taxes but will also take on new responsibilities within the Finance Department as determined by the Village Treasurer,

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED: that the Village Board of Trustees hereby appoints Genette Toone to be the Deputy Village Treasurer effective January 6, 2009,

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED: that this appointment will fill the unexpired term vacated by Lorraine Pennington which ends April 6, 2009,

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED: that the Village Board of Trustees hereby sets the Deputy Treasurer Genette Toone's annual salary at \$75,000.

e) On motion of TRUSTEE Konig, 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, by the appointment of Genette Toone, to Deputy Treasurer the position of Deputy Clerk has become vacant; and

WHEREAS, Kristine Gilligan has been employed with the Village of Croton-on-Hudson since May 11, 2007, and

WHEREAS, Ms. Gilligan has demonstrated an exemplary work ethic and eagerness to learn; and

WHEREAS, from time to time it is necessary for the Clerk to be away from the office and it is advisable that someone be authorized to perform the duties of the Clerk at such times; and

WHEREAS, the Village Clerk, Pauline DiSanto has recommended that Kristine Gilligan be appointed Deputy Village Clerk.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED: that the Village Board of Trustees hereby appoints Kristine Gilligan to be the Deputy Village Clerk, who shall have full authority to exercise and perform any of the powers and duties of the Clerk effective January 6, 2009,

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED: that this appointment will fill the unexpired term vacated by Genette Toone which ends April 6, 2009,

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED: that the Village Board of Trustees hereby sets the Deputy Clerk Kristine Gilligan's annual salary at \$42,000.

6. CITIZEN PARTICIPATION (non-agenda items):

No one offered comments

7. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Trustee Brennan made a motion to approve the minutes of the Board Meeting held on December 15, 2008 as corrected. Trustee Konig seconded the motion. The Board voted unanimous approval.

8. REPORTS:

*Treasurer Bullock* had no report, but stated that she is meeting with employees, especially department heads, and is working on several items.

*Village Manager Zambrano* reported that the water bills have been sent out and payments are due January 15<sup>th</sup>. He added that today there was a water main break by Veterans Plaza and it affected several areas; residents were notified. Village Manager Zambrano reminded the Board of upcoming NYCOM legislative meetings.

*Trustee Konig* reported that the Village looked fantastic over the holidays and the DPW did a great job with holiday pick ups even through the two snowstorms; it was handled very well. Trustee Konig stated that she believes the staff changes are going to add a new energy with how things are done in the Village and it is a good way to start a new year.

*Trustee Olver* also congratulated the DPW for their efforts; they are 'on the job' in a very impressive way. He stated that today is Epiphany denoting the end of the holidays and inquired about Christmas tree pick up. Village Manager Zambrano replied that this information will be in the newsletter and on the Village's web site. Trustee Olver reported that the Board will not meet before Martin Luther King Day; the price of liberty is eternal vigilance and respect for each other; everyone comes from a family who has struggled with discrimination; he suggested taking Martin Luther King Day as a day to talk with each other to push the American way forward. Trustee Olver added that he has concerns about railroad regulation; a federal regulation came into effect recently that will allow looking at the safest route for transport of toxic, hazardous materials without consulting municipalities; he would like to join with others in lobbying for notice to municipalities. Trustee Olver joined with the other Board members in congratulating the staff; however, for future moves, until there is a full budget for next year, he would like to not see additional appointments. Trustee Olver reminded everyone that Sandy Galef is hosting a forum regarding NY State property tax relief in this building on Thursday, January 22nd, between 7 and 9 pm.

*Trustee Gallelli* congratulated the new Fire Dept officers who were sworn in last week. She reported also that the next Board meeting will be on Inauguration Day.

*Trustee Brennan* reported that regarding the new federal railroad regulations, municipalities can get involved and bring about change and they can have an impact at a local level. Trustee Brennan stated that it will be a very busy spring; in this tough economic climate impacting the whole world, they will do their very best to keep taxes down and be responsible for each and every dollar to be spent which is his main priority.

*Mayor Schmidt* agreed that the holiday decorations looked great and he thanked the DPW and the Recreation Dept. and also the citizens and merchants who decorated the trees. Mayor Schmidt reported that he attended the Fire Department swearing-in ceremony; they are doing an incredible job providing protection to the Village and reminded everyone that all firemen are volunteers. Mayor Schmidt reported that the school/village coalition looking at drug and alcohol use in the community has hired a coordinator to work with the community; there is a need to educate that drugs and alcohol are not good for you; the committee is having a meeting on Thursday; they will be meeting with students one on one; this is a part of

applying for the grant; this committee also represents joint and shared services with the school

Trustee Brennan made a motion to adjourn. Trustee Olver seconded the motion; approved unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 8:55 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

*Phyllis A. Bradbury*

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Phyllis A. Bradbury, Secretary

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Village Clerk