

A Meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Village of Croton-on-Hudson, NY was held on Monday, April 6, 2009 at the Municipal Building, Van Wyck Street, Croton-on-Hudson, NY 10520.

The following officials were present:

Mayor Wiegman	Trustee Gallelli
Village Manager Zambrano	Trustee Olver
Village Attorney Staudt	Trustee Murtaugh
Treasurer Bullock	Trustee Restuccia

1. CALL TO ORDER:

Mayor Wiegman called the meeting to order at 8:25 p.m.

2. APPROVAL OF VOUCHERS:

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

General Fund	\$ 244,958.11
Water Fund	11,750.25
Sewer Fund	2,884.10
Capital Account	11,391.20
Trust & Agency	2,802.87
Total	\$ 273,786.53

3. CORRESPONDENCE:

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

- a) A letter from Friends of the Old Croton Aqueduct regarding upcoming spring walks, talks and tours.
- b) A letter from Andrew Spano, Westchester County Executive, regarding the Quadricentennial Celebration event to be held on Sunday, June 7, 2009 from 10 am to 7 pm on the grounds of Lyndhurst property
- c) A letter from Robert Hoch, Director, Cablevision regarding a change of programming for Music Choice channels
- d) A letter from Mark E. Mannix, Senior Director, Metro North Railroad, announcing new train schedules effective Sunday, April 5, 2009; the new timetables are available at Metro North stations and on their web site at www.mta.info.
- e) A letter from Joan Hiewicki, Croton Postmaster, USPS, regarding a change of hours of service for the Croton Post Office; new hours are 9 am – 5 pm Monday through Friday and 9 am to 4 pm on Saturdays
- f) A letter from Kathleen Ludgate, Regional Director, US Census Bureau stating that their employees will be visiting every housing unit in the Village between April and July of 2009.
- g) A notice from Governor Paterson, announcing funding for 59 transportation projects throughout the state. Trustee Gallelli reported that this is a 90/10 grant and there will be a more controlled and regulated traffic pattern; people who walk or ride bicycles to the station

will see improvements; she gave credit to the bicycle pedestrian committee who provided the ground work for this; will keep the residents informed when more information is received.

4. CITIZEN PARTICIPATION (agenda items):

- a) Cornelia Cotton, Hessian Hills Road, spoke about the new mayor and his grandfather who was mayor of a community in Holland. Ms. Cotton stated that she has every confidence that Leo Wiegman will be a good mayor and wished him the very best.

5. PROPOSED RESOLUTIONS:

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

WHEREAS, Dvirka and Bartilucci has prepared a proposal to continue to assist the Village in maintaining compliance with the NYSDEC Phase II Storm Water regulations and General Permits; and

WHEREAS, Dvirka and Bartilucci proposes the following six Tasks

- (1) prepare 2009 Storm Water Management Program Annual Report and Municipal Compliance Certification for submittal to NYSDEC
- (2) prepare supplements and/or other additional materials for the Storm Water Management Program Document
- (3) prepare written procedures for Illicit Discharge Detection and Elimination Program
- (4) prepare written procedures for construction site storm water runoff control and post-construction storm water management
- (5) Annual 1-day training seminar for Village Staff
- (6) Prepare a Village-specific storm water BMP Manual/Handbook

WHEREAS, the total cost of these 6 tasks comes to \$12,500,

WHEREAS, the Village Engineer and Superintendent of Public Works recommend that the Village proceed with task 1 at a cost of \$5,000,

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED: that the Village Manager is authorized to sign the proposal from Dvirka and Bartilucci for storm water management assistance for task 1 at a total cost of \$5,000,

AND BIT IT FURTHER RESOLVED; that this amount should be charged to Account #A8140.4000.

Discussion: Trustee Gallelli stated that they are going forward with this as a phased program. Trustee Restuccia asked to please have members of committees join the one day seminar when it is scheduled.

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

WHEREAS, the electric car was in need of service; and

WHEREAS, auto parts were need and purchased; and

WHEREAS, this repair was not foreseen in last years fiscal budget; and

WHEREAS, the funds appropriated in the 2008-2009 Village Budget is not sufficient;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED: that the Board of Trustees hereby authorizes the Village Treasurer to transfer \$1,500 from the General Fund's Contingency Account number A1990.4000 to the Parking Vehicle Repair Account number A5650.4710 for the payment of parts purchased to repair the electric car.

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

WHEREAS, MetroPCS New York, LLC has applied for a special permit to collocate a wireless communications facility on the cell tower to be constructed at Veterans Plaza; and

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

WHEREAS, the Village Board of Trustees must consider the environmental impacts in accordance with SEQRA of the installation of the personal wireless services facility at Veterans Plaza; and

WHEREAS, a short Environmental Assessment Form and a Coastal Assessment Form has been prepared by the applicant,

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED: that the Village Board of Trustees declares its intent to serve as lead agency for the purpose of conducting a coordinated review,

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED: that the Village Board authorizes the circulation of the Environmental Assessment Form and Coastal Assessment Form to all involved and interested agencies.

Discussion: Trustee Gallelli stated that they already have approval for the cell tower; this is to allow MetroPCS to co-locate a potential fourth carrier.

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

WHEREAS, Westchester County has established a Housing Implementation Fund (HIF) to pay for the necessary infrastructure work for the Symphony Knoll Affordable Senior Housing Project; and

WHEREAS, this infrastructure work includes water and sewer connections, road improvements, and other public amenities; and

WHEREAS, the bids for the site work and infrastructure for the Symphony Knoll Affordable Senior Housing project were opened on September 16, 2008; and

WHEREAS, the Village received 6 bids ranging from \$383,535 to \$1,082,900; and

WHEREAS, the lowest bidder, Landscott Inc. has been unable to produce a letter of credit until now; and

WHEREAS, the Village has now received the letter of credit; and

WHEREAS, as outlined in the attached Developer-Municipal Agreement among the Village, the Croton Housing Network, Inc, Symphony Knoll Housing, L.P., and the Croton Housing Network Fund Company and the Intermunicipal Agreement between the County of Westchester and the Village, the Village will be receiving requisitions from the Croton Housing Network on behalf of the contractor, Landscott Inc., will request payment from Westchester County for these requisitions, and upon receipt of payment from Westchester County will provide payment to the Croton Housing Network who will then disburse the funds to the contractor; and

WHEREAS, the Village will not be responsible for any of the costs of the site work and infrastructure for the Symphony Knoll Affordable Senior Housing Project;

WHEREAS, if additional costs are needed beyond the County HIF Funds, the Croton Housing Network will be responsible for these costs,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED: that the Village Manager is authorized to award the contract to Landscott Inc. in the amount of \$383,535 for the site work and infrastructure for the Symphony Knoll Affordable Senior Housing project.

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

Climate Smart Community Pledge

WHEREAS, on February 3, 2003, the Board of Trustees of the Village of Croton-on-Hudson (hereafter “the Village”) voted unanimously to buy 25% of its annual electricity needs from wind-powered energy, and it has done so ever since; and

WHEREAS, on February 3, 2003, the Village adopted unanimously the goal of becoming an Energy Smart Community to partner with New York State agencies to promote energy efficiency throughout the Village; and

WHEREAS, on July 7, 2008, the Village resolved to sign the U. S. Conference of Mayors Climate Protection Agreement supporting mayors pledge to reduce carbon dioxide emissions by 7 percent below 1990 levels by 2012; and

WHEREAS, on September 18, 2008 the Village resolved to join the ICLEI-Local Governments for Sustainability USA and is presently launching its work on the sustainability assessment which includes a greenhouse gas emissions inventory; and

WHEREAS, the Village seeks to revitalize its own local economy through sustainable habits and believes that climate change poses a real and increasing threat to our local and global environments which is primarily due to the burning of fossil fuels; and

WHEREAS, the effects of climate change will endanger our infrastructure, economy and livelihoods; harm our farms, orchards, ecological communities, including native fish and wildlife populations; spread invasive species and exotic diseases; reduce drinking water supplies and recreational opportunities; and pose health threats to our citizens; and

WHEREAS, we believe that our response to climate change provides us with an unprecedented opportunity to save money, and to build livable, energy-independent and secure communities, vibrant innovative economies, healthy and safe schools, and resilient infrastructures; and

WHEREAS, we believe the scale of greenhouse gas emissions reductions required for climate stabilization will require sustained and substantial efforts; and

WHEREAS, we believe that even if emissions were dramatically reduced today, communities would still be required to adapt to the effects of climate change for decades to come;

IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED that the Village of Croton-on-Hudson, in order to reduce greenhouse gas emissions and adapt to a changing climate will:

1. Pledge to Combat Climate Change by Becoming a Climate Smart Community, including working with the Climate Protection campaign of ICLEI–Local Governments for Sustainability.
2. Set Goals, Inventory Emissions, Move to Action, as outlined in the Local Government Operations Protocol, a new national standard for local governments who wish to prepare and report greenhouse gas emissions.
3. Decrease Energy Demand for Local Government Operations, and adopt a goal of reducing electricity use by 15 percent from projected levels no later than 2015, including existing public facilities, new buildings, infrastructure, and vehicle fleet and commutation.
4. Encourage Renewable Energy for Local Government Operations through purchase or direct generation.

5. Realize Benefits of Recycling and Other Climate Smart Solid Waste Management Practices, including expansion of the "reduce, reuse and recycle" approach to waste management in local government operations and in the whole community, and adopt a comprehensive green purchasing program.
6. Promote Climate Protection through Community Land Use Planning by encouraging low-emissions development that is resilient to climatic changes, such as the promotion of compact, transit-oriented, bikeable and walkable communities.
7. Plan for Adaptation to Unavoidable Climate Change impacts, such as flooding, drought, and extreme temperatures that could affect the community.
8. Support a Green Innovation Economy, including identifying opportunities to incorporate climate protection, sustainability and environmental goods and service industries into economic development plans.
9. Inform and Inspire the Public, including regularly communicating community climate protection goals and progress to constituents.
10. Commit to an Evolving Process, including acknowledgement that research and policy on climate protection are constantly improving and evolving.

6. CITIZEN PARTICIPATION (non-agenda items):

- a) Debbie Costello, Cortlandt, stated that she was the program advisor for the Hendrick Hudson Leos Club's Stay-Awake-a-Thon which supports and encourages those battling cancer; it is a whole community event and all are welcome, Saturday, May 2nd; just show up at 5 pm; 7 pm is the opening ceremony; 10 pm begins the luminary ceremony. She added that last year 1,000 bags were sold; bags can be purchased for \$10.00; bags can be decorated individually or local girl or boy scouts from Westchester County will decorate the bag if you wish. Rich Macintyre stated that the Leos group raised over \$80,000 last year and it was their first year; the Leos community cancer fund is for locals in need of financial aid. He added that Maria Ferrara's Children's Hospital and Make-a-Wish Foundation will be receiving the proceeds of the event and any cancer survivor is welcome to attend the dinner along with the care giver as their guest. Mr. McIntyre stated that participants can form a team in honor or in memory of someone and do some fund-raising on their own; they had over 40 teams with over 500 people attending last year. A flyer with the phone number and web site, www.henhudleos.org, was left to be available in the Village Manager's Office.
- b) Mayor Wiegman's mother introduced herself and stated that during WWII, her family in Holland had up to 16 people in the house when they were sheltering refugees and her father was appointed mayor of their Village for 31 years. She added that Mayor Wiegman's grandfather, as well as many people in Holland are very proud of him.
- c) Joe Wiegman, the Mayor's father, added that he is standing here in awe and wished his son strength.

7. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Trustee Olver made a motion to approve the minutes of the Board Meeting held on March 16, 2009 as corrected. Trustee Gallelli seconded the motion. The Board voted unanimous approval.

8. REPORTS:

Village Manager Zambrano reported that the Police Dept. has a new vehicle for parking enforcement which is fuel efficient. Village Manager Zambrano stated that everyone should have received the new Recreation Dept. program pamphlet. He added that they will have employees from the Finance Dept. available on Saturdays during the month of June. Village Manager Zambrano stated that he will be attending the Westchester County Bike Summit at the County Center tomorrow along with Robert Olsen of the Bike Committee. He added that he will be setting up community meetings and will announce shortly the dates and times.

Treasurer Bullock reported that the final assessment roll is located on the front counter of the Finance Dept; the Public Hearing on the budget will be on April 13th.

Trustee Olver congratulated the new Mayor and Trustees. He added that budget restraint is his first priority; it is essential to do the very best to hold the line on taxes; each department has been asked to look again at its proposals. Trustee Olver stated that economic development and environmental sustainable energy are also important priorities; also a more active and systematic action and review of their recommendations. He added an acknowledgement of concerns on matters such as spending, economic development, etc. They will work to assure the character of the community is preserved while working to regenerate the community. Trustee Olver added that there will be a number of more initiatives for sustainable energy. He stated that they are looking at environmental initiatives that will make a significant difference. Trustee Olver reported that the new Half Moon Bay signs clarify that the Riverwalk is for the public. He stated that Earth Day will be celebrated on Saturday, April 25th, from 9am to 1:30 pm at Senasqua Park. Trustee Olver reported that this week the CAC put forward a set of recommendations to improve recycling, such as increased responsibilities for businesses, additional public bins, ideas to help schools to be more thorough in their recycling and the Library to deal with outmoded books and the weakest links, multiple use buildings and nursing homes also.

Trustee Restuccia reported that the budget is also a priority for her; the transition so far has been a fine one and thanked the former board members and mayor for being helpful. She added that they are aiming for a zero budget increase. Trustee Restuccia reported that she spoke with Kathy Breckner, who is leaving the school board, but asked for parents to fill out the census; they are still collecting that information. Trustee Restuccia added that the school vote is May 19th. Trustee Restuccia reported also that some students from Croton Bridges are in Nicaragua and should be returning soon. She added that it is spring clean up time, leaves are now being removed and please compost, don't throw away; it will save the money.

Trustee Gallelli reported that the budget is taking up a great deal of their time right now; they are meeting several times a week. She reported that the Seniors have now elected a new slate of officers and they will be installed next week; there are more than 170 members. Trustee Gallelli added that there will also be a Westchester County Earth day April 19th at Kensico Dam; they will also have a farmers' market and a free raffle; also lawn & gardening advice and free

composting bins until they run out. Trustee Gallelli reported that last Saturday she, Mayor Wiegman and Marc Cheshire attended a conference about magnetizing downtowns and historic villages; they had a lot of interesting information on how things work or don't work and also funding resources. Trustee Gallelli suggested that the board and staff investigate looking into issuing some vendor permits from Memorial Day until Labor Day to allow some food to be sold at Riverlanding; she is envisioning a few food vendors; would need to have regulations and find out how to solicit these vendors.

Trustee Murtaugh said thanks to everyone, friends and Village staff; Chief Tramaglino gave him a very well spent tour of the Police facilities. Trustee Murtaugh wished a Happy Passover and Happy Easter to everyone. He added that he is in the phone book and he can be reached through the Village web site; he would like to hear from residents and is looking for input and ideas; there are lots of things that could be suggested that have not been addressed yet; please send ideas, volunteer for boards and bring ideas to the Board. Trustee Murtaugh added that he thinks vendors at Riverlanding is brilliant and has been suggested also.

Mayor Wiegman stated that he tips his hat to Mayor Schmitt, Trustees Brennan and Konig and looks forward to working with them on topics of interest specifically to them. He added that all appointees mentioned this evening need to contact Village Clerk Paula DiSanto to sign the oath book.

Trustee Olver made a motion to adjourn. Trustee Restuccia seconded the motion; approved unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 9:45 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Phyllis A. Bradbury, Secretary

Village Clerk