

A Meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Village of Croton-on-Hudson, NY was held on Monday, March 1, 2010 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 Feldman	Trustee Restuccia
Treasurer Bullock	Trustee Murtaugh

1. CALL TO ORDER:

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

2. APPROVAL OF VOUCHERS:

Trustee Restuccia 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	\$66,073.18
Water Fund	3,340.06
Sewer Fund	187.00
Capital Account	19,420.75
Trust & Agency	35.00
Total	\$ 89,056.53

3. PUBLIC HEARING:

An email from Tom Vada was read explaining the withdrawal of his Special Permit application to operate a child care center at 1380 Albany Post Rd. The Public Hearing was cancelled.

4. CORRESPONDENCE:

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

- a) A letter from Dr. Richard Izzo, Toughman Race Organizer announcing that they are planning the 3rd Annual Westchester Toughman ½ Iron Triathlon to be held on Sunday September 12th from 7 am to 3 pm and requesting a meeting to discuss the particulars.
- b) A letter from NY Power Authority explaining the Westchester County Governmental Customer Rates for 2010.
- c) A letter from Lisa Fine and Phyllis Bock, Organizers, Hudson River EagleFest extending their appreciation to the Village for helping to make the 6th Annual Hudson River EagleFest a success.
- d) A letter from Stanley J. Ligay, 14 Amber Dr. asked why fluoride is not added to Village water and asking for consideration of doing so.
- e) A letter from Robert Hoch, Cablevision Director of Government Affairs, announcing that LATV will no longer be available on Cablevision line-up as of March 23, 2010.

- f) A Notice of Public Hearing, Westchester County Sanitary Code Amendment which will be held on March 18, 2010 at the Westchester County Center at 9 am. More information can be found at the County website: www.westchestergov.com/health

5 CITIZEN PARTICIPATION (agenda items):

- a) none

6. PROPOSED RESOLUTIONS:

- a) On motion of TRUSTEE OLVER, 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, the Village EMT provides ambulance service to the Mount Airy/Quaker Bridge District on a contract basis each year, and

WHEREAS, the Town has provided the Village with the 2010 Ambulance Agreement between the Town of Cortlandt and the Village of Croton-on-Hudson,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED: that the Village Manager is hereby authorized to sign the 2010 Ambulance Agreement with the Town of Cortlandt which provides that the Town shall pay the Village the sum of \$48,626 for providing ambulance service within the Mount Airy Quaker Bridge Fire District during the period from January 1, 2010 to December 31, 2010.

- b) On motion of TRUSTEE OLVER, 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, 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, 2010 to December 31, 2010, 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 \$313,137.00 with \$62,827.00 to be paid to the Fire Council and the balance of \$251,310.00 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 2010 to the Mt. Airy/ Quaker Bridge Fire Protection District at a total contract price of \$313,137.00 with \$62,827.00 to be paid to the Fire Council and the balance of \$251,310.00 paid to the Village.

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

WHEREAS, the Westchester County Source Separation Law (the "Source Separation Law") provides that municipalities within the County may enforce such law within their jurisdictions against waste generators, haulers and recyclables brokers; and

WHEREAS, municipalities choosing to enforce the Source Separation Law must designate a local enforcement official; and

WHEREAS, the Village Board believes that Village enforcement of the Source Separation Law will be beneficial to the Village and its residents;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Village shall enforce Westchester County's Source Separation Law and that Marco Gennarelli, as Superintendent of Public Works, is hereby designated as the local enforcement official to enforce said law.

This resolution, in its original format, was motioned by Trustee Restuccia, second by Trustee Gallelli. Trustee Olver proposed an amendment to the last paragraph, changing it to read Marco Gennarelli, (as) Superintendent of Public Works. The motion was then approved as amended. Trustee Restuccia stated that this has been a County law for about 18 years and this not only allows the Village to enforce the law; this is a step toward getting better recycling. Trustee Olver added that commercial businesses and multi-family dwellings have been the most frequent offenders; it is the sense of this Board to go significantly further proposing a broader law than the County and encompass new materials. Trustee Murtaugh stated that the side benefit is that whatever can be removed from the solid waste stream will reduce tipping charges also. Trustee Olver stated that this will be looked at in the context of next year's budget; and may require some new equipment.

d) 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, the Village of Croton on Hudson presently employs an Assistant Village Engineer; and

WHEREAS, due to the changing needs of the Village, the Board has determined that for reasons of economy and efficiency, it would be beneficial to eliminate the position of Assistant Village Engineer;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Village hereby abolishes the position of Assistant Village Engineer effective March 5, 2010, and authorizes the Village Manager to lay off the individual presently serving in that title in accordance with applicable law.

Trustee Gallelli stated that Joe Hornik is an excellent engineer and was hired a few years ago to assist with the engineering of large projects; all those projects required day to day supervision;

the Village had a number of big projects scheduled which have been substantially or totally completed. She added that Joe did a fantastic job filling the requirement, but the need is no longer there; he is a wonderful person who served the Village very well and wished him very well in what he does next. Mayor Wiegman stated that the upcoming budget season needs to be very cognizant of the needs of the Village; if a large project is undertaken, the option exists to hire a consultant.

7. CITIZEN PARTICIPATION (non-agenda items):

- a) Vito Divernia, Farrington Rd., stated that it is difficult to make a left turn at the corner of Farrington Rd and Riverside Drive; when coming down Farrington and trying to make a left, there is a blind spot and the high snow makes it even more difficult. He asked if a two way stop sign could be installed on Riverside Drive northbound. Village Manager Zambrano replied that one option is to reduce parking on the left side; putting a stop sign on the state road would be rather difficult. Trustee Gallelli added that another option is to ask for a recommendation from the Police Dept. as a reasonable way to approach the problem. Village Manager Zambrano stated that this morning he came down to the bottom of Farrington and knows what he is speaking about; he will ask both the Police Dept and DPW for recommendations.

8. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Trustee Murtaugh made a motion to approve the minutes of the Board Meeting held on February 16, 2010 as corrected. Trustee Gallelli seconded the motion. The Board voted unanimous approval.

Trustee Olver made a motion to approve the minutes of the Executive Session of the Board of Trustees held on February 16, 2010 as corrected. Trustee Murtaugh seconded the motion. The Board voted approval with Trustee Restuccia abstaining.

9. REPORTS:

Village Manager Zambrano stated that hopefully the power is back throughout the Village, however, if anyone does not have power or knows of someone who does not, please call Village Hall and the address will be given to Con Edison; this morning they were still working in the area of Nordica Drive and Quaker Bridge Rd. Mr. Zambrano thanked Janine King for getting information together and out to the public, the entire the Police Dept. and the DPW. Village Manager Zambrano also thanked Con Edison, especially Daniel Lyons, Philip Divenere, Sandra Miller and Tim Cawley, for their response.

Trustee Olver joined Manager Zambrano in thanking the Village team for their response during the recent snow emergency as well as ConEd and especially Marco Gennarelli and the DPW force, Tony Tramaglini, Police Chief and his force. Trustee Olver stated that Janine King stayed on the job answered telephone calls and kept the Village informed. He added that Ann Gallelli was assisting Janine and travelling throughout the Village to see where the problems were; of course, there is a need for stock-taking afterward to be prepared in the future. Trustee Olver stated that ConEd had great response, but poor communications; they could have done more in the way of updating calls and closer liaison with the Village. He added that the Village

emergency response plan initially had some confusion and may need to take a look and improve procedures for next time, but all in all, an excellent job was done; there are still some homes without power and he is sorry about all the wonderful trees lost as the result of the heavy snow. Trustee Olver reported that tax grievance process just finished the 3rd session and still have one case outstanding; while the numbers are up, there was nothing astounding about the grievances, given the market, except people were poorly prepared; they determined to be fair to everyone, but appropriate support must be submitted with the claim, especially a good appraisal; it was particularly true that bad submissions were received from those who were represented; if they go on to small claims court, this will cost money. Trustee Olver reported that at a work session last week, representatives of US Census reminded them about the upcoming exercise; for every person counted as a resident of the Village, we will get some \$3,000 in distributed Federal and other funds; it makes a difference to be properly counted and he asked residents to please cooperate with census takers. Trustee Olver stated that there is a lot of ridiculous and scurrilous talk about housing projects; the last reference to a housing project came from former Mayor Schmidt, speaking about condos on the site of Croton Dodge; since that time, there has not been a single reference to any proposal for housing development; the parking structure is not about housing, dense housing developments or apartment buildings.

Trustee Restuccia thanked everyone, the staff, the DPW, the Police, Firefighters and EMS for dealing with unbelievable weather and also a thank you to Janine and Ann. Trustee Restuccia added that some of her neighbors are just getting their power back and are helping each other in the clean-up. Trustee Restuccia reported that she went to Comedy Night and it was fun; the Croton Teen Theater had a very successful night. She added that she missed the chili fund raiser for Croton Bridges; some upcoming events are the library auction on Saturday afternoon, and tonight and tomorrow there are school budget workshops. Trustee Restuccia stated that the recycling law enforcement is very important to everyone; it makes financial sense and is just the right thing to do. She added that she participated in a meeting today with a representative from ConEd and he took the miscommunication comment very seriously; hopefully, they will be more prepared in the future.

Trustee Gallelli reported that during the snow emergency she was in the office on Friday and saw what a fine, helpful staff we have, including the senior staff who were there; the very highly qualified staff handled things very well. Trustee Gallelli reported that the Fire Department was also doing a great deal; they were on call all the time and handled some fires as well. Trustee Gallelli stated that she agrees documentation was lacking with some grievances; this was the third meeting and they are still dealing with the grievance applications. In the last week, she, along with Village Manager Zambrano and Mayor Wiegman, attended the NYCOM legislative session and were briefed on many things, mainly items in the state budget; they met with the Westchester delegation and lobbied with them for things important to Westchester; they found some tips that probably will save money, especially with the upcoming wellfield project. Trustee Gallelli reported that the Economic Development Subcommittee has finished their guidelines for the Harmon Gateway District which have now been referred to the Planning Board for their consideration and recommendation. She added that the Censes questionnaires are being sent out on March 15th; the representative from the census said historically Croton has a 90% or better response, but would like to have 100% participation this time. Trustee Gallelli stated that she has been paying attention to letters about the dog waste situation and is very concerned; Trustee

Murtaugh has more information. Trustee Gallelli spoke about CHOP, the Cortlandt home oil program; there is still plenty of cold weather left and residents can still join and get a discount on oil consumption by going to the Town of Cortland web site home page. Trustee Gallelli added that EagleCam is great, try it out; it can be accessed from our homepage.

Trustee Murtaugh reported that the former Riverside Four is undergoing construction and will be called Anton's; many are excited about the prospect of a new business on Riverside and he wished them well. Upon response to a question from a resident, he stated that this building passed all necessary requirements before the new zoning requirements were put in place; the new zoning would not have allowed the construction to be pushed back to the homeowners back fence; this construction is legal under the past zoning practices; the zoning was passed to protect the residents of Young Ave. Trustee Murtaugh, stated that regarding Janine King and the Connect CTY, since many landlines were down, the updates could not be heard; he suggested residents register cell phones with the CTY and this can be done at Village web site. Trustee Murtaugh reported that it is the homeowners or business owners' responsibility to clear the sidewalks and are in violation of village code if they do not. Trustee Murtaugh reported that he met new Police Officer John Roper who was going door to door on Nordica offering Village services if needed and checking on the welfare of Village residents; the residents seem to appreciate this and he commended Officer Roper. Trustee Murtaugh displayed a sneaker and explained he saw a letter in the paper about dog waste at Croton Landing which is a disgrace; he hopes this will be taken care of and implored dog owners to not ruin this spot for everyone else; the vast majority of dog walkers respect the rules; if you see someone with an unleashed dog or not caring for their dog, feel free to report them to the Police at 271-5177; this will help everyone in the Village; the park rangers will have to stay on top of that when they come back. Village Manager Zambrano added that this is not the only park that has this problem. Trustee Gallelli added that the Village has put plastic mitts at the park, but every time the box was filled, someone would take them within the hour; they were disappearing as soon as they were filled up, so the boxes are no longer there. Trustee Murtaugh implored dog owners who are not playing by the rules, please not ruin it for others

Village Attorney Feldman reported that she has received for review a draft IMA for participation in the Northern Westchester Energy Action Consortium and they will be reviewing and give their advice to the Board. Mayor Wiegman added that this is in preparation of a March 10th meeting of the 14 mayors and supervisors of the towns and villages in Northern Westchester.

Mayor Wiegman reported that he received a call as he was on the way to Montreal Thursday evening and knew there was an issue; he arrived back the middle of Saturday afternoon and found Trustee Murtaugh had shoveled his sidewalk and driveway. Mayor Wiegman stated that there should be a debriefing to be prepared with any further such weather related situation and will work on it to run even smoother. Mayor Wiegman thanked Kieran Murray for chairing the Economic Development Committee for about 3 years but he will be stepping down. Mayor Wiegman appointed Ted Brumleve to chair the committee; he is currently the chair of Comprehensive Plan Committee which is winding down; he is a licensed practicing architect and a prior member of the Planning Board. The Economic Development Committee will now follow with the marketing and outreach process; and beyond that, consider whether to look at other business districts to stimulate economic development. He added that the committee will remain

open to suggestions from the public. Mayor Wiegman reported there was an event at Temple Israel where they had the Chili cook-off; Croton High School will now be able to send 15 students to Nicaragua. He added that the NY Conference of Mayors meeting in Albany was eye-opening to the extent they found all municipalities are facing the same fiscal pressures and the work sessions were informative. Mayor Wiegman found through the meeting, that the State Assembly can usually get its act together to pass something, but are now in an absolute deadlock; the likelihood of anything happening in the Senate is a roll of the dice through the end of the session.

Village Manager Zambrano announced that anyone who is still without electricity should also contact Con Edison; report the outage at 1 800 75CONED. Mr. Zambrano stated that the DPW will be going around the Village and any debris can be put on the side, but not the sidewalk, for chipping, items must be no longer than 10 feet; they hope to have this taken care of in the next few weeks.

Trustee Murtaugh made a motion to adjourn. Trustee Olver seconded the motion; approved unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 9:25 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Phyllis A. Bradbury

Phyllis A. Bradbury, Secretary

Village Clerk