

A Meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Village of Croton-on-Hudson, NY was held on Monday, April 19, 2010 at the Municipal Building, Van Wyck Street, Croton-on-Hudson, NY 10520.

The following officials were present:

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

1. CALL TO ORDER:

Mayor Wiegman called the meeting to order at 8:07 p.m. Everyone joined in the Pledge of Allegiance.

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 Murtaugh and approved unanimously.

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| General Fund | \$ 90,422.86 |
| Water Fund | 10,043.12 |
| Sewer Fund | 2,792.00 |
| Capital Account | 4,631.71 |
| Trust & Agency | 8,874.91 |
| Total | \$116,764.60 |

3. PRESENTATION: Four students from the Croton Harmon High School Future Business Leaders of America, Alexander Lozatto; Natalia Olm; Timothy Schultz and Dylan Thomas were present, promoting their 2010 Croton discount card. They explained that it is new and improved, it is valid until November 15, 2010; 31 stores in and around Croton are participants; sale of the card supports the FBLA program; there is a limited quantity of 500 cards and they can be purchased through www.chhsfbla09@gmail or call 914 271-8927; the students will be selling the cards outside some stores and at fun nights. Trustee Murtaugh suggested that they give some thought to selling the cards at Summerfest and they can contact Trustee Schmidt for more information. Trustees Olver & Gallelli stated that they have their cards and Trustee Olver has used it already; Trustee Gallelli stated that Mr. Thomas was at the Senior Group last Friday and did sell some cards there; she added that funds from the sale of cards also helps pay for their attendance at conferences.

4. CORRESPONDENCE:

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

- a) A letter from the Historical Society volunteers regarding the recent passing of Joyce Finnerty and her contributions to the Village. Village Manager Zambrano stated that the Historical Society brought in a Resolution from Westchester County Board of Legislators which can be kept at the Municipal Building.
- b) An Earth Day Press Release for two scheduled events. One will be held on Thursday, April 22 at 7 to 9 pm at the Croton Free Library and the other April 24th from 9 am to 1 pm at Senasqua Park
- c) A letter from Rosalind Morrissey, Community Blood Program, regarding their annual blood drive which will be held on Sunday, May 2nd at the Croton Harmon High School from 9 am to 3 pm; a community member has stepped forward to underwrite the cost.
- d) A letter from Doris Daubney, Karalyn Lamb, Jane Laudon and Merrily Schalansky, Croton residents, regarding their group which will explore research restoration strategies of the Duck Pond in an environmentally responsible manner. They have offered to assist choosing appropriate consultants and aquatic restoration resources. Mayor Wiegman asked Village Manager Zambrano to write a statement regarding the role of this volunteer group. Trustee Murtaugh stated that their group has already had an impact on the Duck Pond by suggesting that the aerators at the Duck Pond be turned on as soon as possible; there are two aerators that are now working
- e) An announcement from Sandy Galef, NYS Assemblywoman, regarding the Education Forum which will be held on Thursday April 29 at Cortlandt Town Hall
- f) An announcement from Westchester County Fair Housing Public regarding Public Meetings to be held on April 20, 21st and 22nd.
- g) A letter from Hudson Valley Horticulture regarding a workshop to be held on April 21st 12:30 to 4 PM at the Westchester County Center, White Plains regarding the invasive insect, Emerald Ash Borer; there is no fee to register for this program
- h) A letter from Robert Hoch, Cablevision, Government Affairs Director, regarding channel lineup changes.

5. CITIZEN PARTICIPATION (agenda items):

- a) Virginia Calcutti, 19 Hunter Place, stated that after all the work done at the Duck Pond, she does not understand why the Village did not put in nice benches, those placed are old with no backs; the same benches are also at Croton Landing. She added that she feels that the fountains at the Duck Pond should be one big one like Ossining has and feels these are too close together; she would like the Village to eventually put comfortable benches so residents can sit and read a book if they wish.

6. PROPOSED RESOLUTIONS:

- a) On motion of TRUSTEE SCHMIDT, 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, New York State Executive Law, Article 2-B requires that local governments and emergency service organizations continue their essential role as the first line of defense in times of disaster, and

WHEREAS, in order to be able to perform that essential role as the first line of defense in times of disaster, it is recommended that the Village establish a Comprehensive Emergency Management Plan (CEMP), and

WHEREAS, such Comprehensive Emergency Management Plan would include the identification and analysis of the potential hazards that could affect Village operations and an assessment of the capabilities existing in the Village to deal with these potential hazards, and

WHEREAS, in order to effectively achieve the completion of such Comprehensive Emergency Management Plan the Village Board would like to create the position of Director of Emergency Management,

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED: that the Village Board hereby creates the position of Director of Emergency Management,

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED: that the Village Board authorizes the Village Manager to appoint a qualified individual to fill the position of Director of Emergency Management,

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED: that the Village Manager hereby appoints Richard W. Nagle to the position of Director of Emergency Management as a non paid employee.

Discussion: This was the subject of a work session held on Saturday; the concern was to have even stronger coordinated emergency management in place and Mr. Nagle made an interesting and strong proposal from his experience in the field. Mr. Nagle was present and stated that he will get started tomorrow to come up with a comprehensive plan; there are four phases to be looked at and suggested that within 6 to 8 months, he should have a plan outline based on input from the many areas in the Village and offered a thank you for the opportunity to serve as Director of Emergency Management. Trustee Gallelli stated that Mr. Nagle is very highly qualified; during the recent storms, although the Village functioned extremely well, it also highlighted potential problems. Village Manager Zambrano stated that he looks forward to working with Mr. Nagle. Trustee Schmidt added that this will be a living document that will be reviewed on a periodic basis and is an important part of how we get funding from FEMA, the State and Federal government.

7. CITIZEN PARTICIPATION (non-agenda items):

a) Richard Nagle, 88 Radnor Ave., a member of the Ad Hoc Dog Park Committee, thanked the Village for installing the fence at the dog park; he thanked the Recreation Department or the DPW, whichever put it in, for the great job they did installing the fence.

8. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Trustee Gallelli made a motion to approve the minutes of the Annual Organizational Meeting held on April 5, 2010. Trustee Schmidt seconded the motion; approved unanimously.

Approval of the minutes of the Board Meeting held on April 5, 2010 was held off until next meeting pending insertion of the most recent version of a resolution.

9. REPORTS:

Trustee Schmidt reported that Summerfest will be held on June 6th; applications are out and available.

Trustee Olver reminded everyone about the Earth Day celebration this Saturday morning; they will have an array of activities, including the traditional tee shirts and the sporting goods exchange. Trustee Olver reported that there will be an event at the Library on Thursday, 7 PM to 8:30 PM on how each of us can make less of an environmental impact in practical ways; it is a good way to focus your thoughts on what we can do to use less. Trustee Olver reported that the Board is making great progress on the budget; originally, it would have resulted in a 10% tax increase, then it was brought down to 5% and it is now down to 1 to 2 % and he is hopeful to get it down to zero.

Trustee Gallelli reminded everyone about Earth Day and encouraged residents to participate in the activities. Trustee Gallelli reported that she had the pleasure of attending the Hudson Valley Gateway Expo at Colonial Terrace in Peekskill; she estimated that 80 to 100 businesses and organizations had tables and publicized their services; they had an artists' room this year; attending this Expo is a great way to see what is out there and available in our local communities. Trustee Gallelli agreed that they are working very hard on the budget and have had several meetings, including this afternoon and after this meeting there were be a budget meeting; the Board expects to have very good results.

Trustee Murtaugh reported that this past Saturday, the compost and rain barrel distribution was held and it was a total success. He thanked Julie Hannigan in the Village Manager's office who took the orders and Lee Casson, a volunteer who interfaced with the distributor; 75 compost bins were distributed and approximately 30 rain barrels; last year they did 200 compost bins which have removed \$7,500 of tipping fees in the municipal solid waste stream. He stated that the entire Village Board thanks the two volunteers and those who bought the barrels and/or bins. Trustee Murtaugh stated, on a personal note, that he rescued a parakeet this weekend; if anyone has lost one in the neighborhood of Benedict Blvd., please contact him.

Mayor Wiegman thanked Paula DiSanto and Janine King for stepping in for him and presenting a proclamation to Jerry Pinckney, who won the Caldott Award for his book The Lion and Mouse; he is a master of watercolor. Mayor Wiegman reported that he will be representing the Village in Bedford on the 21st where 12 municipalities will be signing a consortium agreement for a cost sharing group that will have 190,000 people represented. Mayor Wiegman added that on Thursday he will be representing the Village at the American Institute of Architects,

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Westchester/Putnam Chapter, luncheon describing to the architects in attendance the kind of initiatives the Village and the Consortium are undertaking.

Trustee Olver made a motion to adjourn to a meeting on the budget which is open to the public. Trustee Gallelli seconded the motion; approved unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 9:50 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Phyllis A. Bradbury

Phyllis A. Bradbury, Secretary

Village Clerk