

A Meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Village of Croton-on-Hudson, NY was held on Monday, July 02, 2012 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 Schmidt
Village Attorney Feldman	Trustee Murtaugh
Treasurer Bullock	Trustee Raskob

1. CALL TO ORDER:

Mayor Wiegman called the meeting to order at 8:05 p.m. Everyone joined in the Pledge of Allegiance.

2. APPROVAL OF VOUCHERS:

Trustee Murtaugh made a motion to approve the 2011-2012 vouchers as follows, subject to review by the Audit Committee. The motion was seconded by Trustee Raskob and approved with a vote of 5-0.

General Fund	\$36,189.69
Water Fund	912.00
Sewer Fund	
Capital Account	348.48
Trust & Agency	
Total	\$37,450.17

Trustee Murtaugh made a motion to approve the 2012-2013 vouchers as follows, subject to review by the Audit Committee. The motion was seconded by Trustee Raskob and approved with a vote of 5-0.

General Fund	\$84,671.38
Water Fund	9,440.03
Sewer Fund	
Capital Account	62,672.97
Trust & Agency	11,477.54
Total	\$168,261.92

3. PRESENTATIONS: Manager Zambrano announced that the following employees received the New York Conference of Mayors and Municipal Officials award for their years of Public Service:

Arthur Neff 35 years

Louise Campana 30 years

Stephen Dominello 25 years
Randy O'Hallaron 25 years
Douglas Oles 25 years

He thanked them for their hard work and service to the community.

4. CORRESPONDENCE:

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

- a) A letter from Douglas Elfner, Director, Office of Consumer Policy, NYS Dept. of Public Service regarding the changes being made to the Lifeline Telephone Program,
- b) A Public Notice Announcement from NY Metropolitan Transportation Council regarding public workshop on the new regional transportation plan.

5. CITIZEN PARTICIPATION (agenda items):

No speakers

1. PROPOSED RESOLUTIONS:

- a) On motion of Trustee Murtaugh seconded by Trustee Gallelli, the following resolution was unanimously adopted by the Board of Trustees of the Village of Croton-on-Hudson, New York with a vote of 5-0.

WHEREAS, the Village entered into a contract with Paladino Concrete Creations Corp. (The Contractor) on June 7, 2010 for the Sidewalk and Curb Improvement Program and on June 4, 2012 Village Board approved an extension of the contract until August 7, 2012, and

WHEREAS, under this contract Paladino Concrete Creations Corp. was retained to replace the sidewalk located at the Croton-Harmon Train Station; and

WHERE, during the construction it was discovered that old railroad ties had been buried under the pavement of the parking lot next to the sidewalk; and

WHEREAS, it was necessary to remove the railroad ties as part of this project which resulted in an additional two days of labor, additional equipment rental, and additional materials; and

WHEREAS, the contractor has submitted a change order for this work in the amount of \$16,679.70,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED: that the Board of Trustees authorizes the Village Manager to approve the change order from Paladino Concrete Creations Corp in the amount of \$16,679.70,

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED: that this amount should be charged to the following capital accounts:

H5650 2101 98015 \$6,434.01
H5110 2106 10200 \$2,209.94
H5110 2106 10203 \$8,035.75

b) On motion of Trustee Raskob, seconded by Trustee Murtaugh, the following resolution was unanimously adopted by the Board of Trustees of the Village of Croton-on-Hudson, New York with a vote of 5-0.

WHEREAS, at a Board meeting on November 7, 2012; the Village Board authorized the Manager to award the contract for paid EMT services to Mid-Hudson Ambulance District to supplement the EMT services provided by the Village's Volunteer Emergency Responders; and

WHEREAS, as a result of the awarding of the contract additional expenses for the paid EMT services have been incurred above what was budgeted; and

WHEREAS, additional insurance reimbursement funds have been received for EMT services provided by the Village's EMS; and

WHEREAS, the Village Treasurer wishes to open both sides of the General Fund budget to record the receipt and subsequent disbursement associated with insurance recoveries; amending the 2011-2012 General Fund budget as follows:

GENERAL REVENUE	
Increase A4540.1640	\$62,182
GENERAL EXPENSES	
Increase A4540.4000	\$62,182

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Village Treasurer is authorized to amend the 2011-2012 General Fund budget to reflect these changes.

c) On motion of Trustee Gallelli, seconded by Trustee Raskob, the following resolution was unanimously adopted by the Board of Trustees of the Village of Croton-on-Hudson, New York with a vote of 5-0.

WHEREAS, several residential property owners and or their representatives have filed a small claim assessment review with the State Supreme Court seeking an assessment reduction; and

WHEREAS, the attached memo provided by the Village Assessor, Joseph Sperber states that the property located at 109 Upper Highland Place, Section 68.13 Block 1 Lot 11 on the Village's tax map has been granted an assessment reduction and should receive a tax refund providing their taxes are paid in full; and

WHEREAS, the tax refunds were calculated using the current tax rate of \$240.748 per \$1,000 of assessed value,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED: that the Village Board of Trustees authorizes the Village Treasurer to issue tax refund to the property owner as outlined in the attached memo from the Village Assessor,

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED: that the total amount of the refund as outlined in the attached memo is \$416.49

2. CITIZEN PARTICIPATION (non-agenda items):

a) Ray Fortini of 21 Wolf Road requested an update on the water project at Wolf and Cook Lane.

b) Ed Riely of 110 Truesdale Drive stated that there is unsafe swimming on the Croton River and that the maintenance at Paradise Island Park and the unruly people visiting the park need to be addressed. He feels that the Town of Cortlandt and New York State are not doing their share of patrolling and maintaining the River or Park and would like the Village Board to be proactive in getting them to help out. The burden should not lie solely on the Village.

c) Phyllis Morrow of Nordica Drive stated her concerns about the Croton River and Mayo's landing. She believes the Village should have signage at Mayo's Landing. She is also annoyed with the parking situation on Nordica due to people visiting Mayo's landing.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

No minutes to approve.

10. REPORTS:

Village Manager Zambrano reported that as of June 29, ninety-one percent of Village Taxes had been collected. He reminded residents that water bills are due July 15, 2012 without a penalty. He also reported that he had attended the Westchester County Emergency Management Quarterly Meeting and was pleased to say that the Village is prepared and ready if an emergency should happen. Manager Zambrano asked residents to remember that dogs must be on a leash in parks and trails except where designated and to please pick up after your dog.

Treasurer Bullock had nothing to report.

Trustee Schmidt stated that it was frustrating to hear that residents were not following the rules of leashing their dogs and picking up after them and that it was health hazard not to pick up after their dogs. He also stated he was glad the Village had the cooling center opened for residents during the heat wave and advised residents that by closing shades during the day and sealing up cracks around Air Conditioners in windows it will help to keep homes cooler. He hopes the

Village will work on a more aggressive approach to make Mayo's landing a safer place. He wished everyone an enjoyable summer and to stay cool.

Trustee Raskob stated that perhaps the Village needs to look at restricting parking on Nordica Drive to residents only in order to alleviate the parking problem caused by visitors at Mayo's Landing.

Trustee Gallelli stated that the Croton River issues do need to be revisited by the Board and that Village staff should reach out to the other jurisdictions that are involved and start a dialogue to see what can be done to correct some of the problems. Trustee Gallelli inquired about the use of the cooling center the past few days. She also thanked the Parks and Recreation staff for the superb job they do not only during the summer, but all year round.

Trustee Murtaugh stated that several years ago the suggestion of a River Ranger Program was suggested to patrol the Croton River, but unfortunately it was determined that it was not practical because it was unsafe to have volunteers patrolling the River. Trustee Murtaugh also stated that perhaps a committee could be formed with resident neighbors to come up with suggestions on how to correct some of the problems.

Mayor Wiegman stated that he was sympathetic to the residents that live on the Croton River; however, the Croton River is a navigable waterway under Federal Law up to the foot of Firemen's Island and the Village is not allowed to prevent access to the River. Black Rock Park is fresh water and does not fall under the same law; therefore, the Village has more control. Mayor Wiegman also thought the River Ranger Program was a good idea until he spoke with the Chief of Police who informed him of the Red Cross' rules, regulation and training that would need to be done before the program could move forward with the program. He also mentioned that signage would be going up at Mayo's Landing this week and the Visual Environmental Board has been working to provide better signage throughout all our parks using informational graphics. He announced that Sandy Hardy from the VEB and Vita Rhodes of the Water Control Commission would be leaving their positions for personal reasons. He thanked them both for the contributions and hard work. At the request of Dick Nagel, Director of Emergency Management System for the Village; Mayor Wiegman appointed Mr. Nagel, Joe Streany, Julie Woodward and Ginny Calcutti to the EMS Citizen Advisory Committee. This committee will be in effect for approximately three to five months. The goal of the committee will be to determine if EMS operation should be completely outsourced, continue with volunteers or a combination of both. In closing Mayor Wiegman wished everyone a happy and safe July 4th.

Trustee Schmidt made a motion to adjourn. Trustee Murtaugh seconded the motion; approved with a vote of 5-0. The meeting was adjourned at 9:35 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Pauline DiSanto, Village Clerk