

A Meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Village of Croton-on-Hudson, NY was held on Monday, November 4, 2013 at the Municipal Building, Van Wyck Street, Croton-on-Hudson, NY 10520.

The following officials were present:

Mayor Wiegman	Trustee Raskob
Village Manager Zambrano	Trustee Murtaugh
Village Attorney Whitehead	Trustee Davis
Village Treasurer Bullock	Trustee Gallelli

1. CALL TO ORDER:

Mayor Wiegman called the meeting to order at 8:04pm. Everyone joined in the Pledge of Allegiance.

2. APPROVAL OF VOUCHERS:

Trustee Davis made a motion to approve the following Fiscal Year 2013-2014 vouchers. The motion was seconded by Trustee Gallelli and approved unanimously with a vote of 5-0.

General Fund	\$48,151.90
Water Fund	\$ 1,097.61
Sewer Fund	\$ 16.19
Capital Fund	\$10,793.97
Trust Fund	\$ 9,082.71
Total	\$69,142.38

3. PRESENTATION:

Military Order of Purple Heart – Mayor Wiegman advised that we have been asked by the Military Order of Purple Hearts to join, along with many other municipalities, in becoming a “Purple Heart Town”. Mayor Wiegman presented the proclamation to Mr. Eugene Lang.

Mr. Eugene Lang, a Viet Nam combat veteran and a Purple Heart recipient, thanked Mayor Wiegman, the Board of Trustees and Village Manager Zambrano for introducing and passing this resolution. Mr. Lang explained that the original Purple Heart was created as a badge of military merit by General George Washington in 1782 and around 1932 it was renamed and redesigned by General Douglas MacArthur to what it appears today. Mr.

Lang reminded everyone that freedom is not free; someone had to fight for it and in many instances gave it all.

Bill Tuttle, 32 Harrison Street, Croton on Hudson, and commander of the Veterans of Foreign Affairs post, invited the Board to their Veterans Day Ceremony at 11:00am on November 11th.

On motion of TRUSTEE MURTAUGH, seconded by TRUSTEE RASKOB, the following resolution was adopted unanimously by the Board of Trustees of the Village of Croton-on-Hudson, New York; with a 5-0 vote.

WHEREAS, the Purple Heart is the oldest military decoration in use today in the United States which evolved from the Badge of Military Merit created in 1782 by General George Washington for the common soldier; and

WHEREAS, the Purple Heart is awarded to members of the United States Armed Forces that have been wounded or killed in combat with a declared enemy of the United States of America; and

WHEREAS, the mission of the Military Order of the Purple Heart is to foster an environment of goodwill among the combat wounded veteran and their families, promote patriotism, support legislative initiatives and most importantly, make sure we never forget our freedoms; and

WHEREAS, the Village of Croton-on-Hudson falls within the purview of Chapter 21 of the Military Order of the Purple Heart, and wishes to pledge its strong support for this noble organization and for those who put their lives at risk in service of our country and their fellow citizens,

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED: the Village Board of Trustees hereby joins in solidarity with other local governments in becoming a Purple Heart Village and will continue to collaborate with the Military Order of the Purple Heart Chapter 21 and all other organizations that seek to offer assistance to all Veterans of our Armed Forces.

DISCUSSION:

Trustee Gallelli stated that it is nice that we have this opportunity to be among the many municipalities supporting this.

Mayor Wiegman advised that the Village will have the opportunity on Veteran's Day to proclaim "Purple Heart Day" in the Village of Croton on Hudson.

Trustee Murtaugh said, as a son of a recipient of a Purple Heart, it is a tribute that this Village is interested in supporting the interest of veterans.

Presentation 2 - A video of the "Love em' and Leave em' program" was shown. Mayor Wiegman advised that Westchester County has been promoting this program as a way to save resources, time and money.

Presentation 3 - A video tour of the Gouveia property was shown.

4. CORRESPONDENCE

- a. Letter from the Community Blood Program advising that their 87th Annual Blood Drive will take place on Sunday, December 1st from 9:00am to 3:00pm at the Croton Harmon High School.

5. CITIZEN PARTICIPATION-AGENDA ITEMS

Joel Gingold, 55 Nordica Drive, Croton on Hudson, agrees that the Gouveia property is a very nice piece of property and that Mrs. Gouveia has made a very generous offer but questioned if it is beneficial for the Village with respect to the terms offered. Mr. Gingold asked that a schedule be put together as to what happens next; will the questions raised regarding the tax-exemption issue be fully researched and be made public prior to the time that the Board makes their decision; will the Board respond to comments regarding the Cost Benefit Analysis; will the final contract be made available and will there be a public hearing before the final vote.

Village Attorney Whitehead, advised that after the Board makes a "Determination of Significance Under SEQRA", which is the next step of the process; it is then referred back to the Waterfront Advisory Commission for their review and recommendation on "consistency" with the LWRP; once that is completed it comes back to the Village Board and then the Village Board has to make a "Consistency Determination" before they can take action. Village Attorney Whitehead advised that the Board, at the same time, will continue to review and finalize the Cost Benefit Analysis and continue to post and take public comment on it as well. Village Attorney Whitehead stated that the schedule will depend on how much additional information the Board wants to put together and their timing for continuing the analysis. Village Attorney Whitehead advised that her firm is continuing to research the tax-exempt issue; there have been some preliminary discussions with the Town Assessor as well and when that research is completed they will share their findings with the Village Board.

Mayor Wiegman advised that the "Determination of Significance under SEQRA" is part of the requirement under the State Law for Environmental Quality Review and is only one part of the process; the other significant pieces of the process have to do with the fiscal impact and the potential uses for the property. Mayor Wiegman stated that the Board has been speaking with the Recreation Department to hear their thoughts on what upsides and/or downsides they may have with respect to the property and have additionally asked for a list of programs that they currently cannot offer due to lack of space. Mayor Wiegman said that while this proposal does not require an official Public Hearing the Board will certainly continue to discuss this issue during their regular scheduled meetings and residents are welcome to attend and to continue to share their comments on this proposal.

John Lally, 7 Cedar Lane, Croton on Hudson, stated that he is opposed to the acquisition of the Gouveia property and the Croton Point Project as well because of the financial impact these projects will have on the Village.

Virginia Calcutti, 19 Hunter Place, Croton on Hudson, stated that there are no sidewalks and the roadway is too dangerous for people to walk or ride bikes; who is going to take care of the property and would the Village need to hire outside services; will there be portable bathrooms; is the Village going to put in parking lots; how much police presence will be needed; who will direct traffic; who will set up for concerts and handle reservations for use of the house; how much will insurance cost; will we need staff to oversee use of the property and what exactly can the Village do with this property while Mrs. Gouveia still lives there.

Pat Moran, 49 Penfield Avenue, Croton on Hudson, asked if the Village Attorney could share the nature of those discussions with the Town Assessor. Ms. Moran thanked the Board for putting all the documents on the web-site including the draft of the Cost Benefit Analysis but wanted to know why the loss of tax revenue was not included in that Analysis. Ms. Moran asked when the Board anticipates having an answer on the research regarding the tax-exempt status and can the Village tax-exempt the property even if the Town might not and who would pick up those taxes. Ms. Moran asked how we know for sure that Mrs. Gouveia is giving her property to a religious institution.

Village Attorney Whitehead advised that discussions with the Town Assessor were very preliminary and we are not at this time prepared to share those discussions. Attorney Whitehead added that the offer provides that Mrs.

Gouveia will pay all upkeep costs and expenses while she remains in the house.

Mayor Wiegman advised that Mrs. Gouveia has made it very clear that it is her desire that the property become permanent Park, Recreation, Education space and it is her first choice to offer it to the Village. Mayor Wiegman advised that this has been under discussion for approximately two and half years and Mrs. Gouveia has said to both he and Trustee Gallelli that this piece of property would be donated to a religious organization if the Village turned the offer down. Mayor Wiegman stated that since the property taxes will no longer be assessed and paid by that property it did not seem to be something that would fit into the Cost Benefit Analysis. Mayor Wiegman stated that the research that our Legal Counsel provides to us with respect to the tax-exempt issue will have a bearing on the Board's action.

Richard First, Gerstein Street, Croton on Hudson, read a letter on behalf of James Moore, 56 Irving Avenue, Croton on Hudson, stating that he is not in favor of the acquisition of the Gouveia property. Mr. First stated that we are setting a precedent within the Village for other property owners to pursue something similar to this and suggested putting this on a proposition at our next election.

Mayor Wiegman stated that ample precedent as already been set for our Village as well as for the Town of Cortlandt; the Village has already acquired land several times either by purchase or gift such as the Jane Lytle Arboretum, the Merrill property and the Croton Landing Site. Mayor Wiegman said that this particular acquisition is a little bit different because the donor, unlike other prior acquisitions, has committed to set aside a one-million dollar Irrevocable Trust to pay for the operation and maintenance of that site going forward. Mayor Wiegman advised that acquisition of land is not subject under General Municipal Law to a Permission Referendum and is against State Law.

Ray Clifford, 30 Prospect Place, Croton on Hudson, thanked the Board for posting the video of the Gouveia property this evening; it inspired him to come down to the meeting; this is our one chance to acquire this property and he is tired of the political factors making decisions or pushing decisions for this Village that can hurt future generations. Mr. Clifford stated that once this property is gone; it is gone and it is a once in a lifetime opportunity and it would be a huge mistake to lose it and urged the Board to stand strong; do

not lose this property; this is a gift and shame on anyone to think of it any other way.

Bob Wintermeier, 43 Radnor Avenue, Croton on Hudson, said that he has spoken with the Town Supervisor and the Assessor and they both have stated that they are not interested in this property and giving up the taxes.

Village Attorney Whitehead stated that the Town is not being asked to take this property or accept this property; the Assessor would have to make a determination under the law and under the facts as to whether it becomes an exempt property and the Town has to go by the facts and the law.

Village Manager Zambrano stated that it is not up to the Town Assessor to make that determination arbitrarily; there are State Laws that they have to follow just like the Village Assessor has to follow and the Town Assessor will have to have all the facts in order for him to give any definitive information.

Don Daubney, 45 Bungalow Road, Croton on Hudson, said that we have to look at this to see if it is absolutely useful and without a lot of costs to our Village. Mr. Daubney said that we cannot compare this to our other properties because each of those places had their own individual attraction.

Judith Anderson, 3 Oak Place, Town of Cortlandt, said that she believes that people are confused and thought that a public meeting would be helpful. Ms. Anderson stated that the Village has made some good decisions over the years such as Vassallo Park and the Riverfront Walk but some were negative and referred to the Skateboard Park as one of those negative decisions. Ms. Anderson thanked the Board for their work but she has some serious concerns with this proposal.

Kevin McClone, 2 Stephenson Place, Croton on Hudson, suggested that we remove the \$3,000 from the Cost Benefit Analysis for a gravel parking area since we indicated on the Negative Declaration that no additional parking would be required at this time. Mr. McClone also commented that we indicated that there would be no or a small amount of impact on the property and thought that we should have indicated a moderate impact since only two people currently live on the property and that would increase once the Village took ownership.

Mayor Wiegman stated that at this particular time the Board has not gotten the map out and dotted the lines of where we may put in parking and similar to what happens now when special events are held we cue the cars on the

lawn similar to what the County does for special events as well. Mayor Wiegman stated that we do not know what the specific impacts will be; we are trying to be somewhat general because we do not want to tie our hands for future plans.

Trustee Murtaugh stated that before the Board adopted the Negative Declaration the Board went through the document very closely line by line; the Cost Benefit Analysis was something to try and satisfy some of the questions that residents had and the \$3,000 amount was put in as a conservative number and a placeholder should something potentially come up or happen.

Regina Montana, 5 Ackerman Court, Croton on Hudson, stated that she was surprised that Mrs. Gouveia was going to live on the property considering that this may be open to the public and is also concerned with the costs once Mrs. Gouveia leaves and the accessibility to the property as well.

Bill Ryder, 3 Cleveland Drive, Croton on Hudson, stated that he is opposed to the acquisition of the Gouveia property and asked that people be notified if a public hearing is going to be held.

RESOLUTIONS:

a. On motion of TRUSTEE RASKOB, seconded by TRUSTEE GALLELLI the following resolution was adopted unanimously by the Board of Trustees of the Village of Croton-on-Hudson, New York; with a 5-0 vote.

WHEREAS, the Village has been offered a gift of property owned by Laurel Gouveia and located at 1300 Albany Post Road; and

WHEREAS, written terms of such offer were transmitted to the Village on September 19, 2013 (the "Term Sheet"); and

WHEREAS, the Village Board is considering taking an action to accept the gift of the property located at 1300 Albany Post Road from Laurel Gouveia in accordance with terms of the Term Sheet (the "Proposed Action"); and

WHEREAS, the Village has issued an Environmental Assessment Form in connection with the Proposed Action; and

WHEREAS, the Village has duly referred this matter for comment and recommendation to the Village Waterfront Advisory Committee (WAC) and has received a preliminary consistency recommendation back from the WAC; and

WHEREAS, the Village Board of Trustees has undertaken the process and review described in detail in the Negative Declaration attached hereto.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Trustees of the Village of Croton-on-Hudson hereby issues and adopts the EAF part 3 "Determination of Significance" attached hereto and the State Environmental Quality Review Negative Declaration Notice of Determination of Non-Significance which is attached hereto in connection with the proposed action.

DISCUSSIONS:

Trustee Gallelli stated that we spent a large part of our Work Session last week going over this document addressing each specific item and following those discussions the Board directed the staff to develop what is before us this evening. Trustee Gallelli stated that the question of uses comes up quite often; the Board has identified a great many uses but they cannot be very specific at this time; what we can say accurately though is that our Recreation Department has a need for a lot more meeting space because they would like to offer more club activities and while we cannot say exactly what those would be we can say that this would be an ideal site for those kinds of things; we can say that we would have trails and while some people don't find trails very attractive other people do; we have said that leisure type activities can occur there and that is a perfectly well recognized open space use; we have said that certain kinds of entertainment venues can occur such as outdoor sculpture exhibits and eventually indoor like events when the Village eventually acquires the house. Trustee Gallelli stated that there are a great number of things that have been identified already but we cannot pin them down precisely but what we can say is that these are all viable needed things in our community that we would capitalize on by having access to this significant open space.

Trustee Raskob stated that this "Determination of Significance" is based solely on environmental issues which we are required to do under New York State Law; it is not part of a decision to take the property.

Trustee Davis stated that he was opposed to going through this environmental review process but believes that he has a legal duty to vote in favor of this Negative Declaration because he does not believe that this will have a negative impact on the environment. Trustee Davis stated that he has also offered some recommendations on further steps we should take in the public input process; invite the public to come up with ideas for the property; hold a workshop strictly dedicated to potential uses and not the acquisition; create breakout groups for future discussion with Board members; hold a separate meeting just for this topic

to hear comments from the public; and invite the public for a public viewing of the property.

Mayor Wiegman stated that the Board had discussions regarding the potential staging of special events such as parking and sanitation pick-up and the Village would handle those events as we handle them at other Croton parks. Mayor Wiegman stated that this is not the kind of site that lends itself to a "Woodstock" situation and we are not looking for that venue but it may well be a site to collaborate with an outside like minded non-profit to share a potential use or share some compatible programming. Mayor Wiegman said that this could also be a location to expand our Community Garden Program and a place for our Garden Club to expand their program as well.

b. On motion of TRUSTEE MURTAUGH, seconded by TRUSTEE GALLELLI the following resolution was adopted unanimously by the Board of Trustees of the Village of Croton-on-Hudson, New York; with a 5-0 vote.

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WHEREAS, the Village Board of Trustees of the Village of Croton-on-Hudson, as Lead Agency, has issued a Negative Declaration in connection with the Proposed Action; and

WHEREAS, the Waterfront Advisory Committee (WAC) has previously issued to the Village Board its preliminary recommendation of consistency with the LWRP in connection with the Proposed Action,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Trustees of the Village of Croton-on-Hudson refers a copy of the EAF (Environmental Assessment Form) Parts 2 and 3 and the Negative Declaration which have been adopted by the Village Board of Trustees, to the Waterfront Advisory Committee for the Waterfront Advisory Committee's recommendation of consistency with the LWRP (Local Waterfront Revitalization Program).

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; with a 5-0 vote.

WHEREAS, the State Legislature and the Governor recently enacted legislation that establishes a "property tax cap" on the amount that a local government's property tax levy can increase each year; and

WHEREAS, this law became effective for local government's fiscal year beginning in 2012; and

WHEREAS, under this law, the total amount to be raised through property taxes charged on the municipality's taxable assessed value of property, will be capped at 1.66 percent (as updated for 2014) or the rate of inflation, whichever is less, with some exceptions; and

WHEREAS, the state legislation provides for local governments to override the cap to protect the Village from unforeseen financial circumstances; and

WHEREAS, state legislation requires that in the event that an override is necessary, the law enabling it must already have been adopted by the Board of Trustees; and

WHEREAS, Local Law Introductory No. 4 of 2013 has been drafted to override the "property tax cap" law enacted by State Legislature if necessary;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED: that the Village Board of Trustees hereby schedules a Public Hearing on November 25, 2013 at 8pm in the meeting room of the Stanley H Kellerhouse Municipal Building to consider Local Law Introductory No.4 of 2013 to override the "property tax cap" law enacted by State Legislature.

DISCUSSIONS:

Trustee Raskob stated that the Board is not intending to go over the Tax Cap; this action is required by Albany so that we do not get penalized if unanticipated circumstances force us to go over the Tax Cap.

Mayor Wiegman explained that the 2% Tax Cap Levy is now a 1.66% Tax Cap Levy; the Village of Croton over the past four years has averaged a property tax rate increase that has been below the 1.66% Tax Levy even in the face of an additional \$1.5 million of Unfunded State Mandates that we have been asked to pay.

Village Manage Zambrano stated that although he has instructed Department Heads to make sure that their budget requests are either flat or below what they

requested for the current fiscal year there are many expenses that the Village has no control over. Village Manager Zambrano announced that they have gotten some projections about the Retirement contributions for next year and although they are lower than last year's contribution there are other expenses such Health Insurance and Workers Compensation Insurance that are very difficult to control.

Trustee Gallelli pointed out that the New York Conference of Mayors, an organization that provides guidance for municipalities throughout New York State, has highly advised that every municipality pass the Tax Cap Override Law and that it would be negligent of us not to do this and allow ourselves to be inadvertently penalized for having not done so.

Trustee Murtaugh said that this is merely an insurance policy to avoid a penalty on the backside should we not be able to come under the Tax Cap.

Mayor Wiegman said that the State, particularly for Worker's Compensation Insurance, gives municipalities those numbers too late in the budget process and effectually too late in the process to notice a public hearing and adopt the legislation as required under New York State Law.

d. On motion of TRUSTEE GALLELLI, seconded by TRUSTEE RASKOB, the following resolution was adopted unanimously by the Board of Trustees of the Village of Croton-on-Hudson, New York; with a 5-0 vote.

WHEREAS, the Village has had a contract with Verrus Mobile Technologies Incorporated since December 2009 to supply pay by phone services for daily parking at the Croton-Harmon Train Station; and

WHEREAS, under the terms of this contract the Village has been paying \$0.35 per transaction for this service and \$0.10 per transaction for gateway fees; and

WHEREAS, this contract is due to expire on December 14, 2013; and

WHEREAS, parking customers have had a number of problems using this service and the Village staff has not been satisfied with the company's customer service; and

WHEREAS, Parkmobile, USA, Inc. offers a service which facilitates parking transactions through mobile technology; and

WHEREAS, this company is currently under contract with the Village to supply the software for issuing parking permits; and

WHEREAS, Parkmobile, USA, Inc. has provided the Village a contract to supply mobile technology to the Village's daily parking customers; and

WHEREAS, under the terms of this contract the customer will be responsible for the \$0.35 transaction fee and there will be no gateway fees,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED: that the Village Manager is authorized to execute the contract with Parkmobile, USA, Inc. to provide mobile technology for facilitating daily parking transactions at the Croton-Harmon train station.

e. On motion of TRUSTEE MURTAUGH, seconded by TRUSTEE RASKOB, the following resolution was adopted unanimously by the Board of Trustees of the Village of Croton-on-Hudson, New York; with a 5-0 vote.

WHEREAS, the Planning Board granted final subdivision (consolidation subdivision) approval for two new two-family dwellings at 27 Harrison Street; and

WHEREAS, section 230-123 B (1) in the Village Code requires recreation land or money in lieu of recreation land for every subdivision; and

WHEREAS, the applicant has requested the Village Board consider a reduction of the In-lieu of Recreation land fee, and

WHEREAS, after consideration of the Village subdivision law the Planning Board believes the law's intent was not meant to apply to a consolidation subdivision but only to a classic or conventional subdivision where new lots are created out of larger parcels; and

WHEREAS, the Planning Board recommends a flat fee of \$4,000 be required for the In-lieu of Recreation land for this subdivision,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED: the Village Board hereby authorizes an In-lieu of Recreation land flat fee of \$4,000 for the 27 Harrison Street consolidation subdivision.

DISCUSSION

Trustee Murtaugh stated that the property has been vacant for many years; it is under new ownership and the proposal is to knock down the building and put up two new two-family homes; the neighbors are welcoming this change in their neighborhood. Trustee Murtaugh stated that our Village Code for Sub-Divisions requires "In-Lieu of Recreation Land Fees" but when the Planning Board looked at

this they felt that the burden was too onerous and recommended a flat fee of \$4,000. Trustee Murtaugh said that this is a good compromise for the Village and the developer is looking to build two nice modern dwellings.

Village Manager Zambrano stated that the builder could have built three different homes on the three separate lots but the builder chose to only build two, two-family homes and thereby convert it to two parcels.

Mayor Wiegman stated that in essence this was not subdividing to create more lots this was subdividing to remove a lot.

Trustee Gallelli stated that Planning Board felt that this was a different kind of sub-division then what was contemplated in our Code under "Recreation Land or Money Requirement" which is aimed at a conventional sub-division which this is not.

f. On motion of TRUSTEE RASKOB, seconded by TRUSTEE GALLELLI, the following resolution was adopted unanimously by the Board of Trustees of the Village of Croton-on-Hudson, New York; with a 5-0 vote.

WHEREAS, the Police Department's Information Technology services are currently handled by in-house staff; and

WHEREAS, maintaining and securing computer software information has become increasingly complex and requires greater monitoring to ensure the protection of the information stored; and

WHEREAS, A1 Computer Services has provided a proposal for computer software and hardware monitoring and support in the amount of \$9,000 annually and a rate of \$110 per hour for any work outside the scope of the agreement; and

WHEREAS, the Police Chief has reviewed the agreement and recommends that the Village enter into an agreement with A1 Computer Service,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED: the Village Manager is authorized to sign the agreement with A1 Computer Services for computer software and hardware monitoring and support in the amount of \$9,000 annually and a rate of \$110 per hour for any work outside the scope of the agreement; subject to final review,

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED: that the Board of Trustees hereby authorizes the Village Treasurer to transfer \$5,250 from the Contingency Account A.1990.4000 to the Central Communications Account A1650.4000 to cover the contract period November 2013 through May 2014.

DISCUSSIONS:

Trustee Raskob stated that we had a Police Officer handling this previously but it has become more than what this individual can handle.

Mayor Wiegman stated that this may on an hourly basis cost the Village less than what we were paying our Police Officer.

Trustee Murtaugh explained that the resolution refers to "in-house staff" and what this meant is a Police Officer on paid overtime.

CITIZEN PARTICPATION-NON AGENDA ITEMS

Virginia Calcutti, 19 Hunter Place, Croton on Hudson, stated that some of the suggestions of what we would do with the Gouveia property cannot be done until she leaves the property.

Trustee Gallelli stated that the Term Sheet suggests that there would be uses on the property; excluding the house, during such times that Mrs. Gouveia is not there.

Bill Tuttle, 32 Harrison Street, Croton on Hudson, advised that during the Veterans Day Ceremony they will be honoring Croton's "Veteran of the Year" Joe Detoro and invited the Board and staff to Mr. Detoro's induction ceremony on November 21st at the Mahopac High School.

Bob Wintermeier, 43 Radnor Avenue, Croton on Hudson, stated that he is concerned with the noise that may be generated from the Gouveia property and hopes that the Village takes into consideration when planning concerts that they do not impact on the Arrowcrest and Skyview facilities in that area.

Don Daubney, 45 Bungalow Road, Croton on Hudson, suggested that the Village consider parking tags for seniors when attending senior programs on Friday mornings.

Village Manager Zambrano advised that the Village has made the necessary changes to the Vehicle and Traffic Law so that those spaces will be available to seniors.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Trustee Raskob made a motion to approve the minutes as amended of the Regular Meeting held on October 21, 2013. Trustee Davis seconded the motion. The Board approved with a vote of 5-0.

Trustee Davis made a motion to approve the minutes as amended of the Executive Session held on October 28, 2013. Trustee Murtaugh seconded the motion. The Board approved with a vote of 5-0.

6. REPORTS

Village Manager Zambrano reported that Westchester County Department of Emergency Services will be doing a Siren Test this Wednesday at 10:30am.

Village Manager Zambrano asked that contractors and residents to please stop dumping wood chips and yard debris at Silver Lake.

Village Treasurer Bullock advised that tomorrow's General Election ballot includes a Proposition asking people to vote for an "Amendment Exclusion of Indebtedness Contracted for Sewage Facilities." Village Treasurer Bullock advised that this amendment, if approved, would extend for ten years the authority of counties, cities, towns and villages to exclude from their constitutional debt limits indebtedness contracted for the construction or reconstruction of sewage facilities.

Village Manager Zambrano stated this is very critical for municipalities because it removes that amount as part of the ceiling on taxes and allows municipalities to make improvements to the infrastructure.

Trustee Davis reminded everyone that tomorrow is Election Day and encouraged everyone to go out and vote.

Trustee Gallelli congratulated the "Croton Coalition Against Alcohol and Drug Abuse" for their successful sponsorship of the "Drug Take Back Day" and additionally thanked Croton Police Officers Cliff Gabrielsen and John Nikolopoulos for their assistance as well. Trustee Gallelli advised that one-hundred and eighty-seven pounds of prescription drugs have been collected and subsequently turned over to the DEA.

Trustee Gallelli announced that the "Croton Coalition Against Alcohol and Drug Abuse" is sponsoring a Candlelight Vigil at Vassallo Park from 6:00pm to 8:00pm, Thursday, November 21st.

Trustee Gallelli announced that the Veteran's Day ceremony will take place at Veteran's Corners on November 11th at 11:00am followed by a luncheon for Veterans at the Yacht Club.

Trustee Murtaugh referred to the mention of a petition that is going around regarding the Gouveia property. Trustee Murtaugh said that there was an attempt to inflate the petition surrounding the cell phone tower issue and pointed out that he has not seen either the Gouveia or Cell Tower Petition and neither one has been presented to the Board. Trustee Murtaugh stated that from an historical perspective a petition that goes around may be unburdened by the facts and may have misinformation on it so the fact that several hundred signatures are put on a petition really has no bearing on the due diligence that we as a Board need to do.

Mayor Wiegman asked approval for a reconstituting of the Comprehensive Plan Committee and further recommended that the Economic Development Committee be merged with the Comprehensive Plan Committee. Mayor Wiegman said that a lot of the activity of the Comprehensive Plan Committee directly affects the outreach and business analysis that the Economic Development Committee does. Mayor Wiegman listed the names as follows: Ted Brumleave, Chair, Paul Doyle, Bettie Jackson, Laura Fallon and Jeremy Ezra.

Mayor Wiegman additionally appointed Joan Coyne-Corsetti to the Bicycle Pedestrian committee.

There being no further business to come before the Board, Trustee Raskob made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Trustee Davis seconded the motion; approved 5-0. The meeting was adjourned at 10:32pm

Respectfully submitted

Judy Weintraub, Board Secretary

Paula DiSanto, Village Clerk