

1 A Meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Village of Croton-on-Hudson, NY was held on
2 Monday, July 12, 2010 at the Municipal Building, Van Wyck Street, Croton-on-Hudson, NY
3 10520.

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5 The following officials were present:
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Mayor Wiegman	Trustee Gallelli
Village Manager Zambrano	Trustee Murtaugh
Village Attorney Feldman	Trustee Schmidt
Treasurer Bullock	Trustee Olver

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9 **1. CALL TO ORDER:**

10 Mayor Wiegman called the meeting to order at 8:15 p.m. Everyone joined in the Pledge of
11 Allegiance.
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13 **2. APPROVAL OF VOUCHERS:**

14 Trustee Schmidt made a motion to approve the vouchers as follows, subject to review by the
15 Audit Committee. The motion was seconded by Trustee Gallelli and approved unanimously.
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17 Fiscal Year 2009-10

General Fund	\$27,175.65
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19 Fiscal Year 2010-11

General Fund	\$400,343.75
Water Fund	55,533.82
Sewer Fund	1,521.92
Capital Account	165,816.77
Trust & Agency	-0-
Total	\$623,216.26

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22 **3. CORRESPONDENCE:**

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

- 25 a) A letter from Jan Wines, Chair of the Trails Committee, regarding his participation in
26 the recent Westchester Municipal Planning Federation award for the Symphony
27 Knolls Affordable Housing and Trail Project. Mr. Wines stated that there are two
28 issues may endanger the trail system and he is requesting Board support of the
29 Village Engineer's attempt to resolve these issues. Mayor Wiegman concurred that
30 we should support the trails that we have and be behind any work the Village staff
31 needs to do to any work that the Village Attorney and Village Staff need to do.
- 32 b) A letter from Ralph A. Martinelli, Publisher, Westchester Magazine announcing that
33 RiverWalk at Croton Landing Park has been voted a winner in that magazine's annual
34 Best of Westchester Editor's Pick for "New View". Trustee Schmidt suggested
35 upping the maintenance at the park area and mowing the lawn less frequently and at a

1 higher level. Village Manager Zambrano stated that he spoke with park maintenance
2 and they will be addressing this also.

3 c) A letter from Robert McCrillis, President and Anne Swaim, Exec. Director, Saw Mill
4 River Audubon, regarding the Village's deer management plan. Trustee Olver stated
5 that the Arboretum Board has voted favorably in the past in support of deer
6 management on their property.

7 d) A letter from NY Metropolitan Transportation Council regarding their draft Air
8 Quality Conformity Determination for the 2008-2012 Transportation Improvement
9 Program. The public comment period begins on July 8, 2010 and ends on August 6,
10 2010; information will also be posted on the NYMTC website at
11 www.nymtc.org/project/conformity/conformity.html
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13 4. CITIZEN PARTICIPATION (agenda items):

14 a) Pat Moran, Penfield Avenue, had questions about the climate showcase grant program
15 being applied for. She asked how much is spent on energy for the water system; how
16 much will we save; how much money are we applying for; what will the money go for;
17 are we hiring a consultant; how was this grant writer selected; does he have any grant
18 writing experience. Ms. Moran added that this is the second year of this program; last
19 year they gave \$10 million to 25 applicants; 444 applicants applied; why do we have a
20 shot and why are we hiring this grant writer; is it contemplated that Energywiz will be
21 hired as a consultant if we get the grant. Mayor Wiegman replied that about \$175,000 is
22 spent on energy per year to pump the water to the Hessian Hills tank, which represents
23 about 24-30% of the energy expense from the Village; electric is the most expensive way
24 to move things; the grant application process has a very short window to apply; the
25 Village has recently done a significant study of the water system for a grant that we did
26 not receive; we have a lot of background work done which showed we have a potential of
27 5% to 15% savings; the application is for \$100,000 from the Federal Government with a
28 match of \$50,000 from the Village which is the minimum to ask for and should be
29 sufficient to receive energy savings; it typically has a 2 – 3 year payback; it is a fairly
30 technical federal application and the complications are such that the staff did not have the
31 time to try to take the existing information and prepare it for this particular application.
32 He added that the consultant is a Croton resident with an enormous amount of grant
33 writing experience; he was available to do it within the 3 week window; if the Village
34 does get the grant, it will go out to bid that specialize in water service; he would be just
35 one of a number of bidders at that point. Ms. Moran asked why you think the application
36 will stand out. Mayor Wiegman replied that he is not sure it will, but we were told by
37 NYSERDA that we had everything right and were very close and that they are reaching
38 out to communities that had done a lot of baseline studies and are ready to go within
39 several months; water delivery is the single biggest electrical expense in the Village.
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41 b) Bob Wintermeier, 43 Radnor Ave., asked how much the consultant will be paid. Mayor
42 Wiegman replied \$2,500 for about 60 to 80 hours work. Mr. Wintermeier asked if this is
43 an individual or does he have a staff. Mayor Wiegman replied that Energywiz is a
44 company and he has brought people in as required. Mr. Wintermeier suggested that this
45 is nothing involved in cap and trade or smart grids. Mayor Wiegman replied that it is
46 about pumps, pipes and lifting water.

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2 **5. PROPOSED RESOLUTIONS:**

3 a) On motion of TRUSTEE OLVER, seconded by TRUSTEE GALLELLI, the
4 following resolution was adopted by the Board of Trustees of the Village of Croton-on-
5 Hudson, New York with the vote of 5-0:

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7 **RESOLUTION REGARDING RESTRICTIONS ON USE OF WATER**

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9 WHEREAS, the recent extreme heat and lack of rain have resulted in extraordinary demands on the
10 Village's water supply system; and

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12 WHEREAS, restrictions on the use of water have heretofore been imposed by the Village's Administrative
13 staff in accordance with law; and

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15 WHEREAS, the extraordinary demands on the Village's water system have continued and the Village
16 Board has determined that it is in the best interest of the Village to impose certain restrictions on the use of water in
17 order to ensure the availability of water for essential and basic needs.

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19 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED as follows:

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21 1. The Board of Trustees hereby determines that the Village's water supply system is endangered by
22 the extraordinary demands which are currently being placed upon it.

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24 2. The Village Board hereby imposes the following restrictions on the use of water and declares that
25 it shall be unlawful to use water in violation of these restrictions:

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27 a. No washing of automobiles in any form, with the exception that windshields and glasses
28 necessary for the proper operation of the vehicle may be washed or cleansed only.

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30 b. Lawn sprinkling and sprinkling of shrubs, flower gardens and vegetable gardens with hose or
31 sprinkler will be only allowed on an odd-even schedule. All properties with even number
32 addresses will be allowed to water on days with even number dates - all properties with odd
33 number addresses will be allowed to water on days with odd number dates.

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35 c. No filling of pools of any size and no operations of pools of any size which do not use
36 recirculating water.

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38 3. The Village Manager shall have the authority to grant to any party a waiver of these restrictions
39 upon a showing of extraordinary hardship resulting from any one or more of these restrictions.

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41 4. In accordance with Section 223-11 of the Village of Croton Code, these restrictions shall become
42 effective upon publication once in the Village official newspaper.

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44 5. The restrictions previously imposed by the Village Administrative staff shall remain in effect until
45 the restrictions imposed herein by the Village Board become effective.

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48 Discussion: Trustee Murtaugh inquired if there is an automatic expiration. Village Manager
49 Zambrano replied that the Board will have to pass another resolution. Trustee Schmidt
50 questioned if the restrictions are stiff enough; he believes that watering of lawns should be off
51 the table for now. Mayor Wiegman replied that on a typical day, the Village uses 1 million
52 gallons per day; in June were using 1.3 million gallons per day; July 3rd, 4th, 5th, it spiked to 1.6,
53 1.7 and 1.8; when Mr. Brann alerted the staff, they did a voluntary call asking people to restrict

1 use and usage did fall slightly, then rose to 1.85 million gallons on July 7th; it was then a staff
2 decision to impose these restrictions. Village Manager Zambrano added that the use was about
3 1.5 million gallons each day this past weekend; the schools are watering every other day, as is
4 Half Moon Bay also; the golf course is voluntarily putting themselves on water restrictions and
5 has stopped irrigation on the roughs; they are watering tree, fairways and greens by hand;
6 Westchester county has also have reduced watering at Croton Point Park; most people have
7 cooperated. Trustee Murtaugh asked if these points came from a template of an existing village
8 law and is there another level we can step it up to. Village Manager Zambrano replied that this is
9 the 2nd step which gives a greater amount of ability to enforce it. Trustee Murtaugh asked if
10 lawn sprinkling is still legal; perhaps an appeal to residents that lawn watering may be something
11 you may not want to do. Trustee Olver stated that the usage only dropped back to a previous
12 record level which is not good enough; we do not see a prolonged wet period and he agrees that
13 this should be tightened. Trustee Schmidt added that we cannot wait 2 weeks to go to the next
14 level; the Village Manager should be given permission to go to the next level. Trustee Schmidt
15 stated that the system is not in danger of failing but it takes the wells longer to recharge when the
16 level drops; the pumps cannot pump it fast enough. Village Manager Zambrano added that the
17 pumps were going all day to pump to the tanks, but during this period, the water was pumping
18 directly to the system, it never made it to the tanks. Trustee Murtaugh there is of course the risk
19 of mechanical failure if the pumps are running all day; he stated that residents are encouraged to
20 practice conservation. Trustee Gallelli suggested adding another paragraph stating that the
21 Village Manager is authorized to modify future water usage restrictions as needed. Attorney
22 Feldman replied that the village code has provision that the general foreman has the authority to
23 declare a temporary water emergency. Mayor Wiegman replied that it is not necessary to add
24 this last sentence as the staff already has the authority to do this.

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26 b) On motion of TRUSTEE GALLELLI, seconded by TRUSTEE MURTAUGH, the
27 Following resolution was adopted by the Board of Trustees of the Village of Croton-on-
28 Hudson, New York with the vote of 5-0:

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30 **RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF SAVING RAILROAD POND**

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32 WHEREAS, a pond known as the Railroad Pond (the "Pond"), also known as Furnace Dock Lake, is
33 located in just north of the Village of Croton-on-Hudson along Furnace Dock Road between Albany Post
34 Road and Mount Airy West, and

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36 WHEREAS, the Pond was created by the building of a dam by the New York Central Railroad in 1892 to
37 provide a water source for servicing steam engines, and

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39 WHEREAS, the Pond was purchased by Consolidated Edison (Con Ed) in 1952 as part of their land
40 acquisition for power lines from Indian Point, and

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42 WHEREAS, in response to the NYSDEC requirement that the existing dam be repaired, Con Ed announced
43 its plans to drain the Pond rather than repair the dam, and

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45 WHEREAS, the Pond has existed for over 100 years during which time it has developed an ecosystem
46 which provides habitat for numerous wildlife and plant species. Further, it is a serene and beautiful area of
47 our town, a popular fishing spot, attracting kayakers and nature watchers from the Town and the Village of
48 Croton-on-Hudson and beyond, and

1 WHEREAS, the Pond is fed by three (3) active streams and serves as a natural flood control mechanism by
2 buffering the stormwater during heavy rains, and
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4 WHEREAS, the Pond prevents stormwater runoff pollution of the Hudson River by filtering via a natural
5 sedimentation process and prevents water erosion along the creek's bank to its outlet just north of the
6 Village boundary on the Hudson River, and
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8 WHEREAS, the fragile coastal areas covered by the Waterfront Revitalization and Coastal Resources Act
9 of New York State will be directly impacted by the dam removal, and the Village's own Local Waterfront
10 Revitalization Plan (LWRP) protects its Hudson Riverfront in accordance with both the NYS and Federal
11 Coastal Management policies, and
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13 WHEREAS, the proximity of the creek's outlet to the Hudson just north of the Village could have an
14 adverse effect on the Village's own coastal waters covered by its LWRP, and
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16 WHEREAS, draining the lake has no benefits for the general public good, will be detrimental for our
17 community and will hurt the fragile area ecosystem,
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19 NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees of the Village of Croton-on-Hudson
20 hereby endorses the continued existence of the Pond and supports the efforts of the Town of Cortlandt to
21 prevent it from being drained, and
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23 FURTHER, that copies of this Resolution be sent to the Town of Cortlandt Board, its representatives on
24 the County Board of Legislators, and NYS Assembly and Senate, and Consolidated Edison.
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26 Discussion: Trustee Schmidt stated that he is in favor of this; he questioned if we have any idea
27 how much it will cost ConEd to repair this dam. Trustee Gallelli replied that it will cost them
28 over a million dollars. Trustee Schmidt stated that the DEC is looking at dams because there are
29 instances where dams have failed; he hopes the Village Board feels the same way about
30 maintaining and supporting the Arboretum in Croton also as well as the Duck Pond; the Board
31 should spend some time on this. Trustee Gallelli stated that, although this area is north of
32 Croton, many drive by it regularly when leaving Croton and it is an area that has been devastated
33 by ConEd's clear cutting of trees along the power line there; when passing this pond area, the
34 devastation has been done in the name of keeping power lines open; now there is further
35 exasperation by draining this pond; there are some serious potential flooding problems that could
36 happen; there was severe flooding during Hurricane Floyd where there was a huge washout by
37 the Watergate Motel and the banks of that creek were gutted and washed out; she commended
38 the Town Board who are very committed to do what they can to overturn ConEd's decision and
39 to get the DEC backing on this; it is incumbent on us to support them. Mayor Wiegman stated
40 that the pond is esthetically pleasing and the DEC is doing dam checks on a regular basis; this
41 dam happens to be just north of the Village, but there are other dams within 5 miles that are
42 under the same requirements. Trustee Schmidt added that the Village has had to do this at
43 Kaplan's Pond to make it compliant with new rules and regulations; we created a system to allow
44 for run off; if we know that a storm is coming, we can drain Kaplan's Pond by a foot or two; he
45 hopes Con Ed will do the same; clear cutting allows nothing to hold the water back. Village
46 Manager Zambrano added that the dam at Kaplan's Pond was inspected by DEC on March 17th
47 this year and there were just small items such as a couple of trees down.
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1 c) On motion of TRUSTEE MURTAUGH, seconded by TRUSTEE GALLELLI, the following
2 resolution was adopted by the Board of Trustees of the Village of Croton-on-Hudson, New York
3 with a vote of 4 “aye” one “nay”(Trustee Schmidt):
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5 WHEREAS, the Federal Government and the Environmental Protection Agency have
6 created the Climate Showcase Communities Grant Program to assist local governments
7 with funding to reduce greenhouse gas emissions while achieving additional
8 environmental, economic, public health, and/or community benefits; and
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10 WHEREAS, the Village desires to apply for this grant to implement energy savings to
11 our water system; and
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13 WHEREAS, the application deadline for the grant is July 26, 2010; and
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15 WHEREAS, due to the limited amount of time provided to prepare the application, the
16 Village wishes to hire Energywiz, an outside consultant, to prepare the application; and
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18 WHEREAS, the fee to prepare the grant application will not exceed \$2,500.00;
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20 NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED: that the Village Manager is hereby authorized
21 to execute the agreement between Energywiz and the Village;
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23 AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED: that the amount of \$2,500 will be charged to
24 account number A8020.4000.
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26 Discussion: Trustee Murtaugh corrected a spelling error in the resolution and stated that this
27 shows the commitment the Village has towards conservation. Mayor Wiegman stated that the
28 Village has used consultants before to write grants. Trustee Schmidt questioned item #9 in the
29 contract which refers to confidentiality and he does not see the need for that. Trustee Schmidt
30 also questioned if it worthwhile to apply for the grant; on page 3 they talk about the scope of
31 work; he feels they are really looking for a program that is fundamentally different than what is
32 being done now and something that can be shared. Mayor Wiegman stated that he thinks the
33 approach the application will take is to bring together ways to produce more efficient pumping
34 and innovative feedback mechanism in monitoring where the water goes; this has the potential to
35 explain what we know about our system and the opportunities to develop how we send water
36 down which pipes and why; he thinks that is what they may be interested in. Trustee Schmidt
37 responded that this sounds like a monstrous project and not a \$100,000 project; he is not
38 convinced that this is something we should be spending money on; he spoke with the foreman at
39 the water department and a lot of our pumps do not meet the energy savings; they are either on or
40 off, they are running constantly. Mayor Wiegman replied that in the view of those looking at
41 grant applications; this is the recommendation for the next step to save money. Trustee Gallelli
42 stated that she feels it is worth the small investment to outline what we could potentially do
43 regardless if we get this grant, we still will know what direction we want to go in; the Village
44 will be doing substantial work in the next few years on well fields. Mayor Wiegman stated that
45 this documentation will not be lost; the information will be kept for future implementation; the
46 grant needs to be specific and relatively detailed on what our system does and how to improve it.

1 Trustee Olver stated that one consideration in his mind is that we are putting all our attention on
2 the upstream portion of our water systems; the work done on the last few years to measure the
3 energy usage in the Village, led us to put our energy on the downstream portion which is the next
4 area to be addressed, not just brown water, but other techniques to minimize flows; this is just
5 the beginning of this process; this is just the first step in defining what is needed to supply a
6 solution; the solution will have to come over the next 10 or 15 years. Trustee Schmidt stated that
7 he doesn't think it is worth it to apply for something that he believes does not qualify. Attorney
8 Feldman stated that the contract can be sent subject to Village Attorney approval; they can talk to
9 them about why this is included; it is quite possible that this is a standard contract that may not
10 be applicable to his. Trustee Gallelli stated that the confidentiality may work for the Village in
11 this case; we are more protected by this. Mayor Wiegman added that perhaps if someone is
12 preparing a document, the information should not be leaked to other clients. Village Manager
13 Zambrano stated that he also thought this was something that it would protect the Village; these
14 are public documents and should be covered by confidentiality until it becomes an official
15 document. Attorney Feldman stated that if there is concern that ideas that are included in the
16 grant application will be disseminated to competition in the grant application process, then this
17 should be included. Trustee Gallelli suggested adding a clause: "WHEREAS subject to the
18 Village Attorney's approval the Village Manager is hereby authorized to execute the agreement".
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21 d) On motion of TRUSTEE MURTAUGH, seconded by TRUSTEE SCHMIDT, the following
22 resolution was adopted by the Board of Trustees of the Village of Croton-on-Hudson, New York
23 by a vote of 3 "aye", 1 abstain:
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25 BE IT RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Village Manager and Chief of Police,
26 the Board of Trustees hereby terminates the employment of William Davidson pursuant to
27 Section 73 of the Civil Service Law effective July 13, 2010.
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30 Discussion: Trustee Gallelli stated that the Board was advised by a labor attorney in this matter
31 after due deliberation. Trustee Murtaugh added that he will abstain from voting because of a
32 possible personal conflict.
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35 6. CITIZEN PARTICIPATION (non-agenda items):

- 36 a) Bob Wintermeir, 43 Radnor Ave., stated that at a previous meeting Ms. Calcutti asked
37 about who was going to pay for consultant under article 78 and he is deeply concerned
38 that after all debate regarding Harmon rezoning and having three competent lawyers
39 before the Board and a number of people said it was illegal and there would be problems
40 with rezoning and now residents are being asked to pay for errors; he is hoping that the
41 Village Board makes sure we do not pay for that extra litigation; he reminded the Board
42 that people have said we should have moved ahead with all I's dotted and all T's crossed;
43 he does not want to have to pay these legal bills. Mr. Wintermeir also stated that he
44 found out today, that Wachovia has a new offering to customers who can get almost 5%
45 interest to deposit funds into a checking then into savings to a maximum of \$100 per
46 month; suggested that people should look at all options available before make any bank

1 decision. Mr. Wintermeir commented on Trustee Schmidt's statement regarding what to
2 do with the grant money; he makes a valid point; \$2,500 would be wasted; he does not
3 see the innovation and it is a waste of money; he also doesn't see why they have included
4 a confidentiality statement and asked if he can foil it. Attorney Feldman replied that
5 anyone can make a foil request. Mr. Wintermeir recalled that during Hurricane Floyd,
6 people were stuck in the restaurant as floodwaters came down the hill; he asked the
7 Board to keep ConEd's feet to the fire and don't let them remove that dam.

8 b) Pat Moran asked if one were to foil the contract between the Village and Energywiz
9 could it be done. Village Attorney Feldman replied that the actual record does not exist
10 yet and there is no contract. Ms. Moran asked if the group studying grant applications is
11 a committee. Mayor Wiegman replied that there are a number of people who participate
12 in this; the Sustainability Committee has been working on this particular grant. Ms.
13 Moran stated that she is looking at a red line version of the proposed new excavation law
14 to replace the old law which required a permit for commercial excavation and this is now
15 deleted. She asked if the intent is to prohibit excavation or to allow it but not require a
16 special permit for it. Trustee Gallelli replied that she thinks the answer is that this section
17 was in the old law, but in other sections of the code commercial excavation is not
18 allowed, so it is being removed. Mayor Wiegman added that the commercial excavation
19 refers to mining and we have no mines in the Village, so there is no need for a
20 commercial excavation clause.

21 c) Roseanne Schuyler, Olcott Ave., asked, regarding the action being studied in the EAF for
22 the new law, if the Board is intending to recirculate in place of the Harmon rezoning law
23 and what is the name of that action. Attorney Feldman replied that Attorney Staudt has
24 been handling this, but she will find out the answer tomorrow; she does not have the
25 answer tonight. Ms. Schuyler asked Ms. Feldman to provide a description of the action
26 and the type of action it is being classified as. Ms. Schuyler stated, to follow up on Ms.
27 Calcutti's question at a prior Board meeting, how much will the Village be paying
28 Saccardi & Schiff and she asked Attorney Feldman to provide this information tomorrow
29 as well. Ms. Schuyler asked if the Board intends to vote on the expenditure of hiring
30 Saccardi & Schiff or will it be paid as part of legal expenses; it is an expenditure of
31 public funds. Trustee Schmidt replied that he does not know how this is going to be
32 handled as of now. Ms. Schuyler asked what has been done to date in terms of drafting
33 the EAF on the new law that is going to be circulated. Mayor Wiegman replied that
34 Attorney Feldman is recording these questions.

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36 7. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

37 Trustee Olver made a motion to approve the minutes of the Regular Board Meeting held on
38 June 7, 2010 as corrected. Trustee Gallelli seconded the motion. The Board approved the
39 minutes with a vote of 3-0.

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41 Trustee Murtaugh made a motion to approve the minutes of the Regular Board Meeting held
42 on June 21, 2010 as corrected. Trustee Gallelli seconded the motion. The Board approved
43 the minutes with a vote of 3 "ayes" and 1 "abstain".
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1 Trustee Gallelli made a motion to approve the minutes of the Executive Session held on June
2 21, 2010 as corrected. Trustee Murtaugh seconded the motion. The Board approved the
3 minutes with a vote of 3 “ayes” and 1 “abstain”.

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6 9. REPORTS:

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8 *Village Manager Zambrano* asked residents to please conserve water; it is critical for Village
9 safety. He reported that a new director of emergency management has new plan and they are
10 working on that; it is moving along well.

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12 *Trustee Schmidt* reported that he attended the ribbon cutting of Hudson Valley Hospital Center’s
13 new addition; it is an asset to the community; the new wing has all private rooms which helps
14 with infection control; he suggested that people should look at it; it is quite an incredible thing
15 that they have done and we should be proud to have them in the area; the hospital has received
16 MAGNET status for nurses. Trustee Schmidt reported that the Coalition Outreach Committee is
17 talking about doing something in October in connection with homecoming, perhaps a bonfire and
18 perhaps a small parade, but they are doing this keeping in mind that the Village cannot spend any
19 money. Trustee Schmidt asked residents to please curtail water usage; try to water plants at the
20 base, use mulch and try to avoid watering lawns. Trustee Schmidt reported that the Arboretum
21 garden tour was this past weekend and there were some modest homes with lovely, achievable,
22 affordable landscaping. Trustee Schmidt stated that medications are the #1 drugs used by young
23 people right now; please make sure they are properly secured; if they cannot be held for the next
24 pickup, they should be crushed and mixed with Vaseline or something similar until it can be
25 disposed of. Trustee Murtaugh asked if pharmacies are required to take medications back.
26 Village Manager Zambrano replied that it is voluntary.

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28 *Trustee Olver* reported that a serious incident occurred a number of days ago to the DPW crew; a
29 box containing concentrated ammonia was disposed of with regular trash and was crushed by the
30 truck; it made two employees sick and knocked one out. He stated that everyone should think
31 about of what is thrown away, especially medications; there have been alarming reports of the
32 level of antibiotics in water supplies which can give germs the ability to develop resistance to
33 antibiotics; Westchester County has a good system of collecting hazardous materials; it is done
34 in a very efficient and friendly manner; everyone needs to become more conscious of how we
35 cannot just throw things away anymore; we need to keep toxins out of the waste stream. Trustee
36 Olver stated that regarding Harmon rezoning, he reminded everyone of the challenges facing the
37 Village; we have an unsustainable model of financing and not enough commercial revenue
38 sources; residential taxpayers are maxed out; expenses have been cut in the Village for last
39 several years and can do more, but we can’t just rely on expense cuts to keep taxes from going
40 up; there has to be an increase of income sources through innovation, new ideas and new
41 approaches to regenerate the Village; there are legitimate arguments on how to do it and
42 everyone must to come together around an agreement on how this needs to be done; we cannot
43 keep working with a 19th century tax model at 21st century prices. Trustee Olver added that all
44 who participated on the development and passage of the Harmon legislation are convinced of it
45 necessity and the correctness of the actions taken; people have a right to challenge or sue, but we

1 have to defend ourselves; we have the assurance of counsel that nothing wrong was done of a
2 substantive administrative or technical nature.

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4 *Trustee Gallelli* commended a business in the Village for their office during the recent heat when
5 the Village opened up the cooling center; as it turned out nobody came and during that period of
6 time, J& S Taxi made the generous offer of picking up anyone with no charge and transporting to
7 the cooling center. Trustee Gallelli reported that there are community spirited people in the
8 auxiliary police who will be helping in various ways with regular police patrols; they will not
9 have the ability to arrest people but they will be out there helping as much as possible; these are
10 volunteers who receive no pay. Trustee Gallelli stated that the Village Historian Newsletter was
11 put out by the Village Historical Society last week; it had a tribute to Joyce Finnerty and
12 interesting pictures and facts about the Village. Trustee Gallelli reported that there will be a
13 Save- the- Pond public meeting at Town Hall on Monday, July 20th at 7:30 pm; signs are posted
14 in areas saying "Save the Lake" (also known as the pond) and there is a web site for more
15 information: www.saverailroadpond.org. Trustee Gallelli reported that the Article 78
16 expenditure as of end of May is \$40,036.25.

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18 *Trustee Murtaugh* reported that on August 14th, Croton Harmon High School will be holding a
19 mega-reunion and all classes are invited; the confirmation deadline has been extended to August
20 1st; they are trying to arrange a charter bus for transportation to the Brauhous in Pomona; it
21 should be a terrific event.

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23 *Mayor Wiegman* reported that we have Dick Nagle chairing the Emergency Management
24 Committee and we need a liaison from Village Board; Mayor Wiegman nominated Trustee
25 Murtaugh; approved by all; accepted by Trustee Murtaugh. Mayor Wiegman thanked volunteers
26 for their vigilance; the Trails Committee and the Bicycle Committee are strong and committed
27 volunteers. Mayor Wiegman reported that the Community Garden is looking terrific. He added
28 that regarding the Croton Historian issue, residents may need to be a member of the Historical
29 Society to get the new issues; they are trying to get back issues on the Village web site.

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32 Trustee Olver made a motion to adjourn. Trustee Schmidt seconded the motion; approved
33 unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 10:05 pm.

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36 Respectfully submitted,

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38 **Phyllis A. Bradbury**

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40 Phyllis A. Bradbury, Secretary

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44 Village Clerk