

A Meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Village of Croton-on-Hudson, NY was held on Monday, October 15, 2012 at the Municipal Building, Van Wyck Street, Croton-on-Hudson, NY 10520.

The following officials were present:

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

1. CALL TO ORDER:

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

2. APPROVAL OF VOUCHERS:

Trustee Gallelli made a motion to approve the following Fiscal Year 2012-2013 vouchers. The motion was seconded by Trustee Murtaugh and approved with a vote of 5-0.

General Fund	\$ 82,187.38
Water Fund	\$ 1,042.04
Sewer Fund	\$ 89.40
Capital Fund	\$ 9,449.34
Trust Fund	\$ 3,123.00
Total	\$ 95,891.16

3. CORRESPONDENCE:

a. Letter from Edward Buroughs, Commissioner Westchester County Department of Planning, dated October 11, 2012 requesting that the Village identify the total number of affordable housing units that have been created in Croton.

b. Letter from Mark Duncan, Recreation Supervisor, dated October 10, 2012 requesting permission to hold the annual Goblin Walk on Saturday, October 27th at 12noon and for the use of a "lead car" from the Police Department.

Motion made by Trustee Raskob authorizing the Village Manager to make all the necessary arrangements for the annual Goblin Walk on Saturday,

October 27th and further approve the request for a "lead car" from the Police Department. Motion was seconded by Trustee Gallelli with a vote of 5-0.

c. Letter from Patrick E. Calcutti, Chairman of the Croton Veteran's Committee inviting the Board to the 2012 Veteran's Day Ceremony to be held on November 11th at 11:00am.

4. CITIZEN PARTICIPATION-AGENDA ITEMS

Virginia Calcutti, 19 Hunter Street, Croton-on-Hudson, asked why the Board has to issue permission for the use of a "lead car" for the annual Goblin Walk. Mayor Wiegman said that street fairs or any interruption of a public thoroughfare and use of Village equipment requires approval by the Board of Trustees.

Virginia Calcutti, 19 Hunter Street, Croton-on-Hudson, asked if the resolution regarding the telecommunication tower has anything to do with the problem the Police Department and the EMS is having with regards to transmissions. Village Manager Zambrano responded by saying no; this is just an upgrade to the cell tower.

5. RESOLUTIONS:

a. On motion of TRUSTEE SCHMIDT 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, Local Law No. 3 of 2003 was approved at a regular Village Board Meeting held on October 7, 2003; and

WHEREAS, this Local Law called for the setting of Village Fees through Board Resolutions; and

WHEREAS, the fees for Telecommunications Towers and co-locators special permits have been set by the Board; and

WHEREAS, the fee schedule does not include the fee to be charged for a special permit application to make modifications to existing co-locators on the Telecommunications Towers, and

WHEREAS, it has been recommended that this fee should be \$1,000.00 per application,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED: that the Village Board of Trustees hereby amends the Master Fee Schedule to add a fee to make modifications to existing co-locators on the Telecommunications Towers at the cost of \$1,000.00 per application.

b. On motion of TRUSTEE SCHMIDT, 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 vote of 5-0.

WHEREAS, on August 29, 2011 Tropical Storm Irene impacted the area causing damage to Village property and infrastructure, and

WHEREAS, on September 27, 2011 the Village filed a request for public assistance with FEMA to recover expenses related to the storm, and

WHEREAS, over the past eleven months the Village has been working closely with FEMA and SEMO project managers compiling the necessary documentation to submit for approval to FEMA and SEMO, and

WHEREAS, FEMA and SEMO have approved projects in the amount \$209,707 to date, and

WHEREAS, on September 4, 2012, the Village Board accepted \$49,905.65, the amount received as of August 31, 2012 for damages caused by Tropical Storm Irene,

WHEREAS, during the month of September the Village received the outstanding balance of the approved projects totaling \$159,801.38.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED: that the Board of Trustees of the Village of Croton on Hudson hereby accepts payments in the amount of \$159,801.38 from FEMA and SEMO for damages caused by Tropical Storm Irene.

DISCUSSION:

Village Manager Zambrano advised that he has submitted applications to FEMA for additional funding for Black Rock Park and the Water Department and is awaiting approval from them.

CITIZEN PARTICPATION-NON AGENDA ITEMS

Virginia Calcutti, 19 Hunter Street, Croton-on-Hudson, asked Trustee Gallelli if she receives compensation for putting the Village Newsletter together and

how does she obtain articles. Virginia Calcutti also asked why her question regarding the Village dental plan was not put in the newsletter.

Trustee Gallelli advised that as the Editor of the Village Newsletter she does receive compensation. Trustee Gallelli stated that in the course of developing the newsletter she asks for suggestions from Village staff and from various Village committees. Trustee Gallelli said that in the process of preparing these articles she makes it a point to interview department heads and/or committee chair-persons if she is writing an article on that particular department and/or committee. Trustee Gallelli stated that after she has written the articles and puts the newsletter together she circulates it to the various departments and committees for their review prior to it going to print. Village Manager Zambrano stated that questions regarding staff benefits are dealt with during the Budget process and it is not the kind of question that should be placed in the newsletter.

Don Daubney, 45 Bungalow Road, Croton-on-Hudson, said that he is dismayed with the over-abundance of political signs and asked that the Village create some kind of ordinance that would restrict these signs on public property. Village Manager Zambrano said that our Parking and Code Enforcement Officers remove signs daily on Village property but we are restricted from removing signs on State property.

Village Attorney Staudt said that political speech is protected and very difficult to regulate but the Village can impose strict regulations regarding the removal of these signs after an election. Village Attorney Staudt said that he will do more research and advise the Village of what they legally can and cannot do regarding political signs.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Trustee Murtaugh made a motion to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting held on October 1, 2012 as amended. Trustee Raskob seconded the motion. The Board approved with a vote of 5-0.

6. REPORTS

Village Manager Zambrano reported that the new cameras have been installed in the Board Room and are projected to go live at our upcoming November 5th meeting.

Village Manager Zambrano reported that the Cleveland Drive repaving project has been completed.

Village Manager Zambrano reported that the Croton River Task Force Committee will be meeting on November 28th at 6:30pm at Village Hall.

Village Manager Zambrano reported that rain sensors have been installed at all of the fields in an effort to save money.

Trustee Schmidt reported that the Croton Conservation Advisory Council held their daffodil planting over the weekend and thanked them for a lovely job. Trustee Schmidt said that these plantings are to commemorate 9-11 victims and asked that the Village work with the people who mow the lawns along Benedict Island so that they are careful and mindful not to mow down these plantings.

Trustee Schmidt reminded everyone that the Annual Croton Goblin Parade will take place on October 22nd at 11:00am. Trustee Schmidt said that this year the Croton Business Council, in conjunction with the Village, will sponsor many activities for children and adults throughout the day.

Trustee Schmidt advised that the Conservation Advisory Council will be holding talks on their "Green Living Series" on October 23rd at the Croton Library; the talks will focus on Gardens Filled with Life, Designing with Native Plants and Identifying Local Invasive Plants. Trustee Schmidt also advised that the CAC will be holding a "Vine Cutting Day" at the Croton Dam and directed everyone to the Village web-site for more information.

Trustee Schmidt said that the Black Cow has moved to the Upper Village and has created a lot of buzz and excitement in the Upper Village. Trustee Schmidt said that he has also spoken with Anton Restaurant and they are hoping to be opening soon.

Trustee Gallelli congratulated the Fire Department on a very successful and wonderful "Fire Fair".

Trustee Gallelli reported that the 32nd annual "Run against Hunger" will take place this Sunday at 12:00noon and directed everyone to their web-site for more information.

Trustee Gallelli announced that this Wednesday is the deadline for signing up for "Window Painting"; if you are interested in participating you can pick-up an application at any store that has a sign indicating that they are participating.

Trustee Gallelli announced that this Saturday the Arboretum will be sponsoring a Native American demonstration from 11:00am–5:00pm; showing skills and techniques that include cooking, making arrowheads, making fires and other things that were a part of their daily life at that time.

Trustee Gallelli advised that the Senior Group recently held an open house; many non-members came to the event and eight new members have signed up.

Mayor Wiegman addressed an issue made during Citizen Participation regarding why a question about dental benefits was not put into the newsletter. Mayor Wiegman stated that instead of a specific health benefit that employees receive it might be more interesting to do an article about the realm of benefits in the public sector.

Mayor Wiegman advised that the Fire Works display this past Saturday at Croton Point Park was in conjunction with the 20th Annual Thunderbird Games where thousands of Cub Scouts from the lower Hudson Valley Region participated in many activities over the weekend.

Mayor Wiegman said that a very informative meeting with Janet Mainiero, Project Director for the 9-11 Remembrance Memorial was held and the executive Committee; Cortlandt Supervisor Puglisi, Buchanan's Mayor Murray Village Manager Zambrano and myself were advised that Phase I of the project is now almost complete and that Ms. Mainiero is very optimistic about receiving further funding for Phase II of this project.

There being no further business to come before the Board, Trustee Raskob made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Trustee Schmidt seconded the motion; approved 5-0. The meeting was adjourned at 9:02pm

Respectfully submitted
Judy Weintraub, Board Secretary

Village Clerk