

A Meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Village of Croton-on-Hudson, NY was held on Monday, March 18, 2013 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 Murtaugh
Village Attorney Staudt	Trustee Davis

The following officials were absent:

Village Treasurer Bullock	Trustee Raskob
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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 Davis made a motion to approve the following Fiscal Year 2012-2013 vouchers. The motion was seconded by Trustee Gallelli and approved with a vote of 4-0.

General Fund	\$103,509.96
Water Fund	\$ 10,580.09
Sewer Fund	\$ 3,255.00
Capital Fund	\$ 31,282.23
Trust Fund	\$ 6,670.26
Debt Fund	\$ -
Total	\$155,297.54

3. CORRESPONDENCE

- a. Letter from Bruce Berger, Executive Director Westchester County Solid Waste regarding the County Solid Waste and Recyclables Collection Licensing Law
- b. Letter from Dr. Gregory Schmidt, President, Rotary Club of Croton on Hudson advising that they would like to make a donation of a park bench at Croton Landing

- c. Letter from Saw Mill River Audubon advising of their 60th Anniversary Celebration
 - d. Letter from Robert Hoch, Director Government Affairs of Cablevision updating the Village on Cablevision's programming costs
 - e. Letter from the Community Blood Drive advising of the upcoming Blood Donor Drive on Sunday, May 5, 2013
4. CITIZEN PARTICIPATION-AGENDA ITEMS - None

5. RESOLUTIONS:

- a. On motion of TRUSTEE MURTAUGH, seconded by TRUSTEE GALLELLI, the following resolution was adopted by the Board of Trustees of the Village of Croton-on-Hudson, New York, with a 4-0 vote.

WHEREAS, the Town of Cortlandt has entered into an agreement with the County of Westchester Solid Waste District to allow the County to construct a transfer station on property on Roa Hook Road; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Cortlandt will enter into an agreements with the Northern Tier municipalities to allow them to utilize said transfer station; and

WHEREAS, the Village's agreement with the Town of Cortlandt for the use of the Northern Tier Transfer Station, Roa Hook Road facility will commence on March 1, 2013 for a five year period; and

WHEREAS, the fee for this service will be \$660.91 for the period of March 2013 to February 2014, \$660.91 plus the cost of living adjustment for the remaining four years; and

WHEREAS, the Village presently utilizes this facility for its organic yard waste and desires to continue to make use of this site;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED: that the Village Manager is hereby authorized to sign the Inter-municipal Agreement with the Town of Cortlandt for the use of the Northern Tier Transfer Station, Roa Hook Road facility for the period between March 1, 2013 and February 28, 2018.

DISCUSSION:

Trustee Murtaugh asked if the \$660.91 is for the entire year.

Village Manager Zambrano responded by saying yes. Mr. Zambrano advised that this amount includes yard waste; glass, paper and plastic.

Trustee Murtaugh said that if we as a community remember to recycle it will reduce the Village's tipping fees charged by the Municipal Solid Waste Facility.

Mayor Wiegman advised that it costs the Village \$25.00 per ton to dispose of solid waste so there is clearly a savings if we all recycle.

b. On motion of TRUSTEE GALLELLI, seconded by TRUSTEE MURTAUGH the following resolution was adopted by the Board of Trustees of the Village of Croton-on-Hudson, New York, with a 4-0 vote.

WHEREAS, the Village and the New York State Department of Transportation have entered into a snow and ice agreement which will expire on June 30, 2014; and

WHEREAS, the Village has received an amendment to this agreement extending the term to June 30, 2015; and

WHEREAS, under this amendment the indexed lump sum estimated expenditure shall be \$1,560.00 per lane mile for 11.24 lane miles for a total of \$17,534.40 for the 2012/13 season and for the remainder of the term of the agreement commencing July 1, 2012, unless changed by future update, and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED: that the Village Manager is hereby authorized to sign the agreement with the New York State Department of Transportation extending the term of the agreement to June 30, 2015.

DISCUSSION:

Mayor Wiegman explained that Croton's Department of Public Works not only clears Village streets of snow and ice but they also clear streets that are owned by the State within the Village and the State reimburses Croton for that service.

c. On motion of TRUSTEE DAVIS, seconded by TRUSTEE GALLELLI, the following resolution was adopted by the Board of Trustees of the Village of Croton-on-Hudson, New York, with a 4-0 vote.

WHEREAS, there has been a dramatic rise in the number of Small Claims Assessment Review (SCAR) petitions filed with the County Clerk's Office; and

WHEREAS, in an effort to address the increased workload, the County Clerk's Office began accepting electronically filed SCAR petitions via the New York State Courts Electronic Filing (NYSCEF) system on March 1, 2011; and

WHEREAS, the Village of Croton-on-Hudson would like to be part of the program allowing for electronically filled SCAR petitions,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED: that the Village Board of Trustees authorizes the Village Manager to sign the stipulation of agreement with the County consenting to electronic filing for the commencement of all SCAR proceedings beginning within or before the statutory deadline for the 2013 final assessment roll.

DISCUSSION:

Trustee Gallelli said that she read an article in last weekend's newspaper addressing the issue of SCAR filings and how they have increased by approximately four thousand filings submitted to Westchester County over the last several years. Trustee Gallelli added that there was a slight decrease in filings this year from last year.

Mayor Wiegman said that the County saw a peak in Small Claims Assessment Reviews in 2011; it was down slightly in 2012, but the 2012 numbers were ten times higher than 2006.

Trustee Murtaugh advised that over nine thousand SCAR petitions were filed throughout Westchester with the County in 2012.

d. On motion of TRUSTEE MURTAUGH, seconded by TRUSTEE GALLELLI, the following resolution was adopted by the Board of Trustees of the Village of Croton-on-Hudson, New York, with a 4-0 vote.

Be it resolved that notice is hereby given that the taxes for the year 2012-2013 of the Village of Croton on Hudson are unpaid on the real property described on the list attached herewith, and

Be it further resolved that and in accordance with Article 14, Title 3 of the Real Property Tax Law (Section 1455), that the advertisement of the notice required by law be published in the official newspaper(s) of the Village, and

Be it further resolved that the Village Treasurer be authorized to advertise tax liens for the fiscal year 2012-2013 as shown in the attached schedule of accounts of unpaid taxes.

VILLAGE OF CROTON ON HUDSON

DELINQUENT TAX REPORT 2012-2013

<u>BILL NAME</u>	<u>PROPERTY ID</u>	<u>TAX</u>		<u>PENALTY</u>	<u>CURRENT</u>
		<u>CHARGE</u>	<u>FEES</u>	<u>CHARGE</u>	<u>BALANCE</u>
BALAZS LOUIS	067.20-004-044.00	3,403.98	20.00	408.48	3,832.46
CELMER CARLEEN A	078.16-001-001.072	60.19	20.00	7.22	87.41
CHOW RICHARD	078.16-001-001.04	60.19	20.00	7.22	87.41
CRETARA DANTE	079.13-002-064.00	2,802.31	20.00	336.28	3,158.59
CRISPI ROBERT	079.09-007-020.00	361.12	20.00	43.33	424.45
EDEGRAN HARALD&DEBBIE	078.16-001-001.040	60.19	20.00	7.22	87.41
FARRIBANK HOMEOWNERS	078.08-003-068.00	12.04	20.00	1.44	33.48
FRANK KARL	079.13-001-071.00	4,441.81	20.00	533.02	4,994.83
GOIN DENNIS J	078.16-001-004.03	1,326.52	20.00	159.18	1,505.70
GROSSMAN STUART	067.10-003-008.04	3,755.68	20.00	450.68	4,226.36
HAASE HENRY	078.08-005-013.00	2,940.67	20.00	352.88	3,313.55
HALLE ROBERT&COVIELLO CAR	078.16-001-001.132	60.19	20.00	7.22	87.41
HAMMOND NEILL	079.14-001-005.00	337.05	20.00	40.45	397.50

ISAACS DAVID	078.16-001-001.128	60.19	20.00	7.22	87.41
KENNEDY JEANNE F	067.10-003-004.04	3,629.00	20.00	435.48	4,084.48
LEECH JAMES	067.10-003-017.01	4,075.82	20.00	489.10	4,584.92
LUUKKANEN ALISON	078.16-001-001.085	60.19	20.00	7.22	87.41
NADEL BRUCE	068.13-003-021.00	48.15	20.00	5.78	73.93
NAPOLITANI RONALD	078.16-001-001.014	60.19	20.00	7.22	87.41
NAPOLITANI RONALD J	079.09-010-014.01	500.76	20.00	60.09	580.85
NEUBURGER MARC	067.10-003-006.02	3,557.06	20.00	426.85	4,003.91
NRECA ZEF	079.13-001-077.00	204.64	20.00	24.56	249.20
O'DONNELL KATHLEEN A	078.08-006-020.00	1,974.14	20.00	236.90	2,231.04
OBRIEN THOMAS	067.20-004-011.00	2,503.91	20.00	300.47	2,824.38
PEREZ MARCUS	078.08-004-056.00	373.16	20.00	44.78	437.94
PERILLO SHIRLEY	079.13-002-006.00	3,695.49	20.00	443.46	4,158.95
RAKOTZ JAMES	079.13-002-017.00	1,992.19	20.00	239.06	2,251.25
RUBINFIEN LEO	067.09-001-009.00	884.75	20.00	106.17	1,010.92
RUBINFIEN LEO	067.09-002-001.00	421.31	20.00	50.56	491.87
SCHILK JO ANN	079.09-006-032.00	445.38	20.00	53.45	518.83
SHAH PRAKASH	078.16-001-006.06	1,794.54	20.00	215.34	2,029.88
SHAPIRO CARON	078.08-005-047.00	2,848.69	20.00	341.84	3,210.53

SMITH LAURIE E	079.05-001-028.00	2,275.07	20.00	273.01	2,568.08
SMITH LAURIE E	079.05-004-012.00	2,464.11	20.00	295.69	2,779.80
SPNY DEVELOPMENT LLC	067.14-001-001.00	325.01	20.00	39.00	384.01
SPNY DEVELOPMENT LLC	067.14-001-002.00	589.83	20.00	70.78	680.61
ST GEORGE KENNETH S	067.10-003-007.01	4,074.67	20.00	488.96	4,583.63
STAPP DEIRDRE	079.09-010-012.00	192.60	20.00	23.11	235.71
TOTILLO ANTHONY	068.17-004-027.00	2,964.99	20.00	355.80	3,340.79
UJLAKI NAGY ARTHUR	067.19-002-020.01	481.50	20.00	57.78	559.28
VUILLE PAUL	079.05-001-045.00	2,199.06	20.00	263.89	2,482.95
WILLIAM STREET ESTATES LLC	078.16-001- 001.101	60.19	20.00	7.22	87.41
		64,378.53	840.00	7,725.41	72,943.94

DISCUSSION:

Trustee Murtaugh said that of the properties listed in this report fifty percent are a very insignificant amount and of the remaining many owe no more than a few thousand dollars.

Village Manager Zambrano stated that we are very fortunate that we have a very low rate of tax delinquency.

Trustee Gallelli noted that of the Village's total tax revenue of \$11,000,000 only \$64,000 is delinquent.

e. On motion of TRUSTEE GALLELLI, seconded by TRUSTEE DAVIS, the following resolution was adopted by the Board of Trustees of the Village of Croton-on-Hudson, New York, with a 4-0 vote.

WHEREAS, over the past few months, the Village has been experiencing memory and space allocation issues within the internal drives and virtual servers; reason for which the server is in need of replacement, and

WHEREAS, Tyler Technologies, the parent company of MUNIS, our financial software, is migrating the software to a SEQUEL platform and will no longer be supporting the current version of the software starting in 2014, and\

WHEREAS, a new SEQUEL server will be necessary as part of the upgrades for the new version of MUNIS; the system used by the Village to record financial and operational information including tax and water collections, and

WHEREAS, the Village has obtained a quote for the replacement and installation of the server and all necessary components as well as the data migration and,

WHEREAS, the total amount of funding requested to replace and install the server, and to migrate all data totals \$24,988.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED: that the Board of Trustees authorizes the Village Manager to approve the proposals for the replacement and installation of the server and migration of data in the amount of \$24,988; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED: that the Village Treasurer is authorized to transfer \$24,988 from the Contingency Account A.1990.4000 to Account Number A1650.2000 for the replacement and installation of the server and migration of data.

DISCUSSION:

Trustee Gallelli stated that it is important to note besides the fact that we need this for the situation we have now, next year we would have to upgrade the server to match the new platform for MUNIS; this is not an extraordinary or an unusual expense.

Mayor Wiegman stated that it is also important to note that our data is regularly backed up; our MUNIS program is to the Village what Quick Books is to a small company and we need to upgrade the software platform and continue to be compatible with the MUNIS accounting program.

CITIZEN PARTICPATION-NON AGENDA ITEMS

Fred Wilhelm, 2 Cleveland Drive, Croton-on-Hudson, stated that at the last Board meeting he spoke about a letter he received requiring him to address

issues regarding his property. Mr. Wilhelm said that he recently had a meeting with Village Manager Zambrano, Village Engineer Dan O'Connor and Code Enforcement Officer Peter Anfiteatro to discuss the sailboat and trailer on his property and to try to seek a resolution with respect to the ambiguity of the subject items being considered abandoned. Mr. Wilhelm said that he is in the process of working on his property in an attempt to get a CO for his shed and would like to resolve the other issue with the Village.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Trustee Gallelli made a motion to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting held on March 4, 2013 as amended. Trustee Davis seconded the motion. The Board approved with a vote of 4-0.

6. REPORTS

Village Manager Zambrano advised that the Croton Village Garden Club has been reactivated; the Club will work on gardens around the Village and one of the areas that they will be targeting is the circle at the end of Benedict and Cleveland Drive. Mr. Zambrano advised that anyone interested in getting involved to please contact Richard Zumbach.

Trustee Davis reported that the Conservation Advisory Council will begin their "Green Living Series" tomorrow evening at 7:00pm at the Library. Trustee Davis also reported that the Arboretum held their annual meeting last week and is still looking to fill one more vacancy; anyone interested in serving on that committee should contact Karen Bernard.

Trustee Gallelli advised that the Yacht Club is providing the first of two educational series on the Hudson River this Friday evening at the Yacht Club from 7:30pm to 10:00pm; the first series is called "An Armchair Excursion along the Hudson" which will include a simulation of a train ride along the Hudson River.

Trustee Gallelli announced that the Croton Seniors will be holding elections for their new officers on April 12th; they currently have one hundred and thirty-four enrolled members.

Trustee Gallelli reported that as of January 31, 2013 \$384,017.89 has been spent on legal fees associated with the Article 78 litigation with respect to the Gateway Zoning Law for Harmon.

Mayor Wiegman advised that he does on occasion publish informational pieces on the "Mayor's Corner" of our Village Web-Site in response to questions raised by residents about things that are going on in the Village. Mayor Wiegman said that in discussing the Croton Point Avenue improvements it became apparent that we needed to go back to the mid 1960's when the New York State Department of Transportation had proposed what was to be Inter-State Highway 487. Mayor Wiegman stated that during the mid sixties there was a boom for inter-state construction under the Eisenhower Program and Inter-State 487 was to connect New York/the Bronx to Beacon along the Croton side of the Hudson River. Mayor Wiegman advised that the only section of Inter-State 487 that was built was the eight to nine mile section between Croton and the City of Peekskill and subsequently was one of the few suburban highway projects during that period of time that was permanently halted. Mayor Wiegman said that as a result the New York State Department of Transportation essentially put down a four-lane highway with expressway dimensions in the middle of Croton neighborhoods and essentially vanquished quite a few blocks of our municipality and replaced it with highway inter-changes and high speed travel lanes. Mayor Wiegman stated that the Croton Point Avenue project is our attempt as a Village to use some Federal Funding to repair that damage and to make at least one of those three interchanges a little bit more livable and safer for all modes of traffic. Mayor Wiegman advised that the plan will widen a short section of Veteran's Plaza at the top of Croton Point Avenue to four lanes, two entering and two exiting the parking lot to match the four lane pattern of two east bound and two west bound lanes on Croton Point Avenue, add three new traffic signal installations along Croton Point Avenue at Veteran's Plaza, at Route 9 southbound on/off ramps and at the Route 9 northbound off/on ramps, narrow the Route 9 northbound ramp intersection at Croton Point Avenue and eliminate the corner clover-leaf, widen and construct a double lane on US Route 9 southbound, improve drainage for storm water management, repave both Croton Point Avenue and South Riverside and construct a bike-lane and sidewalks on both sides of Croton Point Avenue. Mayor Wiegman advised that the cost of the project is between \$2.5 million and \$2.8 million of which the Village has received \$1.7 million dollars in Federal and County Funding. Mayor Wiegman advised that the bicycle lane is the least expensive item at \$100,000.

Trustee Davis added that the \$100,000 slated for bicycle improvements also includes sidewalk improvements and added that the sidewalk portion is even the larger portion in that line item.

Mayor Wiegman reported that it has been 1,219 days since the Village adopted the first Harmon Zoning Amendments on November 16 and 288 days since the Village adopted the revised Zoning on June 4, 2012. Mayor Wiegman advised

that since the initiation of the litigation the Village has spent \$384,017.89 in defending itself against the Article 78 and defending the right to amend the Zoning.

A motion was made by TRUSTEE DAVIS and seconded by TRUSTEE GALLELLI to enter into an Executive Session on matters of Real property; with a 4-0 vote.

Village Manager Zambrano advised that he just received an e-mail from Trustee Raskob advising that due to the snow storm he is unfortunately stuck in traffic on the Taconic Parkway and is unlikely to make the meeting.

There being no further business to come before the Board, Trustee Davis made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Trustee Murtaugh seconded the motion; approved 4-0. The meeting was adjourned at 9:03pm.

Respectfully submitted
Judy Weintraub, Board Secretary

Village Clerk