

A Meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Village of Croton-on-Hudson, NY was held on Monday, March 21, 2011 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 Schmidt
Treasurer Bullock	Trustee Olver

1. CALL TO ORDER:

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

2. APPROVAL OF VOUCHERS:

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

General Fund	\$ 56,024.52
Water Fund	5,693.72
Sewer Fund	-0-
Capital Account	10,284.54
Trust & Agency	7,959.88
Total	\$79,962.66

3. PRESENTATION: Students Alston and Natalia, from the Croton Harmon High School Future Business Leaders of America, gave a presentation for their Croton Community Discount Card, stating that this is a new 2011 Croton Community discount card which is valid until June 11 and is available for \$10.00; it is a fund raising effort to support community service initiatives; people can reach them at www.chhsfbla09@gmail.com or call the advisor, Lou Nardone at 914 271-8927. Trustee Gallelli stated that she heard this was the last year they will be doing this. Natalia replied that it is as the members are all now seniors, so the club will be disbanding.

4. CORRESPONDENCE:

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

- a. A letter from Mary Kramarchyk, Community Partnership Coordinator, NYS DEC; congratulating the Village for being recognized as a Tree City USA.
- b. A letter from the Community Blood Program committee informing that the next Community Blood Drive will be held on Sunday, May 1st at the high school.
- c. A letter from Rochelle O'Mara, Transportation Supervisor, Croton-Harmon School District thanking the Village employees for their exemplary work keeping them informed about road conditions and closures.

- d. A letter from Nancy Baa-Danso, Administrator, NYS Veterans Home at Montrose, requesting assistance in recruiting a retiree to assist them in writing a monthly newsletter for the Home.
 - e. A letter from John Banks, Vice-President, Government Relations, Con Edison, regarding the 811 national toll number established for "Call before you dig"; before any excavation-related activities on public or private property, anyone digging, professionals or private homeowner should call 811.
 - f. A letter from Margaret Hadad, Program Director, NYS Long Term Care Ombudsman Program, asking that flyers for their Spring Training Program be placed in the Village offices.
 - g. A letter from Phyllis Bock, Director of Education, Teatown Lake Reservation, asking for permission to use the Croton River by Silver Lake to release the native trout which were raised in the classroom. Trustee Gallelli made a motion to allow the request; second by Trustee Schmidt; approved with a vote of 5-0.
5. CITIZEN PARTICIPATION (agenda items):
- a) Jane Laudon, Duck Pond work group, read the following statement:

To Mayor Wiegman and Members of the Village Board:

I'm Jane Laudon from the Duck Pond Gorge Neighbors Work Group. Fellow member Karalyn Lamb is here with me and Doris Daubney regrets that she cannot be with us tonight.

We have been working over a year on this project. In the late fall of 2009, the Village Board asked for a more environmentally-friendly and effective way to manage the Duck Pond. We expressed interest in this problem and on May 28 of last year Mayor Wiegman authorized us to form the Duck Pond Gorge Neighbors Work Group to assist the Board in this task.

Our Group has drawn on both internal and external sources of expertise, including Village Engineer Dan O'Connor, Art Neff and members of the Public Works Department, and local arborist John Grant. We also met this summer with Robert Doscher of the Westchester County Department of Planning who oversees the County's aquatic restoration program.

Mr. Doscher recommended that we enlist the services of Stephen Coleman, a specialist in environmental planning, wetland restoration, and pond and lake management. Mr. Coleman performed on-site surveys of the Duck Pond and assessed the overall condition of the pond and its watershed. His report recommended that because of ongoing runoff and low water exchange in Duck Pond, we pursue a strategy that included aeration supplemented with other measures.

Other approaches might appear to be less expensive. However, some could not guarantee results, were environmentally unsound, were based on unproven technology, or were generic approaches not tailored to the specific conditions of our pond. We performed a rigorous cost/benefit analysis of the solution proposed by each pond

management vendor. Compared to other aeration systems and chemical treatments, the Clean-Flo system was the most attractive. We have an option to purchase at end of 10 years and also the option to back out after 30 months; the maintenance contract guarantees results.

The aeration needs to start as soon as possible. We would ask the public to be patient with this process to restore the pond without chemicals. Installing the aeration system immediately will limit the amount of nutrients available for algae growth, but it may take a few months to see results. Additionally, the Clean-Flo dealer will wait for the duckweed and watermeal (floating aquatic plants) to bloom before removing them with a surface skimmer. We anticipate that he will need to skim the pond this way twice this summer and perhaps again next summer.

Thank you.

b) Bob Wintermeier, 43 Radnor Ave., regarding the budget cycle and the plan for tentative budget hearing; the Democrats held a budget hearing a few weeks ago; he made some early suggestions for the Board to consider: one is to sell the Katz property and put it back on public tax rolls; he suggested they try to pass in advance a steep law variation for that piece of property; the Village also will no longer have to pay the interest on the \$900,000. Mr. Wintermeier stated that he received a notice from the Town of Cortlandt which they are starting in 2011, e-mailing tax bills to property tax payers; they expect a \$10,000 a year savings; he suggested Croton do the same for water and tax bills. Mr. Wintermeier stated that people complain about the Newsletter which is sent electronically and suggested this be in the same program and people can sign up for both if they wish. Mr. Wintermeier stated that he is against the give-away of \$75.00 per session for the Farmers Market; he suggested taking over the administration of that facility and get the \$750. per session, we bear the burden of staff and insurance which is related to the Farmers Market. Mr. Wintermeier suggested updating the benefit plan, which he refers to as the non-union benefit plan for salaried employees; that is a defined benefit plan rather than a defined contribution plan; look at accrued vacations and some other items.

c) Ginny Calcutti, Hunter Place, regarding the fringe benefit program for non union employees: it states that regarding health insurance anyone hired before 1985, their spouse will get insurance paid for rest of their life if the employee dies; she asked the Village to see how many employees are under this program. Ms. Calcutti questioned the budget of the Village clerk. She added that she would like to see Town Hall meetings on the budget so people can talk and get feedback; we now do not have the time to do that. Ms. Calcutti stated that she has been asking for an administrative contract and was told there was none; but she found some documents do exist. Ms. Calcutti asked why Prospect Place is always wet. Village Manager Zambrano replied that they have had an intermittent problem and this will be addressed this summer; the contractor has been asked to remove the debris.

d) Kevin Davis, 17 Wolf Rd., stated that regarding authorizing the County Board of Elections to run future elections due to Proposition 1, 57% of the residents voted yes to move Village elections to November and now other municipalities are considering doing the same.

e) Brian Pugh, 50 Alexander Lane, thanked the voters for passing Proposition 1 and to the Board for taking up the resolution to have the County conduct the future Village elections to ensure the new November elections run smoothly.

6. PROPOSED 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 vote of 5-0:

Be it resolved that notice is hereby given that the taxes for the year 2010-2011 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 and sell tax liens for the fiscal year 2010-2011 as shown in the attached schedule of accounts of unpaid taxes.

b) On motion of TRUSTEE SCHMIDT, 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 vote of 5-0:

WHEREAS, on January 20, 2011, a petition was filed with the Village Clerk for a proposition to be submitted to the qualified electors of the Village at the regular Village election in March 2011 on the question whether to change the month of the regular Village election from March (the third Tuesday) to the general election in November (the first Tuesday after the first Monday); and

WHEREAS, such proposition was submitted as Proposition No. 1 at the Village election on March 15, 2011, and the electors of the Village voted to adopt Proposition No. 1; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to New York State Election Law § 15-104(c), the Board of Trustees may adopt a resolution, subject to permissive referendum, providing that Village elections shall be conducted by the Westchester County Board of Elections (“Board of Elections”); and

WHEREAS, the Board of Trustees believes it is in the best interest of the Village for the Board of Elections to conduct all village elections, including general and special village elections, and primary elections, if any,

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Trustees of the Village of Croton-on-Hudson that the Village elections shall be conducted by the Westchester County Board of

Elections, and the Village Clerk is hereby directed to publish notice of this resolution pursuant to Village Law § 9-900(2).

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

WHEREAS: Sections 5-504, 5-506, and 5-508 of New York State Village law set forth certain procedures and dates for the adoption of the annual Village budget; and

WHEREAS : in accordance with Section 5-504 the Village Manager, as Budget Officer, has filed the tentative budget in the office of the Village Clerk on or before March 20th ; and

WHEREAS: Section 5-508.3 provides that a public hearing shall be held upon the tentative budget, as changed, altered or revised, on or before the fifteenth day of April,

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED: that a Public Hearing is hereby called on the 2011-2012 Tentative Budget for Monday, April 11, 2011 at 7:30PM in the Meeting Room of the Stanley H. Kellerhouse Municipal Building.

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

Resolution of the Board of Trustees of the Village of Croton-on-Hudson
Authorizing the Implementation and Funding of a
Project for Improvements to Van Cortlandt Manor Entrance

WHEREAS, a Project for Improvements to Van Cortlandt Manor Entrance, Village of Croton-on-Hudson, Westchester County, PIN 8760.11 (the "Project") is eligible for funding under Title 23 U.S. Code, as amended, that calls for the apportionment of the costs of such program to be borne at the ratio of 80% Federal funds and 20% non-Federal funds; and

WHEREAS, Historic Hudson Valley ("HHV") owns and operates Van Cortlandt Manor, a National Historic Landmark site in the Village of Croton-on-Hudson (the "Village"); and

WHEREAS, the Village considers Van Cortlandt Manor an important component of the Village that provides historical preservation and public education and draws visitors to the Village; and

WHEREAS, because HHV could not secure specific funding for the Project without the Village's involvement, the Village agreed to apply with HHV for such funding, which was awarded by the New York State Department of Transportation (the "NYSDOT"); and

WHEREAS, the funding awarded by the NYSDOT is available through a reimbursement scheme so that HHV will seek reimbursement from the NYSDOT, but that such reimbursement payments can only be made through the Village and not to HHV directly; and

WHEREAS, the Village believes that the Project advances HHV's overall contribution to the Village, its residents and New York State, and desires to advance the Project by making available 100% of the non-Federal share of the costs of preliminary engineering work; and

WHEREAS, the Village Board recognizes that HHV will seek from the NYSDOT reimbursement for monies expended in furtherance of the Project, and that NYSDOT will send such reimbursement to the Village to be distributed to HHV,

WHEREAS, the Village of Croton-On-Hudson desires to advance the Project by making a commitment of 100% of the non-federal share of the cost of preliminary engineering work;

NOW, **THEREFORE**, the Croton-On-Hudson Village Board, duly convened does hereby

RESOLVE, that the Croton-On-Hudson Village Board hereby approves the above-subject project; and it is hereby further

RESOLVED, that the Croton-On-Hudson Village Board hereby authorizes the Village of Croton-On-Hudson to pay, pursuant to an executed Memorandum of Understanding Regarding Van Cortlandt Manor Entrance Improvements between the Village of Croton-on-Hudson and Historic Hudson Valley (the "MOU"), in the first instance 100% of the Federal and non-Federal share of the cost of preliminary engineering work for the Project or portions thereof; and it is further

RESOLVED, that the sum of \$1,000,000 is hereby made available to cover the cost of participation in the above phase of the Project, if necessary; and it is further

RESOLVED, that in the event the full Federal and non-Federal share costs of the Project exceeds the amount appropriated above, the Village of Croton-on-Hudson Board shall convene as soon as possible to appropriate, pursuant to the MOU, said excess amount immediately upon the notification by the Mayor or Village Manager thereof; and it is further

RESOLVED, that after review and approval by Village counsel that the Village Manager of the Village of Croton-on-Hudson be and is hereby authorized to execute all necessary Agreements, certifications or reimbursement requests for Federal Aid and/or applicable Marchiselli Aid on behalf of the Village of Croton-on-Hudson with the New York State Department of Transportation in connection with the advancement or approval of the Project and providing for the administration of the Project and the municipality's first instance funding of project costs and permanent funding of the local share of Federal-aid and State-aid eligible

Project costs and all Project costs within appropriations therefore that are not so eligible; and it is further

RESOLVED, that a certified copy of this resolution be filed with the New York State Commissioner of Transportation by attaching it to any necessary Agreement in connection with the Project, and it is further

RESOLVED, this Resolution shall take effect immediately.

STATE OF NEW YORK

)SS:

COUNTY OF WESTCHESTER

I Pauline DiSanto, Clerk of the Village of Croton-On-Hudson, New York, do hereby certify that I have compared the foregoing copy of this Resolution with the original on file in my office, and that the same is a true and correct transcript of said original Resolution and of the whole thereof, as duly adopted by said at a meeting duly called and held at the Village Board Meeting on the March 21, 2011 by the required and necessary vote of the members to approve the Resolution.

WITNESS My Hand and the Official Seal of the Village of Croton-On-Hudson, New York, this day of , 2011.

Clerk, Village of Croton-On-Hudson

Discussion: Mayor Wiegman stated that this project dates back to 2007 when Historic Hudson Valley obtained this funding originally; Historic Hudson Valley is now coming back to the project with the DOT. Trustee Schmidt stated that he realizes that the State prepared this resolution, but he doesn't see where the Village is held harmless and is not clear we are getting our money back. Village Manager Zambrano replied that the MOU was signed already and the information is in that document. Trustee Murtaugh stated that he has the same concern as Trustee Schmidt about the wording especially the fourth "whereas". Village Manager Zambrano replied that the Village will not put any money out, we are just the pass-through. Trustee Schmidt stated that he is sure there will be some staff time and is there any accounting for that. Village Manager Zambrano replied that there is not and there will be some administration time. Trustee Murtaugh added that we are the beneficiaries of the improvements. Trustee Gallelli stated that the Village believes the project advances Van Cortlandt Manor's contribution to the Village and this project is moving forward at the same time the improvements to Croton Point Ave.; she hopes that Van Cortlandt Manor will incorporate some of the ideas of the bicycle-trails committee into their design. Village Manager Zambrano stated that the Board should know this is just a portion of the project and there will be more information that will go through the Village. Mayor Wiegman added that the total cost of the project is \$3.7 million; the MOU states specifically that Historic Hudson Valley agrees to assume and be bound by all obligations of the

Village in the NYSDOT agreement, which is being signed now, and they have their work to do managing the project.

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

WHEREAS, the Mayor appointed an Ad-hoc Duck Pond Gorge Neighbors Workgroup to evaluate the aquatic conditions of the Duck Pond, and Workgroup recommended an environmental analysis be conducted on the conditions in the pond and the likely root causes for its heavy algae outbreaks; and

WHEREAS, Village Board hired Steven W. Coleman, Environmental Consulting, to complete an environmental analysis of the pond, and this analysis pointed to elevated phosphorous levels in the pond as well as low oxygen levels in the water likely due to poor circulation of water within the pond; and

WHEREAS, the Village' prior solutions of surface "fountain" aeration have failed due to repeated mechanical breakdowns and lacked the ability to adequately circulate cool water from the bottom of pond to the top; and

WHEREAS, the scope of the analysis included a preliminary environmental assessment of the existing pond conditions and proposed a series of management recommendations to rehabilitate the pond and promote long-term stability of the pond environment; and

WHEREAS, one of the pond management recommendations was the installation of a pond aeration system to maintain the health of the pond by increasing oxygen levels throughout the depth of the pond and lowering phosphorus levels in the water; and

WHEREAS, the Duck Pond Gorge Neighbors Workgroup and Village staff reviewed proposals from four pond management companies for subsurface pond aeration systems, and finds that using of underwater pumps to improve water flow, thereby increasing oxygen and decreasing phosphorous, would be both more effective and less susceptible to mechanical failure; and

WHEREAS, based on a review of these proposals and company qualifications, the Neighbors Workgroup and Village staff recommend that the Village hire Aquatic Restorations, LLC, for the installation of their Clean Flo aeration system; and

WHEREAS, Village Staff and the Duck Pond Gorge Neighbors Workgroup recommend the Clean Flo 10-Year Leasing Option in the amount of \$34,800;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED: that the Village Manager is authorized to award the proposal to Aquatic Restorations, LLC for the installation of their Clean Flo aeration system in the amount of \$34,800.

Discussion: Trustee Olver thanked everyone who worked together to take a comprehensive look and come up with a new solution that looks like it might make a difference; the next step is to address the problems uphill such as the misuse of chemicals, allowing deer to overrun woods and destroy understory; the way our roads have been engineered to block nature drainage of watercourses and ponds; it is encouraging we have taken the first step, but must keep in mind we have to address the other parts of the problem as well. Trustee Schmidt added that this is an ongoing situation to maintain the oxygen levels in the pond; the aeration allows the good plants to grow. Trustee Gallelli stated that she agrees with what has been said; the public should know that the prior aeration system is being replaced because it took water from the surface, not very deep and the new aeration takes the water from the bottom; we are not just changing one aeration system for another; there is a big difference. Mayor Wiegman stated that the old aeration system may not be salvageable, 2 have stopped functioning. Ms. Laudon added that the contract allows for an "out" after 30 months. Trustee Murtaugh asked if there will be any winter impact. Ms. Laudon replied that we will follow the model set by Tarrytown Lakes to shut their system down for a few months and allow skating; the dealer is aware of what we would like to do.

7. CITIZEN PARTICIPATION (non-agenda items):

a) Bob Wintermeier, 43 Radnor Ave., stated that he heard tonight that if we did not allow the County to take over the voting, there would have been two ballots; if that is correct, will we have one big ballot. Mayor Wiegman replied that the ballot can be printed on both sides. Mr. Wintermeier stated that there were 60 decisions the voter had to make which filled up a huge ballot and now we will be adding 6 more plus during Presidential elections, there will be more, so we must remember to turn it around. Trustee Murtaugh stated that in a 4 year cycle, there will be just Village elections and 50% of the time we will not be inundated with the number of items on the ballot each year. Mayor Wiegman added that even number years are federal elections; odd number years are county, town and village. Mr. Wintermeier asked what we have budgeted for that. Village Manager Zambrano replied about \$5,000 which is what has been budgeted, but we do not know at this time what the County is going to charge the Village.

b) John McBride added that we will be voting for a Senator in 2012.

8. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Trustee Schmidt requested that the minutes of the Regular Board Meeting held on March 7, 2011 be held over to have more detail of discussion included.

Trustee Schmidt made a motion to approve the minutes of the Election Meeting held on March 17, 2011 as corrected. Trustee Murtaugh seconded the motion. The Board approved the minutes with a vote of 4-0 with one abstaining.

9. REPORTS:

Village Manager Zambrano read a letter from a resident, Laura Pentrelli, 21 Ridge Road, asking for permission to use the Community Room on May 1st for a craft show/demonstration. The

Board agreed to give the permission, with Village Manager Zambrano working out the details. Village Manager Zambrano stated that it has been a pleasure working with Trustee Olver and thanked him for his service. Mr. Zambrano stated that regarding Mr. Wintermeir's statement about emailing bills, the Village is able to do e-mail of water bills and taxes and we can look into it, but it must be tested so we will not be doing it immediately; about 60% of tax bills already go to the tax service electronically; any savings realized would be with the water bills. Trustee Murtaugh asked what would happen when there is a change of ownership on a property. Mr. Zambrano replied that we do get a final read when property is sold and there is a process that is followed. Mayor Wiegman added that some residents who pay taxes through a monthly mortgage may not know what the actual taxes are, so there may be value to offer an e-mail courtesy copy of the tax bill. Mr. Zambrano replied that this was done when we moved to MUNIS and a tax bill was sent to all residents and many did not take it too easily.

Treasurer Bullock reported that everyone should have received the official statement of the three bonds; the rates we received for the \$3.135 million for the public improvement refunding was net interest cost rate of 2.020%; on \$3.801 million, we received a net interest cost of 4.54975; the bond anticipation note of \$369,900, the net interest cost was 1.45. Village Manager Zambrano added that this is a reflection of the rating that the Village received.

Trustee Schmidt congratulated the recently elected board members; their terms were extended because of the new election date. Trustee Schmidt reported that they have finished up grievance day and had a better year than last year. Trustee Schmidt reported that the Croton Coalition this past Friday had a sleep over at the high school from 8 pm to 7 am; 16 to 18 students stayed overnight. Trustee Schmidt added that on April 1st they will have a laser tag night; they will organize teams and games. He stated that the community has stepped up on trying to work with young children to understand the dangers of drugs and alcohol. Trustee Schmidt stated that the VEB met the other night along with Village Manager Zambrano and Artie Neff from Recreation; they talked about the signs at Silver Lake and how to simplify the signage down there; they will attempt to reduce the plethora of signs; the goal is to take this into other parks. He stated that they are starting the budget process; several work sessions are scheduled over the next couple of weeks and there is a lot of work to do. Trustee Schmidt thanked Trustee Olver; it has been a pleasure working together; good luck to him and his family.

Trustee Olver thanked everyone for being supportive and calling him when he need calling; people have been supportive when it was needed; it has been an interesting and challenging three years; he has been overseas much of the time and feels that is not fair to have a trustee away so often. He stated that they have grappled with the budget, the environment and economic development; he is proud of the Village Manager, Treasurer and staff for helping increase the bond rating; he is proud of the Board who have made some tough decisions and delivered two tax cuts in a row; the 2nd was tougher than the first; there was not as much leeway; he will continue working with the Board until his term expires to push for year 3 of tax cuts; he knows this will be extremely difficult; the State requires us to spend almost \$400,000 additional on pensions above last year which we can do little or nothing about; hopefully Governor Cuomo and the State Legislature will do their fair share; an organization can be found at www.fixalbany.org which supports the Governor's proposal especially regarding to capping school administrative costs; he strongly supports paying for what is needed for a good education;

the Governor is proposing a cap on superintendent and administrative salaries which would lower superintendent local salaries by about 1/3; we have an administrative bloat in our school systems; let's not cut teachers; we should cut administrators' salaries or maybe we don't need so many. He stated that regarding the physical environment, under the leadership of our Mayor we have made huge strides addressing energy in the Village; hopefully that will spread further to all of us which will be saving money. Trustee Olver stated that the Duck Pond is a great example of working beautifully when it works; bringing together everyone in the community and we now have a good plan in place. He stated that the Arboretum and Hudson National have both moved toward a consensus in meeting its responsibilities and having flexibility; this work needs to continue and he volunteers to continue with it as a private citizen if the Mayor and Board so wish. Trustee Olver stated that the forests and woods are overrun with vines pulling down our trees and the deer population has exploded; the Conservation Advisory Committee spent 2 years studying and came up with limited, controlled bow hunting proposal which was strongly opposed and was withdrawn; those who objected agreed they would come up with some alternatives and they have not done so; this is a pressing problem; let's have some alternatives to deal with this problem. Trustee Olver stated that regarding economic development, we have been moving steadily to redraft a zoning amendment for Harmon and hopes it will come to fruition in the next few months; it has become a political football; we've had three elections around this issue and there is a majority and minority; this is a democracy; the Village can be taken to court and tied up in knots and cost a lot of money or people can help come up with a solution; let's do something about our decayed business districts. Trustee Olver stated that he will continue stay active and be back to play a public role; he cares passionately about this Village as we all do; it is a great place to live.

Trustee Gallelli stated that what Trustee Olver just said is exactly why we will all miss Rick and his ability to state things clearly and get right to the point; it is great asset and he was a great contributor to the Board; he was a great partner for all in governing the Village and has said he will stay active especially about the budget. She added that the whole Village benefited by his professional skills; he has a great ability to bring people together, get to the essence of problems, move ahead and focus on the issue; she will miss having him here and how much he added to the Village government.

Trustee Murtaugh stated he and Trustee Olver have sat in meetings together for two years; many go on with many speakers and he would say about four sentences and distill the ideas for them; he will miss him and he wished Trustee Olver good luck. Trustee Murtaugh thanked Mr. Wintermeier for speaking and mentioned selling the Katz property which is just what we are doing; we have gotten some proposals and are trying to get the property back on tax rolls. Trustee Murtaugh added that the e-mailing of bills is another good idea. He clarified that Mr. Wintermeier mentioned a give away of \$75. which is what the farmers market pays the Village to use the property; this is not a give-away and is equivalent to someone paying \$26,000 in taxes which is not such a small number; the Village does not supply police or parking assistance; it is a huge benefit to the Village getting fresh produce and getting to know neighbors and meet the farmers; it would be impossible to take over the farmers market; the administrative hurdles would be insurmountable; the \$75. is a reasonable price for them to pay the Village.

Village Attorney Staudt thanked Trustee Olver for being a thoughtful and respectful client.

Mayor Wiegman reported that the first public budget work session will be on Wednesday evening March 30th at 8:00 or 8:15; the Board will have a Novus training for about 45 mins prior to discussion. Mayor Wiegman added that there is a work session on March 28th at 7:30; there will be other budget work sessions. Mayor Wiegman, regarding economic development, stated that the outreach they have been undertaking with individual businesses has been helpful; Village Engineer O'Connor is looking to work proactively with potential plans upfront and answering questions. He stated that the civic engagement that has been steadily increasing such as those offering to work on the Duck Pond is a good example of residents stepping forward and coming up with an action plan which would not have happened if they had not worked on it and advise the Board. He took up Trustee Olver's volunteering to continue working with Hudson National and the Arboretum. He reported that this will be a tough budget year; the mandates from the State, particularly from the pension contributions are higher than anticipated which we have no control over.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Phyllis A. Bradbury, Secretary

Village Clerk