

Village Board of Trustees
Special Meeting
April 5, 2006
7:30 p.m.

The Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Village of Briarcliff Manor, New York was held in the Village of Briarcliff Manor Village Hall, at 1111 Pleasantville Road, Briarcliff Manor, New York of the 5th of April 2006 commencing at 7:30 p.m.

Present

William J. Vescio, Mayor
David Venditti, Deputy Mayor
Robert Mayer, Trustee
Elsie Smith, Trustee
Gayle Waxenberg, Trustee

Also Present

Michael Blau, Village Manager
Robin Rizzo, Village Treasurer

Absent

Ingrid Richards, Assistant Village Manager
Stephanie Ippoliti, Village Clerk
Clinton Smith, Village Counsel

Public Hearing on Budget for Fiscal Year 2006-2007

Upon motion by Deputy Mayor Venditti, seconded by Trustee Smith, the Board voted unanimously to open the public hearing.

Ms. Anna Amori of 345 North State Road stated she was upset the senior advocate was being taken away. She stated the advocate helped her when she injured her arm and she would be missed.

Ms. Gloria Murphy of North Hill stated the senior advocate helped with many things including Social Service, Medicaid, food stamps, Medicare Part B and lifeline telephone discounts. She stated the advocate was for all senior citizens in the Village and this program saved the government from putting people in nursing homes. She stated some people can't even leave their apartments and their children can't always be there.

Ms. Patricia Marshall of North Hill stated she hadn't used the services yet but she'd seen frail people who were plugged into services that they were unaware of. She stated the advocate helped people formulate plans to remain in their apartments. She further stated she'd like to see this service continue.

Ms. Barbara Bosco of the Dominican Sisters stated they supported the advocate. She asked what the Village paid to have the advocate and pointed out that the salary was less than one teacher's aide. She stated this expense gives these people the outreach to connect to better lives and \$18,000 is pennies to keep hundreds of seniors in their homes.

Trustee Smith asked how many residents outside of North Hill used the advocate's services connected.

Ms. Bosco stated she would find out for the Board.

Deputy Mayor Venditti stated he would like information on the advocate's case load.

Ms. Amori asked if the senior bus was being taken away.

Village Manager Blau stated no that it would remain in use.

Ms. Murphy stated it was a shame the elderly had things taken away from them when they need it the most.

Mayor Vescio stated there hadn't been any final decisions made.

Trustee Smith stated the Board appreciated their input and thanked them for coming out.

Mayor Vescio asked if they were aware of the Senior Handbook.

Upon motion by Trustee Smith, seconded by Trustee Mayer, the Board voted unanimously to adjourn the public hearing to April 20, 2006 at 7:30pm.