

Village Board of Trustees  
Regular Meeting  
September 19, 2006  
7:30 p.m.

A 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 19<sup>th</sup> of September commencing at 7:30 p.m.

**Present**

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

**Also Present**

Michael Blau, Village Manager  
Ingrid Richards, Assistant Village Manager  
Clinton Smith, Village Attorney  
Christine Dennett, Village Clerk

**Absent**

Gayle Waxenberg, Trustee

**Presentation: Norman Campion, Chief of Police**

Police Chief, Norman Campion presented to the Board and the Public his departments various responsibilities and public services.

Ms. Ellen Melnick asked how many Police Officers were currently out on disability.

Chief Campion stated four were out.

Mr. Clay Tiffany asked why Officer's couldn't be tested for steroids, why parking tickets weren't being issued at Scarborough Park, why Officer Nick Tartaglione was still on the payroll, why Abe Chehebar was charged as a youthful offender and discussed an issue involving Detective Pugliese.

Chief Campion stated they were contractually obligated regarding steroid testing, they enforced parking to the best of their ability and he couldn't speak about the other matters.

Mr. Greg Hogan of 14 Scarborough Road thanked the Police Department for everything they do.

### **Public Hearing, Special Use Permit Sprint Spectrum L.P.**

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

Mr. Daniel Braff of Snyder & Snyder explained the application.

Mr. Clay Tiffany stated cell phones were deleterious to the health of men.

Upon motion by Trustee Smith, seconded by Trustee Mayer, the Board voted unanimously to close the public hearing.

Upon motion by Trustee Mayer seconded by Deputy Mayor Venditti, the Board voted unanimously to approve the following resolution:

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Trustees does hereby issue a Special Use Permit to Sprint Spectrum, L.P. for the installation of Wireless Telecommunication Services Facilities on the steeple and an equipment cabinets in the basement at the Scarborough Presbyterian Church, Route 9 and Scarborough Road.

Upon motion by Deputy Mayor Venditti, seconded by Trustee Smith, the Board voted unanimously to add the conditions of the Planning Board to the approval.

### **Presentation by Ambulance Corps, New Ambulance Specifications**

Village Manager Blau stated the ambulance committee put together an initial specification and they were modified by East West Fire Apparatus to be more generic.

### **Village Managers Report**

- Sleepy Hollow Road will be closed September 20<sup>th</sup> – October 4<sup>th</sup> between Aspinwall Road and Scarborough Road.
- The cleaning and lining project on Poplar and Dalmeny Roads should be done in the next 3-4 weeks.
- Moody's gave the Village an A-1 rating regarding finances and the debt balance will remain manageable.

### **Public Comments**

Ms. Dawn Orza of Tulip Road asked if the Board would comment on the September 9<sup>th</sup> article in the Journal News. She further asked if Trump was still moving forward with their application.

Mayor Vescio stated the Trump Organization asked to be removed from the previous agenda and asked to be placed on the October 5<sup>th</sup> Agenda.

Mr. Jerry Morrissy of 50 Orchard Road stated the Ossining school and library district recently approved a bond for their library. He stated the library system overlapped and nothing had been done to separate the residents that live in the dual districts. He further stated he wanted to remind the Board that Ossining recently built a \$16 Million library.

Mr. Bill Wetzel of Central Drive stated the library proposition created a dilemma. He asked if a referendum had been scheduled and if so where was the information. He stated no business person would want to spend \$4 million to a library one mile from another one. He asked that the information be fairly presented to the public.

Mayor Vescio stated the timing of Hyatt announcing their withdrawal put the library under a time constraint. He further stated the dual districting was not unique to Briarcliff and there were other municipalities that residents pay in more than one district. There is one location where residents pay in 3 districts. He stated it would be put to the voters to decide and the Library Board would present the information to the public.

Mr. Wetzel stated newspaper articles have led the public to believe different things. He further stated the public should be kept informed and he looked forward to seeing the information.

Ms. Margo Berger of 2 Elizabeth Court stated she hated to go to the polls without knowing what else is coming down the road with capital projects. She stated she would like to see the whole picture.

Mr. Nick Evanchik of 119 Alder Drive stated the library should be put into perspective other than the cost. He further stated a suitable library could be achieved for less than \$4 million. He quoted a Gazette article that stated the potential tax increase if the referendum passed. He stated the Village shouldn't have to depend on other libraries.

Mr. Morrissy stated the other two libraries in the area are much larger and the Village would have to pay to add more books with such a large addition.

Mr. Jay Teitelbaum of 107 Holly Place stated he was troubled by the process Trump was forcing the Village to undergo. He further stated the issue of tournaments had been discussed extensively and if they truly wanted to move forward they should stop playing games. He asked if a decision had ever been about the "reserved" parking spaces in front of McGlew and Tuttle.

Mr. Lynn Kenner of Old Sleepy Hollow Road asked when the renovations would begin at Scarborough Station. He stated he was concerned about the progress of the committee and thought they wouldn't be timely enough to be useful.

Mr. Clay Tiffany asked why the Police Department was not issuing tickets to commuters parked in recreation only spaces. He asked why Officer Tartaglione was still getting paid his salary.

Mr. Tom Leihbacher of 8 Jackson Road read an excerpt of a letter he published in the gazette.

Mr. Bill Gorlin of 100 Central Drive stated the Board dismissed him from the Comprehensive Plan Committee and he felt he was unfairly treated. He read excerpts from a series of emails sent to eight members of the Comprehensive Plan Committee. He asked what was so wrong in the emails causing his dismissal. He further asked that Trustee Smith be dismissed as well.

Ms. Nancy Pine of Aspinwall Road read excerpts from the letter submitted to the Board from the "5 Members" of the Comprehensive Plan Committee. She asked what the difference was between one and five members expressing their opinion. She stated Bill Gorlin's rights were being violated and he shouldn't have been thrown off the committee.

Mr. Mort Berger of 2 Elizabeth Court stated he asked Bill Gorlin to write the letter and the rest of the members are equally as guilty and he didn't see the difference.

### **Award of Bid – Water Line on Washburn Road**

Mayor Vescio stated the figures didn't match up and requested the matter be tabled.

Village Manager Blau stated he would get a complete breakdown from Village Engineer, David Turiano.

### **Appointment of Deputy Village Clerk and Deputy Registrar of Vital Statistics**

Upon motion by Trustee Smith, seconded by Trustee Mayer, the Board voted unanimously to approve the following resolution:

WHEREAS, Christine Dennett was appointed to the position of Deputy Village Clerk at the Board of Trustees meeting of December 16, 2004; and

WHEREAS, Christine Dennett was promoted to the position of Village Clerk effective August 21, 2006; and

WHEREAS, Paula DiSanto has been hired in the position of Secretary to the Village Manager; and

WHEREAS, the person working as Secretary to the Village Manager has served in the role as Secretary and Deputy Village Clerk.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that Paula DiSanto is hereby appointed to the position of Deputy Village Clerk and Deputy Registrar of Vital Statistics to fill the unexpired term of Christine Dennett.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Village Manager is hereby authorized and directed to execute an agreement with Paula DiSanto in relation to her position as Deputy Village Clerk.

**Domestic Violence Awareness Month - Proclamation**

Mayor Vescio announced that October was Domestic Violence Awareness Month.

**Adjournment**

Upon motion by Deputy Mayor Venditti, seconded by Trustee Smith, the Board voted unanimously to adjourn the regular meeting at 9:45pm.

Respectfully submitted by,

Christine Dennett