

MINUTES HELD JANUARY 3, 2017

A Meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Village of Port Chester, New York, was held on January 3, 2017 at 6:00 p.m. in the Village Justice Courtroom of the Police Headquarters Building, 350 North Main Street, Port Chester, New York

Board Members in attendance:

Mayor Pilla – Present
Trustee Didden – Present
Trustee Ferrara – Present
Trustee Brakewood – Present
Trustee Ceccarelli – Present
Trustee Adams – Present
Trustee Marino - Present

Also present were Village Clerk David Thomas, Village Attorney Anthony Cerreto, Village Manager Christopher Steers, Human Resources Director Ed Brancati, Police Chief Richard Conway and Fire Chief Michael DiVittorio.

On motion of TRUSTEE FERRARA, seconded by TRUSTEE DIDDEN, the meeting was declared open for January 3, 2017

ROLL CALL

AYES: TRUSTEES DIDDEN, FERRARA, BRAKEWOOD, CECCARELLI, ADAMS, MARINO AND MAYOR PILLA

NOES: NONE

ABSENT: NONE

On motion of TRUSTEE DIDDEN, seconded by TRUSTEE MARINO, the Executive Session was declared open

ROLL CALL

AYES: TRUSTEES DIDDEN, FERRARA, BRAKEWOOD, CECCARELLI, ADAMS, MARINO AND MAYOR PILLA

NOES: NONE

ABSENT: NONE

On motion of TRUSTEE CECCARELLI, seconded by TRUSTEE MARINO, the Executive Session was closed.

ROLL CALL

AYES: TRUSTEES DIDDEN, FERRARA, BRAKEWOOD, CECCARELLI, ADAMS, MARINO AND MAYOR PILLA

NOES: NONE

ABSENT: NONE

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Mr. Joseph Rende commented on Clay Arts Center and the diversity within the Village. This not-for – profit benefits many within the community. Clay Art offers a great public program. At monthly meetings, sometimes the Board members get frustrated by the lack of progress. The residents of the Village are also frustrated. We still have so much time spent on the back and forth and things don’t move forward The Bicentennial Scroll is still not hanging in the Village Hall. There was a lot of effort in improving Edgewood Park. The original men who worked in the creation of that park should be recognized by a plaque on the Edgewood Park sign.

Mr. Richard Abel commented on parking tickets being issued on the Monday holidays.

Mr. Daniel Vitaliano commented on the lack of leadership in the Village. The petty bickering and comments that are passed back and forth. Put aside the petty differences. Start attacking the real issues.

RESOLUTIONS

RESOLUTION

BUDGET AMENDMENT – DEA FUNDS TO PURCHASE AND REPLACE FIFTEEN (15) BALLISTIC CONCEALABLE VESTS FOR POLICE DEPARTMENT

On motion of TRUSTEE CECCARELLI, seconded by TRUSTEE MARINO, the following resolution was adopted by the Board of Trustees of the Village of Port Chester, New York:

WHEREAS, the Police Chief is recommending the use of DEA Asset Forfeiture Funds to purchase and replace 15 ballistic concealable vests for \$8,131.65 from Applied Tactical Technologies, Inc., 171 Eads Street, Unit-D, West Babylon, NY 11704, NYS vendor bid PC67143SB. Now, therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees of the Village of Port Chester, New York hereby authorizes the Village Treasurer to modify the 2016-17 General Fund Budget as follows:

GENERAL FUND

Balance Sheet:

001-001-0695 Deferred Revenue Police DEA \$(8,131.65)

Revenues:

001-0001-2613 Use of Deferred DEA Revenue \$8,131.65

Appropriations:

001-3120-0200 Police Service Equipment \$8,131.65

Approved as to Form:

Anthony M. Cerreto, Village Attorney

ROLL CALL

AYES: TRUSTEES DIDDEN, FERRARA, BRAKEWOOD, CECCARELLI, ADAMS, MARINO AND MAYOR PILLA

NOES: NONE

ABSENT: NONE

DATE: January 3, 2017

RESOLUTION

APPOINTMENT OF GUSTAVO PASSARELLI TO THE PLANNING COMMISSION

On motion of TRUSTEE MARINO, seconded by TRUSTEE DIDDEN, the following resolution as adopted by the Board of Trustees of the Village of Port Chester, New York:

RESOLVED, that Gustavo Passarelli, Port Chester, New York, be and he hereby is appointed as a member of the Port Chester Planning Commission, effective immediately, to fill the balance of the unexpired term of former member Ciro Cuono with said term to expire on January 9, 2019.

Approved as to Form:

_____ Anthony M. Cerreto, Village Attorney

ROLL CALL

AYES: TRUSTEES DIDDEN, FERRARA, BRAKEWOOD, CECCARELLI, ADAMS,
MARINO AND MAYOR PILLA

NOES: NONE

ABSENT: NONE

DATE: January 3, 2017

RESOLUTION

**SETTING A PUBLIC HEARING TO CONSIDER THE ADVISABILITY OF A LOCAL LAW
AMENDING THE CODE OF THE VILLAGE OF PORT CHESTER WITH REGARD TO
FEES IN THE RECREATION DEPARTMENT**

On motion of TRUSTEE DIDDEN, seconded by TRUSTEE MARINO, the following
resolution was adopted by the Board of Trustees of the Village of Port Chester, New York:

RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees hereby sets a public hearing for January 17, 2016
to consider the advisability of a local law to amend the Code of the Village of Port Chester by
adding a new chapter, Chapter 104, "Recreation Department", with regard to recreation activities
administered by the Village.

Approved as to Form:

Anthony M. Cerreto, Village Attorney

ROLL CALL

AYES: TRUSTEES DIDDEN, FERRARA, BRAKEWOOD, CECCARELLI, ADAMS,
MARINO AND MAYOR PILLA

NOES: NONE

ABSENT: NONE

DATE: January 3, 2017

RESOLUTION

ACCEPTANCE AND APPROVAL OF PIETRO GOES AS AN ACTIVE MEMBER OF RELIANCE ENGINE & HOSE CO. NO.1

On motion of TRUSTEE DIDDEN, seconded by TRUSTEE MARINO, the following resolution was adopted by the Board of Trustees of the Village of Port Chester, New York:

WHEREAS, at the December 2, 2016 meeting of Reliance Engine & Hose Co. No. 1 the company held an election for a new active member; and

WHEREAS, PIETRO GOES has been elected to be a new active member.

Now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees hereby accepts and approves the election of PIETRO GOES to Reliance Engine & Hose Co. No. 1, as an active member of the Port Chester Fire Department, conditioned upon passing the required medical examination.

Approved as to Form:

Anthony M. Cerreto, Village Attorney

ROLL CALL

AYES: TRUSTEES DIDDEN, FERRARA, BRAKEWOOD, CECCARELLI, ADAMS, MARINO AND MAYOR PILLA

NOES: NONE

ABSENT: NONE

DATE: January 3, 2017

Discussions

Amnesty Program – Trustee Didden commented that 345 has been changed to permit Amnesty.

Trustee Marino stated Amnesty expired in June. It is time for discussion.

Trustee Brakewood commented that Village Manager Steers will give a presentation at the next meeting. We should then discuss.

Village Manager Steers commented he is totally against extending the program.

Trustee Adams commented if we bring it back we need a time frame.

Trustee Ceccarelli commented the Amnesty Program ended in June. He is not in favor of extending.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

On motion of Trustee DIDDEN, seconded by Trustee CECCARELLI, the Minutes for the Meeting held on December 5, 2016 were accepted and approved by the Board of Trustees of the Village of Port Chester, New York:

ROLL CALL

AYES: TRUSTEES DIDDEN, FERRARA, CECCARELLI, ADAMS, MARINO AND MAYOR PILLA

NOES: NONE

ABSENT: NONE

RECUSED: TRUSTEE BRAKEWOOD

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Mr. Joseph Rende commented on the Amnesty Program. He has gone through the program on several occasions. The fire and safety inspections were performed but there was never a CO issued.

Mr. Richard Abel commented on building records and that they go back as far as the building existed. Regarding parking tickets, everyone who received a ticket on Christmas or New Year's observed holidays will have to go to court.

Mr. Rende commented on the comment made about an innuendo in the building department.

TRUSTEE COMMENTS

Trustee Didden commented on a Rye Town Park Commission meeting regarding a long-term

tenant for a restaurant. He commented on the swearing in of the Fire Chiefs. He commented the Port Chester Volunteers do amazing work. We need better record keeping for the Fire Department. The Village Manager should work with the Chief and get back to the BOT with a plan for a structured approach for efficiency. We have significant Capital Budgets needing to be made.

Trustee Ferrara wished everyone a Happy New Year. He commented Port Chester could see faster growth over the next few years. We should go into the strategy session thinking how we should move forward over the next ten years. Port Chester needs market rate housing.

Trustee Brakewood commented on the parking ticket situation. It is not a given right to have free parking on a holiday. We have State approval for a 3% hotel tax. We are moving forward on waterfront access. Mr. Passarelli is open to the Village using his ramp. All the Yacht Club has to do is change their rule to say non-motorized vehicles can be launched at their ramp. We should also look at Shore Road. We have revenue streams coming into the Village and it gets melded into one. It never seems to go back to the area that generates the revenue. He wished all a Happy New Year.

Trustee Didden commented on the income from Rye Brook for fire protection. When you think about the \$900,000 we receive, it only pays a miniscule portion of the cost for fire engines and equipment.

Trustee Ceccarelli commented on the parking issues. Regarding the Amnesty Program, when it first came out the Village realized they had to get their property up to code if you wanted to sell it. We accomplished a lot in 2016. The Fire Chiefs installation was a terrific ceremony for three highly qualified individuals.

Trustee Adams commented on the Installation Ceremony. He commented the New York State Retirement System has a lot of departments under its wing. The Board oversees the Boards and Commissions and it would be good to read the minutes. Mr. Vitigliano did a great job of naming all buried at the African American cemetery. January 10th there will be a meeting on Starwood. On Saturday, February 25th is our annual town hall meeting. Happy New Year to Port Chester.

Trustee Marino commented on the issues and how much discussion there is among the Board. We need to get things done. We set up committees and then they die. We need to move forward with Starwood and with Amnesty.

Mayor Pilla commented at our next meeting we should discuss the Police Department and the Bulkhead. He commented on the cumulative voting system in Port Chester. He wished everybody a Happy 2017. We need a form of government that can keep up with the pace of change.

On motion of TRUSTEE MARINO, seconded by TRUSTEE DIDDEN, the second Executive Session was declared open

ROLL CALL

AYES: TRUSTEES DIDDEN, FERRARA, BRAKEWOOD, CECCARELLI, ADAMS, MARINO AND MAYOR PILLA

NOES: NONE

ABSENT: NONE

On motion of TRUSTEE DIDDEN, seconded by TRUSTEE ADAMS, the second Executive Session was declared closed

ROLL CALL

AYES: TRUSTEES DIDDEN, FERRARA, BRAKEWOOD, CECCARELLI, ADAMS, MARINO AND MAYOR PILLA

NOES: NONE

ABSENT: NONE

On motion of TRUSTEE CECCARELLI, seconded by TRUSTEE FERRARA, the meeting as closed at approximately 10:43 PM.

ROLL CALL

AYES: TRUSTEES DIDDEN, FERRARA, BRAKEWOOD, CECCARELLI, ADAMS, MARINO AND MAYOR PILLA

NOES: NONE

ABSENT: NONE