

SPECIAL MEETING HELD JUNE 15, 2016

A Special Meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Village of Port Chester, New York, was held on Wednesday, June 15, 2016 at 6:00 p.m. in the Senior Community Center at 222 Grace Church Street, Port Chester, New York

Present in addition to Mayor Pilla were Trustees Bart Didden, Francis Ferrara, Gene Ceccarelli and Gregory Adams.

Also present were Deputy Village Clerk Vita Sileo, Village Attorney Anthony Cerreto, Legal Assistant to the Village Attorney David Kenny, Village Manager Christopher Steers, Human Resources Consultant Ed Brancati and Planning Director Eric Zamft.

On motion of TRUSTEE FERRARA, seconded by TRUSTEE DIDDEN, the meeting was declared opened at 6:07 p.m.

ROLL CALL

AYES: Trustees Didden, Ferrara, Ceccarelli, Adams and Mayor Pilla

NOTES: None

ABSENT: Trustees Brakewood and Marino

PROPOSED MOTION FOR EXECUTIVE SESSION

On motion of TRUSTEE CECCARELLI, seconded by TRUSTEE FERRARA, the Board combined the sessions to discuss:

- 1. with Labor Counsel with regard to pending litigation with Village of Rye Brook on fire protection services. (HR Brancati, Village Manager Steers, Terry O'Neill, Village Attorney staff, Village Deputy Clerk Sileo)*
- 2. with Special Counsel with regard to consent decree options for oath of office issue. (Village Attorney Staff, Village Manager Steers, Attorney Sokoloff, Village Deputy Clerk Sileo)*
- 3. with Special Counsel and Village Attorney with regard to a community benefits agreement and Starwood Project. (Village Manager Steers, Eric Zamft, Village Attorney staff, Mark Chertok, Village Deputy Clerk Sileo)*
- 4. with Village Attorney with regard to response to G&S request to change the status of the Marina parking lot to a paid lot. (Village Manager Steers, Village Attorney staff, Deputy Clerk Sileo)*

ROLL CALL

AYES: Trustees Ferrara, Ceccarelli, Adams and Mayor Pilla

NOES: Trustee Didden

ABSENT: Trustees Brakewood and Marino

On motion of TRUSTEE CECCARELLI, seconded by TRUSTEE ADAMS, the Board went into Executive Session rescinding the combined issues; to discuss separately the four items scheduled.

ROLL CALL

AYES: Trustees Ferrara, Ceccarelli, Adams and Mayor Pilla

NOES: Trustee Didden

ABSENT: Trustees Brakewood and Marino

At 6:15 p.m. the Entire Board went into Executive Session

At 9:23 p.m. the Board came out of Executive Session. Three items were covered. Item #4 was not covered

On motion of TRUSTEE CECCARELLI, seconded by TRUSTEE DIDDEN, the Board moved to proceed to Resolutions.

RESOLUTIONS

ADD ON RESOLUTION

THAT THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE VILLAGE OF PORT CHESTER CONSENT TO A FURTHER ADDENDUM TO THE CONSENT DECREE IN THE MATTER OF THE UNITED STATES VS. THE VILLAGE OF PORT CHESTER PROVIDED FOR ALL DULY ELECTED TRUSTEES TO BE SWORN IN AND SERVE OUT THEIR TERMS FOR WHICH THEY WERE ELECTED ON MARCH 15, 2016 REGARDLESS OF WHETHER THEY TIMELY SIGNED AN OATH OF OFFICE AS REQUIRED BY THE NEW YORK PUBLIC OFFICERS LAW SECTION 10 AND ARTICLE 13 OF THE NEW YORK STATE CONSTITUTION

On motion by TRUSTEE DIDDEN, seconded by TRUSTEE FERRARA, the Add-On Resolution was discussed by the Board of Trustees of the Village of Port Chester, NY

Trustee Didden commented he is in favor of the proposition generally. He wants to void his support tonight because he wants to see the Resolution in its final form.

Trustee Ceccarelli commented the U.S. Attorney is reacting to information about the statement that certain Trustees got special treatment.

Trustee Ferrara commented he got a letter from the Clerk and he signed the Oath within two days. The people of this Village need apologies. He would like to table the motion until the June 20th meeting.

ROLL CALL

AYES: Mayor Pilla

NOES: Trustees Didden, Ferrara, Ceccarelli

ABSENT: Trustees Brakewood and Marino

RECUSED: Trustee Adams

The Add-On Resolution did not pass. This will be on the Agenda on June 2th.

RESOLUTION #1

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

WHEREAS, the Village of Port Chester Recreation Department conducts an outdoor entertainment program; and

WHEREAS, the Village selects groups to perform over the course of the year; and

WHEREAS, an agreement is required to support payment for such group. Now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the Village Manager be and is hereby authorized to enter into the following agreements to provide entertainment for FY 2015 – 2016 as indicated;

- Angie Rubino & Band, compensation to be \$1,100.00 for Lyon Park Concert
- BiJoux Music Group, compensation to be \$500.00 for Lyon Park Concert
- McClean Avenue Band, compensation to be \$1,000.00 for Lyon Park Concert
- Avalon- Rose, compensation to be \$500.00 for Lyon Park Concert
- The Maestro Men, compensation to be \$900.00 for Lyon Park Concert
- The Harvest Band, compensation to be \$700.00 for Lyon Concert
- Outside Chance, compensation to be \$650.00 for Downtown Concert
- Na Ballada, compensation to be \$650.00 for Port Chester Day
- Jennifer Grace, compensation to be \$750.00 for Port Chester Day
- Mass-Conn-Fusion, compensation to be \$750.00 for Port Chester Day
- The IceFire Band, compensation to be \$800.00 for Port Chester Day
- Mark Rudzinski -Sound System, compensation to be \$1,100.00 for Port Chester Day

Approved as to form:

Anthony M. Cerreto
Village Attorney

ROLL CALL

AYES: Trustee Didden, Ferrara, Ceccarelli, Adams and Mayor Pilla

NOES: None

ABSENT: Trustee Brakewood and Marino

DATE: June 15, 2016

RESOLUTION #2

RETAINING PUBLIC RELATIONS SERVICES WITH REGARD TO CAREER FIREFIGHTERS

On motion of TRUSTEE DIDDEN, seconded by TRUSTEE FERRARA, this resolution was discussed by the Board of Trustees of the Village of Port Chester, NY

Trustee Ceccarelli commented he wanted to show that the Board is not going against any kind of process. Do we have to go out to bid on something like this?

Attorney Cerreto commented this would require a solicitation by an RFP since it would be in excess of \$3,000. It would require a public notice in the *Westmore News*.

Trustee Ferrara commented that a number of people in the Village are completely in the dark about fire issues.

Trustee Didden commented that a political consultant could communicate best with the public. We must start by changing the image of the Fire Department.

On motion of TRUSTEE DIDDEN, seconded by TRUSTEE FERRARA, the resolution was amended to include the proposal from DIGI Works in the amount of \$10,100.

ROLL CALL on the Amended Resolution

AYES: Trustees Didden, Ferrara and Mayor Pilla

NOES: Trustees Ceccarelli and Adams

ABSENT: Trustees Brakewood and Marino

The Amended Resolution was voted down. The Resolution will be put on the next Agenda.

On motion of TRUSTEE DIDDEN, seconded by TRUSTEE ADAMS, the Board closed the regular meeting at 9:59 and went into Executive Session to discuss

the G&S' request to change the status of the Marina parking lot to a paid lot (with the Attorneys)

Respectfully submitted,

Vita Sileo
Deputy Clerk