

## **MINUTES HELD DECEMBER 5, 2016**

A Meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Village of Port Chester, New York, was held on December 5, 2016 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: Trustee Ferrara has joined the meeting via videoconference from Deland, Florida

Mayor Pilla - Present

Trustees:

Didden - Present

Ferrara – Present

Brakewood – Absent

Ceccarelli – Present

Adams – Present

Marino – Present

Also present were Village Clerk Dave Thomas, Village Attorney Anthony Cerreto, Village Manager Christopher Steers, Village Treasurer Leonie Douglas, Planning Director Eric Zamft, Human Resources Director Ed Brancati, Village Engineer Vince Masucci, Police Chief Richard Conway and Assistant Fire Chief Rick Castarella.

On motion of TRUSTEE FERRARA, seconded by TRUSTEE ADAMS, the meeting was declared open for December 5, 2016

### **ROLL CALL**

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

**NOES:** NONE

**ABSENT:** TRUSTEE BRAKEWOOD

## **PROPOSED MOTION FOR EXECUTIVE SESSION**

On motion of TRUSTEE CECCARELLI, seconded by TRUSTEE ADAM, the Executive Session items numbers 2 and 3 were combined.

2. Consultation with Village Attorney Regarding G&S Application for Colony Grill
3. Consultation with the Village Attorney with regard to sanctuary cities

### **ROLL CALL**

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

**NOES:** NONE

**ABSENT:** TRUSTEE BRAKEWOOD

On motion of TRUSTEE ADAMS, seconded by TRUSTEE CECCARELLI, the Executive Session was declared opened for item# 1.

1. Consultation with Special Counsel Regarding Investigation of Personnel Complaint

### **ROLL CALL**

**AYES:** TRUSTEES DIDDEN, FERRARA, CECCARELLI, ADAMS, and MARINO

**NOES:** NONE

**ABSENT:** TRUSTEE BRAKEWOOD

**RECUSED:** MAYOR PILLA

On motion of TRUSTEE ADAMS, seconded by TRUSTEE CECCARELLI, the Executive Session on Item# 1 was declared closed.

### **ROLL CALL**

**AYES:** TRUSTEES DIDDEN, FERRARA, CECCARELLI, ADAMS, and MARINO

**NOES:** NONE

**ABSENT:** TRUSTEE BRAKEWOOD

**RECUSED:** MAYOR PILLA

On motion of TRUSTEE ADAMS, seconded by TRUSTEE CECCARELLI, the Executive Session was declared opened for item #'s 2 and 3.

### **ROLL CALL**

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

**NOES:** NONE

**ABSENT:** TRUSTEE BRAKEWOOD

On motion of TRUSTEE ADAMS, seconded by TRUSTEE CECCARELLI, the Executive Session was declared closed for item #'s 2 and 3.

**ROLL CALL**

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

**NOES:** NONE

**ABSENT:** TRUSTEE BRAKEWOOD

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Goldie Solomon thanked the BOT, the Police and Fire Departments, the DPW and the Senior Center. She recalled the bombing of Pearl Harbor and WWII. Christmas is a wonderful time of the year. .

Bea Conetta commented on the financial crisis with the education budget. She was shocked by the bickering at the last meeting. The police station should have been done log ago.

**RESOLUTIONS**

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**FREE PARKING FOR THE 2016 HOLIDAY SEASON**

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

WHEREAS, by letter from the President of the Chamber of Commerce dated November 15, 2016 request has been made that there be free parking on North Main Street, South Main Street, Abendroth Avenue, the lower portion of Willett Avenue from North Main Street to Abendroth Avenue and Westchester Avenue from December 19, 2016 to December 28, 2016 for the Holiday Season; and

WHEREAS, this practice has been an annual tradition in the Village of Port Chester for many years; and

WHEREAS, this practice not only encourages consumers to visit the Village, the “Restaurant Capital of Westchester County”, but also increases property values and the Village’s tax base. Now, therefore, be

RESOLVED, that enforcement be suspended so that there will be free parking for up to the maximum two hours of parking in a space on North Main Street, South Main Street, Abendroth Avenue, the lower portion of Willett Avenue from North Main Street to Abendroth Avenue and Westchester Avenue for the 2016 Holiday Season from December 19, 2016 to December 28, 2016.

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

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Village Attorney

**ROLL CALL**

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

**NOES:** NONE

**ABSENT:** TRUSTEE BRAKEWOOD

**DATE:** DECEMBER 5, 2016

On motion of TRUSTEE ADAMS, seconded by TRUSTEE MARINO, Resolutions number 3 and 4 were combined and tabled until date certain December 21, 2016

**ROLL CALL**

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

**NOES:** NONE

**ABSENT:** TRUSTEE BRAKEWOOD

**DISCUSSION**

- 1 Establishing a Citizen's Advisory Committee for the Village's Sesquicentennial in 2018
- 2 Reappointment of Dr. Janusz Richards to the Town of Rye Board of Assessment Review
- 3 Follow up – with special counsel Murphy regarding his report on the correspondence between the Village Manager and Mayor
- 4 Follow up discussion regarding Starwood FEIS on the Zoning for the United Hospital Redevelopment Project

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Mr. Richard Abel commented about the Colony Grill proposal. This project fits in their 20 year pilot.

Ms. Bea Conetta commented that in the past public comments were at the end of the meeting. The police station has gotten some improvements lately. Regarding G&S, we have given 19 or 20 amendments over the years.

Mr. Abel thanked the Board for doing the parking in the downtown area.

### **TRUSTEE COMMENTS**

Trustee Didden thanked Alex Payan for an invitation to the Police and Youth Initiative graduation. The volunteer fire department makes approximately 1200 to 1300 calls a year to all kinds of calls.

Trustee Ferrara commented on attending a meeting with the Board of Education. To attend this meeting was very important.

Trustee Ceccarelli commented on accountability. He thanked the Police Chief for inviting him to see the work the DPW at the police station. He commented that the working situation is tight at this building. He thanked the Recreation Department for their luncheon. We need to look at Westchester Avenue and the parking issues.

Trustee Adams commented on the consent decree is about to expire. We need to make sure we have our voting system in place. Santa will be here on Wednesday.

Trustee Marino commented on the Bid for the Lights. Village Manager Steers replied Dolph has reached out to the manufacturer.

### **PROPOSED MOTION FOR EXECUTIVE SESSION**

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

1. Sewer Rent – Housing Authority

### **ROLL CALL**

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

**NOES:** NONE

**ABSENT:** TRUSTEES MARINO

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

### **ROLL CALL**

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

**NOES:** NONE

**ABSENT:** TRUSTEES MARINO

On motion of TRUSTEE ADAMS, seconded by TRUSTEE DIDDEN, the meeting was declared closed at 9:04 p.m.

**ROLL CALL**

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

**NOES:** NONE

**ABSENT:** TRUSTEES MARINO

Respectfully submitted,

David Thomas, Village Clerk