#### **MEETING HELD MARCH 2, 2015**

A meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Village of Port Chester, New York, was held on Monday, March 2, 2015, in the Court Room of the Police Headquarters Building, 350 North Main Street, Port Chester, New York, with Mayor Neil Pagano presiding.

Present in addition to Mayor Pagano, were Trustees Gregory Adams, Daniel Brakewood, Saverio Terenzi, Joseph Kenner and Gene Ceccarelli.

It should be noted that Trustee Luis Marino was absent.

It should be noted that Trustee Kenner arrived at 6:20 p.m. and Trustee Brakewood arrived at 6:23 p.m.

Also present were: Village Clerk, Janusz R. Richards; Village Manager, Christopher Steers; Village Attorney, Anthony Cerreto (via telephone); Village Treasurer, Leonie Douglas (arrived at 7:17 p.m.); Chief of Police, Richard Conway; Heather Krakowski, Recreation Supervisor; Director of Planning and Development Christopher Gomez and David Kenny, Law Student-Intern(arrived at 7:00 p.m.).

On motion of TRUSTEE CECCARELLI, seconded by TRUSTEE TERENZI, the meeting was declared opened at 6:02 p.m.

#### **ROLL CALL**

AYES: Trustees Adams, Terenzi, Ceccarelli and Mayor Pagano

**NOES:** None.

**ABSENT:** Trustees Brakewood, Marino and Kenner.

**DATE:** March 2, 2015

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

At 6:03 p.m., on motion of TRUSTEE ADAMS, seconded by TRUSTEE TERENZI, the Board adjourned into an executive session regarding the items below:

Consultation with Village Attorney with regard to potential agreement with the Metropolitan Transportation Authority. (1)

Consultation with Village Manager and Village Attorney with regard to potential renewal agreement with Port Chester Youth Baseball League. (2)

Discussion with regard to selection of consultant to be retained in response to Request for Proposals for Property Condition Assessment and Neighborhood Revitalization Strategies Study. (3)

Consultation with Village Attorney regarding personnel matters regarding the career fire fighters. (4)

#### Consultation with Village Attorney regarding changes to the Sewer Rent Law. (5)

#### **ROLL CALL**

AYES: Trustees Adams, Terenzi, Ceccarelli and Mayor Pagano

NOES: None.

**ABSENT:** Trustees Brakewood, Marino and Kenner.

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Also present were: Village Clerk, Janusz R. Richards (item 1-5); Village Manager, Christopher Steers(item 1-5); Village Attorney, Anthony Cerreto (item 1-5) (via telephone); Chief of Police, Richard Conway(item 1-3); Heather Krakowski, Recreation Supervisor (item 1-2); Director of Planning and Development Christopher Gomez(item 1-5).

No action was taken in executive session.

At 6:48 p.m., a motion to come out of executive session was made by TRUSTEE CECCARELLI, seconded by TRUSTEE BRAKEWOOD, the Board of Trustees closed the executive session.

#### **ROLL CALL**

**AYES:** Trustees Adams, Brakewood, Terenzi, Kenner, Ceccarelli and Mayor Pagano.

**NOES:** None.

**ABSENT:** Trustee, Marino.

**DATE:** March 2, 2015

#### AFFIDAVIT OF PUBLICATION AND NOTICE OF PUBLICATION RE:

The following Public Notices were duly published in the Journal News and the Westmore News on February 13, 2015 certified by Cecilia Hernandez, Principal Clerk of the Journal News and Angelina Brescia, Office Manager of the Westmore News

#### **PUBLIC NOTICE**

PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that the Board of Trustees hereby schedules a public hearing on Monday, March 2, 2015 at 7:00 P.M., or as soon thereafter at the Port Chester Justice Courtroom, 2nd Floor, 350 North Main Street, Port Chester, New York, to consider adopting a local law amending the Code of the Village of Port Chester with a new chapter, Chapter 302, Towing and Booting, that would establish licensing requirements on those who wish to boot or tow motor vehicles from private property in the Village of Port Chester.

Interested persons are invited to attend and will be afforded the opportunity to be heard at this time. The copy of the proposed local law is available at the Village Clerk's office or online at the Village website www.portchesterny.com.

Date: February 13, 2015

/s/ JANUSZ R. RICHARDS JANUSZ R. RICHARDS Village Clerk Village of Port Chester, New York

On motion of TRUSTEE BRAKEWOOD, seconded by TRUSTEE ADAMS, the public hearing was declared open.

#### **ROLL CALL**

**AYES:** Trustees Adams, Brakewood, Terenzi, Kenner, Ceccarelli and Mayor Pagano.

**NOES:** None.

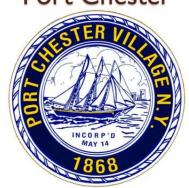
ABSENT: Trustee, Marino.

**DATE:** March 2, 2015

David Kenny made the fallowing presentation:



# Proposed Local Law Regulating Towing and Booting in Port Chester



PREDATORS BEWARE!







## HISTORY OF COMPLAINTS OF ABUSE

- Residents and Consumers have complained about being extorted by nefarious Towers/Booters.
- Car owners are arbitrarily blocked in by tow truck drivers who demand exorbitant fees on the spot
- Such complaints have been documented by Police Logs, Letters to the editor, Blogs and Social Media.





## Black Eye on Port Chester

- Predatory booting and towing practices can create a black eye for Port Chester
- Consumers will not want to shop or dine in Port Chester if this business remains unregulated and the Village does not take steps to protect consumers from unprofessional Towers & Booters



## THE NEED FOR LOCAL REGULATION

- County and State laws are ineffective and inadequate
- County sets fee limits and some other minor procedures, but does not go far enough to protect consumers and Village Police Dep't cannot enforce
- State Law only speaks very minimally to the Tow Truck Driver such as driver's license requirements
- The Board has taken the initiative to direct the Village Attorney to prepare a local law to address this issue.



## Research and Investigation

- Conducted nationwide search on Booting and Towing practices and regulations to obtain best practices
- Studied Booting and Towing Regulations throughout Westchester County
- Consulted with Westchester County Municipalities.
- Fully engaged with Village Police Department and implemented their recommendations
- Consulted with the Village Manager on his experience in Florida, where this problem is notorious.





## Who Is Affected By The Local Law

- OWNERS!!! of commercial and multi-family properties (3 dwelling units or more).
- Tow companies (Towers)/Booters.
- Those who violate parking lot rules.





## Public Engagement

- Complied with the public notice requirements contained in state law (legal notice Journal News and Westmore News).
- Mailed a draft of the local law and notice to properties that have been subject to frequent complaints
- A full series of mailings to private property owners who may be subject to the local law (1,100+)
- The Board has discussed this issue in several public meetings
- A copy of the law was posted on the Village's website
- We received inquiries from property owners who received the mailing





## What Does This Local Law Regulate

- Trespass Booting and Towing is the towing or booting of privately owned cars parking on privately owned property.
- This does not include breakdown tows.
- This law regulates how parking lot owners may police their parking lots, such as requiring the lots be used by customers only



## Property Owner's Responsibilities

- The owner or his lessee or his agent must have a contract with the Tower/Booter, a sample contract will be available.
- Must have informational signs approved by PD.
- Must be the one to initiate the tow or boot by contacting their Tower/Booter.
- Must be present for tow or boot.
- Can be held jointly/severally liable for damage that Booter/Tower does to a car



## Highlights of the Local Law

- Establishes a rigorous licensing procedure through the Chief of Police
- Provides for criminal history background check of key officers and employees to ensure professional and trustworthy people will be conducting towing and booting
- Sets up strong procedures to protect consumers against predatory booting and towing practices
- Charges are to be in accordance with County Law

## Licensing Requirements

- Criminal history background checks (Fingerprints sent to DCJS)
- Insurance requirements
- Location of storage facility (within 15mi)
- Towers/Booters must be available 24/7
- Property owner and Tower/Booter must have a contract approved by Villlage
- Chief of Police administers issuing of license



## Consumer Protections

- Informational signage requirements to put those wishing to park on notice.
- Police department intimately involved
- Fees cannot exceed county limit.
- All Booters and Towers must be able to accept cash or credit. No cash only requirements.
- Strong procedures Towers and Booters must follow



## **Towing Procedures**

- Required to be licensed
- Property Owner, or agent, must have directly requested tow and be present.
- Written documentation (police log) and prior notification to PD
- Hook up is key:
  - If approached by car owner before hook up must let car go for no fee
  - If car is hooked up but not removed must unhook car and give to owner for \$15 only.
  - If towed away must release car with in 1 hour of receiving payment.

## Towing Procedures continued

- Also cannot tow if a natural person or live animal is in the car.
- Any violation of the procedures set out or any section of this local law shall prohibit a Tower from collecting a fee, and any fee collected must be reimbursed



## **Booting Procedures**

- Must also have license, maintain written record of bootings as proscribed by PD, and notify PD immediately before booting.
- Property owner or agent must have requested and be present for the booting
- Booted cars must place informational stickers on the cars as proscribed by this law. (8 1/2" x 11")
- Locking of boot is key
  - If car owner approaches before the boot is locked, the car must be returned for no fee.



## **Booting Procedure Continued**

- Cars occupied by natural person or live animal cannot be booted. Also cars in handicap spaces or blocking fire hydrants cannot be booted
- Cannot have waiver for damage to car from boot.
   Property owner may be jointly liable for damage
   Booter does placing boot.
- However tampering with a Boot is prohibited
- Cars that have been booted for 24 hours can be towed.
- Any violation of these procedures bars Booter from collecting a fee and if a fee was already collected the car owner must be reimbursed

### **Enforcement**

- The Police Department will be in control of enforcing this new local law and will be in charge of issuing the licenses
- The PD will also be routinely checking written logs of towers/booters.
- Violating this law prohibits the collection of a fee for towing and booting and is subject to fines (\$500 Ist violation) or imprisonment of up to 15 days.
- Village Attorney may also take civil actions to enforce this law authorized in General Business law §§ 399-v & 399-x.





### **Enforcement Continued**

- Licenses may also be suspended and revoked by Chief of Police (application for appeal made to Village Manager in writing).
- If a license is revoked cannot reapply until one year after revocation date.
- Chief of Police is authorized to write rules and regulations to help with enforcement
- Will report violators to Westchester County







- This local law seeks to ensure that there are responsible and professional Towers and Booters.
- Property Owners have a reasonable method to effectively police their parking lots
- Consumers and Residents are protected from predatory towing and booting practices.

COMPREHENSIVE

#### **Public Comments**

Mayor Pagano asked if there was anyone from the audience who would like to make any comments regarding this public hearing.

#### Comments were made by:

Tom Bailey remarked on behalf of the Capitol Theater on booting and towing. He commented this is a well-written and well-drafted law. We support it.

Bart Didden commented as a property owner downtown, he supports this legislation. He complimented the legal staff. This legislation should be passed as soon as possible.

Richard Raffa who owns property on North Main Street, has signs in their parking lot designating for employees and patrons and the spaces are marked. People are inconsiderate and only think of themselves and refuse to move their vehicles.

Richard Abel questioned about abandoned vehicles in lots and private property. David Kenney commented if a lot has hours of use posted, and the car is in violation of the hours, it can be towed away. If you have a three family private property and a car is abandoned, you can have that car towed immediately.

Beatrice Conetta commented that booting and towing is the result of a terrible problem of not enough parking spaces. You are still expanding the building of condos so it will only get worse.

Mr. Schenarts of Star Towing commented on two problems. One is credit cards; you can put a stop on credit cards. You can't put a stop on cash. Secondly, if you tow or boot a car you must

have the lot owner there. David Kenny commented that they cannot designate the towing company to be the agent; this is a remedy for having someone spotting at a parking lot.

Mr. Mark Clanson, owner of 24-Hour Towing commented there is an ongoing parking problem in the Village. We are under contract with property owners. There is a Westchester County law that requires posting of signs with all the information including fees and cash rates so that you are not overcharged. Property owners of multi-family dwellings know they have a problem and that is why they hire you. Trustee Terenzi remarked we are going to be in-sync with the Westchester County laws.

Richard Abel commented the signage will be law. Do you have to take out a permit to put up a sign?

On motion of TRUSTEE BRAKEWOOD, seconded by TRUSTEE KENNER, the public hearing was adjourned to the March 16, 2015 meeting.

#### **ROLL CALL**

**AYES:** Trustees Adams, Brakewood, Terenzi, Kenner, Ceccarelli and Mayor Pagano.

**NOES:** None.

ABSENT: Trustee, Marino.

**DATE:** March 2, 2015

#### **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Mayor Pagano asked if there was anyone from the audience who would like to make any public comments.

Comments were made by:

Bart Didden spoke on behalf of the DeCresenzo family. They sent a letter to the Village Clerk regarding their home on Fawcett Street. Several years ago the Village put in a new sidewalk and replanted trees on the street. The tree has grown and the roots have gone through the sanitary sewer line and they are getting backups into the house. They need the consideration of the Village to remedy this problem. Mr. Didden requested that the DPW take a look at this.

Mr. Bernard Edelstine, attorney representing Dr. & Mrs. Paulemeni of 220 Westchester Avenue, commented on the changes in the C1 district. He fully supports the changes in the zoning.

Fire Chief Edward Quinn commented on what the Volunteers do for this Village. We have never let the Village down and have done everything the Village has asked us to do. What more do we have to do? We come out in force when the tones go off, we are highly trained. We are always ready to go. Mayor Pagano replied he couldn't be more proud of the volunteer ranks in the Village. As a volunteer he knows what it takes. Trustee Ciccarelli said thank you to the volunteers. Mayor Pagano said the Village needs both the volunteer and career firefighters.

John McGuire of the City of Rye Fire Department commented that two weeks ago our paid men were here and were not out of line. There is no need to apologize to the volunteers. It appears that the Trustees did take action on what needed to be done. Trustee Terenzi commented about the career firefighters not being volunteers.

Chip Manco, president of Greenburgh Firefighters, commented that the IAFF rules state that career firefighters do not volunteer where other career firefighters work. To deny that you might need career firefighters who will be there all the time is not right.

Joe Gaugliardi, retired career firefighter with the Village, commented Port Chester has always been a combination department. Every paid firefighter in the Village right now has been a volunteer. You have the money for 11paid men, hire those guys.

First Assistant Engineer Michael De Vittorio commented on the last Board meeting. We are not a sidewalk volunteer department. Our men were upset that we had no backup as to what was said.

Beatrice Conetta commented it breaks her heart. We have had the best fire department with both career and volunteer firefighters working together. We need the paid men and we need the volunteers. Turn the other cheek and go forward and do the right thing.

Dom Cervi commented on the last Board meeting and those present who asked questions. Regarding the concerns about the rig in Rye Brook when it has to go on a call to Kohl's shopping center. Mr. Cervi remarked that we have two department 2-1/2 minutes away from Rye Brook. Brooksville and Washington E&H. If those departments are toned out the engines would be there in 2-1/2 minutes. In the 54 years he has been a volunteer he does not remember a firehouse ever being closed in this Village. Port Chester volunteers are all trained firefighters.

Beatrice Conetta commented on United Water going to monthly billing. The Water bill will be monthly but Sewer Rent is quarterly. We are now paying for municipal fire protection. This is an increase. Buy the building next to the police station and make that building the police station. He thanked Mayor Pagano for his two years in office.

#### **RESOLUTIONS**

#### **RESOLUTION #1**

## SETTLEMENT OF TAX CERTIORARI PROCEEDINGS BROUGHT CHALLENGING A PROPERTY TAX ASSESSMENT

On motion of TRUSTEE CECCARELLI, seconded by TRUSTEE ADAMS, the

following resolution was adopted by the Board of Trustees of the Village of Port Chester, New

York:

RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees shall approve the proposed settlement of a tax certiorari proceeding challenging a property tax assessment which would involve a refund from the Village of Port Chester in excess of \$1,000.

#### APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Village Attorney, Anthony Cerreto

#### **ROLL CALL**

AYES: Trustees Adams, Terenzi, Brakewood, Kenner, Ceccarelli and Mayor Pagano

NOES: None.

**ABSENT:** Trustee Marino.

**DATE:** March 2, 2015

#### **RESOLUTION #2**

#### PARTICIPATION WITH WESTCHESTER COUNTY IN NYS PROPERTY TAX FREEZE/GOVERNMENT EFFICIENCY PLAN

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

WHEREAS, a real property tax freeze was adopted by the 2014-15 NY State budget with the intent of encouraging the sharing of services among local governments and the implementation of efficiencies, and therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees does hereby authorize the Village Manager to sign the application with Westchester County to participate in the County's shared service and efficiency plan.

#### **ROLL CALL**

AYES: Trustees Adams, Terenzi, Brakewood, Kenner, Ceccarelli and Mayor Pagano

NOES: None.

**ABSENT:** Trustee Marino.

**DATE:** March 2, 2015

#### **RESOLUTION #3**

BUDGET AMENDMENT – USE OF DEA FUNDS FOR CAR RENTALS FOR UNDERCOVER NARCOTICS OPERATIONS

On motion of TRUSTEE CECCARELLI, seconded by TRUSTEE KENNER, 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 rent cars on a rotation basis for undercover narcotics operations from ELRAC, Inc., D/B/A Enterprise Car Rental, 131 Danbury Road, Wilton, CT 06897. Now, therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees of the Village of Port Chester, New York hereby authorizes the Village Manager to enter into a twelve month contract with ELRAC Inc., and be it also.

RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees authorizes the Village Treasurer to modify the 2014-15 General Fund Budget as follows:

#### GENERAL FUND

Balance Sheet:

001-001-0695 Deferred Revenue Police DEA \$(6,600.00)

Revenues:

001-0001-2613 Use of Deferred DEA Revenue \$6.600.00

Appropriations:

001-3120-0422 Lease & Maintenance Contract \$6,600.00

#### **ROLL CALL**

AYES: Trustees Adams, Terenzi, Brakewood, Kenner, Ceccarelli and Mayor Pagano

NOES: None.

**ABSENT:** Trustee Marino.

**DATE:** March 2, 2015

#### **RESOLUTION #4**

## RATIFICATION OF APPOINTMENT TO EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES COMMITTEE

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

WHEREAS, the inter-municipal agreement, between the Village of Rye Brook, City of Rye and Village of Port Chester for emergency medical services provides for an Emergency Medical Services Committee; and

WHEREAS, the position of the Port Chester Community Representative on the Committee is vacant; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 3A of the inter-municipal agreement, the community representatives shall be recommended by the contracted emergency services provider, the Port Chester-Rye-Rye Brook Volunteer Ambulance Corps ("Corps") and thereafter ratified by joint resolution of the municipalities.; and

WHEREAS, by letter dated February 9, 2015 from Scott T. Moore, Administrator, the Corps has recommended John B. Colangelo, Esq. to fill the vacancy. Now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees hereby ratifies the recommendation of John B. Colangelo, Esq. Port Chester, New York to be appointed to the Emergency Medical Services Committee to fill the balance of the unexpired term of David Byrnes to expire on June 30, 2016.

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Village Attorney, Anthony Cerreto

#### **ROLL CALL**

AYES: Trustees Adams, Terenzi, Brakewood, Kenner, Ceccarelli and Mayor Pagano

**NOES:** None.

**ABSENT:** Trustee Marino.

**DATE:** March 2, 2015

#### **REPORTS**

Village Clerk Janusz Richards reported the Village Election is scheduled for Wednesday, March 18<sup>th</sup>.

#### **DISCUSSIONS**

CDBG Program. Trustees Adams, Ceccarelli, Terenzi and Village Manager Steers recently attended a meeting. Trustee Adams commented we received a letter from the Attorney General which does not address the original concerns made by the Village in 2011 through 2013 CDBG money. We should have our attorney write another letter using stronger language to get him to address what happened to Port Chester's share of the money from 2011 through 2013. We are talking about \$1.6MM. Trustee Terenzi commented that the letter that came from Cuomo and Lowey did not address anything prior, but they are going to mirror exactly what the feds did. We put some pressure on our local officials at the County. We are monitoring the \$5MM very closely. Planning Director Gomez commented on the items we have been looking for the last three years. We are eligible for \$3.3 of the \$5MM. Trustee Ciccarelli commented that the meeting with the Chief of Staff of Westchester County was productive.

Mayor Pagano reported that Village Administrative Assistant Chris Ameigh is the proud father of a baby girl.

Village Planning Director Chris Gomez gave a presentation and commented on medical facilities in our C1 districts. A concept was presented to the Planning Commission at the February 23<sup>rd</sup> meeting. We would like to get this into a local law as early as the next meeting. There are two applications in front of the Boards. There is an existing medical use at 220 Westchester Avenue. They are trying to legalize the use. There is another tenant on Poningo who is seeking approval. The point of this local law change would permit medical and dental in the C1 district, but more specifically to combine what we have in the existing code. There is now no concern of x-rays in residential areas. The simplest thing is to combine the two uses and just call it medical and dental. We also have special criteria for this use on the books. There is a one parking space requirement for 400 square feet of medical office space. The only concern is that the Planning Commission respect the neighborhood character.

Chris Gomez commented we have many C1 districts throughout town. C1 makes perfect sense for a medical district. Maybe we should look at a map change. When we originally looked at this we looked at merging the C2 district and getting rid of the line. The next step, if the Board is in agreement with the concept, is a local law.

Trustee Adams had a concern with the medical waste. Trustee Brakewood questioned if we go with the change, these kinds of medical uses would become special exceptions. If you went with the map change in C2 it is still special exception. You have to comply with the changes. On parking we would implement a clear requirement. Trustee Brakewood commented we should take a look at the laws to be prepared if New York State legalizes the sale of marijuana.

#### **CORRESPONDENCES**

Mayor Pagano asked for a motion to combine correspondence 1 to 4 of the agenda for the purpose of casting one vote for all of the combine correspondences.

There being no objection TRUSTEE BRAKEWOOD, made a motion, seconded by TRUSTEE KENNER, to combine correspondence 1 to 4 of the agenda for the purpose of casting one vote for all the minutes.

#### **ROLL CALL**

**AYES:** Trustees Adams, Brakewood, Terenzi, Kenner, Ceccarelli and Mayor Pagano

**NOES:** None.

**ABSENT:** Trustee Marino.

**DATE:** March 2, 2015

There being no objection TRUSTEE BRAKEWOOD, made a motion, seconded by TRUSTEE CECCARELLI, to refer correspondence 1 to 4 to staff without objection.

#### ROLL CALL

AYES: Trustees Adams, Brakewood, Terenzi, Kenner, Ceccarelli and Mayor Pagano

**NOES:** None.

**ABSENT:** Trustee Marino.

**DATE:** March 2, 2015

#### From Poningo Properties Sewer Rent Appeal for 33 New Broad Street

The Board referred the correspondence to staff without objection.

#### From Poningo Properties Sewer Rent Appeal for 46 Poningo Street

The Board referred the correspondence to staff without objection.

#### From Howie Ravikoff Re: Parking Opposite Fire Headquarters

The Board referred the correspondence to staff without objection.

#### From Howard Ravikoff re: ETPA

The Board referred the correspondence to staff without objection.

#### PUBLIC COMMENTS AND BOARD COMMENTS

Mayor Pagano asked if there was anyone from the audience who would like to make any public comments.

Comments were made by:

#### Public

Brett Lyons commented on the opportunity for a Safer Grant. It is money available to Villages for hiring firefighters. There is a deadline which is this Friday. It is good for three years of salary for a number of firefighters. This is an opportunity for the Board to get staff at no cost for a certain amount of time.

Mr. Byron Gray, president of New Rochelle firefighters, mirrored what Brett said. A properly staffed fire staff is important to protect the public. People look up to you and it is important to have the proper firefighting staff. The Safer Grant has gotten New Rochelle through a few difficult times.

A member of the public commented on the C1 change. This is still with the Planning Board. The Planning Commission is waiting for a direction from the Board of Trustees. The steps now are for the Board of Trustees to get a draft of a local law from the Planning Commission, and that local law will receive a public hearing. It will then be presented to the Planning Commission before it can be adopted.

#### **Board**

Trustee Brakewood commented about the better zoning laws because it helps facilitate economic development. On our agenda we were going to re view the new Village website. People should check it out.

Trustee Terenzi commented on the professional way the Mayor has handled issues during his term. We have a lot of development going on. We have a good future for this Village due to the hard work of the Village officials and department heads.

Trustee Ceccarelli welcomed the Town of Rye moving into the Village offices. He thanked Mayor Pagano and Village Manager Steers for coordinating all that activity. He pointed out the memo from Tom Bailey from the Capital theater regarding the holiday parking in the MTA lot. It has been a pleasure to work with Mayor Pagano.

At 9:47 p.m., on motion of TRUSTEE TERENZI, seconded by TRUSTEE ADAMS, the meeting was closed.

#### **ROLL CALL**

AYES: Trustees Adams, Brakewood, Terenzi, Kenner, Ceccarelli and Mayor Pagano

**NOES:** None.

**ABSENT:** Trustee Marino.

**DATE:** March 2, 2015

Respectfully submitted,

Janusz R. Richards Village Clerk