

MEETING HELD OCTOBER 19, 2015

A meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Village of Port Chester, New York, was held on Monday, October 19, 2015, in the Court Room of the Police Headquarters Building, 350 North Main Street, Port Chester, New York, with Mayor Dennis Pilla presiding.

Present in addition to Mayor Pilla were Trustees Saverio Terenzi, Daniel Brakewood, Luis Marino, Gregory Adams and Mayor Pilla.

Also present were: Deputy Village Clerk Vita Sileo; Village Manager Christopher Steers, Village Attorney Tony Cerreto; Chief of Police, Richard Conway; Christopher Ameigh Administrative Aide to the Village Manager; Assistant Director of Planning & Development, Jessica Youngblood; Director of Recreation, Heather Krakowski; Legal Intern, David Kenny; Ed Quinn, Fire Chief.

On motion of TRUSTEE BRAKEWOOD, seconded by TRUSTEE ADAMS, the meeting was declared opened at 6:10 p.m.

ROLL CALL

AYES: Trustees Terenzi, Brakewood, Ceccarelli, Marino, Adams and Mayor Pilla

NOES: None.

ABSENT: Trustee Kenner

DATE: October 19, 2015

MOTION FOR EXECUTIVE SESSION

On motion of TRUSTEE TERENZI, seconded by TRUSTEE MARINO, the Board adjourned into an executive session regarding

- 1. Regarding the appointment of particular persons to the position of Village Clerk.*
- 2. Regarding particular persons within the Building Department.*

ROLL CALL

AYES: Trustees Terenzi, Brakewood, Ceccarelli, Marino, Adams and Mayor Pilla

NOES: None.

ABSENT: Trustee Kenner

DATE: October 19, 2015

Also present were Village Attorney Anthony Cerreto; Village Manager Christopher Steers

At 6:57 p.m. a motion to come out of executive session was made by TRUSTEE BRAKEWOOD, seconded by TRUSTEE ADAMS. The Board of Trustees closed the executive session.

ROLL CALL

AYES: Trustees Terenzi, Brakewood, Ceccarelli, Marino, Adams and Mayor Pilla

NOES: None.

ABSENT: Trustee Kenner

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Mayor Pilla reopened the regular meeting 7:04 p.m.

Trustee Terenzi called for a moment of silence in memory of Paul Costa. A copy of his biography will be kept on file with these minutes.

AFFIDAVIT OF PUBLICATION AND NOTICE OF PUBLICATION RE:

1. Regarding a local law amending the code of the Village of Port Chester by adding a new chapter, chapter 302, Towing and Booting.

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

ROLL CALL

AYES: Trustees Terenzi, Brakewood, Ceccarelli, Marino, Adams and Mayor Pilla.

NOES: None.

ABSENT: Trustee Kenner

Legal Intern David Kenny described the changes and additions included in this local law.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Angelo Williams of Avalon Towing commented that he and others have filed a law suit because this law hinders them from making a living. You cannot tell private property owners how to protect their property.

Mark Clancey of 24-Hour Towing commented there does need to be known who is doing the booting and towing. On private property a police officer cannot write a ticket.

Goldie Solomon commented that booting is threatening. We can only do this legally through the police department.

Mr. Anthony Tirone, on behalf of the Capitol Theater, commented this issue is needed in the Village. The predatory way that booting and towing in lots has had an effect on the economy as well as restaurants and the Capitol Theater. A legitimate law is definitely needed. Now, property owners have no responsibility. The towing company cannot take all the responsibility. If a car is towed to Stamford, the Village police department has no jurisdiction.

Mr. Mark Clancy commented he has an insurance policy that enables him to operate on private property. He refuses to release a vehicle to someone who may be under the influence.

Mr. Howie Ravikoff commented that his family includes several properties, including parking lots. We own lots which are residential. The cost will affect us as well. Orange stickers that I place on cars seem to deter people from parking illegally again. We should be able to take care of ourselves.

Mr. Richard Abel commented on abandoned vehicles on private property. Can you not call a tow truck because you do not have a contract? Every property housing three families and up would have to post it to remove an abandoned car. A two foot by two foot sign is required with the proposed law.

Mr. Steve Shenartz commented that the tow truck operators are being punished by changing their fees and changing the signs. You can't make tow truck operators accept credit cards. This should be an option. The 24 x 24 signs are larger than the no parking signs in Port Chester. People are booted and towed because they do not obey the rules. Stickers should not be 8-1/2 x 11. The property owners should not be responsible. We call in to the police department every time we make a boot; why is a monthly log needed to take to the police?

Village Attorney Cerreto commented he would like to provide background from the police chief.

Police Chief Conway commented we have an industry which, to some degree, exercises control over people. Port Chester, by virtue of our population density, have a difficult time providing enough parking. We have to look into the background of operators because they are immobilizing or removing personal property.

Village Attorney Cerreto commented we have worked long and hard to provide a law for the protection of the health, safety and welfare of our residents. David Kenny commented this provides private property owners with methods to police their private property and to exercise their private property rights.

Trustee Ceccarelli commented that best practices have been exercised and much research has gone into this. Municipalities have these laws in effect. The staff did a good job putting this law together.

Trustee Brakewood commented he agrees with the police chief's assessment. When someone comes from out of town and a lot is almost empty; if they park there they will be towed or booted. The downtown has lost business because of the booting and towing in privately owned lots. This law is a reaction to a very vibrant booting and towing industry in this Village. He would like the Chamber of Commerce coordinate parking for the various downtown businesses. The 10-mile towing is too far. The car should remain in Port Chester.

Village Manager Steers commented that Walgreen's is public parking. There should not be towing or booting at that location.

Mayor Pilla commented on the booter's insurance. Using credit cards is a right. We can implement this law and in six months we can review the law.

Chief Conway commented that quarterly instead of monthly logs would be ok but that monthly is preferred. They just need to be able to go back and check data. They also have cruelty to animals laws for animals left too long in a car.

On motion of TRUSTEE BRAKEWOOD, seconded by TRUSTEE CECCARELLI, the public hearing was closed.

ROLL CALL

AYES: Trustees Terenzi, Brakewood, Ceccarelli, Marino, Adams and Mayor Pilla.

NOES: None.

ABSENT: Trustee Kenner

On motion of TRUSTEE BRAKEWOOD, seconded by TRUSTEE ADAMS, the local law on Towing and Booting was amended.

ROLL CALL

AYES: Trustees Terenzi, Brakewood, Ceccarelli, Marino, Adams and Mayor Pilla.

NOES: None.

ABSENT: Trustee Kenner

Mayor Pilla commented on his service to the Village. He wants to leave a legacy of being open and honest.

PUBLIC COMMENTS AFTER THE PUBLIC HEARING:

Ms. Goldie Solomon commented on the school tax. We don't need any more residential properties. Our schools are overloaded. Halloween in the Park will be Wednesday, October 28th at Lyon Park.

Ms. Bea Conneta commented on Mayor Pilla and the ethics question. The Village staff is great.

Mr. Richard Abel commented on the pilots on the Starwood Project. The Board can set the pilots or limit the pilots.

Mr. Joseph Rende commented on the passing of Paul Costa. He would like to add Paul Costa Way below Prospect Street on the street signs. Regarding the Rye Town debate, there was a mention of Exemption Terminations – how does that affect the Village and other taxing jurisdictions? Regarding the cartoon in the newspaper, he and Mr. Terenzi were the only two people who raised the issue. It goes to the benefit of LaBerge that Mayor Pilla spoke at their conference.

Mr. Michael Halpin of Build Up New York, advocating for men and women for good jobs. In Starwood's proposal there is no offer for jobs. We should have a binding agreement which gives Port Chester the jobs it deserves.

Mr. Frank Ferrera commented as commissioner for the I.D.A. The I.D.A. has public hearings before they take any action. In the interest of continued transparency, and misunderstandings about the I.D.A., we have posted our comments on the Village website.

Village Manager Steers commented about his rights and abilities to do his job without coercion, interference or threats; and to be able to inform the Board of issues of concern without fear of retaliation.

PRESENTATIONS:

“Retail D” amended petition presentation by G&S

Mr. Tartaglia commented on the Coney’s Parcel of downtown. We submitted an application to the Board back in 2008 to change the zoning from Commercial to Mixed Use. We are getting close to a conclusion. We would have retail on the first level and four levels of rental market rate apartments above. We have had numerous meetings and went to the Planning Commission. We have created a bonus density like the residential project. We have amended our petition. We have reduced the plan from five stories to four stories.

Waterfront Access

Trustee Breakwood made a presentation on the Public Access to the Waterfront.

Public Access

Byram River / Long Island Sound



Agenda

- Outline what public access means
- Discuss vision for creating public access to Byram River and Long Island Sound
- Review potential access points
- Discuss issues associated with access points
- Prioritize next steps

What is public access?

- Unfettered access the water
- Clear signage informing the public that they have unfettered access
- No need to ask for permission
- No fees
- No locked gates
- Minimal restrictions in place to promote safety (e.g. hours of operation)

Vision:

Broad-based usage of the river will lead to its restoration

- Maximize the ability of the public to utilize the Byram River and Long Island Sound.
- Continue to support existing commercial and recreational uses along the river.
- Encourage abutting property owners to beautify/restore their river frontage
- Integrate the waterfront into the daily lives of the residents that live nearby:
 - Allow residents with non-motorized water craft to access the river
 - Allow residents to fish along the river

Vision:

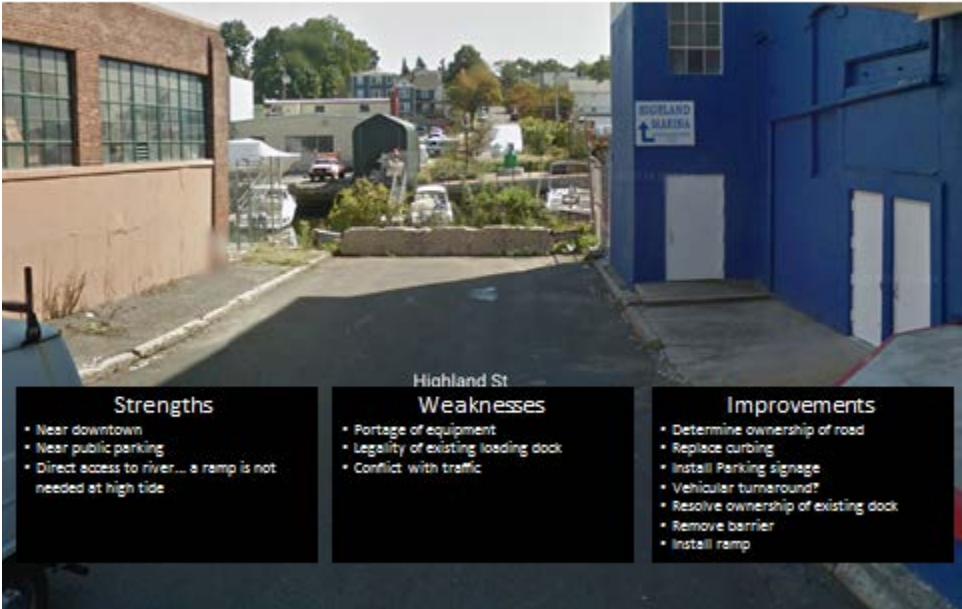
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Highland Street



Highland Street



Willet Ave. / Bar Taco



Willet Ave. / Bar Taco



- Strengths**
- Near downtown
 - Near public parking
 - Direct access to river
 - 2 potential entry points
 - Room for storage rack on promenade

- Weaknesses**

- Improvements**
- Clarify right of way... review LADA
 - Replace curbing to clearly define parking
 - Install parking signage
 - Unlock gate to docks

Purdy Ave.



- Strengths**
- Existing steps to the water.
 - Direct drive from Post Road to the water

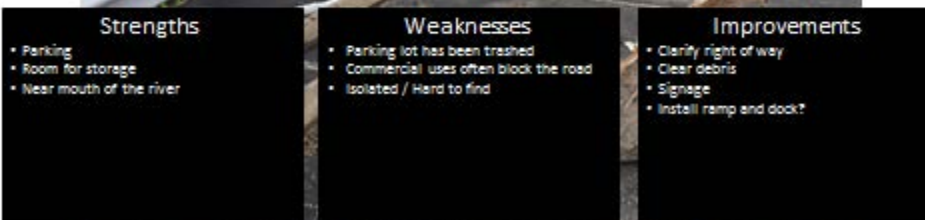
- Weaknesses**
- Commercial uses often block the road
 - No clearly defined parking spaces
 - No cul de sac
 - Long portage

- Improvements**
- Clarify right of way... Is Purdy a public road all the way to the water?
 - Replace curbing to clearly define parking
 - Install parking signage
 - Repave road
 - Remove fence
 - Improve steps

Columbus Park / Westmore Fuel



Fox Island Road Parking Lot



Port Chester Yacht Club



- Strengths**
- Multiple access points
 - Direct access to the sound
 - Existing agreement between Yacht Club and Village
 - 6 parking spaces
 - Room for storage racks

- Weaknesses**
- Remote location
 - Current rules prohibit launching non-motorized watercraft

- Improvements**
- Need to change rules to allow for non-motorized launching and allow for launch and stay.
 - Need to clear signage
 - Update agreement to enable storage

Launching rules changed around 2004

Rules Prior to 2003

Launching Ramp Rules

1. All boats to be launched or hauled from the water must be in the time period of 2 Hr. before and 2 Hr. after high tide.
2. A valid boat registration must be shown before launching any boat.
3. Port Chester residents are permitted to launch in the Spring and haul in the Fall with no charges. (NO DAILY OR WEEKLY LAUNCHING) all trailers and vehicles must leave club property after launching or hauling.
4. Boats being moored at the Village Marina are afforded the same launching and hauling Privileges as village residents.
5. Due to safety reasons there is no launching or hauling of Personal Water Craft (Ski Doo's, Wet Bikes, Jet Ski's) allowed.
6. Exceptions to the above rules may be made in an emergency situation or if a boat must be hauled for repairs.
7. The Port Chester Yacht Club reserves the right to refuse anyone launching privileges at the club if the equipment they are using appears to be unsafe or inadequate to support the boat being launched.
8. The Port Chester Yacht Club assumes no responsibility for any damages incurred to boat, trailer, or vehicle while using launching ramp.

Rules After 2004

Launching Ramp Rules

1. All boats to be launched or hauled from the water must be in the time period of 2 hours before and 2 hours after high tide.
2. A valid boat registration must be shown before launching any boat.
3. Port Chester residents are permitted to launch in the Spring and haul in the Fall with no charges. (NO DAILY OR WEEKLY LAUNCHING) all trailers and vehicles must leave club property after launching or hauling.
4. Boats being moored at the Village Marina are afforded the same launching and hauling Privileges as village residents.
5. Due to safety reasons there will be no launching or hauling of Personal WaterCraft (Ski Doo's, Wet Bikes, Jet Ski's, Kayaks, etc.) allowed to Non-Members.

Personal WaterCraft (Ski Doo's, Wet Bikes, Jet Ski's, Kayaks, etc.) may be launched or hauled by Port Chester Yacht Club members only. No Personal Water Craft (Ski Doo's, Wet Bikes, Jet Ski's, Kayaks, etc.) shall be left on the Port Chester Yacht Club premises unless the appropriate storage fee has been paid (see fee schedule). When such WaterCraft is in use, associated trailers and means of transport shall be stored in such a manner as not to hinder vehicle parking or access to critical areas of the yard.
6. Exceptions to the above rules may be made in an Emergency situation or if a boat must be hauled for repairs.
7. The Port Chester Yacht Club reserves the right to refuse anyone launching privileges at the club if the equipment they are using appears to be unsafe or inadequate to support the boat being launched.

Highlights of the agreement between the Village and the Yacht Club

6. **REPAVING.** The Village shall repave the driveway and all areas currently paved on the property and will consider paving other areas to accommodate additional parking, vessel storage or other such uses. The Village shall also repave the driveway in accordance with the schedule annexed hereto.

16. **VILLAGE'S RIGHTS.** The Village reserves the right to seek grants and other sources of funding to improve the premises and further reserves the right to make such improvements and have access to the premises for such improvements which may not be denied by the Yacht Club, provided said improvements will not reduce, interfere, impinge or preclude the operations of the Yacht Club as set forth in this Agreement.

The residents of the Village of Port Chester may launch and retrieve their boats by use of the launching ramps, pursuant to rules and regulations of the Yacht Club, without cost to said residents, which rules are limited to the safe and reasonable use of the premises, and limited to daytime-only launching and retrieving, and which rules are subject to review by the Village. At no time shall trailers or vehicles involved in said launching be parked except while actually launching and retrieving.

The Yacht Club will create a public seating area which will be accessible to the general public, from sunrise to sunset, and will allow for the provision by the Village of suitable benches for their use. The public seating will be sited so as to provide a vista of the harbor and Long Island Sound. It shall consist of no less than four (4) benches that will seat a minimum of three (3) people per bench. The Yacht Club will provide no less than six (6) designated parking spaces for the public, in conjunction with the public seating use, which will permit usage from sunrise to sunset subject to the Village's approval. The Yacht Club has the right to restrict the public during periods of time when construction, maintenance work, or when the launching or retrieving of vessels would pose a safety risk to the public.

Next Steps:

Reach agreement, prioritize locations, and create access

Potential access points for non-motorized water craft

- Highland Street
- Willet Ave. / Bar Taco
- Purdy Ave.
- Columbus Park / Westmore Fuel
- Fox Island Road Parking Lot
- Port Chester Yacht Club
- Shore Drive



We should look at everything from Mill Street down to Shore Drive and figure out what the Village's rights are.

Chris Steers commented there is a title search needed to determine who owns what.

RESOLUTIONS

RESOLUTION #1

APPLICATION FOR GRANT FUNDING UNDER THE JUSTICE COURT ASSISTANCE PROGRAM FOR 2015

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

WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 849-h of the State Judiciary Law, the Justice Court Assistance Program (JCAP), provides grant opportunities for municipalities to assist in the operation of local justice courts; and

WHEREAS, after assessing the Court’s needs, the Court Clerk has prepared a grant application seeking \$13,303.09 in funding for enhanced security and office equipment; and

WHEREAS, in accordance with the JCAP grant guidelines, the local legislative body must adopt a resolution authorizing and supporting the municipal grant application. Now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees hereby supports and authorizes the submission of an application for a Justice Court Assistance Program grant for 2015 to facilitate necessary improvements to the Port Chester Justice Court; and be it further

RESOLVED, pursuant to the terms and conditions of the application process, the Mayor is hereby authorized to sign the grant application in the form annexed and submit same to the New York Office of Court Administration.

Approved as to Form:

Anthony M. Cerreto, Village Attorney

ROLL CALL

AYES: Trustee Terenzi, Brakewood, Ceccarelli, Marino, Adams and Mayor Pilla

NOES: None

ABSENT: Trustee Kenner

DATE: October 19, 2015

RESOLUTION #2

AUTHORIZING FOOD PERMIT RENEWAL APPLICATION FOR SENIOR CITIZENS
NUTRITION PROGRAM

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

WHEREAS, the Village of Port Chester Nutrition Program for the Elderly requires food permits from the county of Westchester. Now, therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees hereby authorizes the Village Manager to submit application for renewal of the Westchester County Department of Health, Permit # 01-K385A, Port Chester Senior Community Center Food Permit.

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Village Attorney, Anthony Cerreto

ROLL CALL

AYES: Trustee Terenzi, Brakewood, Ceccarelli, Marino, Adams and Mayor Pilla

NOES: None

ABSENT: Trustee Kenner

DATE: October 19, 2015

RESOLUTION #3

RETAINING SPECIAL COUNSEL WITH REGARD TO 2016 VILLAGE ELECTION

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

WHEREAS, the United States government filed an action in the United State District Court for the Southern District of New York pursuant to Section 2 of the Voting Rights Act of 1965, as amended, 42 U.S.C. Section 1973 on December 15, 2006; and

WHEREAS, the Court granted the motion of plaintiff-intervenor Cesar Ruiz to intervene on April 6, 2007; and

WHEREAS, by Decision and Order dated January 17, 2008, the Court found that the Village's at-large method of electing Trustees violates Section 2 of the Voting Rights Act and prevents Hispanic voters from participating equally in the electoral process; and

WHEREAS, by order dated November 6, 2009, the Court ordered the Village to implement cumulative voting, its proposed remedy to the violation, as an election scheme to remedy the Section 2 violation; and

WHEREAS, on February 25, 2010, the Court signed a Consent Decree with regard to this matter, which included a requirement that the Village implement a Voter Education Program, covering the 2010, 2013 and 2016 Village Elections; and

WHEREAS, the parties executed addenda to the Consent Decree to provide for the operational aspects for each individual election; and

WHEREAS, as in the 2013 Village Election, the Village Attorney has recommended that the Board authorize retaining the law firm of Sokoloff Stern, LLP, Carle Place, New York with regard to the 2016 Election; and

WHEREAS, this firm primarily represents municipalities and school districts in the litigation, trial and appeal of cases predominantly in many areas, including election law and served in the same capacity for the Village in the 2013 Village Election; and

WHEREAS, funds have been appropriated in the FY 2015-2016 Village Budget for this expense. Now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the law firm of Sokoloff Stern, LLP, Carle Place, New York be and is hereby retained to act as Counsel of Record in the matter of United States of America and Cesar Ruiz v. Village of Port Chester (06 Civ. 15173) with regard to the 2016 Village Election, as set forth in the annexed proposal, compensation to be capped at \$7,500 unless otherwise authorized by the Board.

Approved as to Form:

Anthony M. Cerreto, Village Attorney

ROLL CALL

AYES: Trustee Terenzi, Brakewood, Ceccarelli, Marino, Adams and Mayor Pilla

NOES: None

ABSENT: Trustee Kenner

DATE: October 19, 2015

RESOLUTION #4

RECREATION DEPARTMENT AFTER SCHOOL READING & VISUAL ART PROGRAMS

On motion of TRUSTEE MARINO, 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 Program requires instructors; and

WHEREAS, such services have been appropriated in the 2015-2016 Village Budget; and

WHEREAS, the Recreation Supervisor has selected several providers to facilitate these programs. Now, therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees hereby authorizes the Village Manager to enter into the following agreements with regard to the Village of Port Chester Recreation After-School Reading and Visual Art Programs;

- Mario Coronado as a Reading Facilitator in the amount of \$40.00 per two hour session
- Meghan Loper as a Reading Facilitator in the amount of \$30.00 per two hour session
- Mary Kaye Joyce as a Reading Specialist in the amount of \$40.00 per two hour session
- Deirdre McDermott as an Art Specialist in the amount of \$40.00 per two hour session.
- Kathy Loper as an Art & Reading Coordinator in the amount of \$40.00 per two hour session.
- Pam Mickatavage as an Art Specialist in the amount of \$40.00 per two hour session; and
- Cathy Terrana as an Art Specialist in the amount of \$40.00 per two hour session.

ROLL CALL

AYES: Trustee Terenzi, Brakewood, Ceccarelli, Marino, Adams and Mayor Pilla

NOES: None

ABSENT: Trustee Kenner

DATE: October 19, 2015

VILLAGE MANAGER'S REPORT

Village Manager Steers gave an update on the budget document that was distributed. The financial report looks different from last year because it contains updates on priorities and strategies and on our fiscal trends. We should do a six-month review at the end of November.

The Village Emergency Plan essentially sets the framework for us to do some emergency planning we have not yet done. It identifies the requirements and gaps; and the threats and hazards. We need to focus in on our responsibilities for public safety. By January we should have the comprehensive plan completed.

DISCUSSIONS

1. ***Commercial assessments***
2. ***Tax cap rebates:***

Trustee Terenzi commented we have had discussions with the Supervisor about assessments and how things are done. We have to explore other boards, for instance upstate one Board serves as the assessor. We should have a consultant come in and do a test on the top valued properties in the community. The brunt of it is the commercial. If they are undervalued, how does that affect the tax cap? Why should we be hampered with the tax cap if we are going to be generating enough assessable. There have to be communities growing faster than the tax cap – how do they handle it?

3. ***Building permit amnesty program:***

Mayor Pilla commented that the amnesty program has expired. The question is do we want to renew it as it is today and that would provide people a chance to get into amnesty. Trustee Terenzi commented that after the election in March so we should extend it until June to give the new Board time some time. Trustee Ceccarelli said an extension will not move people to bring their property up to code. The Village has already absorbed over a million dollars in what could have been collected fines.

The second part of Amnesty is that many people did not know the status of their house before they bought it. Maybe we want to bundle the old open permits on the house before the present owner. Trustee Ceccarelli commented we should weigh in on this, especially the two year period. The code enforcer should make a determination on how soon work needs to be done.

Mayor Pilla commented we should extend this program to June 30, 2016. A resolution will be set forth.

On motion by TRUSTEE CECCARELLI, seconded by TRUSTEE BRAKEWOOD, a resolution was added on to set a public hearing for November 16th to extend the Amnesty Program to June 30th.

ROLL CALL

AYES: Trustee Terenzi, Brakewood, Ceccarelli, Marino, Adams and Mayor Pilla

NOES: None

ABSENT: Trustee Kenner

DATE: October 19, 2015

On motion of TRUSTEE CECCARELLI, seconded by TRUSTEE ADAMS, a public hearing to extend the Amnesty Program to June 30, 2016 was set for November 16th at 7:00 p.m. and further resolved this be forwarded to Planning for their review and comments.

ROLL CALL

AYES: Trustee Terenzi, Brakewood, Ceccarelli, Marino, Adams and Mayor Pilla

NOES: None

ABSENT: Trustee Kenner

DATE: October 19, 2015

Mayor Pilla asked for a roll-call to add on a resolution regarding a certain person within the Building Department.

On motion of TRUSTEE MARINO, seconded by TRUSTEE TEREZI, a resolution regarding a certain person within the Building Department was added on.

ROLL CALL

AYES: Trustee Terenzi, Brakewood, Ceccarelli, Marino, Adams and Mayor Pilla

NOES: None

ABSENT: Trustee Kenner

DATE: October 19, 2015

ADD-ON RESOLUTION

APPROVAL AND CONFIRMATION OF APPOINTMENT OF DIRECTOR OF CODE ENFORCEMENT

On motion of TRUSTEE MARINO, seconded by TRUSTEE CECCARELLI, 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 approves and confirms the Village Manager's appointment of Peter Miley as Director of Code Enforcement.

Approved as to Form:

Anthony M. Cerreto, Village Attorney

ROLL CALL

AYES: Trustee Terenzi, Brakewood, Ceccarelli, Marino, Adams and Mayor Pilla

NOES: None

ABSENT: Trustee Kenner

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CORRESPONDENCES

From Bishop Robert E. Girtman thanking the Village for their support of the Health/Wellness event

From the American Legion Post 93 requesting an appropriation of \$1,000.000 for the 215 Veterans Day ceremonies.

This was referred to staff without objection for affirmative action.

From Fire Patrol & Rescue Co. #1 on the resignation of Ryan Powers.

Noted.

From Putnam Engine & Hose Co. No. 2 on the election to active membership of Christian Coyt.

A motion was made by TRUSTEE MARINO, seconded by TRUSTEE BRAKEWOOD, the Board of Trustees accepted the election of Mr. Christian Coyt as a member of Putnam Engine & Hose Co. No. 2 with the Port Chester Fire Department.

ROLL CALL

AYES: Trustee Terenzi, Brakewood, Ceccarelli, Marino, Adams and Mayor Pilla

NOES: None

ABSENT: Trustee Kenner

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From Mellor Engine & Hose Co. No. 3, Inc. on the election to active membership of Sergio Orea.

A motion was made by TRUSTEE MARINO, seconded by TRUSTEE BRAKEWOOD, the Board of Trustees accepted the election of Mr. Sergio Orea as a member of Mellor Engine & Hose Co., No. 3, Inc. with the Port Chester Fire Department.

ROLL CALL

AYES: Trustee Terenzi, Brakewood, Ceccarelli, Marino, Adams and Mayor Pilla

NOES: None

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From Denise P. Ward regarding Starwood/United Hospital Project.

Referred to Staff and inclusion in the record.

From the NYS Department of Public Service regarding Reforming the Energy Vision (REV)

This was referred to Staff.

From the Traffic Commission regarding Arnett Street parking changes for traffic safety.

This will be put on the agenda for the next Board of Trustees meeting.

PUBLIC COMMENTS AND BOARD COMMENTS

Mr. Abel commented on how this Board operates with the Village Staff.

Mr. Joseph Rende commented that he served with Westchester County on Emergency Management. The resources are still available today at the Emergency Management office.

Mr. Abel commented on the hiring of the Village Engineer.

Trustee Terenzi commented on adding Paul Costa to the street sign on Prospect and Ed Sullivan on Washington Street. We should have a local law. He commented he is anxious to see the appraisals for the NDC project. He would like to see the information on the bulkhead.

Trustee Brakewood commented on an update on 201 Grace Church. Attorney Cerreto replied the bids were opened on Friday. He commented on replacing the Gateway Signs for the Village. They are faded and chipped.

Trustee Ceccarelli attended the NAACP Luncheon and presented some awards. Part of the consolidated funding can be used for parking and traffic. The I.D.A. is set to do a traffic study. Arnett Street should not have parking on both sides. The pole at North Regent and Glen have an obstructing brace and one of the traffic signals has not been replaced.

Trustee Marino commented on the firehouse ramp on Westchester Avenue.

Trustee Adams apologized for not attending the NAACP Luncheon. Now that the cold weather is here, be careful with the space heaters.

Mayor Pilla commented on October 26th at 6:00 p.m. there will be a special meeting of the Board in the Conference Room to interview candidates for the position of Village Clerk.

MOTION FOR EXECUTIVE SESSION

Mayor Pilla asked for a motion for the Village Attorney and the six trustees to go into executive session to regarding correspondence matters between the Village Manager, Village Attorney and Trustees.

On motion of TRUSTEE MARINO, seconded by TRUSTEE ADAMS, the six Trustees and the Village Attorney adjourned into an executive session regarding correspondence matters between the Village Manager, the Village Attorney and Trustees.

ROLL CALL

AYES: Trustee Terenzi, Brakewood, Ceccarelli, Marino, Adams and Mayor Pilla

NOES: None

ABSENT: Trustee Kenner

DATE: October 19, 2015

On meeting was declared closed at 11:04 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Vita Sileo
Deputy Village Clerk