

## **MEETING HELD DECEMBER 21, 2015**

A meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Village of Port Chester, New York, was held on Monday, December 21, 2015, in the Court Room of the Police Headquarters Building, 350 North Main Street, Port Chester, New York, with Mayor Dennis Pilla presiding.

The meeting was declared open at 7:04 P.M.

Present in addition to Mayor Pilla were Trustees Joseph Kenner, Gene Ceccarelli, Luis Marino and Gregory Adams.

Also present were: Village Attorney Tony Cerreto; Village Treasurer, Leonie Douglas; Chief of Police, Richard Conway; Village Manager Christopher Steers; Village Clerk David Thomas; Assistant Director of Planning & Development, Jessica Youngblood; Legal Intern, David Kenny; Fire Chief, Edward Quinn

Mayor Pilla asked if there were any comments from the public.

### **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Mr. Bart Didden, as Chairman of the Waterfront Commission, commented the Board appointed a new person as representative to the Waterfront Design Committee to fill one of the two slots in the State awarded grant that the Waterfront Committee participate in the design process. Mayor Pilla said we will discuss with staff whether there is a slot.

Ms. Bea Conneta commented the Westmore News had an article from Carver appraising our schools. That had an effect on our school bond. We shouldn't be voting on this until after we get the State's permission. You shouldn't be putting children under ground. We need to expand on the elementary schools. She wished a happy holiday to all who are celebrating.

Mr. Polino commented on West William Street island at South Regent Street looks like a jungle.

Mr. Ken Sunderland spoke commented the right turn sign being ten cars away from the corner. The arrow for the right turn onto King Street is covered. We should have lessons for Spanish speaking people for street crossing.

Mr. Richard Abel wished happy holidays to all. He commented on feeding the meter by credit card not being accepted. There is no policy on this for the Village. The Village Manager's report included a police department with a misspelling. He commented that grievances on the bond should be given to the school board and not the Village.

### **RESOLUTIONS**

#### **RESOLUTION No. 1**

#### **ESTABLISHING AN APPLICATION FEE FOR TOWING AND BOOTING LICENSE**

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, the Village of Port Chester has a new local law regulating the towing and booting of vehicles on certain privately owned property; and

WHEREAS, the Village Police Department will be processing applications for Towing and Booting Licenses as specified in Chapter 302 of the Village Code. Now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the Code of the Village of Port Chester, Chapter 175, Fees, be amended as follows:

Code Reference

Chapter 302- Towing and Booting  
Application Fee \$150.00.

Approved as to form:

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Anthony M. Cerreto, Village Attorney

ROLL CALL

AYES: Trustees Kenner, Adams, Marino, Ceccarelli and Mayor Pilla

NOES: None

ABSENT: Trustees Brakewood and Terenzi

DATE: December 21, 2015

**RESOLUTION No. 2**

ACCEPTANCE OF RONALD DANIELS AS AN ACTIVE MEMBER OF HARRY HOWARD  
HOOK & LADDER COMPANY NO. 1

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

WHEREAS, on December 1, 2015, the Harry Howard Hook & Ladder Company No. 1, held an election for a new active member; and

WHEREAS, Ronald Daniels was elected to be a new active member. Now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees hereby accepts the election of Ronald Daniels to Harry Howard Hook & Ladder Company No. 1

Approved as to Form:

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Anthony M. Cerreto, Village Attorney

ROLL CALL

AYES: Trustees Kenner, Adams, Marino, Ceccarelli and Mayor Pilla  
NOES: None

ABSENT: Trustees Brakewood and Terenzi

DATE: December 21, 2015

**RESOLUTION No. 3**

**RETAINING SPECIAL COUNSEL TO PROVIDE SPECIALIZED SERVICES TO THE  
VILLAGE TREASURER TO ASSURE COMPLIANCE WITH THE PATIENT PROTECTION  
AND AFFORDABLE CARE ACT**

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, enacted in 2010, the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act represents the most significant changes to the U.S. healthcare system since the passage of Medicare and Medicaid, and

WHEREAS, the Act imposes complex legal requirements that require timely compliance by employers; and

WHEREAS, the Village Treasurer has identified the need for expert assistance so that the Village of Port Chester is in compliance. Now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, the Village Manager is authorized to enter into a retainer agreement with Lamb & Barnosky, LLP, 534 Broadhollow Road, Suite 210, Melville, New York 11747, as set forth in a proposal letter dated December 17, 2015, fee of \$5,000 covering a total of 25 hours, with any excess rates capped as provided therein.

Approved as to Form:

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Anthony M. Cerreto, Village Attorney

ROLL CALL

AYES: Trustees Kenner, Adams, Marino, Ceccarelli and Mayor Pilla  
NOES: None

ABSENT: Trustees Brakewood and Terenzi

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**CORRESPONDENCE**

*From Mellor Engine & Hose Co. No. 3, Inc. on the resignation of Fernando Santamaria from active membership.*

*From Howie Ravikoff re Sewer Rent Law – a new proposal.*

Forwarded to Staff for their considerations.

*Port North Rezoning Petition Submission Letter 12-16-15*

Referred to Staff for their advice.

*Port North Main St LLC – Rezoning Petition.*

Referred to Staff for their advice.

Attorney Mark Chertok commented all they ask regarding the correspondence from Port North Main St LLC is to have this rezoning petition presentation put on for the January 18<sup>th</sup> meeting.

## ROLL CALL

AYES: Trustee Adams, Brakewood, Marino, Kenner, Ceccarelli and Mayor Pilla.

NOES: None.

ABSENT: Terenzi.

DATE: December 21, 2015

## **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

There were no public comments

## **BOARD COMMENTS**

Trustee Kenner extended condolences to the family of Annette James. He wished all a happy holiday.

Trustee Ceccarelli commented on the affordable care act. That document is extremely complicated. Kevin Pellon is resigning from the Planning Commission. We have to take a look at the parking and traffic in the Village. He has spent time at the police courtroom for traffic summonses. As soon as the doors opened the room was packed. The layout of the building does not function. He thanked the staff for the good work done during the past year. He wished all a happy holiday and good new year.

Trustee Marino commented on the limited parking meters in the lot on Adee Street. He thanked Kevin Pellon for his good service to the Village.

Trustee Adams commented the Senior holiday party was packed. The interaction was great. The Santa in the Park was well attended and Heather did a great job. Santa was patient and the kids had a great time. He wished all a happy and healthy new year.

Mayor Pilla commented there were over 1,000 kids at Santa in the Park. The State Controller set the tax cap for next June. It is the lesser of 2% or the consumer price index. It is .12%. We did

not receive funding for a downtown parking study. We will have a forum on December 29<sup>th</sup> for candidates for the Village election. We have over 100 people who serve on the Committees and Commissions who work on a volunteer basis. This week is free parking in Port Chester. He wished all a happy holiday.

**MINUTES**

On motion of Trustee MARINO, seconded by Trustee KENNER, the minutes of November 16, 2015 were adopted.

ROLL CALL

AYES: Trustees Kenner, Ceccarelli, Marino, Adams and Mayor Pilla

NOES: None

ABSENT: Trustees Terenzi, Brakewood

On motion of Trustee ADAMS, seconded by Trustee CECCARELLI, the meeting was declared closed at 8:06 p.m.

ROLL CALL

AYES: Trustees Kenner, Ceccarelli, Marino, Adams and Mayor Pilla.

NOES:: None.

ABSENT: Terenzi. Brakewood

DATE: December 2, 2015

Respectfully submitted,

David Thomas  
Village Clerk