

## **MEETING HELD OCTOBER 2, 2014**

A meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Village of Port Chester, New York, was held on Thursday, October 2, 2014, in the Port Chester Senior Center, 220 Grace Church Street, Port Chester, New York, with Mayor Neil Pagano presiding.

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

It should be noted that Trustees Brakewood and Terenzi were absent.

Additionally, it should be noted that Trustee Marino left the meeting at 8:25 p.m.

Also present were: Village Manager, Christopher Steers (arrived at 7:25 pm); Village Clerk, Janusz R. Richards; Village Deputy Clerk, Vita Sileo; Village Attorney, Anthony Cerreto; Village Treasurer, Leonie Douglas; Director of Planning and Development Christopher Gomez; Chief of Police, Richard Conway; Building Inspector and Director of Code Enforcement Peter Miley; Village Planner Jesica Youngblood and Ed Brancati, Human Resources.

On motion of TRUSTEE MARINO, seconded by TRUSTEE CECCARELLI the meeting was declared opened at 7:10 p.m.

### **Roll Call**

**AYES:** Trustees Adams, Kenner, Marino, Ceccarelli and Mayor Pagano

**NOES:** None.

**ABSENT:** Trustees Brakewood and Terenzi.

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### **TRAINING**

Mayor Pagano made the following opening statement:

“The principal goal of a local government ethics program is to further the public’s trust that those who govern their communities are putting their personal interests aside in favor of the public interest.

“"Public office is a public trust." This maxim, supported by the related idea that participatory democracy requires public confidence in the integrity of government, lays the foundation for the ethical demands placed on people in government and the laws that establish standards of behavior

“Village Web Site – Under Village Code is Chapter 53, CODE OF ETHICS  
Chapter 53-1 Declaration of Policy

“The proper operation of the village government requires that officials, officers and employees be independent, impartial and responsible to the people; that government decisions and policy be made in the proper channels of the governmental structure; that public office not be used for personal gain; that public officials, officers and employees observe in their official acts the highest standards of morality and discharge faithfully the duties of their office regardless of personal consideration; and that the public have confidence in the integrity of its government and the officers and employees thereof. In recognition of these goals, there is hereby established a Code of Ethics for all officials and officers of the Village of Port Chester as defined in its Charter, and for all employees of such village hereinafter referred to as the "village".

Following the Mayor’s opening statement, New York Conference of Mayors (NYCOM) counsel John A. Mancini gave a presentation on “Ethics For City & Village Officials.”

At 8:52 p.m., on motion of TRUSTEE KENNER, seconded by TRUSTEE CECCARELLI, the meeting was closed.

**Roll Call**

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

**NOES:** None.

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

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Respectfully submitted,

Janusz R. Richards  
Village Clerk