

MEETING HELD MAY 13, 2013

A meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Village of Port Chester, New York, was held on Monday, May 13, 2013 at 5:30 P.M., in the Village Hall Conference Room, 222 Grace Church Street, Port Chester, New York, with Mayor Neil Pagano presiding.

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

It should be noted that Trustee Saverio Terenzi arrived at 5:36 p.m.

Also present were Village Manager, Christopher Steers; Village Clerk, Janusz R. Richards; Village Attorney, Anthony Cerreto; Village Treasurer, Leonie Douglas; Administrative Aide, Christopher Ameigh and Building Inspector and Director of Code Enforcement, Peter Miley.

On motion of Trustee Adams, seconded by Trustee Ceccarelli, the meeting was declared opened at 5:30 p.m.

Roll Call

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

NOES:

ABSENT: Trustee Terenzi

PROPOSED MOTION FOR EXECUTIVE SESSION

At 5:35 p.m., on motion of Trustee Marino, seconded by Trustee Ceccarelli, the Board of Trustees adjourned into an executive session for consultation with Village Attorney in regards to legal strategies to code enforcement.

Roll Call

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

NOES:

ABSENT: Trustee Terenzi

No action was taken in executive session.

At 7:13 p.m., on motion of Trustee Kenner, seconded by Trustee Marino, the Board of Trustees closed the executive session.

Roll Call

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

NOES:

ABSENT:

RESOLUTION

SUPPORT FOR NEW YORK STATE ASSEMBLY BILL NO. A4086 AND ANY SENATE COMPANION BILL AUTHORIZING THE NEW YORK PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION UPON APPLICATION BY A MUNICIPALITY TO ORDER COSTS FOR INFRASTRUCTURE MAINTENANCE & ACCESS TO BE CHARGED TO ALL CUSTOMER CLASSES LOCATED IN SUCH MUNICIPALITY

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

WHEREAS, the rental fee for hydrants is a significant expense in the Village budget each year; in FY 2012-2011, the Village paid \$216,973 to United Water in fire hydrant fees and in 2013-2014, \$230,00 is budgeted in FY 2013-2014; and

WHEREAS, the City of New Rochelle has requested that the Village of Port Chester join with it and other municipalities served by United Water in Southern Westchester County to support legislation that has been introduced, A. 4086, that would allow the expense of fire hydrants to be spread across all water consumers rather than charging the municipalities a fee which then is solely borne by property taxpayers; and

WHEREAS, a consortium of United Water municipalities had previously petitioned the New York Public Service Commission to facilitate this change, but the agency rejected the request and that it is a matter for consideration by the State Legislature in the first instance. NOW, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees of the Village of Port Chester hereby supports New York Assembly Bill No. 4086 and any companion Senate bill authorizing the Public Service Commission, upon application by a municipality, to order costs for infrastructure maintenance and access to be charged to all customer classes located in such municipality, and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Mayor be authorized to forward a letter to State Assemblyman Steven Otis and State Senator George Latimer on the Board's behalf.

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Village Attorney, Anthony Cerreto

ROLL CALL

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

NOES:

ABSENT:

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WORK SESSION

Workshop on Code Enforcement

The Board and staff discussed code enforcement strategies

Workshop to review Village Manager's goals, objectives and priorities.

The Board and staff discussed the Village Manager's goals, objectives and priorities which included code enforcement, amnesty program, sewer rent project, 5 year operating budget and capital plan, economic development, municipal center, housing rehab program, bulkhead repair and marina licensing agreement, emergency preparedness, performance management, information technology, zoning and risk management.

Add-on Resolution

Trustee Kenner made a motion to add-on the following resolution for Village Manager's priorities ranking as approved by the Board of Trustees. The motion was seconded by Trustee Marino.

Roll Call

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

NOES:

ABSENT:

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RESOLUTION

ESTABLISHING THE PRIORITIES OF THE VILLAGE MANGER'S GOALS AND STRATEGIES AS PART OF A STRATEGIC MANMAGEMENT PLANNING PROCESS

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

WHEREAS, pursuant to the Code of the Village of Port Chester, the Village Manager is the Chief Administrative Officer and Chief Fiscal Officer responsible for the administration of all Village affairs placed in his charge as defined therein; and

WHEREAS, the Village Manager presented to the prior Board of Trustees a memorandum entitled "Village Manager's Draft Goals and Strategies"; which was modified and adopted on November 15, 2012 and

WHEREAS, strategic planning/management is a tool that involves developing an organization's mission, describing its vision, formulating strategies, goals and objectives, ranking priorities and allocating resources to effectively implement such strategies, goals and objectives; and

WHEREAS, a strategic planning/management process is particularly important for local governments which confront a unique and challenging environment of scarce resources, limited staff and severe fiscal constraints balanced against expectations of accustomed high levels of services; and

WHEREAS, the newly-seated Board has requested that the Village Manager present an updated memorandum at a special meeting to ratify and re-prioritize such goals and strategies, together with any new items that the Board may deem appropriate after collaboration with the Manager/ Now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the Board hereby ranks the priorities enumerated in the Village Manager's updated memorandum as annexed herein; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Village Manager be and is hereby directed to report to the Board of Trustees on a monthly basis on the status of his implementation of such strategies, goals and objectives by Village staff and be accountable to the Board with regard to same.

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Village Attorney, Anthony Cerreto

ROLL CALL

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

NOES:

ABSENT:

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Add-on and Combined Resolutions

Trustee Kenner made a motion to add-on the following two resolutions (appointment to the Library Board) and combining the two resolutions for the purpose of casting one vote for the two resolutions as adopted by the Board of Trustees of the Village of Port Chester. The motion was seconded by Trustee Marino.

Roll Call

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

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RESOLUTION

On motion of TRUSTEE MARINO, seconded by TRUSTEE KENNER, the following resolution was adopted by the Board of Trustees of the Village of Port Chester.

New York:

RESOLVED, that PAUL J. BREZOVSKY, Port Chester, New York, be and he hereby is appointed a member of the Port Chester PUBLIC LIBRARY BOARD OF TRUSTEES, effective immediately.

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Village Attorney, Anthony Cerreto

ROLL CALL

AYES: Trustees Adams, Brakewood, Terenzi, Marino, Kenner, Ceccarelli, Mayor Pagano
NOES:
ABSENT:

DATE: May 13, 2013

RESOLUTION

On motion of TRUSTEE MARINO, seconded by TRUSTEE KENNER, the following resolution was adopted by the Board of Trustees of the Village of Port Chester.

New York:

RESOLVED, that ELIZABETH ROTFELD, Port Chester, New York, be and she hereby is appointed a member of the Port Chester PUBLIC LIBRARY BOARD OF TRUSTEES, effective immediately.

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Village Attorney, Anthony Cerreto

ROLL CALL

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

NOES:

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CORRESPONDENCES

From Bart Didden requesting to be considered for appointment as member and Chairman of the Waterfront Commission.

The Board duly noted the correspondence.

From Robert Ortiz requesting to be considered for appointment as member of the Port Chester Planning Commission.

The Board duly noted the correspondence.

From Brenda M. Crandell, Esq requesting to be considered for appointment as member of the Port Chester Industrial Development Agency.

The Board duly noted the correspondence.

PROPOSED MOTION FOR EXECUTIVE SESSION

At 8:58 p.m., on motion of Trustee Marino, seconded by Trustee Kenner, the Board of Trustees adjourned into a second executive session to discuss a particular personnel matter.

Roll Call

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

NOES:

ABSENT:

No action was taken in the executive session.

At 9:07 p.m., on motion of Trustee Marino, seconded by Trustee Kenner, the Board of Trustees closed the second executive session.

Roll Call

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

NOES:

ABSENT:

At 9:08 p.m., on motion of Trustee Marino, seconded by Trustee Ceccarelli, the meeting was closed.

Roll Call

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

NOES:

ABSENT:

Respectfully submitted,

Jacqueline Johnson
Deputy Village Clerk