MEETING HELD JUNE 6, 2011

A meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Village of Port Chester, New York, was held on Monday, June 6, 2011 at 6:30 P.M., in the Village Justice Courtroom, at 350 North Main Street, Port Chester, New York, with Mayor Dennis Pilla presiding.

Present in addition to Mayor Pilla, were Trustees Daniel Brakewood, Saverio Terenzi, Bart Didden, John Branca, Luis Marino and Joseph Kenner

Also present were Village Manager, Christopher Russo; Village Attorney, Anthony Cerreto; Village Treasurer, Leonie Douglas; Village Clerk, Joan Mancuso; Assistant Village Manager/Director of Code Enforcement, Christopher Steers and Assistant to the Village Manager, Elisa Sciarabba.

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On motion of Trustee Didden, seconded by Trustee Marino, the meeting was declared opened at 6:40 p.m.

ROLL CALL

AYES:

Trustees Brakewood, Terenzi, Didden, Branca, Marino, Kenner and

Mayor Pilla

NOES:

None

ABSENT:

None

At 6:41 p.m., Trustee Marino made a motion for an executive session for the purpose of interviewing a candidate for the position of Corporation Counsel, Trustee Kenner seconded the motion.

ROLL CALL

AYES:

Trustees Brakewood, Terenzi, Didden, Branca, Marino, Kenner and

Mayor Pilla

NOES:

None

ABSENT:

None

No action was taken in executive session.

On motion of Trustee Branca, seconded Trustee Didden, the executive session was closed and the public meeting was re-opened at 7:10 p.m.

ROLL CALL

AYES:

Trustees Brakewood, Terenzi, Didden, Branca, Marino, Kenner and

Mayor Pilla

NOES:

None

ABSENT:

None

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Mayor Pilla said that before we start with the first item on the agenda a presentation by Trustee Brakewood regarding past budgets that he would ask that the second resolution listed under Planning & Development to set a public hearing to consider a subdivision application be considered at this time. The Mayor said that he is taking this item out of order because the attorney for this application, John Colangelo, Esq. is present if the Board has any questions or comments.

Trustee Didden made a motion for discussion of the resolution to set a public hearing to consider a subdivision application submitted by Arnold and Shawn Diaz for property located at 4 Hilltop Drive and Harbor Drive, Trustee Branca seconded the motion.

Mr. Colangelo spoke about the application and noted that it has been before the Planning Commission and the Waterfront Commission and has received favorable recommendations from these commissions.

Trustee Didden expressed concerns with some of the conditions items of the Planning Commission resolution and how they came to their decision along with the Waterfront Commission. He said that the resolution is calling for the hearing to be scheduled for July 5th and would make a motion to amend the resolution to change the hearing to the second meeting in July, July 18th not wanting to have a hearing during the holiday week.

Trustee Didden made a motion to amend the resolution to change the hearing date to July 18, 2011, Trustee Terenzi seconded the motion to amend.

Before the roll was called on this amendment, Trustee Terenzi asked what is the fee for subdivisions?

Anthony Cerreto, the Village Attorney said that the fee in lieu of is \$2,000 for each new lot.

Trustee Didden asked if there are elevation maps showing what the new elevation of the property would be.

Mr. Colangelo said that a full package was provided during the Planning Commission's review of this application that included elevation and other information. He asked if the Board received this information.

The Board indicated that they did not receive a full package and asked Christopher Steers, the Assistant Manager/Director of Code Enforcement who is overseeing Planning if he would suggest holding off on scheduling this hearing until all information is provided.

Mr. Steers said that he will review this proposal with Mr. Cleary and come back to the Board with a full package but does not think the applicant should be delayed to set the hearing date.

There was more discussion between the Board and Mr. Colangelo on this matter. The Mayor asked for the roll call on the amendment.

ROLL CALL

AYES:

Trustees Brakewood, Terenzi, Didden, Branca, Marino, Kenner and

Mayor Pilla

NOES:

None

ABSENT:

None

SETTING PUBLIC HEARING SUBDIVISION APPLICATION 4 HILLTOP DRIVE/HARBOR DRIVE (DIAZ)

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

RESOLVED, that the date of July 18, 2011, be set for a public hearing to review a subdivision application submitted by Arnold and Shawn Diaz, for property located at 4 Hilltop Drive and Harbor Drive, known and designated as Section 142.63, Block 1, Lot 10, for a two lot subdivision located in a R7 Zoning District.

ROLL CALL

AYES:

Trustees Brakewood, Terenzi, Didden, Branca, Marino, Kenner and

Mayor Pilla

NOES:

None None

ABSENT:

Mayor Pilla said that the next item is a presentation from Trustee Brakewood regarding past budgets.

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Trustee Terenzi said that he thought the Board had agreed that if presentations were to be made by members of the Board, that we would have a copy of the presentation in our packages prior to the meeting, He said that Trustee Brakewood provided this information today via email. Trustee Terenzi said that even though we have just received this today he is fine with going forward with the proposed presentation.

Trustee Branca asked Trustee Brakewood how long the presentation would take.

Trustee Brakewood said that he needs about fifteen minutes and Board discussion would be beyond that time.

Trustee Branca made a motion to limit the presentation time to fifteen minutes,

Trustee Kenner seconded the motion.

Trustee Brakewood thanked the Board for allowing him to make this presentation which is a tax levy analysis. He said that the purpose of the presentation is to walk though the trends in the levy since 1985 and putting the 2011-12 Budget in perspective. Trustee Brakewood said that the presentation is just a guide for us to look at the trends and that he believes would lead to more discussion on this subject.

Trustee Brakewood presented the first slide which show the year over year tax levy changes which have varied wildly. He said that each dot on the matrix represents an actual tax levy for each of the twenty six years noting that 1992 was the lowest with a minus 7.4% and the highest in 2005 with a 22% increase. Trustee Brakewood said that the 2011-2012 tax levy is one of the lowest during this period but not as low as in 1992. He stated that the 26 year average of change on this slide is 4.59%.

Trustee Terenzi said that it would be nice to compare the assessable data to this information.

Trustee Brakewood told Trustee Terenzi that he was not able to gather that information but agreed that it would be beneficial to compare both data. He continued with the next slide that showed the tax levy increase during this same period. Trustee Brakewood noted that the tax levy increase three times since 1985 stating that in 1985 it was \$7.1 million and is now just under \$22 million. He said that the average annual increase is \$571,000 and that the graph shows three distinct periods from 1985 to 1991 that the tax levy increase was over the average line that from 1992 to 2004 that the increase fell below the average and from 2005 to present it has gone back over the average. Trustee Brakewood did note that the last budget shows a downward trend toward the average.

Trustee Brakewood then continued onto the third slide which showed the consumer price index since 1985 and that it has steadily climbed since 1985 to 2011 with the 26 year average being 2.9% and the cumulative percentage 77.5%.

Trustee Terenzi spoke about the housing prices which dramatically increased during this period. There was further discussion on this topic.

Trustee Brakewood continued with the fourth slide that showed the adjustment for change in prices which shows an increase of 75%. He said that the dots indicate the levy opposed to the squares which show the adjusted 1985 levy. Trustee Brakewood noted that inflation accounted for \$5.5 million which left the real growth at \$9.4 million during this period. Trustee Brakewood said that this presentation is to provide a stepping stone for discussion and that he thinks the Village needs to undergo a historic transformation. He said that the levy must come down by \$9.4 million to return to 1985 levels which is nearly 8 times more than the last reduction and is the reduction in the 2011-12 Budget sustainable. Trustee Brakewood said that we also need to quantify the causes of growth whether it is pension, borrowing and/or headcount and are these one-time or recurring hits to the budget.

The Board spoke further about the items Trustee Brakewood raised including pension costs, borrowing and headcount.

Trustee Brakewood concluded his presentation that the Village needs a five year strategic transformation plan for the operating and capital budgets and that we need to leverage the finance committee.

Trustee Branca suggested that something like this requires a separate meeting for more discussion.

Trustee Kenner said that he had also asked for a separate meeting regarding outsourcing and user fees. He asked Christopher Russo, the Village Manager where we stood on these items and arranging for a meeting.

Mr. Russo spoke briefly on these matters and said that we need to set that meeting.

Mayor Pilla asked that the Clerk to poll the Board for available dates for this meeting. He thanked Trustee Brakewood for his presentation.

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The Mayor asked if anyone from the audience would like to comment at this time. He recognized Goldie Solomon.

Ms. Solomon said that today is not yesterday that we have a different population and can not compare. She said that we are in a depression/recession and that the Board needs to take care of the taxpayers, including fixing the ruts in the roads. Ms. Solomon said that the Village Hall building opens before the offices do and suggested that a bench be placed in the entrance hallway so there is a place where people can sit while waiting for the offices to open. She also spoke about the lack of computers in the Senior Center for the senior use and that more are needed. Ms. Solomon spoke about the Memorial Day ceremonies and the need that all of our memorials be taken care of mentioning the flag pole at Summerfield Park. She thanked the Port Chester Police Department with always

providing help to her and that we need to honor our police, military, EMTs and fire personnel who put their lives on the line for us.

Mayor Pilla recognized Richard Abel.

Mr. Abel spoke about the resolution on the agenda regarding the Village Prosecutor noting that this prosecutor was responsible for the vehicle and traffic violations but with this item will also take lead of the code prosecutions. He said that during the budget process the Code Prosecutor had requested more money so asked what is this prosecutor getting per month now and does it compare to what the other prosecutor was asking for.

The Mayor said that we are realigning the prosecutors in general noting the need for more resources for code prosecuting. He said that there will be more details when this resolution is brought up later in the agenda.

Mr. Abel said that there will be discussion later in the meeting about municipal donations and want to say that the Port Chester Fest by the Council of Community Services was a very nice affair that all types of people participated in and that he was impressed with this event as well as the Taste of Port Chester that was held this past weekend that was very successful.

Mayor Pilla recognized the next speaker.

Matthew Frank, retired Police Officer from Mount Vernon and founder of the Westchester Blue Foundation said that he would like to follow up regarding the Foundation's request for an event to be held in July. He said that this Foundation helps retired and injured police officers with support being emotional and financial. Mr. Frank thanked Mayor Pilla, Trustee Branca, Village Manager, Christopher Russo and the Board for their support to make this event happen. He said that through this fund raiser it will make a difference to these officers. He said that they have been granted permission from G&S to use the Marina Parking Lot and that he is in the process of getting the required insurance for the event which will be held on July 10th with a rain date of July 24th and include a motorcycle run and car show that will end at the rear of the Copacabana Restaurant. Mr. Frank thanked the Board for their support.

Trustee Branca said that this event still needs police present on duty and asked if officers can volunteer.

Mr. Frank said that he has spoken to the Village Manager and a number of officers will be volunteering but spoke about uniformed officers which he is trying to arrange for this and will speak with the Port Chester Police Benevolent Association.

Mayor Pilla noted that security planning is part of the plan and that Mr. Russo is meeting with the Police Department.

Trustee Terenzi spoke about contract restrictions regarding uniformed officers volunteering their time.

Police Chief Krzeminski noted that the auxiliary police will be detailed for this event.

The Mayor recognized the next speaker, John Reavis.

Mr. Reavis spoke about parking in the community and inquired if there are signs along Main Street that post the time of enforcement.

Mayor Pilla said that there is at least one or two of these signs on each block.

Mr. Reavis said that the budget presentation was interesting and his concerns noting that over the last four to five months there has been a lot of media dealing with overtime for public employees. He asked if we are in a situation with our overtime and said that he believes that the adopted budget had no layoffs of personnel.

The Mayor noted that the budget had fewer total headcounts and reductions to overtime lines. He spoke further on the budget. He recognized the next speaker, Rev. Bruce Baker.

Rev. Baker said that he is the outgoing President of the Council of Community Services and thanked the Village for their support of the Council including Port Chester Fest. He said that when the Board considers the hard and soft costs regarding sponsorships and municipal donations that they consider the costs but also the benefits to the community which this event does noting that is was from a community conversation that this event became established.

Mayor Pilla asked what was the cost of Port Chester Fest for the Council this year.

Daniel Lipka, Executive Director of the Council of Community Services also thanked the Board and the Village for the support of Port Chester Fest. He said that over 2,300 attended this year's event and that regarding the budget the final cost to the Council was about \$18,000 that they received sponsorships of approximately \$14,000 so it was a lost to the Council of about \$4,000. Mr. Lipka said that even though the Council was in the red there was an increase of sponsorships from last year so the lost was less than last year's. He spoke about all of the items that were part of the sponsorship of the Village.

The Mayor recognized the next speaker former Trustee Greg Adams.

Mr. Adams noted that Port Chester Fest was a tremendous success. He spoke about the lack of sidewalks along the G&S parking facility on Traverse Avenue and that they need to be installed there.

Anthony Cerreto, the Village Attorney said that he would draft a letter for the Manager to notice G&S to build the sidewalks.

Mayor Pilla asked if there was anyone else from the audience who would like to speak there was none.

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Mayor Pilla noted that the Board held an executive session at the start of this meeting to interview a candidate for the position of Corporation Counsel and the next item on the agenda is to appoint the Corporation Counsel but the Board did not receive a formal resolution in their packages so would ask for a motion to table this appointment.

Trustee Didden made a motion to table the appointment of the Corporation Counsel, Trustee Kenner seconded the motion.

ROLL CALL

AYES:

Trustees Brakewood, Terenzi, Didden, Branca, Marino, Kenner and

Mayor Pilla

NOES:

None

ABSENT:

None

APPOINTMENT OF VILLAGE PROSECUTOR On motion of TRUSTEE DIDDEN, seconded by TRUSTEE MARINO, the

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

New York:

RESOLVED, that Max DiFabio, Esq., 75 South Broadway, White Plains, New York 10601, is hereby appointed as the Assistant District Attorney (Village Prosecutor) for prosecuting parking/vehicle and traffic violations in the Village Justice Court, with compensation to be a flat fee of \$3,000.00 per month; and be it further

RESOLVED, that Mr. DiFabio be granted an additional stipend of \$1,500 per month to take the lead and make assignment to Robert Peirce, Esq. in the prosecution of code violations.

ROLL CALL

AYES:

Trustees Brakewood, Terenzi, Didden, Branca, Marino, Kenner and

Mayor Pilla

NOES:

None

ABSENT:

None

DOWNTOWN REVITALIZATION EFFORT CODE ENFORCEMENT AMNESTY PILOT PROGRAM

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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, the Village of Port Chester was awarded a grant of \$425,000 from the New York State Main Street Program, which is administered by the Office of Community Renewal under the direction of the New York State Housing Trust Fund Corporation, with the approved project boundary as North Main Street between Westchester Avenue and Mill Street; and

WHEREAS, the grant's budget is as follows:

\$225,000 for façade improvements

\$25,000 for streetscape improvements

\$150,000 for second, third and fourth floor improvements

\$ 25,000 for administrative expenses; and

WHEREAS, applications for façade improvements have been received and are in varying stages of review and approval, with applications are still being accepted; and

WHEREAS, the streetscape funding has been used to bolster a CDBG grant obtained through Westchester County for the Main Street Improvement Project which includes new parking meters, decorative street lights, tree grates and replacement of sidewalks; and

WHEREAS, in order to further advance the Village's efforts to correct health and safety issues throughout the Village, priority will be given to property owners who utilize grant funds to address issues of code enforcement, energy efficiency and compliance with the Americans with disabilities Act; and

WHEREAS, towards that end it is proposed that there be established a Code Enforcement Amnesty Pilot Program to provide an incentive to eligible property owners; and

WHEREAS, coincident with the Department of Code Enforcement's on-going inspections under the New York State-mandated fire safety and property maintenance inspection program, property owners will be given the opportunity to take advantage of grant funding to correct any violations that may be identified. Now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees hereby establishes a Code Enforcement Amnesty Pilot Program to implement an essential component of the New York State's Main Street grant award to the Village of Port Chester; and be it further

RESOLVED, that such amnesty program has proven to have been successful in other municipalities with similar issues, and such experience is being utilized as "best practices" for application to the Village; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the amnesty program will provide a free enhanced fire safety inspection for eligible residential improvements and waive any permitting penalties and afford relief in the amount of 50% on any permits necessary to perform identified and eligible repairs.

ROLL CALL

AYES:

Trustees Brakewood, Terenzi, Didden, Branca, Marino, Kenner and

Mayor Pilla

NOES:

None

ABSENT:

None

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

RESOLVED, that Chapter 175 "Fees", Section 175-4, be amended as follows, effective for the 2012 Decal Parking Permits:

Chapter 319, Vehicles and Traffic

Decal parking	§319-45		
Residential		[\$425.00]	\$620.00
Nonresidential	§319-45	[\$425.00]	<u>\$620.00</u>

Six month permit prices are \$310.00 with second payment due by May 15th of the Decal year.

ROLL CALL

AYES:

Trustees Brakewood, Terenzi, Didden, Branca, Marino, Kenner and

Mayor Pilla

NOES:

None

ABSENT:

None

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AUTHORIZING THE SUBMISSION OF A HOME RULE REQUEST FOR SPECIAL STATE LEGISLATION REGARDING AN ADDITIONAL ACTING POLICE JUSTICE

On motion of TRUSTEE KENNER, seconded by TRUSTEE DIDDEN, the

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

New York:

WHEREAS, the Police Court Act, Chapter 851, Laws of 1949, a special enactment of the State Legislature for the benefit of the Village of Port Chester, provides for a police justice and an acting police justice at the Port Chester Justice Court; and

WHEREAS, the Justice Court is one of the most active justice courts in New York State; and

WHEREAS, the Village's comprehensive and non-discriminatory code enforcement efforts are expected to accelerate and significantly add to the high caseload handled by the two justices; and

WHEREAS, the Board has been advised that special state legislation is required for the Village to have the opportunity of an additional acting police justice; and

WHEREAS, New York Assemblyman George Latimer has introduced legislation in the Assembly with bill number A. 07843 and New York Senator Suzi Oppenheimer has introduced legislation in the Senate with bill number S 05571 that would provide the requisite authority. Now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees of the Village of Port Chester hereby approves the submission of a Home Rule Request to the New York State Assembly and Senate for bill numbers A. 07843 and S 05571; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Clerk is hereby authorized to execute all necessary documents with regard to the Home Rule Request and the Mayor to cause their delivery to the New York State Legislature on behalf of the Board.

ROLL CALL

AYES:

Trustees Brakewood, Terenzi, Didden, Branca, Marino, Kenner and

Mayor Pilla

NOES:

None

ABSENT:

None

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The Mayor introduced the next resolution to retain consultants for Village traffic engineering services. He asked for a motion for discussion.

Trustee Didden motion for discussion on this resolution, Trustee Marino seconded the motion.

Mr. Russo explained to the Board that the firm of Adler Consulting has been providing this service for Planning Commission applications and that this resolution would formalize an agreement with this firm for these services.

There was a brief discussion between Mr. Russo and the Board on this matter regarding the firm and their costs.

Trustee Brakewood said that he would like to amend the resolution so it is not a blanket resolution for any traffic services if this is only for the Planning Commission. The Board discussed this further with Mr. Russo. He indicated that the intent was only for

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services from this firm for the Planning Commission and if the Village requires additional services from this firm that separate resolutions could be presented to the Board on those particular projects which has been done in the past.

Trustee Brakewood made a motion to amend the resolution that the "Planning Commission" be inserted after line that reads "to the Village of Port Chester" and to insert "with costs to be charged back to planning applicants" after line that reads "rates of compensation currently as follows", Trustee Didden seconded the motion to amend as indicated.

ROLL CALL

AYES:

Trustees Brakewood, Terenzi, Didden, Branca, Marino, Kenner and

Mayor Pilla

NOES:

None

ABSENT:

None

RETAINING CONSULTANT FOR VILLAGE TRAFFIC ENGINEERING SERVICES ADLER CONSULTING

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

RESOLVED, that Adler Consulting Transportation Planning and Traffic Engineering, PLLC, 235 Main Street, White Plains, New York, be retained to provide traffic engineering consulting services to the Village of Port Chester Planning Commission with compensation as set forth in their proposal dated May 24, 2011, rates of compensation currently as follows, with costs to be charged back to planning applicants:

Mr. Adler	\$215/hour
Mr. O'Rourke	\$175
Senior Engineer	\$130
Engineer	\$105
Drafter	\$75
Technician	\$55 ;

ATR Surveys \$500.00 per week per unit plus travel

ROLL CALL

AYES:

Trustees Brakewood, Terenzi, Didden, Branca, Marino, Kenner and

Mayor Pilla

NOES:

None

ABSENT:

None

AGREEMENT WITH WESTCHESTER COUNTY PRISONER TRANSPORTATION

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On a 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:

RESOLVED, that the Village Manager be authorized to execute an agreement with the County of Westchester with regard to reimbursement for prisoner transportation between the Village and the County Department of Correction for the period beginning January 1, 2011 and ending on December 31, 2012.

ROLL CALL

AYES:

Trustees Brakewood, Terenzi, Didden, Branca, Marino, Kenner and

Mayor Pilla

NOES:

None

ABSENT: None

BUDGET AMENDMENT – DEA FUNDS COMPUTER EQUIPMENT

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, The Police Chief recommends the use of DEA Funds to purchase four (4) optiplex 990 energy star ultra small form factor Dell computers in the amount of \$4,866.92 from Dell Marketing LP, P.O. Box 643561, Pittsburgh, PA, a NYS contract vendor. Now, therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees of the Village of Port Chester, New York hereby authorizes the Village Treasurer to modify the 2010-11 General Fund Budget as follows:

GENERAL FUND

Balance Sheet:

001-001-0695

Deferred Revenue DEA

\$(4,867)

Revenues:

001-0001-2613

Use of Deferred DEA Funds

\$4,867

Appropriations:

001-3120-0200

Police Equipment

\$4,867

ROLL CALL

AYES:

Trustees Brakewood, Terenzi, Didden, Branca, Marino, Kenner and

Mayor Pilla

NOES:

None

ABSENT:

None

BUDGET AMENDMENT – DEA FUNDS AUTOMATIC LICENSE PLATE READER UPGRADE

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

WHEREAS, the Police Chief recommends the use of DEA Funds to do an emergency upgrade of the Automatic License Plate Reader a total cost of \$14,226 from Pips Technology C/o Metrocom, 31 Plainfield Avenue, Bedford Hills, NY 10507 a NYS contract vendor - \$1,150.00 for computer installation & \$5,076 for computer upgrade; and General Sales Administration, t/a Major Police Supply, 547 N. Dell Avenue, Kenvil, NJ 07847, an authorized vendor - \$8,000 for 3 cameras gold system upgrade with boss software upgrade. Now, therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees of the Village of Port Chester, New York hereby authorizes the Village Treasurer to modify the 2010-11 General Fund Budget as follows:

GENERAL FUND

Balance Sheet:

001-001-0695

Deferred Revenue DEA

\$(14,226)

Revenues:

001-0001-2613

Use of Deferred DEA Funds

\$14,226

Appropriations:

001-3120-0200

Police Equipment

\$14,226

ROLL CALL

AYES:

Trustees Brakewood, Terenzi, Didden, Branca, Marino, Kenner and

Mayor Pilla

NOES:

None

ABSENT:

None

NEW YORK STATE SNOW & ICE AGREEMENT AMENDMENT B FOR 2010/2011 SEASON

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

WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 12 of the Highway Law, the maintenance of State highways, including the removal of snow and/or ice, is a State charge; and

WHEREAS, a municipality may agree to act as the agent of the State in the removal of snow and/or ice from said highways and be reimbursed for the cost therefore; and

WHEREAS, U.S. 1, State Highway 120-A and Midland Avenue are designated State highways within the Village of Port Chester; and

WHEREAS, by resolution dated December 6, 2010, the Village of Port Chester authorized the execution of an agreement with the New York State Department of Transportation for the 2010/2011 Snow & Ice Season; and

WHEREAS, due to the severity of the winter and the high cost of fuel during 2010/2011 the Village of Port Chester requests that the Municipal Snow and Ice Agreement estimated expenditure be revised to reflect the additional lane miles of state roads that were plowed/treated during the winter season. Now there, be it

RESOLVED, that the Village Manager be and hereby is authorized to execute Amendment B with the State of New York for contract #D010769 for the 2010/2011 season.

ROLL CALL

AYES:

Trustees Brakewood, Terenzi, Didden, Branca, Marino, Kenner and

Mayor Pilla

NOES:

None

ABSENT:

None

AGREEMENT – WESTCHESTER COUNTY CDBG BENT AVENUE SIDEWALK IMPROVEMENT PROJECT

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

RESOLVED, that the Village Manager be and is authorized to enter into an agreement with the County of Westchester with regard to the Community Development Block Grant for the Bent Avenue Sidewalk Improvement Project Contract #C67-10-T35 in the amount of \$198,000.00 for the term of April 13, 2011 to December 31, 2011.

ROLL CALL

AYES:

Trustees Brakewood, Terenzi, Didden, Branca, Marino, Kenner and

Mayor Pilla

NOES:

None None

ABSENT:

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The Mayor introduced the next resolution to amend the Vehicle and Traffic regulations for the placement of stop signs on Quintard Drive. He asked for a motion for discussion.

Trustee Branca made a motion for discussion, Trustee Marino seconded the motion.

Mr. Russo explained that this resolution was on the last Board meeting agenda and was table to confirm if the Traffic Commission had reviewed this proposal and if so what was their recommendation on the matter. He said that it did go to the Traffic Commission and that they did not recommend the place of the signage but instead to place the speed indicated box.

The Board discussed this matter further with Mr. Russo and asked Police Chief Krzeminski what would be his recommendation. Police Chief Krzeminski said that he would recommend the placement of the stop signs. The Board discussed this further and Trustees Terenzi and Marino said that they agree with the Traffic Commission recommendation not to place the stop signs.

VEHICLE AND TRAFFIC AMENDMENT FOR QUINTARD DRIVE

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

RESOLVED, by the Board of Trustees of the Village of Port Chester that traffic regulation, Schedule VIII "Stop Intersections" is hereby amended with respect to schedules established in Article XIV of Local Law No. 14, 1980.

Section 319-69, "Stop Intersections"

ADD
Quintard Drive

Quintard Drive

Quintard Drive

West

At Intersection Of

Field Place

ROLL CALL

AYES:

Trustees Brakewood, Didden, Branca, Kenner and Mayor Pilla

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NOES:

Trustees Terenzi and Marino

ABSENT:

None

TEMPORARY SUSPENSION OF PARKING REGULATIONS IN REFERENCE TO REQUEST BY 220 CHESTNUT STREET OWNERS CORP.

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

WHEREAS, Patriot Management, the managing agent for 220 Chestnut Street Owners Corporation has made a request for the accommodation from the Village for additional on-street parking due to necessary repairs of their parking facility; and

WHEREAS, the Village has the obligation to protect the public health and safety; and

WHEREAS, without Village regulation the displacement of such vehicles in the neighborhood would create severe disruption and substantial burden on the surrounding neighborhoods; and

WHEREAS, this matter has been reviewed by the Police Department for appropriate legislation and who has recommended the suspension of certain parking regulations on a temporary basis. Now, therefore be it

RESOLVED, by the Board of Trustees of the Village of Port Chester that the traffic regulations Schedule XVI, Section 319-77 "Limited Time Parking"; Schedule XIV "Nighttime Parking Prohibited Certain Hours" and Schedule XV, Section 319-76 "Parking Prohibited Certain Times" established in Article XIV of Local Law No. 14, 1980, are hereby suspended for a period of 14 days commencing June 7, 2011.

Village Code on Vehicle and Traffic, Schedule XVI: Section 319-77 pursuant to the provisions of Section 319-23; Limited Time Parking. (2 Hour Restrictions)

Name of	Side	Direction of	Location
		<u>Travel</u>	
King Street	East	North	From Chestnut Street to Highland Street
King Street	East	North	From Highland Street to Summerfield Place
King Street	West	South	From Highland Street to Summerfield Place

Village Code on Vehicle and Traffic, Schedule XIV: Section 319-75 pursuant to the provisions of Section 319-21A; Nighttime Parking Prohibited Certain Hours. (All Night Parking 1am-6am)

Name of	Side	Direction of	Location
		<u>Travel</u>	
King Street	East	North	From Chestnut Street to Highland Street
King Street	East	North	From Highland Street to Summerfield Place
Poningo Street	West	South	From King Street to Parker Street
Poningo Street	East	North	From Parker Street to King Street
Maple Place	West	South	From Haseco Avenue to Parker Street

Village Code on Vehicle and Traffic, Schedule XV: Section 319-76 pursuant to the provisions of Section 319-12B; Parking Prohibited Certain Times.

(Street Cleaning 8:30am-11:30am, Thursday & Friday))

Name of	Side	Direction of	Location
		<u>Travel</u>	
King Street	West	South	From Highland Street to Summerfield Place
Haseco Avenue	Both	West	Entire length
Poningo Street	West	South	From King Street to Parker Street
Poningo Street	East	North	From Parker Street to King Street
Willett Avenue	Both	Both	From King Street to Rectory Street

RESOVLED, that the Police Department and the Department of Public Works through the Village Manager be and is hereby directed to facilitate the suspension of the foregoing regulations, including the installation of necessary signage or other appropriate measures.

ROLL CALL

AYES: Trustees Brakewood, Terenzi, Didden, Branca, Marino, Kenner and

Mayor Pilla

and, be it further

NOES: None ABSENT: None

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The Clerk said that the Manager and the Treasurer have provided two resolutions for the Board's consideration as add-ons to this agenda. She said that the first resolution is to modify the Sanitary Sewer Reconstruction Project and the EPA Compliance Project.

There being no objections, on motion of Trustee Kenner, seconded by Trustee Didden, the resolution was added on.

ROLL CALL

AYES: Trustees Brakewood, Terenzi, Didden, Branca, Marino, Kenner and

Mayor Pilla

NOES: None ABSENT: None

The Mayor asked for a motion in order to discuss this resolution.

Trustee Didden made a motion for discussion, Trustee Branca seconded the motion.

Mr. Russo explained that this resolution would modify the amount of the Storm/Sanitary (EPA) Compliance Project to the funds that were received by the grant for this project plus the match to just under \$1 million dollars, which is our obligation for this project. He said that then the remaining \$560,500 would be placed in the general Sanitary/Storm Sewer Reconstruction Project. Mr. Russo further explained that other sanitary/storm sewer projects are not part of the EPA project and this funding will go towards those projects and noted that the second resolution deals with such a project.

The Mayor asked Mr. Russo if this change would have any impact to the EPA Project and our obligations to that project.

Mr. Russo said that this change has no impact to the EPA Project.

MODIFYING THE SANITARY SEWER RECONSTRUCTION PROJECT & THE EPA COMPLIANCE PROJECT

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

WHEREAS, the Village consulting engineer recommends that the accounting for EPA Compliance Project (MS4/IDDE) be separated from yearly Sanitary Sewer Reconstruction projects as required by the EPA, and

WHEREAS, additional grant funding in the amount of \$725,000 was approved by the New York State Department of Environment Conservation under the Water Quality Improvement Program (WQIP) for an Illicit Discharge Elimination Program, and the required matched contribution of \$245,000 (B.A.N) by the Village thereby satisfying the required budget of \$970,000. Now, therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the consulting engineer reported that the various storm and sanitary sewer constructions are necessary throughout the Village and are unrelated to the Storm/Sanitary Sewer EPA Compliance Project, and, therefore be it further

RESOLVED, the Board of Trustees hereby authorizes the Village Treasurer to modify the said capital projects in the Capital Fund Budget as follows:

CAPITAL FUND:

Increase Sanitary/Storm Sewer Reconstruction Project FY 2010-11 from \$280,000 to \$840,500

REVENUES:

5.5.5731.2010.117 BAN Proceeds \$560,500

APPROPRIATIONS

5.8120.400.2010.117 San/Storm Sew Recnst FY 2010/11 \$560,500

Decrease Storm/Sanitary Sewer (EPA) Compliance Project from \$1,530,500 to \$970,000

REVENUES:

5.5.5731.2009.109

BAN Proceeds(Match of \$241,666) \$560,500

APPROPRIATIONS:

5.8120.400.2009.109

EPA Compliance Proj. (\$970,000) \$560,500

ROLL CALL

AYES:

Trustees Brakewood, Terenzi, Didden, Branca, Marino, Kenner and

Mayor Pilla

NOES:

None

ABSENT:

None

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The Clerk stated that the other add-on resolution for the Board's consideration is to award the bid for the Central Avenue Drainage Improvements.

There being no objections, on motion of Trustee Didden, seconded by Trustee Marino, the resolution was added to the agenda.

ROLL CALL

AYES:

Trustees Brakewood, Terenzi, Didden, Branca, Marino, Kenner and

Mayor Pilla

NOES:

None

ABSENT:

None

Trustee Didden made a motion for discussion, Trustee Marino seconded the motion.

Mr. Russo explained the situation regarding the drainage on Central Avenue which needs to be corrected and that a bid proposal was provided and eleven contractors gave bid proposals for the project. He directed the Board to the recommendation from our Village Consulting Engineer, Rotfeld Engineering and noted that the low bidder had withdrawn their bid because of a calculation error and so the recommendation is to the second lowest bidder.

The Board further discussed the project, the bid, the contractors and the withdrawal by the lowest bidder.

BID AWARD – CENTRAL AVENUE DRAINAGE IMPROVEMENTS

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

WHEREAS, the Village of Port Chester went out to bid for the Central Avenue Drainage Improvements; and

WHEREAS, fourteen contractors received the bid specifications and eleven of these contractors submitted bid proposals on April 12, 2011; and

WHEREAS, the lowest bidder was Con-Tech Construction Technology in the amount of \$58,863.35; and

WHEREAS, Con-Tech Construction has re-examined their proposal and have determined that an error was made and have therefore requested to be released from its obligation to hold to said bid value; and

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WHEREAS, the next lowest bidder was Acocella Contracting Inc., 68 Gaylor Road, Scarsdale, New York 10583 has submitted the next lowest bid in the amount of \$74,905.00; and

WHEREAS, the Village's Engineering Consultant, Dolph Rotfeld Engineering, PC has reviewed the bids and recommends awarding the bid to Acocella Contracting Inc. with said bid meeting all the specifications as set forth in the bid documents. Now therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the Village of Port Chester accept the bid of Acocella Contracting Inc., in the amount of \$74,905.00, which amount has been appropriated in the Sanitary/Storm Sewer Reconstruction Project FY 2010-2011 #5.8120.400.2010.117, and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Village Manager is hereby authorized to execute a contract for the Central Avenue Drainage Improvement Project with Acocella Contracting Inc., in accordance with the bid specifications.

ROLL CALL

AYES: Trustees Brakewood, Terenzi, Didden, Branca, Marino, Kenner and

Mayor Pilla

NOES: None ABSENT: None

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Mayor Pilla said that the next section of the agenda is entitled discussions with the first item being on rate policy for Crawford Park. He said that he placed this discussion on the agenda because Town Councilwoman Mendicino notified him that at the next Rye Town meeting there will be a discussion item and/or actions to increase fees for the use of Crawford Park for municipalities and non-profits.

Trustee Terenzi said that this Town Park is being over utilized and they are trying to equalize the use. He said that there are organizations using Crawford Park for camps and they are profiting but use the park at no charge.

There was further discussion amongst the Board on this subject and the Mayor asked if the Board would be opposed to him sending a letter to the Town of Rye stating that the Village of Port Chester opposes any increase for our municipal use. The Board was agreeable to the Mayor sending such a letter.

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The Mayor said that the next discussion item was placed by Trustee Didden regarding regulations for the booting and towing of vehicles from private property.

Trustee Didden said that he requested this discussion because over the last three months there have been over 400 instances of booting and towing from private property. He said that Westchester County has a law regulating this which is inadequate and that he has spoken to staff regarding these regulations. Trustee Didden said that he would like for a letter to be sent to the County asking for changes in their law to enhance the consumer protections and spoke further about this information. He said that if the County does not act on the requested changes then staff could come back with such regulations for the Village. Trustee Didden spoke about certain private property locations that has the signage regarding booting and towing but there is not adequate lighting of the signage and vehicle owners have complained of been entrapped to pay high fees to remove the boot and avoid towing.

Mayor Pilla asked Trustee Didden if he has the detailed changes for the County to consider.

Trustee Didden said that he has spoken to the Police Captain and the Traffic Sergeant and is awaiting the language.

The Mayor said that he welcomes the change suggestions but wants to make sure that we are not infringing on the property owners rights.

Trustee Brakewood said that he agrees that at the minimum the signage needs to be clear and visible.

Trustee Marino spoke about other locations within the Village that he has received complaints about booting and towing from private property.

Mayor Pilla said that staff, the Police and Village Attorney to provide the Board with the information to consider for requesting changes by the County.

Trustee Didden then spoke about the scofflaw regarding unpaid tickets and the information he has gathered on this matter which he spoke about. He said that he would bring this back to Board and would ask for comments from the Board to make changes to our regulations regarding this issue.

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Mayor Pilla said that the final discussion item was asked by Trustee Didden regarding municipal donations.

Trustee Didden spoke about an article from the New York Conference of Mayors (NYCOM) regarding municipal donations and the issues that revolve around this issue. He said that the article highlights small and large scale items on this subject and it is not necessary the size of the event/donation that is the issue. Trustee Didden said that he asked for copies of agreements that we have with different organizations and that the agreements differ depending on the organization. He noted many of these organizations including the baseball league, soccer league, Clay Arts, the Council of Community Services, the Arts Council, the Yacht Club and more. Trustee Didden stated that the Executive Director of the Port Chester Arts Council contacted him about their agreement stating that the Village provides funding for this organization's program and because of the agreement they charge a higher fee for non Port Chester residents and that it costs about \$10 per our resident that does take advantage of their programs. He spoke further about other one time events including the Caring and Loving Foundation event to be held in July and that they have requested the use of the Show Mobile and there will be a follow up for the fee for this. Trustee Didden also spoke about the Port Chester Fest event that the Village co-sponsored and what the Village provided which included the Show Mobile with no fee, port-a-johns and personnel. He said that he asked for this discussion because there does not seem to be a policy for these requests that each is done separately and why some are co-sponsored or not and charge fees or not.

Mayor Pilla said that this discussion is kind of like comparing apples, oranges and bananas. He noted that there are events such as Port Chester Fest that there is no signed contract that we require the request in writing.

Trustee Didden said that he is not asking to stop anything that is approved or already planned for this fiscal year but that we need to come to a consensus to treat everyone equally. He noted that there is another request to use Lyon Park and the Show Mobile for a concert later on this agenda and does not know if this event is being conducted by a private organization, a foundation or 5013c. Trustee Didden said that at some point neighbors say enough is enough with all these events noting that we can not say yes to everybody's request. He said that the article talks about us violating the constitution of New York State if we fail to receive benefit of what we supplied.

Mayor Pilla said that regarding the contracts that Trustee Didden had spoken about and the difference amongst these contracts. He asked the Village Attorney if we need contracts for all the items that we do especially these one time events. The Mayor noted that the agreements for the baseball and soccer programs are necessary and should not be included in what he is asking for.

Mr. Cerreto said that he would provide to the Board a follow up regarding the Mayor's question for the one time events and what Trustee Didden asked about regarding separation of items.

The Mayor said that Trustee Didden is making a good point and is asking for the legal opinion from the Village Attorney because with the subject of municipal donations that we have spent a considerable amount of time deliberating and making a distinction about 5013c noting that he is not sure if the Independence Day Committee or the Columbus Day Committee are 5013c, so there is a shade of gray regarding these types of events and there is a need for a formalized policy and mentioned the approval for the use of the Show Mobile by the Caring and Loving Foundation recently.

Trustee Marino noted that this organization can use the Show Mobile but has to pay for its use.

Trustee Terenzi said that he can speak about Town Law that restricts that Towns can only give \$500 to veterans organizations.

Trustee Marino said that our problem is that we have no policy and that we need to have a policy.

Mayor Pilla asked that staff bring back the Show Mobile policy that was presented a few years ago but was not acted on by the past Board. He said that because we did not adopt this formal policy the Board did allow for the use of the Show Mobile for Village sponsored events and spoke about several events and their benefits to the community.

Trustee Didden said that when there is no cost to the Village for an event that is a much easier issue and noted that the Caring and Loving event has no stipulation for cosponsorship so some organizations get sponsorships and others do not.

Trustee Brakewood said that he is glad to hear about these intangible benefits of these organizations in the Village. He said that we fund certain organizations and with the help of that funding they generate much higher benefits to the residents and the community. Trustee Brakewood spoke about the hard work of the volunteers within these organizations that give of their time and resources which could be carried over to other uses.

Trustee Didden noted that there are also intangible consequences to events and spoke about certain businesses on Main Street that had no business when the Chamber of Commerce would hold their Car Show and close down Main Street. He said that we also need to consider location for events because using only a few locations is difficult for neighboring residents and businesses at times.

Trustee Brakewood said that we have to consider all the intangible benefits and if we have too many rules, regulations and restrictions organizations will give up on holding events and activities in the Village. He spoke further about benefits to the community and said that we need to be careful where we go on this subject.

Mayor Pilla said that this is a not a one size fits all with these events and spoke more about reviewing park use and Show Mobile use noting that co-sponsored events are a different issue.

Trustee Brakewood noted that when organizations ask for use it is directed to staff to get their professional opinion on these events.

Mr. Cerreto noted that consistency requires policy.

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The Clerk presented correspondence from the Rye-Port Chester-Rye Brook-Town of Independence Day Committee requesting items for the 4th of July Festivities.

The Board referred the correspondence from the Independence Day Committee to staff.

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The Clerk presented correspondence from Frank Valbiro requesting the use of Lyon Park and the Show Mobile for a concert for a date in August.

The Board referred the correspondence from Frank Valbiro to staff.

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The Clerk presented correspondence from Corpus Christi Church requesting permission to place banner across Westchester Avenue to promote their carnival to be held from August 15th to August 20th.

The Board referred the correspondence from Corpus Christi to staff.

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The Clerk presented a report from Putnam Engine & Hose Co. No. 2 on the election to active membership of David Green.

The Board of Trustees noted the report from Putnam Engine & Hose Co. No. 2.

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The Clerk presented a report from the Traffic Commission regarding emergency access on Alto Avenue.

The Mayor said that the Board would note the report from the Traffic Commission.

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Trustee Marino said that he would like to discuss this report noting that planters are being used to block this access of the Fox Island Affordable Townhomes development. He said that emergency vehicles would be greatly damaged if they are required to move these planters with their vehicles and apparatus.

The Board further discussed this matter and Trustee Didden noted that the Planning Commission reviewed this issue greatly and it was his belief that the planters were to be placed on something so they could be moved easily. Further discussion continued on this matter between the Board and staff and it was recommended that the Police and Fire should review this matter and provide reports to the Planning Commission.

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The Clerk presented the minutes of the Board of Trustees meetings of February 22, 2011, March 7, 2011, April 5, 2011, April 6, 2011, April 11, 2011, April 27, 2011, May 2, 2011, May 16, 2011 and May 23, 2011.

Trustee Branca made a motion to accept these minutes, Trustee Marino seconded the motion.

ROLL CALL

AYES:

Trustees Brakewood, Terenzi, Didden, Branca, Marino, Kenner and

Mayor Pilla

NOES:

None

ABSENT:

None

The Board voted to accept these minutes with members abstaining on the minutes that they were absent from the following meetings:

Trustee Brakewood abstained on the minutes of February 22, 2011, April 11, 2011 and May 23, 2011.

Trustee Terenzi abstained on the minutes of March 7, 2011 and April 11, 2011. Trustee Kenner abstained on the minutes of April 27, 2011.

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Mayor Pilla asked if anyone from the audience would like to comment at this time. He recognized Gene Ceccarelli.

Mr. Ceccarelli spoke about the discussion that the Board had regarding the emergency access on Alto Avenue and noted that he attended the Planning Commission meetings during these discussions and was surprised that it was stated by the Commission that these planters could just be pushed away. He said that in winter conditions especially during a winter that we had this year once snow surrounds these planters they are impossible to move so agrees that the police and fire departments should review this.

The Mayor recognized George Ford Jr.

Mr. Ford spoke about the resolution that was adopted for the placement of stop signs on Quintard Drive. He noted that this is not a true intersection at Field Plan stating that the closest opposite street from Field Place on Quintard is Renshaw which is a distance before Field Place. Mr. Ford wanted to make sure that the stop signs were installed on each direction of Quintard at Field place. The Clerk provided Mr. Ford with a diagram of the placement of the signs which agrees with what Mr. Ford is requesting. Mr. Ford also

Ford also thanked the Police Chief for his comments regarding the placement of stop signs on Haines Blvd.

Mayor Pilla recognized Bishop Nowotnik, the Confidential Secretary of the Supervisor of the Town of Rye.

Mr. Nowotnik said that he came to clarify the discussion that the Board had regarding Crawford Park fees. He said that the Town is doing the same thing as the Village regarding use of municipal property. Mr. Nowotnik said that there is nothing on the Town agenda to increase municipal or non-profit fees but noted that they have a lot of municipal use in Crawford Park at the same times so the Town is reviewing all of these uses which he mentioned are camps, softball, youth football and soccer. He noted that the Town did increase the fees for resident usage and only residents can request the use of this park that it can not be done by non-residents.

Mr. Nowotnik said that he is also the president of the Tamarack Tower Foundation and thanked the Village for their support of their fund raiser "A Taste of Port Chester" which was a great success and that twenty seven restaurants participated. He said that they had much more participants than they anticipated and has only heard good reviews of this event which was done for the first time. Mr. Nowotnik stated that this was one of the most profitable events that the Foundation has done and the funds raised go back to the schools and students of the Port Chester School District.

Mr. Nowotnik then said that tomorrow night is the annual Band Night held at Port Chester High School field and encouraged everyone to come out to see our music program performances and that there will be a special surprise at the end of the program. He concluded that as Trustee Brakewood had mentions there are a lots of volunteers in our community who work very hard for their organizations and that we should maximize them for the benefit of the community.

Trustee Brakewood spoke further with Mr. Nowotnik regarding the Town's review of the use of Crawford Park. Trustee Brakewood said to Mr. Nowotnik that the Town should considers the financial disparity between the three communities of the Town, the Village of Port Chester, the Village of Rye Brook and the Rye Neck section of Mamaroneck if they consider at all a change to the fee schedule. He said that it would be unfortunate if our Village would not be able to use this park.

The Mayor asked if there was anyone else who would like to comment. He recognized Richard Abel.

Mr. Abel said that he asked earlier about the funding for the Village Prosecutor Mr. DiFabio which was not directly answered. He asked if Mr. DiFabio would be getting paid more or less than the Code Prosecutor had asked for during the budget process.

Trustee Didden said that it is an increase for Mr. DiFabio but much less than what the Code Prosecutor Mr. Peirce was asking for.

Mr. Abel concluded his comments with a discussion about the recent film shoot by Law & Order Criminal Intent and that they used all the parking spaces around the Capital Theatre which hurt the business owners in the area. He said that the fee that the Village received for these types of permits are to low and that the Board should consider increasing

increasing them.

Mayor Pilla asked if there was anyone else from the audience who would like to address the Board. There was none. He asked if any of the Trustees would like to comment.

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Trustee Brakewood said that he had asked for the elimination of bill boards and asked if there was a consensus of the Board to place this on the table for consideration. There was a consensus to pursue this recommendation.

Mr. Cerreto said that he would provide the Board with a memo on this subject.

Trustee Terenzi said that this Board has worked very hard in this last year and have cleaned up a lot of administrative issues. He said that we now need to look at large issues including the United Hospital project for example. Trustee Terenzi commended Mr. Nowotnik for all the hard work he does for the Town and his volunteering with many organizations.

Trustee Didden said that Mr. Giangrande, the crossing guard on King Street for King Street School had complained that the flashing school warning sign on King Street heading south was out of service and needs to be fixed.

Mr. Russo said that he would look into this situation because he is not sure if this signal it is ours to fix.

Trustee Didden commended the Code Enforcement Department regarding an issue at a property on Grace Church Street that was resolved. He also commended the Acting General Foreman, Rocky Morabito when he notified him of a reoccurring pot hole on Abendroth in front of the Tarry Lodge that he went out and corrected it. Trustee Didden also spoke about the shut down of a business on South Main Street by the police that was advertising as an adult business. He concluded with comments of the Memorial Day event and all of the services at each of the monuments and noted that this is the anniversary of D-Day today and that we must never forget this event and all others that help retain our freedom.

Trustee Branca also mentioned the anniversary of D-Day and noted that he is the only veteran on the Board so he understands the things that all veterans go through and said thank you to all veterans for the service that they have given to our country and our people. He also thanked the Port Chester Fire Department noting that one of his family members had a fire and that the department responded quickly.

Trustee Marino thanked the Department of Public Works for the clean up at all of the memorials in the Village. He told the Board that Ms. Solomon's comments about the computers in the Senior Center is incorrect that no computers are missing from this facility. Trustee Marino said that he would like a follow up report of who signed off on the permit that allowed for the planters on Alto Avenue that was discussed earlier.

Trustee Kenner stated that the first meeting with the Comprehensive Plan Advisory Committee (CPAC) was held last week and asked if CPAC would be coming to the June 20th meeting and if so is there anything that is needed by the Board for this meeting.

Christopher Steers, the Assistant Village Manager who is overseeing the Comprehensive Plan project said that the meeting with CPAC went very well and he was very impressed with the CPAC members that they want to see this project through. He said that he would be providing information regarding the plan and process at the June 20th Board meeting.

Mayor Pilla congratulated the Department of Public Works staff for the memorials for the Memorial Day events and how moving each of the ceremonies were at each of the memorials. He said that Starwood Capital is interested in continuing the journey with staff but that they are concerned if the Board is interesting in pursuing the development. The Mayor suggested a subcommittee of the Board that would be himself and Trustees Terenzi and Branca to meet with staff and Starwood. He also mentioned Band Night which is being held tomorrow, June 7th and that all should go and see this program highlighting the students from our elementary schools up to the High School. Mayor Pilla said that for the next meeting agenda he would like to discuss two parking initiatives, relining of Marvin Place parking area and valet services. He concluded that there was discussion earlier regarding a work shop with the Board regarding user fees and he would like to include prioritizing our agendas. Mayor Pilla suggested that each department provide to the Board their top three game changing goals for their respective department.

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There being no further business on motion of Trustee Didden, seconded by Trustee Marino, the meeting was closed at 10:35 p.m.

ROLL CALL

AYES:

Trustees Brakewood, Terenzi, Didden, Branca, Marino, Kenner

and Mayor Pilla

NOES:

None

ABSENT: None

Respectfully submitted,

Village Clerk

Joan Mancuso