

A Meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Village of Croton-on-Hudson, NY was held on Monday, November 17, 2014 at the Municipal Building, Van Wyck Street, Croton-on-Hudson, NY 10520.

The following officials were present:

Mayor Wiegman	Trustee Davis
Village Manager Zambrano	Trustee Gallelli
Village Treasurer Bullock	Trustee Levitt
Village Attorney Feldman	Trustee Slippen

1. CALL TO ORDER:

Mayor Wiegman called the meeting to order at 8:00pm; everyone joined in the Pledge of Allegiance.

2. APPROVAL OF VOUCHERS:

Trustee Levitt made a motion to approve the following Fiscal Year 2014-2015 Vouchers. The motion was seconded by Trustee Davis and approved with a vote of 5-0 vote.

General Fund	\$1,676,105.62
Water Fund	\$101,902.16
Sewer Fund	\$7,157.53
Capital Fund	\$63,103.98
Trust Fund	\$4,253.69
Debt Fund	-
Total	\$1,852,522.98

3. CORRESPONDENCE

a. Letter from Henry Szypulski, Program Manager; New York State Department of Taxation of Finance, dated November 7, 2014 notifying the Village that the Tentative Railroad Equalization Rate for the 2014-2015 Assessment Roll has been set at \$81,962 and the Equalization Rate has been set at 4.33.

b. Letter from Erin O'Dell-Keller, New York State Department of Public Service; Office of Consumer Services, dated October 2014 advising of their "Winter Outreach and Education Campaign" that will provide information and assist Consumer's with managing their energy bills.

c. Letter from Michele and Dan O'Neill, 190 Catherine Street, Buchanan, dated November 2, 2014 thanking firefighters of the Buchanan, Montrose, and Croton Volunteer Fire Departments as well as the Cortlandt Volunteer Ambulance Corps and the Buchanan Police Department for their assistance during a recent house fire on their street.

4. CITIZEN PARTICIPATION-AGENDA ITEMS - none

5. RESOLUTIONS:

a. On motion of TRUSTEE GALLELLI, seconded by TRUSTEE DAVIS, the following resolution was adopted unanimously by the Board of Trustees of the Village of Croton-on-Hudson, New York; with a 5-0 vote.

WHEREAS, the Village Board of Trustees has received a special permit renewal application from Steven Milano, the owner of the General Splice Corporation, located at 1 Niles Road, for a non-conforming use in a residential zone; and

WHEREAS, the Village Engineer has submitted a memo stating that there has been no changes to the business and that all conditions stated in the special permit dated November 7, 2011 have been complied with; and

WHEREAS, this action is a Type II action under the New York State Environmental Quality Review Act;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED: that the Village Board of Trustees hereby schedules a Public Hearing on January 5, 2015 at 8 pm in the meeting room of the Stanley H. Kellerhouse Municipal Building, to consider a special permit renewal application for the General Splice Corporation, located at 1 Niles Road, for a non-conforming use in a residential zone.

b. On motion of TRUSTEE GALLELLI, seconded by TRUSTEE SLIPPEN, the following resolution was adopted unanimously by the Board of Trustees of the Village of Croton-on-Hudson, New York; with a 5-0 vote.

WHEREAS, the property owner of Oak Mountain Properties located at 120 Baltic Place has filed tax certioraris against the Village for the years 2007 through 2014; and

WHEREAS, similar certioraris have been filed against the Town of Cortlandt; and

WHEREAS, Oak Mountain Properties have been successful in settling with the Town of Cortlandt; and

WHEREAS, the Village Assessor has determined that the assessment values used to settle with the Town of Cortlandt are fair and reasonable; and

WHEREAS, the Village wishes to settle the outstanding certiorari with Oak Mountain Properties using the same assessment values used by the Town of Cortlandt; and

WHEREAS, such assessment reduction will cause a tax refunds as follows:

YEAR	REFUND
2007	\$653.58
2008	\$923.18
2009	\$681.11
2010	\$693.68
2011	\$290.55
2012	\$133.65
2013	0
2014	0
TOTAL	\$3,379.74

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED: that the Village Board of Trustees hereby authorizes the proposed settlement and authorizes the Village Attorney to consent to the Final Order and Judgment reflecting this settlement with the Supreme Court of the State of New York.

c. On motion of TRUSTEE LEVITT, seconded by TRUSTEE DAVIS, the following resolution was adopted unanimously by the Board of Trustees of the Village of Croton-on-Hudson, New York; with a 5-0 vote.

WHEREAS, on September 20, 2010 the Village hired Ocean & Coastal Consultants (OCC) to provide engineering design services for the replacement of the bulkhead at the Croton Yacht Club; and

WHEREAS, due to the state of the bulkhead and the increase in the number of storms that resulted in higher than normal tides in the Hudson River the shoreline eroded faster than anticipated; and

WHEREAS, although temporary erosion control measures were addressed, it was recommended that an in-depth evaluation be completed to ensure ground stability at the site; and

WHEREAS, on August 5, 2013 the Village Board authorized the Village Manager to sign the agreement with Ocean & Coastal Consultants (OCC) in the amount of \$5,350.00 for additional design work on the South side of the bulkhead where the docks are located, additional bid work and attendance at the mandatory pre-bid meeting; and

WHEREAS, this amount was inadvertently charged to account number H7140.2106.10209,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED: that the Village Board authorizes the Village Treasurer to charge the correct account number H7140.2106.14280 in the amount of \$5,350 for additional design work on the South side of the bulkhead where the docks are located, additional bid work and attendance at the mandatory pre-bid meeting.

6. CITIZEN PARTICPATION-NON AGENDA ITEMS

Daniel Shure, 28 River Lane, Croton on Hudson, thanked the Board for removing recycled asphalt pavement from Black Rock Park and asked that the Village treat Black Rock Park like a park and not a DPW yard.

Steve Milano, 1 Niles Road, Croton on Hudson commended the Village for removing the material from Black Rock Park.

7. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Trustee Slippen made a motion to approve the minutes as amended of the Regular Meeting held on November 3, 2014. Trustee Levitt seconded the motion. The Board approved with a vote of 4-0, Trustee Davis abstained.

8. REPORTS

Village Manager Zambrano stated that it has been a pleasure working with Trustee Davis and wished him well.

Village Manager Zambrano advised that he is happy to report that the water project is moving along smoothly; he and Village Engineer Dan O'Connor met with the New York State Department of Transportation and they have been assured that the permit to dig across the highway is being processed and we should have it within the next couple of weeks.

Village Treasurer Bullock stated that it has been a pleasure working with Trustee Davis and wished him the best in his future endeavors.

Trustee Davis read the following statement:

"As we know, tonight is my last meeting as a Village Trustee; serving on this Board has been an honor and a privilege and to get elected when most people who run for office are unsuccessful. In the past two years that I have been a Trustee, we as a Village Board, have accomplished a lot of things that I am proud of such as: 1) a Yacht Club Lease renewal which significantly raised the rent that the Yacht Club provides to the Village as well as requiring the Yacht Club to allow for more public access; 2) agreeing to a new contract with the Teamsters Union which requires Employees to pay for a portion of their health care costs; 3) passing two budgets with low tax increases; 4) Harmon Rezoning was upheld by the Courts and the Village already has a proposal for renovations to a building that wouldn't have been allowed under previous zoning; 5) amending the Comprehensive Plan to make zoning more restrictive in the northern residential end of the Village as well as changing the residential zoning of Croton Point Park and the Arboretum as PRE Zones which prohibits the ability for these treasurers of the Village to be anything other than a park; 6) the formation of a Citizens Ad Hoc Committee to look at potential uses of the Gouveia property; while I opposed the initial agreement for this property, I suggested that we form an Ad Hoc Committee and I am glad that my recommendation was listened to. There were, however, some things that I found disappointing; I would have liked this Board to have been more open in dealing with such matters as the proposed uses of the Gouveia property, the payment of health insurance for elected officials and the filling of certain vacancies; at times I felt that I did not have all the information I should have had; the people of this Village need to be listened to and many of their complaints do have some basis. In the coming years this Village faces many challenges such as 1) how to keep taxes low while providing a high level of services; 2) completing the Croton Point Avenue project despite all of the

delays; 3) determining whether or not we should have a shuttle bus during rush hours to transport residents to the train station; 4) finding ways for the Village to put money into the pension reserve fund so that in the event there is a pension shortfall, the Village will be able to continue to meet its pension obligations without a significant tax increase. In closing I would like to thank the Village Manager and the Village staff for the help that they provided me in understanding the issues that the Village faces and I would like to thank my fellow Trustees and the Mayor for being good partners in trying to make the Village a better place. It has been an honor and a privilege to serve the people of Croton and I look forward to doing so again”.

Trustee Slippen advised that she attended the Veteran’s Day ceremony; as always it was a very nice ceremony; the Girl Scouts made cookies again this year for the Veterans.

Trustee Gallelli thanked Kevin for his service as Trustee and looks forward to seeing what he is going to do in the future.

Trustee Gallelli also commented that the Veteran’s Day ceremony was a wonderful event, turnout was very good and thanked the Yacht Club for hosting the luncheon for the Veterans and their families.

Trustee Gallelli advised that this coming Thursday evening a candle light vigil will be held by the Coalition against Drug and Alcohol Use at Vassallo Park, members of the High School who are involved with the Coalition will be reading poems and speakers will address the attendees as well.

Trustee Levitt thanked Trustee Davis for his service and expects that we have not heard the last from him and wished him the best of luck.

Trustee Levitt thanked all those who ran for office this election year; it is not an easy thing to do but it is important for the process and respects their efforts.

Mayor Wiegman thanked Trustee Davis for his service and for being a frank and independent thinker and looks forward to seeing what he does next.

Mayor Wiegman advised that this Thursday, November 20th, Patrick Calcutti will be honored at the veteran’s Hall of Fame.

Mayor Wiegman advised that the Village has been teaming up with the Town of Cortlandt on a number of initiatives including a program called “Solarize Westchester”; this program will enable residents to get good pricing on solar

energy systems for their homes and we look forward to more information in the coming months.

Mayor Wiegman advised that the Trails Committee held an excellent "Trail Workday" this past Saturday morning; they cleared up the upper North Highland Trail and thanked all those who came out.

Mayor Wiegman appointed Terrence McGarty, III, 8 Munson Street; Croton on Hudson, to the Trails Committee.

There being no further business to come before the Board; Trustee Davis made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Trustee Slippen seconded the motion approved with a vote of 5-0. The meeting was adjourned at 8:40pm.

Respectfully submitted

Judy Weintraub, Board Secretary

Paula DiSanto, Village Clerk