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A Meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Village of Croton-on-Hudson, NY was held on Monday, December 15, 2014 at the Municipal Building, Van Wyck Street, Croton-on-Hudson, NY 10520.

The following officials were present:

Mayor Wiegman	Trustee Gallelli
Village Manager Zambrano	Trustee Levitt
Village Treasurer Bullock	Trustee Pugh
Village Attorney Staudt	Trustee Slippen

1. CALL TO ORDER:

Mayor Wiegman called the meeting to order at 7:30pm; everyone joined in the Pledge of Allegiance.

2. APPROVAL OF VOUCHERS:

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

General Fund	\$86,623.29
Water Fund	\$5,165.32
Sewer Fund	\$292.54
Capital Fund	\$712,248.28
Trust Fund	\$7,826.98
Debt Fund	-
Total	\$812,156.41

3. PRESENTATION: Robert Freeman, Executive Director of the Committee on Open Government made a presentation to the Board and community on the Freedom of Information Law, the Open Meetings Law and the Personal Privacy Protection Law. Mr. Freeman encouraged Board members and residents with any questions regarding these Laws to go to their Web Site (www.dos.ny.gov/coop) or to call their office directly at 518-474-2518 or e-mail them at coog@dos.ny.gov.

4. CORRESPONDENCE

a. Letter from Michael Moriarty, Director of Mitigation, FEMA Region Division II, dated December 8, 2015, enclosing copies of the Preliminary Flood Insurance Rate Map and Flood Insurance Study Report for Westchester County.

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Mayor Wiegman explained that the FIS (Flood Insurance Study) is essentially FEMA recalibrating how high water will get in the event of future storms and how that will impact areas in the Coastal Zone.

b. Letter from Jo Ann Fannon dated December 1, 2014 requesting the use of the Village Community Room to hold a Blood Drive.

Motion made by Trustee Slippen approving the request to use the Village Community Room for a Blood Drive on Thursday, January 15th and to further authorize the Village Manager to make the necessary arrangements. Motion was seconded by Trustee Gallelli and approved with a 5-0 vote.

c. Letter from New York Metropolitan Transportation Council announcing a Public Comment period from December 11th through December 23, 2014 on proposed amendments regarding Transportation Improvement Program Amendments.

d. Letter from Dan Ahouse, Area Director of Government Affairs for Cablevision dated November 26, 2015 advising of the 2015 rates and channel line-up changes.

5. CITIZEN PARTICIPATION-AGENDA ITEMS

Kevin Davis, 17 Wolf Road, Croton on Hudson, thanked the Board for inviting Robert Freeman, Executive Director on the Committee on Open Government, to speak to the Board and community.

6. RESOLUTIONS:

a. 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 Village Board of Trustees has received a special permit application from Heike A. Schneider, Architect, for a mixed use occupancy at 370 South Riverside Avenue, and

WHEREAS, as part of its review process, the Village Board is required to make an environmental assessment of the proposed project; and

WHEREAS, the applicant has submitted a Short Environmental Assessment Form and a Coastal Assessment Form,

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NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED: the Village Board hereby determines that the proposed action is an unlisted action under SEQRA,

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED: the Village Board declares its intent to be the Lead Agency for SEQRA purposes in connection with the proposed action,

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED: the Village Board hereby refers the special permit application for a mixed use occupancy building to the to the Village Planning Board for a report back to the Village Board from the Planning Board in accordance with Village law,

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED: the Village Board hereby directs the Village Staff to notify the Westchester County Planning Department of this application in accordance with law.

DISCUSSION:

Trustee Gallelli stated that this is another applicant who is going to see if the new Harmon Zoning will work for them; this is the first step in what can be a lengthy process and she is glad to see it happening.

b. On motion of TRUSTEE GALLELLI, seconded by TRUSTEE PUGH, 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 has been bequeathed a gift of property located at 1300 Albany Post Road and \$1,000,000 by Laurel Gouveia (the bequest); and

WHEREAS, the terms of the bequest are stated in Mrs. Gouveia's Last Will and Testament Paragraph SECOND, Sub-paragraph U which was sent to the Village in July 2014; and

WHEREAS, in a letter dated October 16, 2014, the attorney for the estate of Mrs. Gouveia, Edward Davidson, requested that the Village proceed with the process for accepting the bequest; and

WHEREAS, the Village Board is considering taking an action to accept the bequest in accordance with the terms and conditions of Mrs. Gouveia's Last Will and Testament Paragraph SECOND, Sub-paragraph U (the "Proposed Action"); and

WHEREAS, the Village has issued an Environmental Assessment Form and Coastal Assessment Form in connection with the Proposed Action; and

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WHEREAS, the Village has duly referred this matter for comment and recommendation to the Village Waterfront Advisory Committee (WAC) and has received a preliminary consistency recommendation back from the WAC; and

WHEREAS, the Village Board of Trustees has undertaken the process and review described in detail in the EAF part 3 "Determination of Significance" attached hereto,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Village Board of Trustees of the Village of Croton on Hudson hereby issues and adopts the EAF part 3 Determination of Significance attached hereto, and adopts a Negative Declaration in connection with this action,

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED: that the Village Board of Trustees hereby refers the EAF Part 3 which has been adopted by the Village Board of Trustees, to the Waterfront Advisory Committee for the Waterfront Advisory Committee's final review of consistency with the LWRP.

c. On motion of TRUSTEE LEVITT, 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 following individuals have been named Officers of the Croton EMS to serve during the year 2015: Philip Dinkler, Captain; Anita Dominello, 1st Lieutenant; Thomas Mosler 2nd Lieutenant, Jake Dinkler 3rd Lieutenant; and

WHEREAS, William McCabe will remain as President and Treasurer of the Croton EMS, Pete Delohery will be Vice President and Ben Goldsmith will be Secretary of the Croton EMS,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED: that the Board of Trustees hereby ratifies the appointments of Philip Dinkler, Captain; Anita Dominello, 1st Lieutenant; Thomas Mosler 2nd Lieutenant, Jake Dinkler 3rd Lieutenant of the Croton EMS for the year 2015.

DISCUSSION:

Trustee Gallelli stated that it is very nice that we have people who are willing to step up and take the responsibility for this important service.

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Village Manager Zambrano thanked Bill McCabe for the last few years that he has served on the Board of the EMS; he has been instrumental in keeping the organization going.

d. On motion of TRUSTEE LEVITT, 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, in a letter dated May 7, 2014, the Croton Little League (CLL) requested permission from the Village Board to construct a press box at Dobbs Park; and

WHEREAS, this matter was discussed at the work session of May 19, 2014; and

WHEREAS, at that meeting the Board came to a consensus to allow the CLL to move forward with plans for the construction of the press box; and

WHEREAS, since that time, the CLL has had plans prepared by Ed Gemmola, R.A., and has submitted a building permit application; and

WHEREAS, as outlined in a letter dated March 19, 2014, Mr. Gemmola has explained that it will be necessary to exceed the Village's height requirement of 15 feet to 18 feet seven inches; and

WHEREAS, the press box will be constructed on Village property and its future use will be for Little League events as well as other village-wide recreational purposes; and

WHEREAS, the cost of construction will be funded solely by the CLL; and

WHEREAS, when construction is completed the structure will belong to the Village and utilized by the Village for a Municipal purpose; and

WHEREAS, it is the intention of the Board to enter into a Memorandum of Agreement with the CLL outlining the use and maintenance of the building,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED: that the Village Board authorizes the Village Engineer to review and process the building permit application submitted by the CLL,

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED: that the standard building permit fee will be waived,

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AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED: that the Village Board has reviewed the criteria in Sub-Sections A through E of Section 230-45 of the Village Code and determines that the proposed municipal structure will better serve its municipal function if it is built not in conformity with the height limitations proscribed in Articles VI and VII of Chapter 230 and that the applicant will not be required to obtain a height variance,

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED: that the Village Board authorizes the Village Manager to work with the Village Attorney and Croton Little League to formulate and enter into a Memorandum of Agreement which will specifically outline the rules, regulations, care and maintenance, and ownership of the proposed new building.

DISCUSSION:

Mayor Wiegman explained that the Village will become the owners of the “press box” and the Recreation Department will use it for their purposes when it is not being used by the Little League

7. CITIZEN PARTICIPATION-NON AGENDA ITEMS

Ron Posmentier, 96 Mount Airy Road, Croton on Hudson, thanked the Engineering Department for their assistance; he has learned a lot over the years and appreciates the help and concern given to him. Mr. Posmentier thanked the Public Works staff for their help as well.

Peter Marengo, 37 Irving Avenue, Croton on Hudson, President of the Croton Little League, thanked the Board for approving the resolution to construct a “press box” at Dobbs Park. Mr. Marengo stated that they are very excited and looking forward to developing a great program for the children in Croton.

Bob Anderson, 33 Franklin Avenue, Croton on Hudson, asked for an update on the building at 1300 Albany Post Road. Mr. Anderson asked how the “Leaf Program” is going; the Village looks clean and DPW is doing a great job as well.

Village Manager Zambrano advised that a letter was sent out to the representative of the “Estate” in reference to the building in question at 1300 Albany Post Road advising them that the building is not up to code. Mr. Zambrano advised that the Village has not received a response.

Trustee Slippen said that she can only speak to how the “Love Em and Leave Em Program” went for her family and stated that she found it to be very successful.

Mayor Wiegman stated that he also participated in the program; it went well and is in the process of continuing to mulch his leaves.

8. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Trustee Levitt made a motion to approve the minutes of the Organizational Meeting held on December 1, 2014. Trustee Gallelli seconded the motion. The Board approved with a vote of 5-0.

Trustee Levitt made a motion to approve the minutes as amended of the Regular Meeting held on December 1, 2014. Trustee Gallelli seconded the motion. The Board approved with a vote of 5-0.

Trustee Gallelli made a motion to approve the minutes as amended of the Executive Session held on December 8, 2014. Trustee Slippen seconded the motion. The Board approved with a vote of 4-0, Trustee Levitt abstained.

9. REPORTS

Village Manager Zambrano reminded the community that with the start of the winter season, if power outages occur, to please make sure to contact Con-Edison directly. Mr. Zambrano stated that while you can certainly call the Police Department, calling Con-Edison directly will expedite their response. Mr. Zambrano asked that the community reach out to their elderly neighbors and to call Con-Edison on their behalf as well.

Village Manager Zambrano advised that the water bills will be going out shortly and are due back on January 15th.

Village Manager Zambrano wished everyone a happy and healthy holiday season.

Trustee Pugh thanked everyone who took part in the recent Blood Drive and thanked the volunteers as well.

Trustee Slippen thanked Robert Freeman for coming down from Albany this evening to speak to the Board and community.

Trustee Gallelli stated that this is a wonderful time of the year and hopes that residents will enjoy the many events taking place throughout the Village. Trustee Gallelli stated that she attended the recent "Tree" lighting and looks forward to the "Menorah" lighting tomorrow evening, and wished everyone a happy holiday.

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Trustee Levitt thanked Robert Freeman for coming to the meeting this evening; it was incredibly informative and did provide some clarity on a number of subjects.

Trustee Levitt wished everyone a healthy and happy holiday season and a happy new year and stated that he looks forward to the Board continuing their work in 2015.

Mayor Wiegman thanked the Fire Department for distributing candy canes and spreading good cheer throughout the Village.

Mayor Wiegman advised that the "Northern Westchester Energy Action Consortium" has teamed up with the "Southern Westchester Energy Action Consortium" to form an organization called "Sustainable Westchester". Mayor Wiegman read their "Mission Statement"; "Sustainable Westchester" is a Consortium of Westchester County Local Governments that facilitates effective sustainability initiatives, engages community stakeholders, and shares tools, resources, and incentives to create more healthy, vibrant and attractive communities, now and in the future. Mayor Wiegman advised that thirty-eight municipalities throughout Westchester have become members; the Board of Directors include, Noam Bramson, Mayor of City of New Rochelle, Chris Burdick, Supervisory Town of Bedford, Dan Chorost, Partner, Sive, Paget & Riesel, Sara Goddard, Founding Chair, Rye Sustainability Committee, Michael Gordon, CEO, Joule Assets, Inc. Peter McCartt, Director of Business Development and Partner, Gremlin Hill, Herb Oringel, Founding Chair, Somers Energy & Environment Committee, Camilo Patrignana, CEO, Greenwood Energy, Inc. Tom Roach, Mayor City of White Plains, Laura Rossi, Senior Program Officer Westchester Community Foundation, Nancy Seligson, Supervisor Town of Mamaroneck and Michael Spano, Mayor City of Yonkers.

Mayor Wiegman wished everyone a happy and peaceful holiday season.

There being no further business to come before the Board; Trustee Levitt made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Trustee Slippen seconded the motion approved with a vote of 5-0. The meeting was adjourned at 9:55pm.

Respectfully submitted

Judy Weintraub, Board Secretary

Paula DiSanto, Village Clerk