

BOARD OF TRUSTEES

January 9, 2012

PRESENT: Mayor O'Connor
Trustee Sellier
Trustee Schwarzfeld
Trustee Vandenberg
Trustee Annunziata
Manager Pierpont

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE AND FIRE SAFETY ANNOUNCEMENT

Mayor O'Connor led those assembled in the Pledge of Allegiance and notified those in attendance where the fire safety exits were located.

MINUTES OF THE DECEMBER 12, 2011 MEETING

Mayor O'Connor asked if there were any questions or comments. There were no comments or questions.

After discussion and upon motion duly made and seconded, it was unanimously

RESOLVED, That the minutes from the December 12, 2011 be and hereby are approved.

REPORTS

Police Commissioner Schwarzfeld asked about the status of Police Officer Michael Tillstrand and was told that the officer left Helen Hayes rehabilitation center and is at home doing outpatient therapy with Burke and he's making good progress. The Commissioner asked that the Chief extend the Board's best wishes to the officer.

A resident from Peace Street wrote a letter requesting a crossing guard at Boston Post Road and Pelhamdale Avenue. Boston Post Road is a state regulated road.

All way red or no turn on red could be implemented. A right turn at a red light is allowed at the Esplanade and Boston Post Road.

Trustee Sellier asked if a countdown at Boston Post Road and Esplanade was being considered and was told that there has been no talk about getting a countdown for that area. It would require an upgrade.

Mayor O'Connor commented that it is difficult to determine where people may be crossing. Some people may be inclined to cross further up at the apartments or some may cross the street at the Four Corners.

Trustee Sellier was wondering if they should walk to the Esplanade and have a countdown there.

Manager Pierpont said that would require a signal upgrade.

Trustee Sellier asked if that is funded by the State and was told yes.

Police Commissioner Schwarzfeld questioned whether the Village could have a crossing guard stationed at a state road. The Manager said that he didn't know the answer to that and the Police Chief said that he thought the Village was allowed to use crossing guards at that location.

Commissioner Schwarzfeld reviewed the monthly report with Police Chief Mosiello. He spoke about the robberies. The Chief said one of the two investigations looked encouraging.

The Chief noted that crime did rise over the holidays, but not too much.

It was noted that department attendance has been good.

Trustee Sellier asked about the license plate reader and was told that it is still used but the Village is not getting as many hits as it used to get.

Mayor O'Connor said that the highest priority for the department was the resolution of the robberies.

Trustee Sellier said that a resident brought a blog to his attention. It spoke about Police Officer Tillstrand's accident. He said that he was appalled by the comments listed on the site. He wanted to say publicly that what utter bunk it is. He said that the posts were obscene and scurrilous and that people who posted comments anonymously were cowards. He said that the Board was not taking these things seriously. He said that it was inappropriate behavior and said that the investigation was being handled properly. He said that the Chief has the Board's full support.

Mayor O'Connor said that he agreed one hundred percent.

Chief Ruggiero said that he appreciated the Board's comments.

Fire Commissioner Sellier discussed the Fire report with Chief Ruggiero. There was one traffic fire that caused damage. He commented that it appeared that BJ's and Five Guys were having multiple calls. The Chief said that the stores had issues. One had a broken pipe. The issues seem to be resolved.

The Commissioner noted that the department's attendance was great, as usual.

Trustee Schwarzfeld commented that he brought his two year old grandson who was visiting from California to the firehouse. He said that the fire fighters on duty couldn't have been nicer.

A question was asked about a line of duty death in the report. It referred to death of a fire fighter in Mount Vernon. It was a mutual aid call to cover a fire house in Mount Vernon while the members of the Mount Vernon Fire Department attended the funeral. The Chief commented that it took about three days to work out the logistics of various departments covering the city. The Village took its own equipment and four firefighters to Mount Vernon. The Chief said that there were no calls from nine o'clock in the morning until three o'clock in the afternoon.

Mayor O'Connor clarified that it was Village employees with a Village truck and the Chief said yes that this gesture was an expansion of mutual aid.

The Mayor and Board thanked the Fire Chief for his report.

Trustee Vandenberg discussed the Village Treasurer's report with the Treasurer. The report, through the month of November, and the audited statement were reviewed. Special Items, listed on page five, refers to insurance that was paid earlier in the year. Judgment and Claims refers to tax certioraris. That line has not been overspent to date. Page fifteen shows that storm sewers line item has been over expended. Forty nine thousand dollars was spent and twenty seven thousand dollars was budgeted for this purpose. Heywood Avenue had a collapsed line and the funds were spent to correct the problem.

On page twenty two the sales and use tax is reflected. The Village receives two payments. The Village has received forty nine percent of what was budgeted. The Treasurer noted that this amount does not account for holiday spending. That will be

reflected in the third quarter. It will be very close on whether the Village makes its revenue projection. The Treasurer commented that interest earnings were woefully short. The Village is slightly ahead on license fees and business permits, but building permits may not project out at this rate. Con Edison did take out a two hundred fifty thousand dollar permit early in the last fiscal year, but that type of revenue cannot be counted on from year to year. The Treasurer said that fines and forfeitures were ok but the impact on the budget was minimal.

Chips aid, which is capital highway improvement program funds from the state, is reflective of the amount of paving that was done. The Village did a lot of paving. More money was spent because rollover funds from this program were available.

Trustee Vandenberg commented that it was a recessionary year and noted that page eight showed utilities gross tax and franchise fees were over budget. He said that the Village had to dip into fund balance.

Mayor O'Connor said that seven hundred thirty three thousand dollars is lower than we would like. He asked if there were any questions.

Trustee Sellier asked if there was an attempt to estimate unfunded pension liabilities.

The Treasurer said that he would have to find it and that he would be happy to show it to Trustee Sellier but he couldn't find it in the report at the moment.

Trustee Sellier asked about financial information found on page three in the fifth column from the left. He asked about the sixteen million dollar figure and was told that on page twenty-five, note d says that the funds are just for health care.

Mayor O'Connor asked if there were questions on the Village Clerk's report. There were no questions on that report.

After discussion and upon motion duly made and seconded, it was unanimously

RESOLVED, that the reports be and hereby are approved.

RESOLUTION APPOINTING ELECTION INSPECTORS AND MACHINE TECHNICIANS FOR THE MARCH 20, 2012 ELECTION

Mayor O'Connor read the resolution.

After discussion and upon motion duly made and seconded, it was unanimously

RESOLVED, That the following people have been appointed Election Inspectors for the March 20, 2012 Village Election at the rate of eighteen dollars and seventy-five cents per hour.

- 1) John Gassler
- 2) William Hintzen
- 3) Adelaide Mottola
- 4) Carmella LaSalvia

FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Board of Trustees may provide for alternative inspectors, and technicians, who shall assume the same office of inspector or technician upon the inability or refusal of an inspector or technician to assume or perform his/her duties and or any clerical help which may be deemed necessary.

RESOLVED, That the two voting machine technicians, Sebastian DiChiario and Anthony Barsanti be and hereby are authorized to receive a fee of fifty dollars for each machine and one hundred seventy-five dollars for the day.

MAYOR TO APPOINT DAVID ARCHIBALD TO THE PLANNING BOARD

Mayor O'Connor said that David Archibald has lived in the Village since two thousand eight. He works for Ivy Equities in Greenwich Connecticut. He has a Masters degree in Real Estate. He will fill a vacant position on the Planning Board, and the term will expire in April 2012.

MAYOR TO APPOINT CHRISTOPHER WINSTON TO THE ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS

Mayor O'Connor said that Christopher Winston grew up in Pelham Manor and he and his wife moved back to the Village in two thousand. He is an active member of Huguenot Memorial Church and graduated from the University of Connecticut. He has deep roots in the community. His term will expire in April 2012.

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO SIGN ABSTRACT OF VOUCHERS NUMBERS 17313-17400

After discussion and upon motion duly made and seconded, it was unanimously

RESOLVED, That the Mayor be and hereby is authorized to sign Abstract of Vouchers Numbers 17313 -17400.

PUBLIC COMMENT

The Mayor asked if there was any comment from the public.

Jim Apicella, 587 Manor Lane, complemented the Board on how all its members are involved in asking questions and discussing matters. He said that many years ago the Mayor was the only person that spoke for the Board. There was little give and take. Mr. Apicella said that he likes to see people involved in the Village affairs.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

There was no action taken in Executive Session.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned.

Clerk

