

BOARD OF TRUSTEES

June 11, 2012

PRESENT: Trustee Sellier
Trustee Schwarzfeld
Trustee Vandenberg
Trustee Annunziata
Manager Pierpont

ABSENT: Mayor O'Connor

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE AND FIRE SAFETY ANNOUNCEMENT

Acting Mayor Sellier opened the meeting and said that Mayor O'Connor was unable to attend the meeting. He led those in assembled in the Pledge of Allegiance and notified those in attendance where the fire exits were located.

MINUTES OF THE MAY 28, 2012 BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING

Acting Mayor Sellier asked if there were any questions on the minutes. There were no questions.

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

RESOLVED, That the minutes from the May 28, 2012 meeting be and hereby are approved.

REPORTS

Fire Commissioner Sellier discussed the Fire Report with Chief Ruggiero. They discussed the boat fire at the New York Athletic Club. The fire involved seven boats. One boat started the fire and six others were lost. This part of the club was in New Rochelle. The Pelham Manor Fire Department was called first and was the first company to respond, but it was in the City of New Rochelle's jurisdiction. Pelham Manor provided mutual aid.

Trustee Vandenberg asked where the dividing line between the City of New Rochelle and Pelham Manor was for the NYAC and was told that the paddle tennis court and half the paddle house are in Pelham Manor and the tennis court and the area where the boats were located are located in New Rochelle.

Trustee Schwarzfeld asked about the structural fire in the Village of Pelham and was told that it was on Eastland Avenue and the fire was in the bathroom.

The Fire Commissioner noted that the attendance was excellent. There were no absences which suggests that morale is high.

Trustee Vandenberg asked about the gasoline report and was told that the Village has an agreement to supply the Town constables, recreation, and the ambulance with gas that the Village purchased on State contract. The Village is reimbursed for the cost of the fuel.

Acting Mayor Sellier asked how the dog licensing was coming along and was told that it is going well. Trustee Schwarzfeld noted that his dog was now legally licensed.

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

RESOLVED, That the reports be and hereby are approved.

DIRECTIONAL AND PYLON SIGNS FOR POST ROAD PLAZA

Manager Pierpont explained that Smashburger was going to take over the old Off Track Betting store which is located in the Bronx. The majority of the facility is in Post Road Plaza and they would like Smashburger included on the directional and pylon signs located in Pelham Manor. The signs were reviewed and approved by the Village's planner.

Trustee Schwarzfeld questioned if there was any problem with promoting a competitor to Five Guys. Manager Pierpont said that Five Guys was located across the street at the Pelham Manor Shopping Plaza.

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

RESOLVED, That the directional and pylon signs for Post Road Plaza/ Smashburger be and hereby are approved.

REQUEST FROM ALLISON DOUGLASS, 439 Highbrook Avenue, TO CLOSE Highbrook Avenue FOR A BLOCK PARTY ON SUNDAY, JUNE 17, 2012

The Board reviewed a request from Allison Douglass, 439 Highbrook Avenue, to close Highbrook Avenue for a block party on Sunday, June 17, 2012 from one o'clock in the afternoon until seven o'clock in the evening.

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

RESOLVED, That permission be and hereby is granted to close Highbrook Avenue for a Block Party on Sunday, June 17, 2012 from one o'clock until seven o'clock..

REQUEST FROM THE PELHAM MANOR PBA TO USE SHORE PARK FOR A BARBEQUE ON SUNDAY, JUNE 24, 2012

The Village Manager said that this request to use Shore Park came in after the agenda was finished and he asked the Board if it would consider the request. The Board reviewed the request.

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

RESOLVED, That the Pelham Manor PBA be and hereby is granted permission to use Shore Park for a barbeque on Sunday, June 24, 2012.

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO SIGN ABSTRACT OF VOUCHERS NUMBERS 17848-17940

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 17848-17940.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Acting Mayor Sellier asked the Board if there was any public comment.

Jim Apicella, 587 Manor Lane, asked for an update on plastic bags, and commented that his Village tax notice was a four percent increase from the previous year. He commented on the two percent tax cap.

Trustee Vandenberg commented on a comprehensive study on the total energy of paper bags and recycled bags. Exchanging plastic bags for paper bags does not really help the environment. He said that more debate is needed.

Trustee Schwarzfeld noted that the bags are not biodegradable. They are photodegradable which means that they break up in the sunlight.

Trustee Sellier said that there were questions raised and the people who were advocates of the plastic bag ban have homework to do. He said that he expected that they would come back. He commented that since the Village is a Sound Shore community banning plastic bags may be important.

Trustee Annunziata said that he didn't know anyone who wants to pollute. He thought that requiring and enforcing the recycling of bags was one of the best ways to handle the issue.

Trustee Vandenberg commented that there is a broader community and this has been a very narrow discussion. He said that the Board needed to hear from more people before any decision is made.

Acting Mayor Sellier responded to Mr. Apicella's comment on the two percent tax cap and said that the two percent is based on the levy. The increase includes growth factors. He said that the Homestead tax rate is below two percent.

Trustee Schwarzfeld noted that the Village was under the two percent cap overall.

Trustee Annunziata said that the Village of Pelham Manor had the second highest growth rate.

Frank Begley, 1040 Esplanade, spoke against the ban on plastic bags.

Trustee Vandenberg said that the Board has to hear from more people and address the issue. Recycling of plastic bags could be encouraged. He said that some retailers double, triple and quadruple bags when it is not necessary. Trustee Vandenberg said that everything needs to be examined.

Jonathan and Tina Kasper, 10 Elm Tree Lane, addressed the Board about a water issue on their property. They believe that the Reilly residence at 35 Beech Tree Lane caused a water condition to worsen since they completed a home renovation in two thousand nine. Their property was regraded and properties adjacent to the Reillys have had a water runoff problem since that time.

Judge Joseph Giamboi, 30 Elm Tree Lane, commented that properties at Ten, Twenty and Thirty Elm Tree Lane were flooded.

Trustee Schwarzfeld said that if it was surface water that is nothing you can do. If it's the natural flow of the water there isn't anything you can do as long as it's not going through a pipe. He said that he and his neighbor put in a dry well. He also suggested that one or two willow trees might help absorb excess water.

Tina Kasper said that they have been negatively impacted. She said that they were hoping that with the Village Manager's help they might be able to work together to solve the problem. She said that they've reached out to the Reilly family and have received no response.

Manager Pierpont said that he has met with everyone and he can try to get all the parties together at one table.

Acting Mayor Sellier and Trustee Schwarzfeld thought that Manager Pierpont's involvement could be helpful.

Judge Joseph Giamboi, 30 Elm Tree Lane, spoke about the heavy truck traffic going in and out on Forest Road.

Manager Pierpont said that if a truck driver is making a local delivery, he is allowed to go over the village roads. He also said that the Village does not have jurisdiction over the property which is a federal institution.

Judge Giamboi said that it was park property owned by the Village.

Manager Pierpont said that he would look at the deed to the property and contact Congressman Eliot Engel. He said that Congresswoman Nita Lowey had been contacted in the past about the heavy equipment going over the Village's roads and the property near Forest Road being used as a storage area for Amtrak.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

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

RESOLVED, That the Board be and hereby is authorized to conduct an Executive Session to discuss the following:

Personnel Matter

No action was taken in Executive Session.

RESUMPTION OF REGULAR MEETING

SALARY ADJUSTMENTS

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

RESOLVED, That the following salary adjustments be and they hereby are approved effective June 1, 2012.

Police Chief	\$150,000	\$7,250 Longevity
Police Lieutenant	\$131,500	
Fire Chief	\$132,750	\$14,800 Longevity \$40,000 (Mechanic)
		\$10,000 (DPW Admin)
DPW Foreman	\$80,950	\$1,500 Longevity
Personnel Manager	\$78,500	\$5,000 Longevity
Deputy Treasurer	\$69,000	\$5,600 Longevity
Intermediate Account Clerk-Typist	\$36,100	\$5,000 Longevity
Intermediate Account Clerk-Typist	\$31,250	\$5,000 Longevity
Intermediate Clerk	\$31,000	
Intermediate Clerk (P/T)	\$ 32.20	Per Hour \$1,000 Longevity
Intermediate Clerk (P/T)	\$ 11.40	Per Hour
Code Enforcement Officer	\$ 41.10	Per Hour
Crossing Guards	\$ 23.75	Per Hour

ADJOURNMENT

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

Clerk