

MINUTES
September 10, 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 exits were located.

MINUTES

The Mayor asked if there were any comments or questions on the minutes from August 13, 2012. There were no comments or questions.

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

RESOLVED, That the minutes from the August 13, 2012 Regular meeting be and hereby are approved.

REPORTS

Fire Commissioner Sellier discussed the monthly report with Fire Chief Ruggiero. The Commissioner commented that it was a month of moderate activity. The fire at Rockwells in Pelham, and a structural fire in Pelham Manor were discussed. The Chief said that the structural fire had more potential for damage. It was a cooking fire. The remnants were put on the deck in a garbage can and a fire started. The asbestos shingles over the deck prevented the vinyl siding from catching on fire and creating more damage. It was noted that cooking can be dangerous.

The number of false alarms was discussed and attributed to construction.

Fire Commissioner Sellier said that the department's attendance was not quite perfect, but still very good. He said that it was a busy month without too much damage, good attendance and high morale.

Mayor O'Connor asked if there was a mutual aid call and was told no that the mutual aid system has been re-arranged.

The Board thanked the Chief for his report.

There were no comments or questions on the Village Clerk's report.

The Village Treasurer commented that it was a July report and not a lot to talk about yet. He said that although it was a little early, there didn't seem to be any problems. He noted that the tree pruning bid, which will be awarded at tonight's meeting, will deplete that budget line.

Trustee Vandenberg asked about the eighteen thousand dollars in cable franchise fees from Cablevision and asked if that was in line with the amount of money that the Village is anticipating. He was told that franchise fees are pretty steady.

Trustee Annunziata asked if the amount changes and was told that it varies a little and the Treasurer said that Verizon cable franchise fees are also included in the revenue number that the Village budgets.

RESOLUTION TO AWARD THE BID FOR TREE PRUNING AND REMOVAL

The Village received four quotes for the Village’s annual tree pruning and removal on August Twenty First. The results are listed below.

Almstead Tree & Shrub Care Company	\$27,450
General Landscaping	\$23,185
Emerald Tree Care Company	\$99,599
Manor Tree Company	\$19,585

The amount of the high bidder was discussed. The Manager was asked if there was a quality difference between the three competitive bidders. He said that Manor Tree, the low bidder, is a very capable company. If there is a problem he can call the owner and have it corrected quickly.

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

RESOLVED, That the bid for Tree Pruning and Removal be and hereby is awarded to Manor Tree in the amount of nineteen thousand five hundred eighty five dollars.

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO SIGN ABSTRACT OF VOUCHERS NUMBERS 18157-18230.

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 18157-18230.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Jim Apicella, 587 Manor Lane, spoke about recycled plastic bags and asked about the status of the Gristedes property on Boston Post Road.

Mayor O’Connor said that the Village has had some discussions about the property. They were supposed to present something, but decided to consider other options. He said that he thought that the owners will come up with some ideas in the near future.

Anthony Marrella, 103 Iden Avenue, thanked the Board for the excellent street paving job that was done on Iden and Stellar Avenues.

Maggie Klein, editor of The Pelham Weekly, asked if there had been any discussions with the company that wants to put communications on poles in the Village. She was told that the Village has not heard from Extenet recently.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

No action was taken in Executive Session.

ADJOURNMENT

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

Clerk

