

BOARD OF TRUSTEES

November 11, 2013

PRESENT: Mayor Sellier
Trustee Schwarzfeld
Trustee Annunziata
Trustee Winston
Attorney McLaughlin
Manager Pierpont

ABSENT: Trustee Vandenberg

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE AND FIRE SAFETY ANNOUNCEMENT

Mayor Sellier led those assembled in the Pledge of Allegiance and notified those in attendance where the fire exits were located.

Mayor Sellier said that before the agenda was started, he noticed Jennifer Lapey in the audience and said that he has mentioned a committee that she and Scotty Murdock will chair on the environmental impact statement for the retail district. The Mayor said that the committee members will include Michelle DeLillo, a professional engineer with an environmental background, Aldo DiVito, a well known local architect, Alex Cecil, a psychologist, Kevin Healey, an environmental lawyer, Jennifer Safsel, a resident who has been involved in local issues for many years, Sameh Iskander, a resident knowledgeable in zoning and real estate, and Steve Molineaux and Steve Bryan who have advanced degrees in business.

Mayor Sellier said that this citizens group will take the time to conduct a thorough review of the environmental impact statement. He said that it was a good idea to have these people with very distinguished backgrounds review the environment impact statement. He noted that this does not preclude our expectation that whoever wants to review the information may do so. After careful review, there will be time for comment before the Board of Trustees makes the ultimate decision on the environmental impact statement in the retail zone.

Jennifer Safsel commented that it sounded like a fabulous group.

MINUTES

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

RESOLVED, That the minutes from the October 28, 2013 Regular meeting be and hereby are approved.

REPORTS

The Village Clerk reported that there were thirty two dog licenses and forty eight building permits for the month. October was a busy month.

The Superintendent of Public Works noted that by the end of the week the department will have made five complete trips around the Village collecting leaves.

The Village used to make six complete runs through the Village for leaf collection. The Village has newer equipment which is more efficient and will probably finish eight complete runs for leaf collection.

Waste recycling is at forty four percent which is a little above normal. He said that the Village is doing very well.

The Village Treasurer said that expenses are where they're supposed to be. The sales tax payment is a few thousand dollars ahead of what was originally anticipated and that's very good.

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

RESOLVED, That the reports be and hereby are approved.

SCHEDULE A PUBLIC HEARING ON LOCAL LAW 3 OF 2013

The public hearing will consider the extension of the moratorium in the retail zone which may include the possibility of changing zoning. It should be scheduled for two weeks from tonight.

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

RESOLVED, That a public hearing on Local Law 3 of 2013 be and hereby is scheduled for November 25, 2013.

RESOLUTION TO APPROVE REQUEST FOR A RETROACTIVE TAX EXEMPTION FOR THE PELHAM JEWISH CENTER

It was noted that Assemblywoman Amy Paulin sponsored this legislation. All of the taxing authorities have to pass this resolution.

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

RESOLVED, That the request for retroactive tax exemption for the Pelham Jewish Center be and hereby is granted.

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE VILAGE MANAGER TO SIGN A CONTRACT WITH VIRTUAL TOWNS & SCHOOLS TO UPDATE THE VILLAGE WEBSITE

It was noted that this company will update the Village's website. They have worked with many municipalities including Pleasantville, Briarcliff Manor, Portchester, Ardsley, Tarrytown and Sleepy Hollow. There will be a one time charge of six thousand four hundred ninety five dollars and an annual fee of two thousand seven hundred fifty dollars.

The Mayor said that this was something that he had encouraged and he was pleased that this was progressing.

Attorney McLaughlin asked if his comments had been incorporated into the contract and was told that they had been included.

Maggie Klein, editor of The Pelham Weekly, asked how long it would take and was told approximately four to six weeks.

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

RESOLVED, that that the Village Manager be and hereby is authorized to sign a contract, as amended, with Virtual Towns & Schools to update the Village's website.

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE VILLAGE MANAGER TO SIGN RENEWAL OF THE MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING WITH WESTCHESTER COUNTY FOR ACCESS TO THE WESTCHESTER COUNTY CLERK'S LAND RECORDS AND LEGAL FILES

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

RESOLVED, That the Village Manager be and hereby is authorized to sign the renewal of the memorandum of understanding with Westchester County for access to the Westchester County Clerk's land records and legal files.

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO SIGN ABSTRACT OF VOUCHERS NUMBERS 19637-19675

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 19637-19675.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Carol Desmond, 95 Corona Avenue, member of the Pelham Garden and Preservation Society, spoke about the nodes put on utility poles by ExteNet. She read a governing resolution that advocated the removal of the nodes.

Jennifer Lapey, 95 Witherbee Avenue, chairperson of the Pelham Garden and Preservation Society, acknowledged FCC regulations and said that her organization's mandate is aesthetics and preserving the character of the Village. She said that the Garden and Preservation Society wants to work with the Village to preserve its character. She said that nodes tend to creep and suddenly you have something on every corner. She said that they group was here to work with the Village not be adversarial.

Sydney MacInnis, 427 Fowler Avenue, said that she was representing a new organization called EcoPel which is an environmental coalition in the Pelhams and a resource for the Pelhams. She said that the nodes were not on her corner but she was concerned no matter where the utility poles and nodes were placed. She encouraged the board to look at this closely and act in the best interest of all residents.

The Mayor and Board thanked everyone for their comments.

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