

MINUTES
November 25, 2013

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

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.

MINUTES FROM THE NOVEMBER 11, 2013 REGULAR MEETING

Mayor Sellier asked if there were any questions, comments or corrections on the minutes. The Mayor said that Trustee Vandenberg had expressed the opinion that he wanted to see a clear statement on the committee that will review the proposed zoning in the retail area. The November Eleventh minutes should reflect that a citizen group was asked by the Board of Trustees to take the time to do a thorough review of the Environmental Impact Statement. The Mayor said that this group has very distinguished backgrounds, but that does not preclude our expectation that whoever wants to comment on the EIS may do so. After the review, meetings will be scheduled and the Board will take time for public comment before it makes the ultimate decision on the Environmental Impact Statement.

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

RESOLVED, That the minutes from the November 11, 2013 Regular Meeting be and hereby are approved as amended.

REPORTS

Commissioner Vandenberg discussed the report with Chief Mosiello. The Commissioner spoke about the shopping center on Pelham Parkway. He asked if the incidents were becoming more of a burden on the police department. Of the eighteen incidents reported, ten of those took place at BJ's shopping center or Fairway Market. The Commissioner asked if there was anything that the Board should do.

The Police Chief said the incidents were manageable. He said that sometimes a lot of things happen all at once, especially during the holiday season.

Manager Pierpont asked the Police Chief how the current activity compares with when K Mart or Caldor's was in the shopping center.

Chief Mosiello said that there was no comparison. He said that it was much busier then. There were three hundred to four hundred shoplifters not including break ins. The police force was the same size at that time as it is now. He said that the current incidents were manageable.

The Chief noted that summonses for overnight parking were the same as last month. The STEP grant from Westchester County has been completed. He said that there were a lot of aided cases. The Chief said that he couldn't explain that, but it happens sporadically.

It was noted that on page eleven of the monthly report that the detectives made an arrest for a burglary on Grant Avenue. The Chief was asked if this was associated with any of the other burglary attempts and the Chief said that the arrest was only for this one burglary.

Trustee Schwarzfeld commented on the results of the speed detector (traffic tracker) that had been out for three or four days. He said that it didn't look like a lot of speeding was happening. Of eight hundred eighty eight cars all but four were within the speed limit. He thought that was relatively good compliance with the law.

Mayor Sellier said that he looked at the report and saw fifty people going above thirty miles per hour.

Chief Mosiello said that it does have some effect. He said that the traffic monitor had been between Colonial and Heywood for north bound traffic.

Manager Pierpont noted that the traffic sign is not lit until approached. Speed is going to get recorded when you approach the sign.

The Mayor cited the corner of Ely Avenue and the Post Road as a haven for wayward speeders. He thought that many tickets could be issued at that intersection.

Mayor Sellier commented on legislation sponsored by Senator Klein for cameras in New York City. He said that it is controversial and only a few cities can use them at traffic lights. He said that it was a pilot program.

Trustee Annunziata asked if the cameras were available.

The cameras take a picture of the driver and it has to match the owner of the car.

The Board thanked Chief Mosiello for his report.

Fire Commissioner Schwarzfeld discussed the monthly report with Chief Ruggiero. He commented on a very serious fire at 1405 Park Lane. The Chief said that it could have been a very bad scene. The fireplace in the den or sun room may have been defective. The fire burned the floor joists and sub floor. It was in the addition. Had the fire been in the addition it would have been much worse. The firefighters got chain saws and cut the floor up right away. They contained the fire as quickly as possible.

Commissioner Schwarzfeld noted that the Village doesn't seem to get many chimney fires anymore.

The Chief said that there are inserts for fireplaces and some are vent free. He said that some are vent free. He also said that getting a chimney swept is a good way to prevent fires. Natural gas is also being used for fireplaces. Chief Ruggiero said that an oven fire listed on page three of the report damaged a backsplash and a cabinet. Other than that, the Chief said that it was a relatively routine month.

The Chief asked the members of the Board to respond to the fire invitations for the annual inspection dinner on December Sixth.

The Board thanked Chief Ruggiero for this report.

The Village Treasurer said that the expenses were running about forty percent which is where they should be. He said that he is comfortable with where the Village is right now.

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

RESOLVED, that the reports be and hereby are approved.

TO CHANGE THE DATE OF THE DECEMBER BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING

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

RESOLVED, That the only meeting in December be and hereby is Monday, December 16, 2013.

DAVID JEFFRIES : APPOINTMENT TO THE PLANNING BOARD

Mayor Sellier said that Dave Jeffries was a long time resident of the Village and thought that he would make an excellent addition to the Planning Board.

RESOLUTION TO RESCHEDULE PUBLIC HEARING ON LOCAL LAW 3 OF 2013

This Local Law would extend the moratorium established by Local Law 1 of 2012 on the issuance of permits, certificates and approvals pursuant to the zoning ordinance for properties in the retail zoning district.

The public hearing needs to be rescheduled to the next Board of Trustees meeting on December Sixteenth.

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

RESOLVED, That the Public Hearing on Local Law 3 of 2013 be and hereby is rescheduled for Monday, December 16, 2013.

RESOLUTION TO SCHEDULE PUBLIC HEARING RELATIVE TO A RESOLUTION PETITIONING THE STATE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION TO DISTRIBUTE THE COSTS OF PUBLIC SAFETY INFRASTRUCTURE COSTS ACROSS THE WATER RATE BASE IN PELHAM MANOR

This would allow the cost of the Village’s fire hydrant rental to be distributed through United Water.

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

RESOLVED, That a public hearing relative to a resolution petitioning the State Public Service Commission to distribute the costs of public safety infrastructure costs across the water base in Pelham Manor be and hereby is scheduled for Monday, December 16, 2013.

REVISED TENANT SIGNAGE DESIGN CRITERIA FOR POST ROAD PLAZA

Pedro Salas, architect for BCT worked on the original sign criteria a few years ago and asked the Board to consider changes to page nine and page twelve. The changes are being requested for the area above Fairway Market. It would allow two tenants occupying the second floor to have signs.

Mayor Sellier said that AKRF, the Village’s planning consultant, approved these changes.

Trustee Annunziata asked if the signs would be centered and was told that they would be.

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

RESOLVED, That the revised Tenant Signage Design Criteria for Post Road Plaza be and hereby is approved.

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MANAGER TO SIGN NEWYORK STATE DOT SNOW AND ICE AGREEMENT EXTENSION FOR 2014/2015

The Village plows the Boston Post Road which is a State road. This is an extension of an annual agreement which reimburses the Village for doing this work.

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

RESOLVED, That the manager be and hereby is authorized to sign the New York State DOT Snow and Ice Agreement extension for 2014/2015.

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO SIGN ABSTRACT OF VOUCHERS NUMBERS 19676-19737

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

RESOLVED, That the Mayor be and hereby is authorized to sign Abstract of Vouchers Numbers 19676-19737.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Gianni Magnani, 435 Carol Place, wished everyone a Happy Chanukah and Happy Thanksgiving.

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