

BOARD OF TRUSTEES

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

December 16, 2013

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

ABSENT: Mayor Sellier
Trustee Vandenberg

Deputy Mayor Schwarzfeld opened the Public Hearing. He said that it involved a petition to the New York State Public Service Commission to distribute the costs of public safety infrastructure costs across the water rate base in Pelham Manor.

Manager Pierpont said that the cost for fire hydrant rental is in the Village budget. It currently costs the Village two hundred twenty seven thousand dollars to rent two hundred twenty seven hydrants for the year. He said that the Village has been trying to work with the PSC to include that rate in United Water's fees.

Trustee Annunziata said the decrease would come off the property tax. The cost would vary depending on the water usage.

Deputy Mayor Schwarzfeld opened the hearing to public comment.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Robert Idoni, Superintendent of Operations at United Water, read a statement. He said that United Water had no input on the bill that allows costs to be moved. He said that any savings must be passed on to customers. He said that this public hearing is the first step. The request then goes to the Public Service Commission for review which may take up to one hundred twenty days. Mr. Idoni gave a background on fire hydrants. He said that United Water installs the hydrants at the request of the municipality. This includes mains and valves and lines that are larger than the normal size required for firefighting. He briefly spoke about infrastructure and ISO ratings. He noted that United Water currently pays a franchise tax. He thanked the Board for giving him the opportunity to clarify information on fire hydrants, infrastructure and fire suppression.

There were no other comments from the public.

TO CLOSE THE PUBLIC HEARING

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

RESOLVED, That the public hearing be and hereby is closed.

Clerk

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PUBLIC HEARING - LOCAL LAW 3 OF 2013
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Deputy Mayor Schwarzfeld opened the Public Hearing on Local Law 3. The proposed law will extend the moratorium in the retail district for six months. The Village's consultants have not finished the zoning review yet. The Deputy Mayor asked if there were any comments from the Board. There were no comments. He asked if there were any questions or comments from the public.

PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no public comment.

TO CLOSE THE PUBLIC HEARING

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 closed.

Clerk