

BOARD OF TRUSTEES

January 27, 2014

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 JANUARY 13, 2014 REGULAR MEETING

The Mayor asked if there were any comments or questions on the minutes. There were no comments or questions.

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

RESOLVED, That the minutes from the January 13, 2014 Regular Meeting be and hereby are approved.

Mayor Sellier said that the website was being updated and when it is finished it will contain new information such as a Frequently Asked Questions section as well as the minutes and agendas. There has been a gap period when information has not been posted and that will be corrected.

REPORTS

The Village Treasurer noted that as of December 31, 2013, a quarter of the snow budget was spent. He said that this line will be over spent. The Treasurer said that the mortgage tax did come in. The Village received two payments. One hundred ninety eight thousand dollars was received and one hundred eighty five thousand dollars was budgeted.

Trustee Vandenberg asked about the tax certiorari and was told that it will appear in judgments and claims. The Village has a reserve for that in Special Items in the budget. The Village has a six year settlement with Levin Properties.

Manager Pierpont noted that the leaf collection was finished one day before the Village's first snow. Fifty seven and one half percent of the Village's waste is recycled. A portion of those numbers includes the leaf collection program.

Lamps on Pelhamdale Avenue are scheduled for February and the Department of Public Works is filling potholes. The street department is working with cold patch which stays pliable until it's put down. He said that there is no permanent fix without saw cutting the road, but this temporary fix works.

Mayor Sellier said that the next three items listed on the agenda, for a possible permit for Dave & Busters above Fairway Market, were asked to be rescheduled to the next Board meeting.

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

RESOLVED, That the reports be and hereby are accepted.

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO SIGN ABSTRACT OF VOUCHERS NUMBERS 19904-19968

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 19904-19968.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Karen Gardner, 914 Wynnewood Road, and Sydney MacInnis, 427 Fowler Avenue, addressed the Board. They said that they were representatives from EcoPel a new environmental group in Pelham. They said that they would like an official from the Village of Pelham Manor to serve as a representative for addressing environmental concerns.

Trustee Schwarzfeld asked when the group holds its meetings. He was told that the EcoPel meetings are held once a month usually at someone's home.

Trustee Schwarzfeld volunteered to act as a liaison.

Karen Gardner spoke about cycling and recycling.

Sydney MacInnis asked about the possibility of including people other than Pelham Manor residents in the use of the Recycling Center on Spring Road.

The Village has an inter-municipal agreement with Westchester County for the collection of recyclables. This would have to be consistent with the IMA requirements. The Village would reserve the right to charge for any extra expense or burden to the Village. If there are no problems, non residents would be allowed to use the facility for recycling. The Mayor cautioned that it is at our sufferance.

It was noted that Westchester County picks up electronic waste from Spring Road.

Sydney MacInnis and Karen Gardner also spoke about the possibility of having a Spring Cleanup Day for electronics.

The Mayor said that as a one time experiment that would be fine, but if it creates a problem, the Village reserves the right to discontinue the use.

Maggie Klein, editor of The Pelham Weekly, said that Senator Klein sponsored a collection event behind the Village Hall in Pelham.

Trustee Vandenberg suggested that there might be a traffic jam at the Spring Road facility if the event was successful. He thought that the high school might be a better venue for this event.

Tony Marrella, 103 Iden Avenue, advised the Board that last year a retired men's club of Pelham was formed. To date, they have had four sessions. The last session was on investing and financial and estate planning. They meet on Thursdays with a half hour of socializing and then have the meeting. He was happy to report that it seems to be going very well.

Steven Shekane, 917 Washington Avenue, said that he had two issues on safety and quality of life. He expressed concern that people were going through his recyclables to get the cans and bottles.

Attorney McLaughlin cited the Supreme Court's decision on Greenwood which held that there was no reasonable expectation of privacy for garbage that was placed at the curb..

Recyclables at the curb, in the public right of way, are fair game.

Trustee Vandenberg said that Mr. Shekane could remove the cans and bottles that have deposit value. The people looking through the recyclables would learn quickly that there was no money to be made. He said that he separates those items and returns them to the store for the deposit.

Mr. Shekane also spoke against the Dave and Busters proposal. He thought that it did not belong in Pelham Manor and would bring problems with loitering.

Mayor Sellier said that the Village has spent scores of hours on the discussion of security. There will be a lot of security down there at their expense. It's a good thing for the Village and will generate tax revenue and increased assessed valuation as well as an increase in sales tax revenue.

Trustee Winston said that the Board cannot tell people what to put there.

Trustee Vandenberg commented that Dave & Busters was proposed for the second floor in a shopping center. It is not going in the Four Corners.

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

Legal and Personnel Matter

No action was taken in Executive Session.

RESUMPTION OF REGULAR MEETING

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

RESOLVED, That the Village of Pelham Manor be and hereby is authorized to pay thirty four hundred dollars for legal services, contracted by a municipal consortium, that will attempt to reduce the drastic increases proposed by a water utility.

ADJOURNMENT

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

RESOLVED, That there being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned.

Clerk