

BOARD OF TRUSTEES  
MINUTES  
March 10, 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.

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PROCLAMATION HONORING THE MANOR CLUB ON ITS CENTENNIAL

Mayor Sellier moved this item up on the agenda because members of the Club waiting to see and hear the proclamation.

Mayor Sellier read the following proclamation and commented that The Manor Club is a wonderful and important aspect of our community and he said that he looked forward to its continuation. He presented the proclamation to club president Joan Cornell.

**PROCLAMATION**

WHEREAS, The Manor Club was established through the generosity of Mary Grace Witherbee Black, and

WHEREAS, The Manor Club was incorporated in 1883 and the first clubhouse was built in 1887 and managed by a five man Board of Directors, and

WHEREAS, the House Committee of The Manor Club had five women who arranged for entertainment, planned programs, sold tickets for the events and prepared and served refreshments, and

WHEREAS, The Tuesday Afternoon Club was formed in the late 1890's by a few women in Pelham Manor for the purpose of getting together to read and study, and

WHEREAS, The Manor Club was in financial straits and decided to see whether The prosperous Tuesday Afternoon Club could take over and successfully run The Manor Club, and

WHEREAS, The Tuesday Afternoon Club took over The Manor Club when, at the Annual Mid Winter Business meeting, each of the five male Directors resigned and a female Director took his place, and

WHEREAS, The Tuesday Afternoon Club became the new Manor Club on February 26, 1914, and

WHEREAS, The Manor Club has a membership dedicated to preserving its past while embracing its future by providing meaningful educational experiences, entertainment, planned programs and events.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, That the Village of Pelham Manor extends its congratulations on the occasion of The Manor Club celebrating its one hundredth year of operation and service to the community.

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MINUTES FROM THE FEBRUARY 24, 2014 PUBLIC HEARING AND FEBRUARY 24, 2014 REGULAR MEETING

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

RESOLVED, That the minutes from the February 24, 2014 Public Hearing and the February 24, 2014 Regular Meeting be and hereby are approved.

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REPORTS

Police Commissioner Vandenberg commented that it was a busy month. He asked about two serious crimes, a bank robbery in Pelham Manor Shopping Plaza and a robbery of some youths on Boston Post Road. The Police Chief said that the detectives were working on both crimes and making good progress especially on the crime involving the youths being chased. He said that he would have an update on this situation next month.

Commissioner Vandenberg said that Boston Post Road is tucked in between two cities. He also commented on the rescue of a six year old boy on James Street. He was trapped in an ice fort and the Police and Fire Departments rescued him.

Chief Mosiello said that it was a busy month although the rest of the reports were routine. He said that the License Plate Reader was working pretty well.

The Board thanked the Chief for his report.

Fire Commissioner Schwarzfeld reviewed the monthly Fire report with Chief Ruggiero.

The Chief said that it was a busy month with eighty five alarms. The calls included mutual aid calls to New Rochelle and Mount Vernon. He discussed a working house fire in Mount Vernon where his firefighters were first responders. He said that his men usually watch a fire house when on a mutual aid call, but Mount Vernon had two structure fires within three hours. His crew did the primary search and located a victim who was burned and subsequently transported to Jacobi Hospital for treatment. The person is burned, but will be ok.

Trustee Winston asked why the mutual aid stopped and was told that New Rochelle would provide more manpower and expected Pelham Manor to provide the same amount in return which was not possible based on the size of the department. That has been worked out. Mount Vernon has manning issues and they are happy with whatever number of people we send to help.

Trustee Annunziata asked about frozen fire hydrants and the Chief said that he has never experienced that problem.

The Board thanked the Chief for his report.

The Treasurer said that there was nothing out of the ordinary to report. Everything is on track.

Trustee Vandenberg asked how the snow storms had affected the budget and was told that the Village is doing ok. It's pushing the limits, but still ok.

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

RESOLVED, That the reports be and hereby are accepted.

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PROPOSAL FOR A CHARGING STATION FOR ELECTRIC VEHICLES IN 4767-4787  
BOSTON POST ROAD ( FOUR CORNERS – RETAIL DISTRICT )

The proposal is for a kiosk at the former Gristedes property. It would be for someone with an electric car and would be placed in the middle of the lot facing Boston Post Road. Manager Pierpont said that this proposal required the Board's approval.

Trustee Annunziata asked whether the space was exclusive for electric cars and was told that it is not exclusive. They will have to wait until the space becomes available to charge the car.

Trustee Vandenberg asked whether it was dangerous if someone knocked it over and was told that there is a circuit breaker and bollards are there to protect the power source.

Attorney McLaughlin asked who the power belonged to and was told that the landlord will supply the power.

The kiosk will be located on private property. It is not in the right of way. There is currently a moratorium in place for the retail district and the Board would have to grant relief from the moratorium for a permit to be issued. The Board was in favor of allowing this applicant to get a building permit.

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

RESOLVED, That the Village Manager be and hereby is authorized to issue a building permit pursuant to Local Law 1 of 2012, and extended by Local Law 1 of 2013 and Local Law 3 of 2013, regarding the issuance of permits, certificates and approvals pursuant to the zoning ordinance for properties in the retail zoning districts.

RESOLVED, That the Board of Trustees in Section 1 of Local Law 1 of 2012 and extended by Local Law 1 of 2013 and Local Law 3 of 2013 grants a permit based on the finding that the action for which the permit is sought will not be inconsistent with the orderly completion of the GEIS study or the implementation of the strategies developed thereby.

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#### ACCEPTANCE OF CANAL ROAD BLIGHT STUDY

The Blight Study concludes that this is a blighted area. The Board has the necessary tools to move forward to market this property. The draft study will become final when the Board accepts it. A new area plan will be presented to the Board. The plan will be to make Canal Road one large parcel, de map Canal Road and market the single parcel.

Trustee Annunziata asked why it was necessary to take this action and was told that the Village has been working hard to come up with some re development for this area. The market indicates that it has potential to be re developed.

Trustee Winston asked about the environmental areas and mentioned two actions – spill cases.

Manager Pierpont said that the site may be remediated, but it is still being monitored.

Trustee Annunziata asked how many property owners there were on the thirteen acres and was told that there are five owners.

Manager Pierpont said that the BJ's site is eighteen acres. Canal Road is thirteen acres but it is a little narrower.

This sends a message to the property owners that the Village is serious about moving this forward. The Village would rather not be involved, but wants the property owners to know that the Village is serious about this and that it is going to happen.

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

RESOLVED, That the Blight Study be and hereby is accepted.

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RESOLUTION TO APPROVE HOME RULE MESSAGES FOR ASSEMBLY AND SENATE

This will ask for enabling legislation for Eastchester Creek.

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

RESOLVED, that the Home Rule messages for the New York State Assembly and Senate that ask for enabling legislation for Eastchester Creek be and hereby are approved.

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SHORE PARK USE REQUESTS

Rev. G. Jacob Bolton, Huguenot Memorial Church, requested permission to use Shore Park on Sunday April 20, 2014 for a Sunrise Easter Morning Community Worship Service from 6:45 a.m. until 7:30 a.m.

Rev. Dr. Noel D. Vanek, Pastor of Community Church of the Pelhams requested permission to use Shore Park on Sunday, April 20, 2014 for an Easter Dawn Worship Service from 6:00 a.m. until 6:40 a.m.

Trustee Schwarzfeld noted that Community Church of the Pelhams is not located in Pelham Manor.

Attorney McLaughlin said that the request noted that many Pelham Manor residents attend the Church and they could have the other members of the Church as their guests.

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

RESOLVED, that the two requests to use Shore Park on April 20, 2014 for Easter services be and hereby are approved.

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RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO SIGN ABSTRACT OF VOUCHERS NUMBERS 20059-20093

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

RESOLVED, That the Mayor be and hereby is authorized to sign Vouchers Numbers 20059-20093.

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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 and Executive Session to discuss the following:

Personnel Matter

No action was taken in Executive Session.

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RESUMPTION OF REGULAR MEETING

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

RESOLVED, that Police Officers Marc Lenci and Gregory Paci be and hereby are suspended without pay as soon as practicable.

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ADJOURNMENT

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

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Clerk