

BOARD OF TRUSTEES  
September 8, 2014

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

ABSENT: Trustee Winston

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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ADMINISTER OATH OF OFFICE TO POLICE OFFICERS ZACHARY ZINGARO AND KIERAN COLLERAN

The Mayor gave some background information on Zachary Zingaro and Kieran Colleran. Mr. Zingaro is twenty one years old and lives in Cortlandt Manor. He graduated from SUNY Oneonta with a Bachelor's degree in Criminal Justice. He will attend the Westchester County Police Academy for twenty weeks.

Mayor Sellier administered the Oath of Office to Zachary Zingaro and all in attendance congratulated the new police officer.

The Mayor gave background information on Kieran Colleran. Mr. Colleran is twenty three years old. He achieved the rank of Eagle Scout and he graduated from Pace University with a Bachelor's degree in Criminal Justice.

Mayor Sellier administered the Oath of Office to Kieran Colleran and all in attendance congratulated the new police officer.

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MINUTES FROM THE AUGUST 25, 2014 REGULAR MEETING

The Mayor asked if there were any comments for 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 August 25, 2014 Regulars Meeting be and hereby are approved.

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REPORTS

Police Commissioner Vandenberg discussed the report with Chief Mosiello. He discussed the burglaries that took place around the Fourth of July and a rash of burglaries that continued into August and September.

The Chief said that the Fourth of July was the last burglary until this past weekend which was at an empty house and was nothing like the other burglaries.

Police Commissioner Vandenberg commented on the July Thirtieth defacement of a public sidewalk with a swastika. He asked the Chief how the investigation was progressing on finding the person who committed this act.

The Chief said there has been no progress with the investigation conducted by the detectives. Chief Mosiello said that it was a six by six small spot on the Siwanoy path and it was covered right away. He said that the Village has never experienced anything like this. He added that it was an isolated incident.

Police Commissioner Vandenberg asked about a rabid skunk that was euthanized and left for the homeowner to dispose of.

The Chief said that the Department of Public Works picks up dead animals during the week. The Chief said that the homeowners on Bolton volunteered to dispose of the skunk.

The Board thanked Chief Mosiello for his report.

Fire Commissioner Schwarzfeld discussed the Fire report with Chief Ruggiero. The Commissioner said that it seemed like a quiet month.

Mayor Sellier said that there was a structure fire in Mount Vernon and Pelham Manor provided mutual aid.

Chief Ruggiero said that it was a very busy month. There were two working structure fires in Mount Vernon and there were a lot of stand by calls for Mount Vernon. There were also a lot of calls to the Village of Pelham because their ladder was out of order. The Chief said that the revamped mutual aid plan works well. The Chief also said that the last report had showed a difference in value for a car damaged by fire. One area of the report showed four thousand dollars and another page showed six thousand dollars. There was a discrepancy in the Kelly Blue Book that was picked up in the report.

The Chief said that Huguenot Church called today because a smoke alarm went off and some parents thought that the response time was slow. Chief Ruggiero said that the call came in at eleven eighteen and the Fire Department was there at eleven twenty one. This time was recorded by Westchester County. He said that three minutes is a good time, but the Village was having "check day" which means the equipment, such as hoses, was rolled out being checked. The hoses had to be re-rolled before the trucks could respond to the call. The trucks would have been there in less than three minutes if the equipment didn't have to be re-packed. The Chief said that some of the mothers said that it took ten minutes to get to the alarm. The Chief assured the Board that it did not take that long to get to the church.

Commissioner Schwarzfeld said that he's sure that some people thought it took a long time. It's subjective especially when parents are concerned about their children.

The Board thanked Chief Ruggiero for his report.

The Village Treasurer pointed out the mortgage tax on page thirty one of the report. The Village receives payments twice a year. One hundred ninety thousand dollars was budgeted for this year's revenue number. The Village received seventy one thousand dollars. He said that he will have to keep an eye on this number. The mortgage tax is forwarded from Westchester County. It is based on the calendar year and is paid every six months.

The Village Clerk's report speaks for itself. He noted that thirty six dog licenses were processed.

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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ACTION ON LOCAL LAW 3 OF 2014

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

RESOLVED, That Local Law 3 of 2014 be and hereby is adopted.

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RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO SIGN ABSTRACT OF VOUCHERS NUMBERS 20675-20716

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 20675-20716

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EXECUTIVE SESSION

It was determined that an Executive Session was not necessary.

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PUBLIC COMMENT

Tai Montanarella, 216 Townsend Avenue, spoke about letting leaves stay on residential lawns rather than be collected in the fall. She said that the City of New Rochelle will no longer have curbside leaf collection. She asked that the Village encourage residents to leave grass clippings on their lawns and no longer have municipal leaf collection.

Trustee Schwarzfeld said that the Village does not ship its leaves outside of the Village for processing. They are composted in the Village.

Manager Pierpont said that there were collection costs but no disposal costs.

Trustee Annunziata said that he has many oak trees on his property and probably two to three feet worth of leaves. If he left the leaves in place he said that he would have no lawn. He said that he would have to replace his lawn every year.

Mayor Sellier said that the Village would not consider eliminating leaf collection this fall. He said that a lot of people would not want to see this service eliminated. He said some would see this as a net economic/environmental benefit.

Tai Montanarella said that reducing leaf collection could be done over the course of years.

Mayor Sellier thought that if leaf collection wasn't eliminated and mulching leaves wasn't imposed on them, people would be interested.

It was noted that six demonstrations are being held in New Rochelle.

It was noted that landscapers can retrofit their mowers with a blade that pulverizes the leaves. A mulching kit which consists of blades, "kicker" blades, and baffles costs six hundred dollars.

Mayor Sellier asked if the mulching mowers were noisy and was told that it sounds like the current mower.

Trustee Schwarzfeld said that grass clippings are wonderful for being mulched into the lawn. He said that when you mulch grass clippings, you water less.

Kristina Lang introduced herself as a new district representative for Pelham. She works in Senator Klein's office.

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ADJOURNMENT

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

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Clerk