

BOARD OF TRUSTEES

March 14, 2016

PRESENT: Mayor Monachino Lapey
Trustee Annunziata
Trustee McLaughlin
Trustee Cataldi DeLillo
Attorney Cornachio
Manager Pierpont

ABSENT: Trustee Schwarzfeld

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE AND FIRE SAFETY ANNOUNCEMENT

Mayor Monachino Lapey led those assembled in the Pledge of Allegiance and notified those in attendance where the fire exits were located.

The Mayor said that the Village had the most frightening experience in her tenure which was the bomb scare at the middle school and high school. The Mayor said that it was horrifying. The coordination of the evacuation was beautifully synchronized. She thanked the service departments for their help and said that the village manager was quietly monitoring the situation and was very hands on.

MINUTES FROM THE FEBRUARY 22, 2016 REGULAR MEETING

The Mayor asked if there were any comments or corrections to the minutes.

There were no comments or corrections to the minutes.

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

RESOLVED, That the minutes from the Regular Meeting on February 22, 2016, be and hereby are approved.

REPORTS

Police Commissioner Annunziata discussed the monthly report with Police Chief Carpenter. The Commissioner asked if there was anything new on the bomb scare. He said that he heard it was a hoax that a student called in, and the Chief said that he had no new information on the incident.

Commissioner Annunziata said that this is getting to be a common occurrence especially on the east coast. He asked about a few things in the report involving the larcenies.

The Chief said that the suspects are coming in with large bills and getting more change than they're entitled to receive. The Police Commissioner asked why the managers don't tell the cashiers not to give out the change and the Chief said the police were told by the store's manager that they're following the store's policy.

Commissioner Annunziata said that some other suspects went back again to CVS to steal thousands of dollars worth of cosmetics. He asked why they targeted cosmetics.

The Chief said that they're stealing cosmetics because they're easier to sell, and they sell them quickly.

The Police Chief said that it was a quiet, steady month. The detectives took a suspect into custody on an outstanding warrant from a June 2014 robbery. They took DNA at the time of the robbery and got the blood samples back after a year and a half. They matched the suspect from the robbery. On page eighteen in the report an aggravated harassment was reported. It involved a Fairway Market

employee receiving harassing calls and texts at work.

The Mayor thanked the Chief for securing the perimeter and taking care of our children during the threat of the bomb scare.

The Mayor and Board thanked the Chief for his report.

Mayor Monachino Lapey said that because Trustee Schwarzfeld was unable to attend tonight's meeting, she would review the Fire report with Chief Ruggiero.

Chief Ruggiero said that it was a very busy month. There were sixty six calls. A fire on Pelhamdale Avenue was started by ashes and cinders placed against the house. The homeowner thought that they were cool enough, but they burned through the house into the kitchen. The hoses were stretched to capacity because of the location of the house. The house was on the corner of Shore Road.

The Chief said that the fire department responded to the bomb threat. He said that we were originally told that it was an automatic alarm, but we found out that it was a real threat and sent the second truck. The Village kept the tower ladder in the house in case there were other calls. There was a call on Harmon Avenue by the train station regarding a gas leak. Pelham Manor went to that call.

Trustee Cataldi DeLillo said that a gas leak and the threat at the high school are real events. She said that we need to think about how to deploy our resources in a thoughtful way. Trustee Cataldi DeLillo said that more is not always better.

Mayor Monachino Lapey complimented the Chief on excellent work and on providing outstanding supplemental coverage on the day of the bomb scare. The Mayor said that everything dove tailed beautifully.

Chief Ruggiero said that it went well and commended a retired police officer, Ralph DeMassi, who is in charge of security, for doing an excellent job during the crisis at the school.

Trustee Cataldi DeLillo spoke about notification for future events and how the fire alarm was pulled so that the a false alarm could not be distinguished from a real threat. It was suggested that either Scarsdale Security needs to put a separate system in the building or a separate tone needs to be used to alert the department. The Chief said that the school board is addressing this and a different tone will probably be used to correct the problem.

Trustee Annunziata asked about mutual aid and was told that New Rochelle sends an engine first, then New Rochelle sends a ladder then Eastchester sends an engine and Greenville, in the Town of Greenburgh Fire District, is fourth on the village's list to send mutual aid. The Chief said that it works out well.

The Mayor and Board thanked Chief Ruggiero for his report.

The Village Clerk said that there was nothing in the Clerk's report that was as exciting as the Police or Fire reports. The report consisted mostly of dog licenses and building permits.

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

RESOLVED, that the Police, Fire, and Village Clerk reports be and hereby are approved.

The Mayor said that there were some people in the audience and asked that they be allowed to speak at this point in the meeting.

Romina Levy, 631 Esplanade, said that the Citizens Nominating Committee was looking for people who are interested in running for the school board. The Committee is looking for three people.

The deadline to apply is this Friday, March 18th, and she encouraged anyone who is civic minded who might want to learn more about it to apply.

Trustee Annunziata asked if there were any open seats, and was told that one candidate, Tom Imperato, is seeking re-election, but Lisa Kiernan and Evelyn Riedel are not seeking re-election.

The Mayor and Board thanked Mrs. Levy for coming to the Board meeting.

Frank Stankus, 129 Secor Lane, said that he was a nineteen year resident of the Village. He said that his wife, Cindy Edelstein, was a well known jewelry designer who passed away six weeks ago. He said that someone who lives in Colorado wants to donate a park bench in her memory. He said that they're wondering what they can do to commemorate her.

Mayor Monachino Lapey said that was a lovely concept and mentioned that when the Junior League had a limited program for memorials when a beautification project was done in Weihman Park. She said that the Board would need to have some discussion on this issue and she also knew that his friend from Colorado was going to be coming to town.

Trustee Cataldi DeLillo said that Cindy Edelstein was very active on the Moms of Pelham website.

Trustee McLaughlin told Mr. Stankus that he was very sorry for his loss.

The Mayor thanked Mr. Stankus for coming to the meeting and said that they would be back in touch.

SET REVIEW DEPOSIT FOR MASIELLO REALTY COMPANY, LLC

The Mayor said that the Board was in receipt of the Village Manager's recommendation setting the review deposit for Masiello Realty Company, LLC. The Mayor said that the Board had received several documents in the packet this week and had the Village's consultant opine on this. She said that she was happy to continue discussion on this issue and to accept a motion set the review deposit at twenty five hundred dollars.

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

RESOLVED, that review deposit for Masiello Realty Company, LLC be and hereby is set at twenty-five hundred dollars.

ACTION ON NEGATIVE DECLARATION FOR MASIELLO REALTY COMPANY, LLC

Mayor Monachino Lapey said that the Board has a site plan for Masiello Realty Company prepared by Errol MacIntosh. She noted for the record that the inset location map appears to be off. The circle should be a little further north east. The property is on the corner of Spring Road and needs to be more north east. Based on the Mayor's and the Board's analysis this is an unlisted action under SEQRA. She said that the Village is the only involved agency and for the record we are the Lead Agency. It's important to note that the overarching concern of the statute is for significant environmental impact and I think the burdens have been met here which is prong one. In terms of classifying the action we look at curb cuts, some plantings and apply the standard of reasonableness by which SEQRA is implemented. The Mayor said that she felt comfortable the criteria have been met and the Board can issue a Negative Declaration.

Trustee Cataldi DeLillo said that she agreed and noted that the drawing is dated March 4, 2016 and labeled Sheet A-100 Site Plan and Location Map. She also said that Spring Road is listed as Spring Place. She said that was a minor change and understands that it will be corrected.

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

RESOLVED, That that the action for Masiello Realty Company, LLC be and hereby is classified as a Negative Declaration.

ACTION ON APPLICATION OF MASIELLO REALTY COMPANY, LLC

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

RESOLVED, that the application of Masiello Realty Company, LLC be and hereby is approved.

REQUEST FROM LARISSA DELPONTE AND COURTNEY O'BEIRNE TO HOLD COLOR RUN

The Board received a request from Larissa DelPonte and Courtney O'Beirne to hold a Community Color Run to benefit Project Community, Inc. which was formerly known as the Nurses Network. They held this event last year.

Trustee McLaughlin said that he participated last year and that it was great fun and a morale builder.

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

RESOLVED, That the request from Larissa DelPonte and Courtney O'Beirne to hold a Community Color Run on Sunday, May 15, 2016 to benefit Project Community be and hereby is approved.

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO SIGN ABSTRACT OF VOUCHERS NUMBERS 22439-22496

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 22439-22496.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Gianni Magnani, 435 Carol Place, asked about the status of Lenny's Bagels and was told that they are ironing out some details involving a gas line and are shooting for an April opening.

Mr. Magnani also gave some information on a site that helps eliminate robo calls and asked for the definition of curbing your dog. He thought the dog had to be walked in the street. He was told that the dog does not have to be walked in the street. The dog may be walked on the planter's strip between the sidewalk and the curb. The pet owner is responsible for picking up after the dog.

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:

Personnel Matter

No action was taken in Executive Session.

ADJOURNMENT

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

Clerk