

BOARD OF TRUSTEES
October 10, 2016

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

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 noted that Pelham Manor received the Silver Award from AAA of the Northeast. She said that it is a tribute to the Police Department and administration. She said that the Village is a built out community and it isn't always possible to reconfigure traffic patterns. She said that the award was a credit to excellent work.

MINUTES FROM THE REGULAR MEETING ON SEPTEMBER 26, 2016

The Mayor asked if there were any comments, questions or corrections on the minutes.

There were two corrections. Trustee McLaughlin said that on page one there was a transposition of the letters p and r in the word project. Trustee Senerchia said that on page one the letter t was missing from the word the in front of Treasurer.

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

RESOLVED, that the minutes from the Regular Meeting on September 26, 2016 be and hereby are approved as amended.

REPORTS

Police Commissioner Annunziata said that is was a very active month with four or five cars being entered during the night. He noted that all of the cars were unlocked and one had the keys left in the car. The car with the keys left in it was stolen.

Chief Carpenter said that the stolen car was recovered in Wilkes-Barre, Pennsylvania.

The Police Commissioner said that reading the report about the apprehension of the burglary suspect was very dramatic. The police were chasing someone in the dark not knowing whether or not he had a weapon. He congratulated the police on excellent work.

Chief Carpenter mentioned a domestic dispute with a weapon that was legally obtained. The weapon was removed from the scene and then returned when it was determined that it was obtained legally.

Trustee Senerchia commented that it was a very busy month with larcenies and burglaries as well as regular traffic stops. One of the routine stops turned into something more at Fairway Market. A skimming device and fraudulent credit cards were discovered. Three felonies came out of that arrest. Trustee Senerchia asked if there were any other means of getting the word out there such as social media or the website.

Manager Pierpont said that the Chief has been working diligently on this issue and has given him

information on that.

The Mayor asked if retailers such as BJ’s and Five Below advise their customers to watch for possible criminal activity and the Police Chief said that he did not know if they did that.

The Mayor and Board thanked the Police Chief for his report.

The Village Clerk reported that it was busy with building permits and dog licenses. Eleven letters in lieu of a certificate of occupancy were issued as houses continue to trade.

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

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

PROCLAMATION: THE ROSE BROTHERS ARTWORK

Mayor Monachino Lapey said that the New York Roses, now the Westchester Roses, contributed incredible, hand painted murals to the Police Department. With the tax cap, the Village can’t always deploy resources the way it would like to and she was very happy to welcome the Rose Brothers to the Board meeting to receive the following proclamation which she read.

WHEREAS, the Village of Pelham Manor Police Department Headquarters is located at 4 Penfield Place in Pelham Manor, New York; and

WHEREAS, Robert Rose, Calvin Rose and Everett Whitley, known collectively as “the Rose Brothers,” are accomplished municipal artists who have hand painted police murals at precincts in all five New York City boroughs and at every police precinct in the Bronx; and

WHEREAS, the Rose Brothers have hand painted murals for the Boston Police Department, the Federal Bureau of Investigation, fire stations and courthouses; and

WHEREAS, the Rose Brothers designed and hand painted four unique, multi-colored murals for the Pelham Manor Police Department; and

WHEREAS, these murals enhance the character of the Pelham Manor Police Department offices and serve as an inspiration to employees, visitors and the public; and

WHEREAS, the Rose Brothers donated this artistic work to the Village of Pelham Manor free of charge

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Village of Pelham Manor Board of Trustees issues this proclamation to recognize the extraordinary artistic donation to the Village of Pelham Manor and to thank the Rose Brothers for their generous service to our community, and be it further

RESOLVED, that a copy of this Proclamation be presented to the Rose Brothers.

PRESENTATION BY THE PBA TO THE ROSE BROTHERS

The Village’s PBA President, A.J. Romano, thanked the Rose Brothers for the gift of their artwork to the Village Police Department and presented them with a digital camera from the Police Benevolent Association.

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE VILLAGE MANAGER TO SIGN STOP DWI

AGREEMENT

This resolution will allow the Village of Pelham Manor to enter into an agreement with Westchester County for the STOP DWI reimbursement program. This is the renewal of an agreement. The Village Police Department will be responsible for setting up a check point in the Village and will receive up to eight thousand four hundred dollars in reimbursement during the calendar year.

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

RESOLVED, That the Village Manager be and hereby is authorized to sign the Stop DWI Agreement with Westchester County.

BANK OF AMERICA LIGHTING PROPOSAL

Mayor Monachino Lapey said that initially there were some concerns about the proposal presented by the Bank of America and the Board made some recommendations.

Village Manager Pierpont, Planning Board Chairman Taubner and Trustee Senerchia had a meeting with the representative for Bank of America and they came full circle. This will be as minimally intrusive as possible.

Manager Pierpont said that many things were reviewed. The number of poles, whether lighting was cut off or not, and aesthetics in a historic neighborhood, were discussed. The Bank of America came back with several options. The more historic lighting was not cut off and would shine directly onto the apartment building and it would require more poles to meet their security requirements.

One single pole with three thousand Kelvin and a sleek design intended to blend into the background was the best option.

Trustee Senerchia said that one pole, eighteen feet high, was less intrusive and would require less trenching and cutting. He said that it is less historic but a better plan.

Planning Board Chairman Taubner said that he felt that this was the best solution for the Village and the neighbors.

Robert Walder, 590 Monterey Avenue, a neighbor of this project was asked if he wanted to comment on this proposal. He did not have any comment.

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

RESOLVED, that Board hereby approves the lighting proposal from Bank of America that provides one eighteen foot pole with three thousand Kelvin.

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO SIGN ABSTRACT OF VOUCHERS NUMBERS 23136--23180

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 23136-23180.

PUBLIC COMMENT

The Mayor asked if there were any comments or questions from the public.

Gianni Magnani, 435 Carol Place, asked if it was possible to photograph the murals and the proclamation and post them on the website.

Maggie Klein, editor of the PelhamPlus, said that she would work with the Village on that.

Anthony Marrella, 103 Iden Avenue, spoke about the importance of having numbers on houses so that they can be located more easily.

Manager Pierpont said that an e-blast will be sent on numbering homes. He said that by State law no notices can be placed in tax bills.

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 and Real Property Matter

No action was taken in Executive Session.

ADJOURNMENT

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

Clerk