

Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Village of Croton-on-Hudson, New York was held on Monday, January 7, 2008 at the Municipal Building, Van Wyck Street, Croton-on-Hudson, New York.

The following officials were present:

Mayor Schmidt	Trustee Brennan
Trustee Kane	Trustee Gallelli
Trustee Konig	Manager Herbek
Attorney Staudt	Treasurer Zambrano

### 1. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Schmidt called the meeting to order at 8:00 p.m. Everyone joined in the Pledge of Allegiance. Mayor Schmidt asked everyone to take a moment of silence to remember George Jacobs, a former Trustee and Dorothy Bogardus, wife of the former Mayor, Roland Bogardus.

### 2. APPROVAL OF VOUCHERS:

Trustee Brennan made a motion to approve the vouchers as follows; the motion was seconded by Trustee Kane and approved unanimously.

General Fund	\$32,116.34
Water Fund	2,256.31
Sewer	-
Capital Fund	-
Trust Fund	4,547.82
Total	\$38,920.47

### 3. CORRESPONDENCE

- a. Letter from L. Helle Maide, of the New York Power Authority dated December 20, 2007 advising of the new customer rates for 2008.
- b. Letter from Robert Hock of Cablevision dated December 14, 2007 advising of programming changes.

- c. Letter from Nancy Harper Kelly dated December 24, 2007 thanking the Croton Police Department, Fire Department, Ambulance, and Department of Public Works for their response to an emergency at her home.
- d. Letter from Kenneth Verschoor, Deputy Planning Director, Town of Cortlandt dated December 21, 2007 advising of an upcoming Public Hearing amending the Town Zoning Ordinance concerning a Special Permit for a doctor's office within 1000 feet of the Hudson Valley Hospital Center.
- e. Letter from Lee Kyriacou of the New York State Board Real Property Services dated December 19, 2007 advising of the Final Special Franchise Assessment and Final Tentative Railroad Ceiling

#### 5. CITIZEN PARTICIPATION - AGENDA ITEMS

There being no citizen participation, the Mayor closed Citizen Participation.

#### 6. RESOLUTIONS

- a. On motion of Trustee Brennan seconded by Trustee Gallelli, the following resolution was unanimously approved by the Board of Trustees of the Village of Croton-on-Hudson, New York:

WHEREAS, the on-line access to Westchester County land records has been available since 2004; and

WHEREAS, this service has been very helpful to the Engineer's Department and Finance Department; and

WHEREAS, the County offers this as a free service to municipalities,

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED: that the Village Manager is authorized to sign the 2008 Intermunicipal Agreement with Westchester County whereby the County

- b. On motion of TRUSTEE Kane seconded by TRUSTEE Konig, the following resolution was unanimously approved by the Board of Trustees of the Village of Croton-on-Hudson, New York:

WHEREAS, the Croton Emergency Medical Services Department desires to utilize Westchester County Department of Emergency Services specialized trailers for training and local emergency purposes; and

WHEREAS, an intermunicipal agreement has been prepared which provides for the Fire Department to use and operate the Mass Casualty Incident Trailer,

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED: that the Village Manager is hereby authorized to sign the intermunicipal agreement with Westchester County which grants to the Croton Volunteer Fire Department the right and permission to operate the Trailer.

C. On motion of TRUSTEE Brennan seconded by TRUSTEE Kane, the following resolution was unanimously approved by the Board of Trustees of the Village of Croton-on-Hudson, New York:

WHEREAS, Sergeant Bagley is not able to work and is currently out on medical leave; and

WHEREAS, a position left vacant by a leave of absence may be filled by a contingent permanent appointment; and

WHEREAS, the Police Chief has recommended that William Morrison be promoted to the position of Police Sergeant to fill this vacancy,

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED: that William Morrison is hereby appointed on a contingent permanent basis as Police Sergeant at the annual salary of \$95,369.

7. CITIZEN PARTICIPATION - NON-AGENDA ITEMS

There being no citizen participation, the Mayor closed Citizen Participation.

8. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Trustee Brennan made a motion to approve the minutes as amended of the Regular Meeting held on Monday, December 17, 2007. Trustee Gallelli seconded the motion. The Board voted unanimously to approve the minutes.

Trustee Gallelli made a motion to approve the minutes of the Executive Session held on Monday, December 17, 2007. Trustee Kane seconded the motion. The Board voted unanimously to approve the minutes.

9. REPORTS

Village Manager, Richard Herbek, advised that he attended the installation of the new Fire Chiefs recently. Mr. Herbek thanked Tom Habib for donating new carpeting at Village Hall and additionally thanked Village staff for assisting in moving furniture and getting Village Hall prepared for the installation. Mr. Herbek announced that the Village, because of the break in the weather, will continue to pick up leaves throughout the

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Village. Mr. Herbek advised that the Stricklin Realty Property and the Symphony Knoll Property closed this past week.

Mayor Schmidt thanked the staff for all their hard work in preparing for the closing of these two properties.

Trustee Konig reminded everyone of the upcoming Martin Luther King Holiday and of the upcoming Village Election.

Trustee Kane congratulated the new officers of the Croton Fire Department and thanked the entire Fire Department for all their hard work. Trustee Kane updated the Board regarding a plan released by Westchester County called the "Indian Brook Croton Gorge Watershed Conservation Action Plan." Trustee Kane advised that this was a cooperative effort on the part of the Town of Cortlandt, Village of Croton, Town of New Castle, Town of Ossining, the Village of Ossining, New York State DEC and Westchester County through a grant that was received in the spring of 2003 from the New York State Department of Conservation.

Trustee Gallelli stated that she is pleased that the Striclin and Symphony Knoll properties have closed; they are important properties for the future development of our Village. Trustee Gallelli advised that the Economic Development Committee will make a presentation to the Board about their recommendations at the next work session. Trustee Gallelli advised that the Croton Harmon School District will be holding a community meeting regarding their Capital Project Plan. Trustee Gallelli congratulated former Mayor Bob Elliott on being appointed to the Smart Growth Cabinet by the Governor.

Trustee Brennan congratulated the new Fire Chiefs and William Morrison on his appointment to Police Sergeant. Trustee Brennan thanked Mr. Habib for his generosity. Trustee Brennan said that the Striclin Property will be beneficial to the Village. Trustee Brennan stated that the up coming school meeting is important because they will be addressing future capital project.

Mayor Schmidt stated that he had the privilege of installing the new Fire Chiefs and it was an honor to be there and thanked them on behalf of the entire community for their hard work. Mayor Schmidt said that he also attended the Town of Cortlandt swearing in of officials. Mayor Schmidt said that working with the Town of Cortlandt has always been very successful for Croton and looks forward to continuing working with them to find ways to save on taxes, increase revenue and provide services to our community on an efficient basis. Mayor Schmidt expressed his sympathy to the Jacobs family and the Bogardus family.

On motion of TRUSTEE BRENNAN, seconded by TRUSTEE KONIG, the Board of Trustees of the Village of Croton-on-Hudson, New York unanimously approved going into an Executive Session following the close of the Regular Meeting to discuss ongoing litigation regarding 1A Croton Point Avenue.

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There being no further comments to come before the Board, a motion to close the meeting at 8:37 pm was made by Trustee Brennan and seconded by Trustee Konig. Motion was unanimously approved.

Board Secretary,

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Paula DeSanto, Village Clerk