

A Meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Village of Croton-on-Hudson, NY was held on Tuesday, September 18, 2012 at the Municipal Building, Van Wyck Street, Croton-on-Hudson, NY 10520.

The following officials were present:

Mayor Wiegman	Trustee Schmidt
Village Manager Zambrano	Trustee Murtaugh
Village Attorney Staudt	Trustee Raskob
Village Treasurer Bullock	Trustee Gallelli

1. CALL TO ORDER:

Mayor Wiegman called the meeting to order at 8:00pm. Everyone joined in the Pledge of Allegiance.

2. APPROVAL OF VOUCHERS:

Trustee Murtaugh made a motion to approve the following Fiscal Year 2011-2012 vouchers. The motion was seconded by Trustee Raskob and approved with a vote of 5-0.

General Fund	\$15.93
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Trustee Gallelli made a motion to approve the following Fiscal Year 2012-2013 vouchers. The motion was seconded by Trustee Raskob and approved with a vote of 5-0.

General Fund	\$ 31,639.80
Water Fund	\$ 2,219.37
Sewer Fund	\$ 422.10
Capital Fund	\$ 54,581.03
Total	\$88,862.30

3. PRESENTATION:

Mayor Wiegman advised that a presentation will be made this evening regarding the "Croton Point Avenue Traffic, Pedestrian and Bicycle Enhancement Project". Mayor Wiegman said that when Route 9 was built decades ago the State did not consult with the Village and we have been living with an ill-placed, high volume highway for many years. Mayor Wiegman said that the main goal of this project is to help make those intersections safer for vehicles, pedestrians and cyclists. Mayor Wiegman stated that this project has been under development over the last several years and the Village has obtained significant Federal Funding for this project.

Village Manager Zambrano explained to the audience that after the presentation there will be a twenty minute question and answer period. Mr. Zambrano said that the Engineering firm of CHA will be available after the

question and answer period to continue the discussion with those who have any additional questions. Mr. Zambrano said that written comments can be sent to the Village and will be accepted until October 5st and will become part of the record as required by the Grant. Mr. Zambrano introduced Joe Cimino, Chris Lilholt, Jessica Sweeney and Scott Lewendon from the engineering firm of CHA. Trustee Schmidt commented that unfortunately because of this evening's weather a lot of people could not make it here tonight and it is unfortunate that we are continuing with the presentation this evening. Mayor Wiegman said that the meeting is available through web-streaming and television. Trustee Schmidt said that personal contact and people coming to the meeting are far more important.

Representatives from CHA presented the proposal as follows: the proposal includes construction of traffic, pedestrian and bicycle enhancements along Croton Point Avenue, at Veteran's Plaza, the Croton-Harmon Train Station to S. Riverside Avenue and North on South Riverside Avenue to the intersection with Benedict Blvd. The proposed work includes construction of a five foot bike lane and five foot concrete sidewalks on both sides of Croton Point Avenue; three new traffic signals to be installed along Croton Point Avenue at Veteran's Plaza, Route 9 southbound on/off ramps and Route 9 northbound on/off ramps; widening of a short section of Veterans Plaza at Croton Point Avenue to four lanes; construction of a right turn lane on the Route 9 southbound off ramp; narrowing of the Route 9 northbound on-ramp intersection with Croton Point Avenue, along with drainage improvements and an overlay of Croton Point Avenue and S. Riverside Avenue.

John Perillo, owner of property at 43 Croton Point Avenue, asked what means were used to measure vehicle, pedestrian and bicycle traffic. Ms. Lilholt stated they CHA collected some of their own data, they also used a study prepared by RBA and traffic volume provided by DOT; CHA recorded three days of traffic at the south and north on and off ramps; performed a cyclist survey at the Croton Harmon Train Station and through observation collected data with respect to pedestrian traffic. John Perillo said that he is concerned about the curb cuts and the expense of the project; will he be assessed for sidewalk improvements. Mr. Perillo said that he was able to video tape traffic patterns and that his count of the number of cyclists over a ninety-day period amounted to less than thirty. Mr. Perillo said that his main concern is that the Village will be taking away critical parking and this will impede several businesses. Mr. Perillo said that he is not clear of how many cyclists and pedestrians use Croton Point Avenue and the necessity for sidewalks on the north side. Mr. Perillo said that he is also concerned if the transfer station comes back this could have an impact on the amount of traffic. Mr. Cimino stated that sidewalk and curb improvement costs are part of the construction project.

Mark Aarons, 18 Georgia Lane, Croton-on-Hudson, asked how many bicycle accidents have taken place on Croton Point Avenue and is concerned that there might be more accidents when the traffic backs up due to the new

traffic lights. Mr. Aarons does not understand why we are spending thousands of dollars on traffic lights and feels that just by removing the right turn arrow would help people in those intersections. Ms. Lilholt stated that over a three year period there were six bicycle and pedestrian accidents; two at Veteran's Plaza; two at the southbound ramps and two on South Riverside Avenue.

Steve DeName, 1 Croton Point Avenue, is concerned that with the new traffic lights he will not be able to get out of his driveway. Mr. DeName said that the business owners were never consulted; some of us will lose parking and he is concerned for his tenants. Ms. Lilholt said that it will be an actuated traffic light that will permit people to exit out of the driveway.

Mark Franzoso, 33 Croton Point Avenue, said that he felt this project will have an impact on his business and asked how was this design formulated; how many meetings were held on this topic; was there an initial survey of the businesses for their input; will DOT fund these traffic lights if parking remains; will easements be needed; how will cyclists and pedestrians maneuver around the bus stop if they remain; and how will street deliveries to businesses be made. Ms. Lilholt advised that these plans are consistent with the Village's Comprehensive Plan and Bicycling Plan; meetings and discussions with the Board, community and DOT are detailed in the time-line that is available to the public. Ms. Lilholt stated that DOT will not approve funds for traffic lights when parking is in travel lanes. Ms. Lilholt advised that temporary easements would be necessary during the construction project and property owners would be compensated. Ms. Lilholt addressed Mr. Franzoso's question regarding the bus stop and stated that they are working on this with Westchester County with the possibility that the bus stop being moved. Mr. Franzoso said that a much safer alternative would be one bicycle path and sidewalk on the south side with a concrete barrier protecting both pedestrians and cyclists forcing them to stop at either a stop sign or a traffic light. Mr. Franzoso said that there are also eight curb cuts in this plan and cyclists and pedestrians will be expected to traverse these curb cuts and this is not safe. Scott Lewendon from CHA stated that studies have shown that a two-way bike path on one side of the road increases the risk for bicyclist because the bicyclist is put into a position on the roadway when crossing an intersection motorists do not anticipate the cyclist and the risks increase dramatically.

Andrew Fischer, P.O. Box 241, Mohegan Lake, stated that this project affects more than just Croton residents; he has never seen a scenario where you would need this amount of bicycle lanes and cannot see why they just cannot share the space. Mr. Fischer said that the southbound exit ramp from Route 9 does not need to be widened just needs striping and better signage; overhead signals for the three lanes are also not needed; the only lane changing is the middle lane and the other two will stay in the dedicated direction. Mr. Fischer added that he did not see any improvement for street lighting in this project and that should be added as well.

Ms. Roseanne Schuyler, 41 Olcott Avenue, asked what pedestrian facilities are being planned on Benedict Blvd. and asked where the extra four feet on Croton Point Avenue is coming from. Ms. Lilholt said that Benedict Blvd. will have upgrades to the ramps at the four corners, pedestrian signals and additional crosswalks. Ms. Schuyler went over the calculations of the space across Croton Avenue and wanted to know where those extra four feet are coming from. Ms. Schuyler said that this is a very costly project and the costs concern her. Mr. Cimino said that the extra width for the sidewalk and bike lanes comes from a reduction of each of the four lanes by one foot and a reduction of the maintenance strip by about a foot and a half. Ms. Schuyler asked how this project will be financed. Village Manager Zambrano responded by saying that the Village is receiving a grant for 1.2 million dollars and the balance of the project will be funded through borrowing. Ms. Schuyler said that it is her understanding that various options were presented to the DOT to maintain parking on the north side and is it CHA's belief that it would not be approved. Ms. Lilholt said that they asked DOT if they would approve parking in a travel lane and they said they would not approve the project with parking in a travel lane. Trustee Schmidt said that we are hearing about the current situation where cars are parked on the northbound side and when DOT looked at this project with the bike lanes, the parking would be in the travel lane. Trustee Schmidt said that if we reduced the size of these lanes by four feet you could end up with parking on that side of the street and then vehicles would not be in the travel lane any longer. Trustee Schmidt said that CHA should be clearer when talking about the travel lane; are we talking about the existing situation or the situation that is being proposed to the DOT and these are two different issues. Trustee Schmidt said that people are parking there now and it works. Village Manager Zambrano said that currently the Village Ordinance calls for no parking on Croton Point Avenue. Ms. Schuyler asked if the Board looked at other alternatives that would not cost as much.

Mr. Bob Wintermeier, 43 Radnor Avenue, Croton-on-Hudson, asked how much has been invested so far in this project and if the project does not go through could the Village be reimbursed through the Grant for that money that was spent so far. Mr. Cimino said that the Village has spent approximately \$150,000. Mr. Cimino said that there would have to be a justifiable reason not to go forward with the project; typically public opposition to a project would not be a reason for the DOT and Federal Government to reimburse the Village for these expenses.

Maria Cudequest, 84 Grand Street, Croton-on-Hudson said that if the transfer station were to be in operation again the Village would need to factor in this additional traffic.

Phyllis Morrow, 61 Nordica Avenue, Croton-on-Hudson, said that what she sees is a doubling of the debt for twenty bicycles; our drinking water is more important and the Village should be completing the Harmon Water Project.

Trustee Schmidt said that a study was mentioned this evening stating that "bike lanes going in both directions are very dangerous". Trustee Schmidt said that this new proposal has cyclists going from bike lanes to no bikes to bikes lanes and in his opinion this is an even more dangerous situation. Trustee Schmidt said that when he asked Mr. Lewendon about this he said "hopefully the cyclists will know what to do". Trustee Schmidt said we are just creating a greater hazard and a more dangerous situation than what we currently have. Trustee Schmidt said that if we just put in traffic lights it will make pedestrians and cyclists safer because there will be crosswalks and everyone will be moving in a pattern and a flow.

Robert Olsson, 5 Hamilton Avenue and member of the Croton-on-Hudson Bicycle Pedestrian Committee, said that he rides his bike to the train station every day; when he gets to the traffic light he rides on the sidewalk because cars in this area during the morning and evening hours are rabid and steadfast to get to the train station and to get home. Mr. Olsson said that he has had dozens of near misses. Mr. Olsson said that the issue of this project is about trying to share this roadway with very diverse traffic uses and we need to have some kind of traffic calming effort during certain times of the day.

4. CORRESPONDENCE:

- a. Letter from Mark Duncan, Recreation Supervisor, requesting permission to close the Vassallo Parking lot and Old Post Road South from Maple Ave to Grand Street on Saturday September 22, 2012 from 3:0 pm to 7:00pm to hold the 2012 Fall Fun Day.

Motion made by Trustee Murtaugh approving the request from the Recreation Supervisor to close the Vassallo Parking lot and Old Post Road South from Maple Ave to Grand Street on Saturday September 22, 2012 from 3:00pm to 7:00pm to hold the 2012 Fall Fun Day. Motion seconded by Trustee Raskob with a vote of 5-0.

- b. Letter from Con Edison notifying the Village that their crews will be performing tree trimming operations within the Village. More information about the program can be obtained by visiting coned.com or calling 800-75-CONED.

- c. Letter from Rev. Mary Ellen Summerville and Maribel Nazario, of Hospice Care in Westchester & Putnam requesting assistance in recruiting

volunteers who can assist in caring for Hospice Care patients and families. For more information, please call 914-666-4228 or visit www.vnahv.org.

d. Letter from Joseph G. Whelan, Jr, Chairperson of the Westchester County Rent Guidelines Board notifying the Village of a public hearing on Wednesday September 19, 2012 at 7:00 pm at the NYS Division of Housing & Community Renewal, 75 South Broadway, White plains.

e. Letter from Robert Hock, of Cablevision advising that effective October 8, 2012, Cablevision will launch a new package called iO Economy. For more information visit www.optimum.com

5. CITIZEN PARTICIPATION-AGENDA ITEMS

Phyllis Morrow, 61 Nordica Avenue, Croton-on-Hudson said that she is still struggling on how we are going to come up with the money for the Community Garden Fence and why can't we come up with an I.D. Checker for Mayo's Landing.

Normal Sheer, 1 Croton Lake Road, Croton-on-Hudson and representative of the Croton Community Nursery School, encouraged the Board to accept the conveyance of the open space conservation parcel, the trail and the storm water easement on the agenda this evening.

Roseanne Schuyler, 41 Olcott Avenue, Croton-on-Hudson asked if there are any changes in the status of Metro Enviro. Village Attorney James Staudt said that he has not heard anything at this time; it would be extraordinary if the court did not notify us before making any decisions.

6. RESOLUTIONS:

a. On motion of TRUSTEE GALLELLI seconded by TRUSTEE RASKOB, the following resolution was adopted by the Board of Trustees of the Village of Croton-on-Hudson, New York with a vote of 5-0.

WHEREAS, the Planning Board has given final approval to the Croton Community Nursery School for subdivision of an 11-acre property into three building lots; and

WHEREAS, the subdivision approval consists of three building lots, six small parcels for conveyance to neighbors, and a 5-acre open space conservation parcel to be dedicated to the Village, subject to the approval of the New York State Attorney General's Office and the Westchester County Supreme Court; and

WHEREAS, the subdivision approval also consists of the dedication of a trail easement over subdivision Lot 1 for access to Lower North Highland Place, and a storm water easement to allow the Village to enter a residential lot for maintenance of storm water facilities if a homeowner fails to do so,

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED: that the Village Board of Trustees accepts the conveyance of the Open Space Conservation parcel, the trail easement, and the storm water easement, subject to approval of the Attorney General's Office, the Westchester County Supreme Court, and the Village Attorney as provided in the proposed Easement Agreement.

DISCUSSION:

Trustee Raskob and Trustee Gallelli said that they remember discussing this when their children were attending the school and they are very pleased that this is going through. Trustee Schmidt asked that the resolution indicate that the costs will be billed to the property owner if the homeowner fails to do the maintenance of the storm water facilities as indicted in the last whereas. Village Attorney James Staudt suggested adding the wording "as provided in the proposed Easement Agreement". Trustee Murtaugh said that this is a win-win situation for the nursery school and the Village. Trustee Murtaugh said that he was elected three years ago on the issue of re-zoning in the Harmon area which could had potentially delivered new school children to the school district. Mr. Murtaugh pointed out that this approval adds three large single family homes which could also deliver new students to the school district and it is both ironic and interesting to point out that there was not a single bit of opposition about the student population as a result of this. Trustee Schmidt said that this is fundamentally different; the Harmon development would have allowed eleven homes and increased the density of that area; this only adds three properties. Trustee Raskob said that this piece of property sort of adjoins his property; the part that is being deeded over is lovely and mostly unbuildable and the parts that are buildable will front on an avenue and will not impact the existing homeowners. Trustee Gallelli said that this is something that we will probably need to revisit; when we first discussed accepting this easement the Board talked about having Westchester Land Trust take over the subdivision of this property so that it does not become something we actively have to supervise. Mayor Wiegman said that when all the closing documents are circulated we will meet with the Westchester Land Trust.

b. On motion of TRUSTEE MURTAUGH, seconded by TRUSTEE GALLELLI, the following resolution was adopted by the Board of Trustees of the Village of Croton-on-Hudson, New York with a vote of 5-0

WHEREAS, the Village has a contract with Acocella Contracting for the High Street Infrastructure Improvement Project, and

WHEREAS, part of this project includes tying in the new water main to the existing water main on North Riverside Avenue, which is a state road, and

WHEREAS, the contractor and Village are co-applicants on the permit application to the New York State Department of Transportation (NYS DOT); and

WHEREAS, the NYS DOT is requiring a \$50,000 bond before it will issue a work permit; and

WHEREAS, the contractor has requested that the Village provide the required bond; and,

WHEREAS, it is absolutely essential that this work gets completed; and

WHEREAS, if in the case that the NYS DOT withholds all or part of the bond, the Village will reduce this amount from the contracted amount owed to Acocella Contracting,

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED: that the Village Treasurer is authorized to issue a check in the amount of \$50,000 payable to the NYS DOT as a cash bond.

DISCUSSION:

Trustee Murtaugh said that it was his understanding from earlier discussions that this is just an insurance policy, we owe Acocella a lot more than \$50,000 and we are merely facilitating this on their behalf. Village Manager Abe Zambrano explained that we are co-applicants with the State and both the Village and the contractor bear the burden of securing these bonds. Mr. Zambrano said that because of the DOT's delay in issuing the permits the contractor is unable at this particular time to secure the necessary money for these bonds. Mr. Zambrano said that by the Village providing for the Bond we are not only saving money but making sure that the project goes on schedule and the money will be returned to the Village from the Contractor. Trustee Gallelli said that if the State determines that the work was not done properly we will hold some of that money back and will be subtracted from Acocella's contract. Trustee Raskob said that he remains somewhat troubled that they are not bondable. Manager Zambrano said that they are bondable, this was not originally in the scope of the project; they would have to pay for the bond which is expensive and at this point in time they did not have the funds to do so. Mr. Zambrano said that instead of rebidding the project we determined that it would be in the best interest to secure the bond and be reimbursed by the contractor.

c. On motion of TRUSTEE MURTAUGH, seconded by TRUSTEE GALLELLI, the following resolution was adopted by the Board of Trustees of the Village of Croton-on-Hudson, New York with a vote of 5-0

WHEREAS, Zott Construction is a firm which provides various emergency and restoration services to municipalities; and

WHEREAS, the Village Manager and staff have met with representatives of Zott Construction to discuss these services; and

WHEREAS, Zott Construction has provided an agreement under which Zott will provide certain emergency and restoration services to the Village in the event that they are needed; and

WHEREAS, there is no cost to the Village until such services are required; and

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED: that the Village Manager is authorized to execute an agreement with Zott Construction whereby Zott Construction will provide various emergency and restoration services to the Village if and when such services are required.

DISCUSSION:

Trustee Murtaugh asked Manager Zambrano to give the Board a scenario of when we would need to use them. Village Manager Abe Zambrano said that after hurricane Irene there were many instances where the Village could have used additional equipment to assist in the clean-up. Mr. Zambrano said that this company will also assist the Village with insurance claims and FEMA reimbursements. Trustee Schmidt asked if this restricts us from using other companies. Manager Zambrano responded by saying no, the Village can still use other companies. Mayor Wiegman said that this firm specializes in municipal work and the benefit is that they will become familiar with the Village and our needs.

d. On motion of TRUSTEE GALLELLI seconded by TRUSTEE RASKOB, the following resolution was adopted by the Board of Trustees of the Village of Croton-on-Hudson, New York with a vote of 5-0

WHEREAS, the Treasurer has analyzed the 2011/12 year to date budget and recommends the following budget transfers as detailed below,

NOW THEREFORE be it resolved that the Village Treasurer is authorized to make the following amendments to the 2011/12 budget to reflect these changes:

WATER FUND

INCREASE

Dept	Item	Amount
F8340	1000	63,198
F9060	8010	16,832
Total Increases		\$ 80,030

DECREASE

F1650	4400	74,335
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F8320	4000	2,095
F8320	4300	1,350
F8340	4000	2,250
Total Decreases		\$ 80,030

DISCUSSION:

The Board asked Village Treasurer Bullock to explain this Resolution. Village Treasurer Bullock explained that for purposes of balancing our Budget transfers were made between the Water Department and the Department of Public Works. Ms. Bullock said that DPW staff was assisting the Water Department and paid from the Water Fund and these funds needed to be moved from the DPW Fund to balance that Water Fund Account. Village Manager Abe Zambrano explained that New York State Finance Law allows you to reallocate money so that you have a balanced budget.

e. On motion of TRUSTEE RASKOB seconded by TRUSTEE GALLELLI, the following resolution was adopted by the Board of Trustees of the Village of Croton-on-Hudson, New York.

WHEREAS, the Treasurer has analyzed the 2011/12 year to date budget and requests a budget transfer of \$14,000 from the general fund to cover payroll of department of public work employees who worked on and were charged against the water department general ledger account F8340.1000; and

WHEREAS, the salaries of the Department of Public Work employees are budgeted within the General Fund which created a short fall within the Water Fund,

NOW THEREFORE be it resolved that the Village Treasurer is authorized to make a transfer of \$14,000 from the general fund to the water fund account F8340.1000 within the 2011/12 budget.

f. On motion of TRUSTEE RASKOB, seconded by TRUSTEE GALLELLI, the following resolution was adopted by the Board of Trustees of the Village of Croton-on-Hudson, New York:

WHEREAS, the Village Treasurer wishes to open both sides of the General Fund budget to record the receipt of insurance recoveries from the damage to the street sweeper and subsequent disbursement of these funds towards the purchase of a new street sweeper.

GENERAL REVENUE	Increase A1000.2680	Insurance Recoveries
\$75,000		

GENERAL EXPENSES Increase A9901.9030 Transfer to Capital
\$75,000

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Village Treasurer is authorized to amend the 2012-2013 General Fund budget to reflect these changes.

7. CITIZEN PARTICPATION-NON AGENDA ITEMS

Andrew Fischer, P.O. Box 241, Mohegan Lake, stated that his daughter received a ticket while parking her car in the Post Office/CVS shopping center. Mr. Fischer felt that since this is private property the police should not have the jurisdiction to go on that property and issue tickets. Mr. Fischer additionally complained about the hours of operation of the Court Office.

Mark Franzoso, 43 Croton Point Avenue, continued to add some comments with respect to the presentation this evening. Mr. Franzoso said that two bike lanes are not necessary since the bike lanes start and end without a continuous connection to other parts of the Village. Mr. Franzoso suggested that there only be one bike/pedestrian lane on the south side with a concrete barrier for safety leading directly to the train station.

Bob Wintermeier, 43 Radnor Avenue, Croton on Hudson said he is concerned about the overall cost to the Village and the impact on the businesses along Croton Point Avenue. Mr. Wintermeier asked someone to clarify a program called "Agenda 21"; he noticed that Croton is on this list and asked if we are paying any money to this group.

John Perillo, 43 Croton Point Avenue, asked if delivery trucks will receive parking tickets when making deliveries to Croton Point Avenue businesses. Village Manager Abe Zambrano said that the Village understands that the properties of some of the businesses along Croton Point Avenue are not large enough and that delivery trucks will need to park on Croton Point Avenue while making deliveries. Mr. Zambrano said that delivery trucks will not be ticketed.

Phyllis Morrow, 61 Nordica Avenue, Croton-on-Hudson, said that the meeting should have been postponed because of the weather. Ms. Morrow asked that the Board pay attention to what the community wants and to put the various scenarios and costs on the Village web-site.

Andrew Fischer, P.O. Box 241, Mohegan Lake, said that he submitted a Freedom of Information Request for the copy of the agreement with Croton View Associates that would allow the Village to ticket cars on their property.

8. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Trustee Raskob made a motion to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting held on September 4, 2012. Trustee Schmidt seconded the motion. The Board approved with a vote of 4-0. Trustee Gallelli abstained.

Trustee Murtaugh made a motion to approve the minutes of the Executive Session held on September 4, 2012. Trustee Raskob seconded the motion. The Board approved with a vote of 4-0. Trustee Gallelli abstained.

9. REPORTS

Village Manager Zambrano responded to a question this evening regarding whether or not the Village has the right to enforce parking on private property. Mr. Zambrano stated that the Village has an agreement with the property owner for over ten years and does have the right to issue tickets. *Village Manager Zambrano* responded to a question this evening regarding repair of the fence on Riverside Avenue. Mr. Zambrano advised that this is DOT property and the Village cannot go on their property. Mr. Zambrano said that he contacted the Department of Transportation and they have advised that they do not have it on their schedule for repair at this time. Village Manager Zambrano advised that the Croton River Task Force will meet on September 27th at 6:30pm at Village Hall. *Village Manager Zambrano* advised that the Recreation Department brochure has been mailed and is now available on line.

Trustee Schmidt encouraged everyone to attend the Croton Rotary Club's Car Show on September 30th at the Croton Harmon Train Station. Trustee Schmidt said that there will be lots of activities for adults and children. *Trustee Schmidt* advised that the Village and Croton Business Council are sponsoring a Block Party on September 27th in the Upper Village. Trustee Schmidt encouraged everyone to attend. *Trustee Schmidt* advised that the Croton Conservation Advisory Council is holding a presentation this evening on the "Birds and Bees" that includes a demonstration and talk by local Bee Keepers. Trustee Schmidt said that the CAC is doing a great job coming up with interesting topics. Trustee Schmidt said that we had a very interesting and lively conversation about the proposed improvements on Croton Point Avenue. Trustee Schmidt said that you heard my comments about my concerns with certain aspects of this proposal. Trustee Schmidt said that the verbal agreement about not ticketing cars and trucks making deliveries represents an example of how this system is not going to work because all it is going to take is someone to be struck by a vehicle as they are travelling in the bike lane and we will have to then go to enforcement. Trustee Schmidt said that this is an unworkable situation; when talking about bicycle and pedestrian safety we have to do it properly and carefully and we must think it through. Trustee Schmidt said that in terms of bike safety, until we as a nation change how we get a driver's license the interaction between motor vehicles and cyclists is not going to change. Trustee Schmidt said that most drivers do not understand the simple fact that when you are a bicyclist you are a motor vehicle and must obey all the rules and

regulations of the road. Trustee Schmidt said that it does not make sense that we are unable to fix a fence on State property but we are getting ready to spend 1.5 million dollars to fix the exit and entrance ramps that are on State property and do not belong to us as well. Trustee Schmidt said that the Village is being faced with a lot of financial issues; 3 million dollars for water improvements and millions of dollars for a new well along with other things that have to be done to protect our water system. Trustee Schmidt said that we need to control the traffic in that area and the biggest way to control the traffic is to put up the traffic lights. Trustee Schmidt said that he is also concerned that if we do not clean up those sidewalks immediately after a snow storm we are opening ourselves up to lawsuits and that creates a whole other level of maintenance at a time that we have to cut back and to try to manage things smarter.

Trustee Raskob addressed the question of when our Courts meet. Trustee Raskob said that Village Court meets from 8:30am to 4:00pm and it is unrealistic to expect someone to come after those hours. Trustee Raskob said that restrictions on private property are enforceable and while he feels for the gentlemen whose daughter received the ticket; we are trying to keep people from using properties throughout Village as a place to park a car free while they go to the train station. Trustee Raskob said that the Board deals with many different issues and today's discussion addresses an issue of competing uses. Trustee Raskob said that he was recently in Germany and standing in front of a train station he saw something like four thousand bicycles in front of the train station; this was quite an amazing site and we need to do something in this country to address our transportation issues. Trustee Raskob said that what we have is a competition between the auto user, pedestrian and bicyclists and we need some kind of traffic control. Trustee Raskob said that he is not sold on this and we need to look more at the plan. Trustee Raskob said that he understands that it has been the established practice to allow parking and when you upset the establishment it is legitimate to have concerns. Trustee Raskob said he is concerned with the proposed traffic signal on the on/off ramp at 9A; he does not know how that is going to work and is concerned that this might back vehicles up on 9A and this needs to be discussed with DOT. Trustee Raskob said that he is not un-sympathetic to the needs of our pedestrians and cyclists and we need to arrive at a way to make it safer for them. Trustee Raskob said that if it was possible for a ramp to be built from the train station directly to 9A southbound it would solve most of our problems.

Trustee Gallelli thanked everyone who came out and made their points known and assured everyone that the Board will be taking their comments under consideration and that this will be the topic of many more discussion. Trustee Gallelli said that the 9-11 Memorial was officially dedicated with well over 300 people in attendance. Trustee Gallelli welcomed the Black Cow in the upper Village and wished them lots of success. Trustee Gallelli advised that the Croton Council of Arts held their opening exhibit at Symphony Knoll and advised that fifty local artists displayed their work. Trustee Gallelli said that Symphony Knoll will be the new home for the Croton Council of the Arts. Trustee Gallelli said that if you missed the opening last Saturday the exhibit will be open on

Sundays from 4:00-6:00pm. Trustee Gallelli congratulated the Croton Fire Department on the celebration of their 120th anniversary. Trustee Gallelli advised that the Croton Community Coalition will be holding the 3rd "Drug Return Day" at the Croton Commons this Saturday between 10:00am and 2:00pm. Trustee Gallelli said that this is a safe way to get rid of unused and expired drugs that you may have in your medicine cabinet.

Trustee Murtaugh advised that Cleveland Drive has been repaved and asked Village Manager Zambrano to elaborate on the advantages of this older technique. Village Manager Zambrano explained that this process works best on streets that have not deteriorated drastically. Mr. Zambrano explained that the first process is to repair the cracks, then apply gravel and tar and within one week the final surface takes place. Mr. Zambrano stated that this is an old technique which avoids the need to mill the streets and saves fifty percent of the costs.

Mayor Wiegman responded to the question of "Agenda 21"- a UN Program" Mayor Wiegman said that for clarification purposes Croton is a member, along with hundreds of local governments, of a consortium called "Local Governments for Sustainability". Mayor Wiegman said that this gives local governments the ability to pool their resources and learn from one another about all kinds of infrastructure questions and ways to save money. Mayor Wiegman said that this is not only restricted to the United States but there are quite a number of members from around the world. Mayor Wiegman said that we pay a small amount of dues to be part of this Consortium and we have taken advantage of some templates and guidance that they provide. Mayor Wiegman said that this is a way for local governments to work together. Mayor Wiegman said that the 9-11 Memorial is stunning and is very thankful for all of the individuals and private contractors that donated material, labor, equipment and expertise to pull this off; this is clearly something that any one of us could not have done by ourselves but by pooling our resources together we were able to produce something quite remarkable and stunning. Mayor Wiegman additionally thanked Village staff who put in quite a lot of time behind the scenes. Mayor Wiegman said that the recent Tough-Man Race held this past weekend had approximately 1,300 participants and brought in thousands of people into Croton Park. Mayor Wiegman said that this race involved a lot of coordination with the County, race coordinators and Village staff. Mayor Wiegman advised that the Town of Cortlandt will be holding a "Swap Fair" for athletic equipment this Saturday from 9:00am to 1:00pm.

There being no further business to come before the Board, Trustee Raskob made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Trustee Schmidt seconded the motion; approved 5-0. The meeting was adjourned at 11:30pm

Respectfully submitted
Judy Weintraub, Board Secretary

Village Clerk