

A Meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Village of Croton-on-Hudson, NY was held on Monday, August 10, 2009 at the Municipal Building, Van Wyck Street, Croton-on-Hudson, NY 10520.

The following officials were present:

Mayor Wiegman	Trustee Gallelli
Village Manager Zambrano	Trustee Olver-absent
Village Attorney Feldman	Trustee Restuccia
Treasurer Bullock	Trustee Murtaugh

1. CALL TO ORDER:

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

2. APPROVAL OF VOUCHERS:

Trustee Murtaugh made a motion to approve the vouchers as follows, subject to review by the Audit Committee. The motion was seconded by Trustee Gallelli and approved unanimously.

<u>2008-2009</u>	
General Fund	\$9,624.34
Total	\$9,624.34

<u>2009-2010</u>	
General Fund	\$110,238.63
Water Fund	6,288.83
Sewer Fund	7,294.40
Capital Account	583,374.28
Trust & Agency	33,194.85
Total	\$ 740,390.87

3. SPECIAL PRESENTATION:

Mr. Bill Rosvally, a representative from Smart Grid, gave a Power Point Presentation on how consumers can be active in their power system; electric companies with power lines are regulated; others who supply power are not. The Smart Grid will be able to meter the community in an area; nodes are areas within the community where the power trunks into the town and power can be measured at that point; the community can become its own island of power use; consumers can measure their load and can cut down the amount of load they are using; using less power is as important as generating power. The new generation of appliances will be smart grid enabled; those devices will be able to respond to power as needed; it is not set up so your house shuts down, but allows each piece of equipment to cut back somewhat and it is done automatically; participation is an option. There is a daily auction by NYISO; utilities must buy enough power for each customer or ISO steps in and adjusts the supply. Mr. Rosvally

showed how participating homes can add up to funds that can be paid back to consumers or use a portion of the revenue toward other uses; all have to be metered so it is known how much is shed and how much needs to be paid for; this can be done without becoming an economic commitment to the Village; information is needed from ConEd for a grant application which is due by Aug 26th; there has been positive feedback from power companies and also from some municipalities. Mike Gordon, from SmartGrid, was also present to answer questions and explained the need for the proposed resolution.

Trustee Restuccia asked if savings get better as appliances are upgraded. Mr. Gordon replied that the savings get much better. Trustee Gallelli asked who is writing this grant. Mr. Gordon replied that they have a group of 8 people working on this. Mr. Gordon stated that when he started a firm about 10 years ago, it occurred to him that the only way for individual consumers to participate in this is to install a costly meter; his idea is to meter at the trunks rather than individual homes; he has set up a consortium for towns to directly access markets. Trustee Restuccia asked if individuals have an incentive to trade up to the higher energy savings appliances. Mr. Gordon replied that individuals who have the appliances that shed, get paid; most homes peak at about 3 kw; as smart grid appliances become available, they will be automated to notify users about usage and override availability.

Questions: Bill Ryder, Cleveland Dr., asked if this program has been implemented any place and what is the success. He also asked what the urgency is; this information is very technical for the average layman. Mr. Gordon replied that large end users have implemented it, municipalities have implemented it and individual homes are accessing through utilities only. He added that the time sensitivity is related to the federal grant which is due August 26th;

Phyllis Morrow asked about the difference between smart grid and energy star appliances. Mr. Gordon replied that Energy Star is an appliance certified by the government as using less energy; an appliance can be both Energy Star and Energy Smart; Energy Smart appliances can be dynamically controlled to provide levels of energy. Phyllis Morrow asked the gentlemen to name names. Mr. Gordon replied that North Salem, North Castle, Cortlandt, Bedford, Somers, and Mt. Kisco are participating and Peekskill is voting on this tonight. Trustee Gallelli stated that the resolution is simply to ask ConEd for information. Ms. Morrow asked them to name specific companies or industries. Mr. Gordon replied that CoOp City, New York Presbyterian Hospital, Target, Stanley, the State of Massachusetts correctional facilities and a couple of million homes.

Joanne Minnett, 5 VanCortlandt Place, asked if this has been discussed before publicly. Mayor Wiegman replied that tonight is the first time it has been heard.

Mr. Pradines, 36 Melrose Ave. asked since when has the Board known about this project. Mayor Wiegman stated that he's known about it for a number of years and joined coalition of Northern Westchester a few months ago; ARRA money has quite a few grant cycles which are short and the deadlines arrived quickly; the Federal Government has increased money for research and development and demonstration and deployment of these energy saving technologies. He added that it hasn't been deployed at a consumer level until this point; it is a mature technology; they are asking for a feasibility study for a demonstration project. Mr. Pradines asked what the cost of

the grant process is. Mr. Gordon replied that he is doing it for free. Mr. Pradines asked if there is a reading device in the household. Mr. Gordon replied not necessarily; the utility or individuals may put in reading devices; if a household is completely smart grid enabled, it may be earning back about 30% of the electric bill, but not all is currently available. Mayor Wiegman stated that one can go to www.energycircle.com which is an information center to monitor your own household consumption.

Craig Schor, 4 Red Maple Ridge, asked if the town is committed to any cost if the grant is not received. Mr. Gordon replied no. Mr. Schor added that he is in this industry of marketing electricity; municipalities can buy whatever power they need; this is a way of returning power back and getting money; electricity cannot be stored and this is a way to return power to the grid; there is a strict monitoring and this is the first step to enable us to get our money back.

Susan Lunden, 118 Truesdale Dr. urged the Board to pass this resolution; we need to lower energy use and lower dependency of foreign oil.

4. CORRESPONDENCE:

Village Manager Zambrano read the following correspondence (full text available at the Village Office):

- a) A letter from Kim Bjorge thanking the lifeguards at Silver Lake for their life saving assistance during a recent family incident.
- b) A letter from Susan Mislove Donnelly regarding a black walnut tree in front of her house. Trustee Gallelli stated that Ms. Donnelly came before the Village Board about a year ago; some branches were removed, but black walnuts are falling and it is a situation that should be looked into. Ms. Donnelly did a demonstration of the weight of falling black walnuts; she is willing to donate five trees to the town and would appreciate it if the situation would be reassessed.
- c) Russ Borner sent a copy of his letter to Ivan Seidenberg, CEO, Verizon, about selling FIOS in the Village. Village Manager Zambrano stated that he contacted someone from Verizon's government affairs and he was told that Verizon has no intention of issuing additional franchises in the near future. Trustee Gallelli stated that Verizon indicated they wanted to be here; we invested money and time to handle this; the staff has spent a lot of time on this and are fielding questions about what is happening; her feeling is that the Village has been put in a bad situation by Verizon and suggested moving to get some of this money back from Verizon. Trustee Restuccia added that she has heard a lot of people are leaving Verizon. Trustee Murtaugh asked Village Manager Zambrano if any other communities have pressed legal action toward Verizon. Mr. Zambrano replied that Harrison has told them to get out of town, but does not know if they have taken further steps. Trustee Gallelli added that residents have put off making a decision waiting for Verizon to come in.
- d) A letter from Chief Anthony Tramaglino stating that he does not recommend making Olcott Ave. a one way street as it would cause unsafe traffic conditions.
- e) A letter from Bonnie Von Ohlsen, Saccardi and Schiff, with a revised proposal for services.

- f) A letter from Kathleen Riedy, on behalf of the Rotary Club, asking for permission to use the Croton Harmon Parking Lot on Sunday, Oct 4th with a rain date of Oct 11th. Trustee Gallelli made a motion to approve the request with the usual caveats; seconded by Trustee Restuccia; approved unanimously.
- g) A letter from Chris Kehoe, Deputy Planning Director, Town of Cortlandt, regarding an application currently being reviewed by the Town Planning Board. Trustee Gallelli explained that when actions occur on the line between the Town and the Village, it is customary to inform the other municipality; this abuts the Arboretum and there are some potential drainage issues that need to be watched. Trustee Restuccia added that this is for six individual homes which might impact the school population.
- h) A letter from Edward Burroughs, Westchester County Deputy Commissioner, regarding the Harmon Gateway Overlay District zoning text and map amendments.
- i) A letter from Sandra S. Sloane, Director, NYS Office of Consumer Services regarding their summer public awareness campaign and measures available to use less electricity and keep cool in the summer. This will be posted on the Village web site
- j) A letter from Sandra Galef, NYS Assembly, thanking Croton for hosting her Shared Services Task Force Panel on July 23, 2009.
- k) A letter from Mark E. Mannix, MetroNorth Railroad, regarding the new Hudson Line schedule.
- l) An email from Brian Connolly, Westchester County Department of Planning, regarding Census 2010 and free posters available which can be modified to add community logos & names.
- m) A letter from Robert Hoch, Cablevision, regarding changes effective August 19th.
- n) A letter from Hospice Care, Westchester & Putnam, announcing training session for new volunteers to be held on October 3rd, October 17th and October 24th.
- o) A letter from Michael Anderson, Project Coordinator, Tappan Zee Bridge/I-287 Corridor Project, regarding their *Scoping Summary Report* which is available at www.tzbsite.com.
- p) A letter from Kevin Davis, 17 Wolf Road, suggesting Village elections should be held in November rather than in March.
- q) A memo from Fran Allen, Chair, Waterfront Advisory, with their findings of the consistency review of the proposed changes to the Harmon Gateway Overlay Zoning District Local Law.

5 CITIZEN PARTICIPATION (agenda items):

- a) Joanne Minnett, 5 Van Cortlandt Place, stated that she believes that Olcott Ave. can handle traffic both ways because it has sidewalks on both sides of the street; VanCortlandt Place does not have sidewalks and has shrubs that grow out into the street; VanCortlandt can barely hold cars on both sides; there are no sidewalks on Olcott; she questioned how it is seen as a safety issue. Trustee Restuccia stated that the letters do have a good explanation for their conclusion. Ms. Minnett suggested that the Village needs to find a solution for this and perhaps build a sidewalk.

- b) Anthony Gagliotti, 22 Young Ave., stated that the economy will solve the problem of any empty stores at the Harmon area; several are being opened soon; he did a survey and checked every business on both sides of Riverside and Croton Point Ave., there is a total of four businesses are closed and 27 are thriving; he has no idea where the problem is. Mr. Gagliotti

added that zoning change makes no sense; clean up the sewer plant property instead because that is a Gateway; people do not want a city atmosphere; stop hiring consultants. Mr. Gagliotti stated that the Duck Pond looks like a sea of grass; storm drains drain into the Duck Pond and it is polluted now. Mr. Gagliotti stated that there is talk about an electric generator going in to the Verplank quarry; perhaps contract for some of that fill, then pipe the water out, fill in the pond and make a nice park or community area.

c) Bob Armineni, Thompson Ave., read a statement about the Harmon proposal; he called for an implementation for a marketing strategy; maintaining control on subsidized housing now is more important; he is against the proposal on many points.

d) David Goldman, 76 Young Ave., asked if the current zoning prohibits balconies and could rear balconies be built. Trustee Gallelli replied that theoretically, yes, but there is no development proposed and a balcony would be subject to Planning Board review. Mr. Goldman asked if the Village has a right to zone specific occupancy maximums. Attorney Feldman replied that they are allowed to restrict the number of bedrooms, but not the number of people; the fire code stipulates the number of people allowed in a building; definition of family is a highly litigated issue. Mr. Goldman read part of the Westchester County Work Force Housing bill and referred to Mayor Wiegman's letter to Governor Paterson. Trustee Murtaugh stated that there is the potential that nothing may happen; the Board is taking all concerns seriously.

e) Bob Wintermeier, 43 Radnor Ave., regarding the Harmon proposal, recalled several previous discussions; and stated that he has a solution – don't rezone; there are 2 businesses that he believes are about to go out of business and high rent is the problem; Croton residents tend to shop elsewhere; regulations can be negotiated with the Planning Board. He is not sure if the Village is under or over developed and is not sure what is needed. Mr. Wintermeier distributed a copy of an article in the Journal News about affordable housing.

f) Kevin Davis, 17 Wolf Rd., who wrote the letter about changing the date of Village elections read earlier stated that he believes the Village should move elections from March to November; the Board of Elections pays for November elections and rather than spending about \$5000 per year; it would be a cost savings; explore putting a referendum to the people of Croton.

g) Joanne Minnett stated that she is trying to see how the Village makes money on the proposed zoning change; the only restriction on the number of people is the fire ordinance. She inquired on how does the property tax make up for money spent to educate children; infrastructure gets more wear and tear; it may require additional personnel; this is not a business plan but a housing plan with the potential of 360 new kids in the schools;

h) A resident stated that voter turnout has skyrocketed for Presidential elections and moving elections to November would increase interest by young people.

i) Mr. Pradines, 36 Melrose Ave., stated that he believes that November elections make sense; the Board must take into account public opinion; at a July Trustee meeting, a lady was mocked and was not protected; there is a trust issue; 2010 is coming soon; this project for rezoning and the affordable housing issue have many people against it; it is not about what the Board believes, but the will of the people; sometimes a project doesn't fly and it needs to be dropped; Trustee Gallelli stated that everything that the Board has done is indicative of how closely residents are being listened to and they are doing due diligence to find fact based answers; it may be that things don't turn out as envisioned, but they are listening closely to everyone who has spoken; the Board of Trustees is the only Board who can be lead agency for a zoning change.

j) Anthony Gagliotti stated that a family can have 4 people in a family not related by blood; they only have to chip in ¼ each and there can be one kitchen.

6. PROPOSED RESOLUTIONS:

a) On motion of TRUSTEE Murtaugh seconded by TRUSTEE Gallelli, the following resolution was unanimously adopted by the Board of Trustees of the Village of Croton-on-Hudson, New York:

WHEREAS, the Village Board has previously approved the contract with PRM Electric for the Nordica Pump Station Phase I Rehabilitation Project; and

WHEREAS, PRM Electric has notified the Village Engineer that the cost for the excavation of rock was lower than anticipated;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED: that the Village Manager is authorized to sign Change Order No. 2 of the Nordica Pump Station Phase I Rehabilitation Project that reflects a credit of \$314.00.

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED: that this amount should be credited to the Sanitary Sewer account #G8120.4000.

b) On motion of TRUSTEE Restuccia, seconded by TRUSTEE Murtaugh, the following resolution was unanimously adopted by the Board of Trustees of the Village of Croton-on-Hudson, New York:

WHEREAS, the Village of Croton-on-Hudson owns and maintains emergency generator systems at various buildings and facilities throughout the Village; and

WHEREAS, the Village desires to perform periodic preventive maintenance to the systems and to provide 24 hour emergency service for the systems if needed; and

WHEREAS, the Superintendent of Public Works, Marco Gennarelli, has prepared a request for proposal for maintenance for the emergency generators; and

WHEREAS, two contractors have made proposals, one from Cummins Power Systems at the labor rate of \$160.00 per hour and Gabel Equipment at a labor rate of \$80.00 per hour; and

WHEREAS, after reviewing the documentation submitted and their credentials the Superintendent of Public Works, Marco Gennarelli, has recommended that Gabel Equipment be awarded the contract,

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED: that the Village Manager is hereby authorized to award the contract to Gabel Equipment for the maintenance of the Village's Emergency Generator System at the labor rate of \$80.00 per hour

c) On motion of TRUSTEE Gallelli, seconded by TRUSTEE Murtaugh, the following resolution was adopted unanimously by the Board of Trustees of the Village of Croton-on-Hudson, New York:

WHEREAS, several residential property owners and or their representatives have filed a small claim assessment review with the State Supreme Court seeking an assessment reduction; and

WHEREAS, the attached memo provided by the Village Assessor, Joseph Sperber states the properties that have been granted an assessment reduction and should receive a tax refund providing their taxes are paid in full and were calculated using the tax rate of \$227.989104 per \$1,000 of assessed value

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED: that the Village Board of Trustees authorizes the Village Treasurer to issue tax refunds to the property owners according to the Courts decision.

d) On motion of TRUSTEE Murtaugh, seconded by TRUSTEE Gallelli, the following resolution was unanimously adopted by the Board of Trustees of the Village of Croton-on-Hudson, New York:

WHEREAS; on July 13, 2009 May 4, 2009 the Village Board approved a proposal from Saccardi & Schiff for the expanded scope of the SEQRA review of the proposed zoning changes to the Harmon Gateway area of the Village; and

WHEREAS, the proposed Westchester Workforce Housing bills recently passed by the NYS Senate and NYS Assembly may have an impact on the proposed zoning changes; and

WHEREAS, Saccardi & Schiff has provided an additional proposal which will incorporate the examination of the potential implications and effect of the legislation on the proposed zoning changes as part of the expanded Part 3; and

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED: that the Village Manager is authorized to approve the proposal from Saccardi & Schiff in the amount of \$5,500 for the expanded scope of the review of the proposed zoning changes to the Harmon Gateway area of the Village.

e) On motion of TRUSTEE Gallelli, seconded by TRUSTEE Murtaugh, the following resolution was unanimously adopted by the Board of Trustees of the Village of Croton-on-Hudson, New York:

WHEREAS; on April 13, 2009 the Village Board awarded the contract to Sisca Northeast Inc. for the train station flood mitigation construction project; and

WHEREAS, included in this project was the raising, regrading, and repaving of Veterans Plaza and a certain area west of Veterans' Plaza; and

WHEREAS, testing of Veterans Plaza has determined that parts of the road are in excess of 10 inches deep; and

WHEREAS, it is necessary to mill the road in order to reduce the thickness before the raising and regrading can occur; and

WHEREAS, milling of the road was not in the initial contract;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED: that the Village Manager is hereby authorized to approve the change order from Sisca Northeast Inc. in the amount up to \$20,000 for the milling of Veterans Plaza.

f) On motion of TRUSTEE Gallelli, seconded by TRUSTEE Murtaugh, the resolution authorizing the Village Manager to obtain information from ConEd regarding Smart Grid was opened and revised by the Board of Trustees of the Village of Croton-on-Hudson, New York.

On motion of TRUSTEE Restuccia, seconded by TRUSTEE Gallelli, the following amended resolution was adopted unanimously by the Board of Trustees of the Village of Croton-on-Hudson, New York:

WHEREAS: The Village of Croton-on-Hudson is committed to the concept of environmental sustainability and recognizes the importance of being involved in efforts to expand sustainable energy solutions and;

WHEREAS: The Village of Croton-on-Hudson has demonstrated its commitment through its participation in the Northern Westchester Energy Action Coalition (consortium) and;

WHEREAS: One avenue of contributing toward the development of sustainable energy is through the development and implementation of the so called "Smart Grid" for the distribution of electric power and;

WHEREAS: Federal grant funding opportunities have become available as a result of the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 provided that appropriate applications are submitted on or before August 26th, 2009 and;

WHEREAS: In order for the Village to have an opportunity to participate in benefiting by grant funding from this source certain actions must be taken immediately to obtain information from Power Transmission and Distribution Owner, ConEd, for the Village and from the membership organization that governs the electric grid, the New York Independent System Operator, (“NYISO”) and;

WHEREAS: Obtaining the necessary information involved in this project does not obligate the Village to any expenditure of funds or further commitment to participate in the project but merely makes such further participation possible;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:

- 1) That the Village Manager is hereby authorized to act on behalf of the Village to make a formal request to Con Edison for the following information;
 - A) a line drawing or such other map as may currently be available detailing the power transmission and distribution system within the geographic borders of the municipality and,
 - B) a map of currently available load measurement devices together with a description of the current measurement capabilities of the existing equipment (i.e. synchrophaser technology, power quality measurement, sampling rate, etc.) within the same geographic area and,
 - C) an estimated budget and methodology for an optimal (i.e. most cost effective) plan to upgrade the current technology for power quality and use measurement devices that have the capability to measure and report on the quality and quantity of total electric consumption within the same geographic area in four second increments and,
 - D) an independent or integrated, proposal from Power Transmission and Distribution Owner to upgrade to the appropriate power quality and use measurement devices with a plan to offer the town as close to real-time consumption data as is possible, as soon as is possible, and as long-term reliably, as is possible. And
 - E) A letter, outlining the terms of a cooperative engagement with the Municipality coupled with a description of the process seeking funding for the above, through a bundling of federal dollars, state agency dollars, utility fund contributions and/or private investment.
- 2) That the Village Manager is hereby authorized to immediately and formally ask the New York State Independent System Operator, (“NYISO”) to approve the community’s proposed measurement criteria for “electric responsiveness,” once these measurement criteria have been prepared and approved by each municipality’s governing body. These criteria will then be submitted under the “Small Customer Aggregation” processes using conservative assumptions, while the consortium seeks stricter data reporting and higher credits, over time, and
- 3) Conditioned on, a fair, open, and ongoing stake-holder process, to determine how Energy Reduction Assets will be measured and registered, and how they will evolve, over time, and
- 4) That, along with its measurement requests, the municipality will request a Point Identification number (“PTID”) from NYISO, so that it will be able to gain status as a

“demand-side generator of power” should it decide to proceed with involvement in the plan to reduce electric energy consumption which is expected to result from grant program discussed in these resolutions, and

- 5) That the Village Manager shall pursue obtaining the requested information as expeditiously as possible and communicate the urgency of the municipality’s request to the Power Transmission and Distribution Owner, and to the Independent System Operator, together with the reasons for the request and regularly report his/her progress back to the municipality; and
 - 6) That the Village Manager shall obtain appropriate contact information for the Power Transmission and Distribution Owner liaison to continue any necessary interactions between the municipality and the power supplier if further action is taken with respect to the municipality’s involvement in the grant funding opportunity, and
 - 7) That the Village Manager shall obtain appropriate contact information for the NYISO liaison to continue any necessary interactions between the municipality and the NYISO, as the municipality’s involvement in the grant funding opportunity matures, and
 - 8) That obtaining the necessary information involved in this project does not obligate the Village to any expenditure of funds and
 - 9) That the Village Manager shall forthwith provide the members of the Village Board with a certified copy of this resolution to evidence his/her authority to the Power Transmission and Distribution Owner and
 - 10) That the Village Manager shall forthwith provide the Supervisor and the members of the Village Board with a certified copy of this resolution to evidence his/her authority to the Independent Systems Operator.
- g) On motion of TRUSTEE Murtaugh, seconded by TRUSTEE Gallelli, the following resolution was unanimously adopted by the Board of Trustees of the Village of Croton-on-Hudson, New York:

WHEREAS, the Village as property owner and the Croton Yacht Club as lessee will be applying for a boating infrastructure grant to design and build a bulkhead replacement system along the yacht club’s riverfront shoreline; and

WHEREAS, the estimated cost of the project is \$1,075,000; and

WHEREAS, this is a federal program administered through the New York State Office of Parks, Recreation, and Historic Preservation; and

WHEREAS, this is a reimbursement grant up to 75% of the total cost,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED: that the Village Manager is hereby authorized to apply for a boating infrastructure grant, in conjunction with the Croton Yacht Club, for the design and bulkhead replacement system in the amount of \$1,075,000.

7. APPROVED RESOLUTIONS:

a) On motion of TRUSTEE Gallelli, seconded by TRUSTEE Murtaugh, the following resolution was adopted by the Board of Trustees of the Village of Croton-on-Hudson, New York:

WHEREAS; on July 10, 2006 the Village Board approved a proposal from Dvirka & Bartilucci in the amount of \$68,000 for engineering tasks relating to the Batten Road drainage project; and

WHEREAS, subsequent to that resolution the Village Engineer negotiated with Dvirka & Bartilucci for a reduced proposal totaling \$52,000; and

WHEREAS, that amount has now been exceeded by \$5,591.38 and Dvirka & Bartilucci now estimates that the new total cost for design and construction services will not exceed \$61,500,

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED: that the Village Manager is authorized to approve the revised proposal from Dvirka & Bartilucci for engineering design services related to the Batten Road drainage project in the amount of \$61,500, an increase of \$9,500.

b) On motion of TRUSTEE Gallelli, seconded by TRUSTEE Restuccia, the following resolution was adopted by the Board of Trustees of the Village of Croton-on-Hudson, New York:

WHEREAS; LynStaar Engineering, P.C. has provided a proposal for the design of the infrastructure work necessary for the installation of the pay stations; and

WHEREAS, the Village Engineer has reviewed the proposal and recommends that the proposal be approved; and

WHEREAS, the Village has worked with Lyn Staar Engineering on a number of previous projects,

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED: that the Village Manager is authorized to approve the proposal from Lyn Staar Engineering, P.C. in the amount of \$4,900 for the design, plans, and specifications for the infrastructure work necessary to install the 6 pay stations at the Croton-Harmon Train Station.

c) On motion of TRUSTEE Olver, seconded by TRUSTEE Murtaugh, the following resolution was adopted by the Board of Trustees of the Village of Croton-on-Hudson, New York:

WHEREAS, the Village currently has a open position in the Police Department; and

WHEREAS, Police Chief Anthony Tramaglino has conducted an extensive background check of John T. Roper Jr. and recommends the hiring of Mr. Roper, and

WHEREAS, John T. Roper has been hired from the Westchester County Human Resource Police Officer list and will attend the Westchester County Police Academy starting August 3, 2009;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED: that John T. Roper Jr. of Pleasantville, NY, is hereby appointed as a Police Officer at the salary of \$49,093.00, effective August 3, 2009 in accordance with the rules and regulations of the Westchester County Department of Human Resources.

8. CITIZEN PARTICIPATION (non-agenda items):

- a) Chuck Paladino, for himself and his father, John Paladino, 365 So Riverside Ave. owners of the Old Dodge Dealership, stated that they are looking to open up as an auto repair and exotic car dealer; they have been closed approximately 2 ½ years. Trustee Murtaugh stated that he would like to hear more about the business plan, it could be a gem and it is in the heart of the Harmon business district; however he has concerns about the auto repair portion. Trustee Gallelli stated that Mr. Paladino should meet with the Village Engineer and present a site plan application to be reviewed by the Planning Board.
- b) Bob Wintermeir, regarding the Silver Lake Victory Garden, stated that the fence was up and it look likes water is in; the Village has spent about \$5200 and is charging users \$50. per plot or \$600.00 which doesn't work out as a good deal; there are no gardeners and he asked what is going on down there, how much profit did we make and how many signed up. Trustee Restuccia stated that it hit a snag when digging, they found there was asphalt in the soil and it being tested; there is a waiting list of people; in early spring, they will start planting, right now it is about building up the soil using compost, leaves, etc. Mr. Wintermeir asked if the vendors are charged for the Farmers' Market. Village Manager Zambrano replied that the market was set up as an experiment to see if would make it in Croton; it is a 3 year deal; charges can be addressed when the contract comes up for renewal. Trustee Murtaugh added that it is an intangible benefit to the Village, a social experience and a good idea. He stated that money for police officers is also spent for sports games, Summerfest, etc. and this is another example. Mr. Wintermeir stated that he thinks people should be charged for using the Farmers Market and also the parking lot; they should bring some revenue into the Village. Mr. Wintermeir also asked if some people on temporary assignment at Silver Lake are receiving twice the minimum wage or are salaries commensurate with what is considered menial jobs. Mayor Wiegman replied that they encourage successful summer employees by offering slightly more per hour. Village Manager Zambrano added that there is a scale based on position and responsibility.
- c) Phyllis Morrow asked when we will get the cell tower. Trustee Gallelli replied that it is up and ATT expects to be operating by end of the month.

9. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Trustee Murtaugh made a motion to approve the minutes of the Board Meeting held on July 13, 2009 as corrected. Trustee Restuccia seconded the motion. The Board voted unanimous approval.

Trustee Gallelli made a motion to approve the minutes of the work session of the Board of Trustees held on July 20, 2009. Trustee Restuccia seconded the motion; approved unanimously.

Trustee Restuccia made a motion to approve the minutes of the executive session of the Board of Trustees held on July 20, 2009. Trustee Murtaugh seconded the motion; approved unanimously.

Trustee Murtaugh made a motion to approve the minutes of the Board of Trustees held on July 30, 2009. Mayor Wiegman seconded the motion; approved unanimously.

10. REPORTS:

Village Manager Zambrano reported that the summer camp ended on August 7th and the number of campers was slightly higher than last year; the vendors in the park finished on 7/31. They have gotten positive feedback that it was a good program; no vendors applied for Croton Landing. He reported that the 3rd community meeting was held on August 6th at Washington firehouse and it had the highest turnout; he has prepared a memo for the Board summarizing the three meetings and thanked the department heads for attending the meetings; he would like to continue these meetings next year.

Village Treasurer Bullock -nothing

Trustee Olver -absent

Trustee Restuccia reported that Faith Lippi died a year ago and they are organizing a way of memorializing her at Teatown; if anyone would like to help. Trustee Restuccia reminded everyone of Croton Bike Week which is coming up on Sept. 5th, Labor Day weekend. Trustee Restuccia added that all of Croton's heart goes out to the family who experienced the recent tragic occurrence on the Croton River.

Trustee Gallelli reported that the Tough Man Half Triathlon is also going to occur during Bike Week festivities. She thanked everyone who takes the time to come to the meetings. Trustee Gallelli reported that there is an adverse affect that disposed pharmaceuticals have on the environment; however, they can be returned to any pharmacy; just take off the label or scratch off the name; please do not throw in the garbage or flush.

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Trustee Murtaugh reported that he would like to pursue an initiative next spring for rain barrels, similar to how the composters were done; he will have more information over the winter. *Trustee Murtaugh* reported that he had a conversation with a gentleman today about beginning a kayak/canoe rental business by Echo Lake. *Trustee Murtaugh* stated that he has spoken with Historic Hudson Valley for Van Cortlandt Manor to create a restaurant loop for those attending the Great Pumpkin Blaze; they will be using a bus; the sign up for the Blaze begins just after Labor Day and he is trying to get it done for this year. He reported that the proposal has been submitted to Marco Gennarelli to convert a Village garbage truck to vegetable oil instead of diesel fuel

Village Attorney Feldman - none

Mayor Wiegman reported that the Croton Housing Network held the drawing for Symphony Knoll; 58 applicants are now on a list; the Croton Housing Network will go through the list to screen for qualifications. *Mayor Wiegman* also offered condolences to the family who lost a member to drowning recently in the Croton River.

Trustee Restuccia made a motion to adjourn. *Trustee Murtaugh* seconded the motion; approved unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 11:30 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Phyllis A. Bradbury

Phyllis A. Bradbury, Secretary

Village Clerk