

**MINUTES OF BOARD OF TRUSTEES
THE VILLAGE OF CHESTNUT RIDGE
JANUARY 21, 2016**

The Board of Trustees of the Village of Chestnut Ridge convened in regular session on January 21, 2016 at the Village Hall, located at 277 Old Nyack Turnpike, Chestnut Ridge, NY 10977.

PRESENT:

ROSARIO PRESTI, JR	-	MAYOR
JOAN BROCK	-	DEPUTY MAYOR
HOWARD COHEN	-	TRUSTEE
GRANT VALENTINE	-	TRUSTEE

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WALTER R. SEVASTIAN	-	VILLAGE ATTORNEY
FLORENCE A. MANDEL	-	RECORDING SECRETARY

2. Mayor's report.

Good Evening and Welcome to the January 21, 2016 Board of Trustee Meeting of the Village of Chestnut Ridge.

- I've been meeting periodically with our new Code Enforcer Officer and Building Inspector.
- Our Building Inspector is confirmed for his certification classes for February so we are on track for him to be fully certified by the end of June.
- I spoke with one of our local residents whose son is an Eagle Scout and chatted with what we could do in the Village.
- I did have Sunday with the Mayor on January 3rd.
- I have been averaging on the off months about three individuals a month in the cold weather.
- The nice weather seems to bring out more people.
- Ellen Jaffee's husband passed away.
- The Board will make a donation.

3. Open Floor: Public discussion of Agenda Items only.

No one from the public wished to speak.

Motion to Close the Open Floor Public Discussion.

MOTION: Trustee Cohen

SECOND: Trustee Valentine

The Board was polled and voted 4-0 to **Close** the **Open Floor Public Discussion on Agenda items.**

4. Approval of Minutes of Previous Meeting, December 17, 2015.

MOTION: Deputy Mayor Brock

SECOND: Trustee Valentine

The Board was polled and voted 4-0 to **approve** the **Minutes of December 17, 2015.**

5. Resolution No. 2016-1 authorizing a contract for Dog Control services with the Town of Ramapo at a rate of \$45.00 per hour.

RESOLVED that the contract with the town of Ramapo for Dog Control services for the period of January 1, 2016 through December 31, 2016 at a rate of \$45.00 per hour is hereby approved, and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Mayor is hereby authorized to execute said contract and take all actions necessary to implement this resolution.

MOTION: Deputy Mayor Brock

SECOND: Trustee Cohen

The Board was polled and voted 4-0 to **Approve Resolution No. 2016-1.**

6. Resolution No.2016-2 authorizing contract for Fueling services with the Town of Ramapo.

RESOLVED that the contract with the town of Ramapo for fueling services at a cost exempt of taxes for the period of January 1, 2016 through December 31, 2016 is hereby approved, and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Mayor is hereby authorized to execute said contract and take all actions necessary to implement this resolution.

MOTION: Trustee Valentine

SECOND: Trustee Cohen

The Board was polled and voted 4-0 to **Approve Resolution No. 2016-2.**

7. Resolution No.2016-3 authorizing contract for Building Inspector and Fire Inspection Services with the Town of Ramapo at a cost of \$2,000.00 per month.

RESOLVED that the contract with the town of Ramapo for Building Inspection and Plan Review services, and Fire Inspection Services for the period of January 1, 2016 through December 31, 2016 at a cost not to exceed \$2,000.00 per month is hereby approved, and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Mayor is hereby authorized to execute said contract and take all actions necessary to implement this resolution.

MOTION: Trustee Cohen

SECOND: Trustee Valentine

The Board was polled and voted 4-0 to **Approve Resolution No. 2016-3.**

8. Resolution No. 2016-4 to notice dates and times of 2016 meetings of Village Board, Planning Board, Zoning Board, and Architectural Review Board.

RESOLVED that the Village Clerk is authorized to transmit the 2016 meeting dates for the Village Board, Planning Board, Zoning Board, CDRC, and Architectural Review Board to the Rockland Journal News for publication.

MOTION: Deputy Mayor Brock

SECOND: Trustee Cohen

The Board was polled and voted 4-0 to **Approve Resolution No. 2016-4.**

9. Resolution No. 2016-5:

RESOLVED that the vestibule at Village Hall and the Village Meeting Room are the official location for posting notices for the Village of Chestnut Ridge.

MOTION: Trustee Cohen

SECOND: Trustee Valentine

The Board was polled and voted 4-0 to **Approve Resolution No. 2016-5.**

10. Resolution No. 2016-6 authorizing contract for consulting services for training and Building Plan Review at a cost of \$1,000 per month.

Mayor Presti:

- This goes together with our Building Inspector and Fire Inspection Services. We are still paying \$3,000 a month; that covers us until Mr. Gliniecki is fully certified and then our costs will be reduced by \$1,000 a month once he is fully certified.

MOTION: Deputy Mayor Brock

SECOND: Trustee Valentine

The Board was polled and voted 4-0 to **approve contract for consulting services.**

11. Resolution No. 2016-7:

RESOLVED that the Village Clerk is directed to publish notice of a Public Hearing on the 2016/2017 Tentative Budget for March 10, 2016 at 8:00 p.m.

MOTION: Trustee Cohen

SECOND: Deputy Mayor Brock

The Board was polled and voted 4-0 to adopt **Resolution No. 2016-7.**

12. Resolution No. 2016-8:

RESOLVED, that General Fund Claims set forth on pages 1 through 4 in the aggregate amount of \$166,901.12 as set forth on Abstract No. 2016-1 dated January 21, 2016, as submitted by the Village Treasurer, are hereby approved.

Mayor Presti:

- I have been in contact with our Village Treasurer and our Financial Consultant. I will be meeting with them in a couple of weeks to talk about the budget. We are well on our way.
- Unfortunately our Cap is going to be minuscule this year, but I'm confident we will be able to stay within the parameters.

MOTION: Deputy Mayor Brock

SECOND: Trustee Valentine

The Board was polled and voted 4-0 to **approve the abstract of audited claims.**

12. Open Floor: Public Discussion.

Anthony Sharan – 868 Chestnut Ridge Rd., Chestnut Ridge, NY 10977:

- Mr. Sharan wanted confirmation that a new Building Inspector was hired.
- Objected that the Village hired someone who was not certified yet.

- Stated, “you are paying him to get certified”.
- Asked, “wouldn’t you be better off if you hired him after he was certified?”
- The Village pays for the classes.
- Stated the test was an open book test.
- I know of a Village that did that.
- They hired a guy who was a retired part-time Building Inspector.
- There are part-time Building Inspectors out there.

Mayor Presti:

- We contracted with Tony Mallia for at least six month, until June 30th, to be our building inspector to certify on plans and applications.
- After that it will be on a month to month basis.
- Mr. Gliniecki ranked number one on the Building Inspector test according to County Personnel.
- There is nobody out there who is fully certified at the salary we are willing to pay.
- We did what we needed to do as far as hiring a Building Inspector and by the end of June he will be fully certified.
- You have to hire the gentleman.
- He is not going to get certified until he is hired by the Village.
- He can’t go and take these classes by himself.
- Mr. Sharan, what you are saying is, you want us to pay for classes for an individual who we haven’t hired yet. Then once he has passed, then we are going to hire him.
- Mr. Sharan, we advertised for a Building Inspector.
- We got seven applicants for the job and Mr. Gliniecki was number one on the list.
- The village is very confident and very hopeful that he will fill the position fine.
- I understand that folks might be a little bent out of shape in regard to Mr. Gliniecki; but that is because there are things going on that Mr. Gliniecki is finding and he is calling them on it.
- Some people don’t like that and I am sorry to hear that.
- Your point is well taken. But as a practical matter it cannot be done.
- You can’t just go and hire a part-time Building Inspector who is fully certified who is ready to hit the ground running. It does not exist.

Deputy Mayor Brock:

- If someone who applied and was certified, that would have been a perfect situation; but no one did.

Trustee Cohen:

- You can’t make people apply.

Motion to Close the Open Floor Public Discussion.

MOTION: Trustee Cohen

SECOND: Deputy Mayor Brock

The Board was polled and voted 4-0 to **Close** the **Open Floor Public Discussion.**

Motion to Adjourn and Move into Executive Session.

MOTION: Trustee Cohen

SECOND: Trustee Valentine

The Board was polled and voted **4-0 to Adjourn and Move into Executive Session.**

BOARD MEETING ADJOURNED: 8:12 P.M.

Executive Session Ended: 9:03 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

**Florence A. Mandel
Village Clerk**