

**MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES
THE VILLAGE OF CHESTNUT RIDGE
NOVEMBER 19, 2015**

The Board of Trustees of the Village of Chestnut Ridge convened in regular session on November 19, 2015 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

PRESENT:

WALTER R. SEVASTIAN - VILLAGE ATTORNEY

FLORENCE A. MANDEL - RECORDING SECRETARY

1. Pledge of Allegiance.

2. Mayor's report.

▪ I had the pleasure to attend the Ribbon Cutting for the new Par Pharmaceuticals building. They did a great job. It happened to be the Friday before the Diwali celebration so it was a combination ribbon cutting and an early celebration for Diwali which is the Festival of Lights, Community, and Health. There were about 300 people. Ed Day was there; the head of the Rockland County Economic Development. Rick Struck was also there.

▪ I also attended the Faist Ambulance Corp. dinner over the weekend. As always, they put on a beautiful party. It was nice to see all of the recognition they gave to the members for the various top calls. Whose is delivering babies; whose doing well with keeping CPR going. I saw a good part of the squad there; heard the update as far as how the new building was coming along. I understand they have their permit for the sewer and demolition soon.

3. Open Floor: Public Discussion on Agenda Items.

No one from the Public wished to speak.

Motion to Close Open Floor discussion on Agenda Items only.

MOTION: Trustee Cohen

SECOND: Deputy Mayor Brock

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

4. Approval of Minutes of Previous Village Board Meeting of October 15, 2015.

MOTION: Trustee Cohen

SECOND: Deputy Mayor Brock

The Board was polled and voted 4-0 to approve the Village Board Minutes of October 15, 2015.

5. Resolution No. 2015-90: Resolution to schedule a Public Hearing on a Local Law to Amend Local Law #20 of 1987, the Zoning Law of the Village of Chestnut Ridge, to amend Article XIV, entitled "Administration and Enforcement".

RESOLVED, that a Public Hearing to amend Local Law #20 of 1987, the Zoning Law of the Village of Chestnut Ridge, Article XIV, entitled "Administration and Enforcement", to consider adding provisions pertaining to requiring certain applicants to establish escrow accounts to cover the cost of expenses incurred by the Village of Chestnut Ridge for professional review of land use applications, shall be held on December 17, 2015 at 8:00 pm.

MOTION: Trustee Valentine

SECOND: Trustee Cohen

The Board was polled and voted **4-0** to approve **Resolution No. 2015-90**.

6. Resolution No. 2015-91: Resolution to schedule a Public Hearing on December 17, 2015 at 8:00 pm, to consider an amendment to Local Law #13 of 1987, entitled “Vehicle and Traffic Law of the Village of Chestnut Ridge”, pertaining to the hours of permitted overnight parking in the Village.

RESOLVED, that a Public Hearing to amend Local Law #13 of 1987, entitled “Vehicle and Traffic Law of the Village of Chestnut Ridge”, to consider amending the hours of permitted overnight parking within the Village, shall be held on December 17, 2015 at 8:00 pm.

▪ **Mayor Presti:**

▪ Right now its 2:00 a.m. to 6 a.m. I am proposing we make it 12:00 a.m. to 6 a.m. for consistency with the Town of Ramapo; for enforcement continuity, for emergency services.

▪ That’s what we would be doing if the law passes on December 17, 2015.

MOTION: Deputy Mayor Brock

SECOND: Trustee Cohen

The Board was polled and voted 4-0 to approve **Resolution No. 2015-91**.

7. Resolution No. 2015-92: Resolution to appoint Jamie Keith Valentino to the position of Part-Time Justice Court Clerk (Temporary Position pending the retirement of present Court Clerk), effective November 30, 2015, at a pay rate of \$20.00 per hour.

RESOLVED, that Jamie Keith Valentino is appointed to the position of Part-Time Justice Court Clerk, on a temporary basis pending the retirement of present Court Clerk, effective November 30, 2015, at a pay rate of \$20.00 per hour, and subject to the final approval of the Rockland County Department of Personnel.

MOTION: Trustee Valentine

SECOND: Deputy Mayor Brock

The Board was polled and voted **3-0 with Trustee Cohen abstaining** to appoint **Jamie Keith Valentino** to the position of **Part-Time Justice Court Clerk**.

▪ **Trustee Cohen:** I didn't have the pleasure of interviewing him and one of the other people interviewed for that spot is a relative of mine.

8. Resolution No. 2015-93: Resolution to renew the Highway services agreement with the Town of Ramapo for the calendar year 2016.

RESOLVED that the contract with the town of Ramapo for Highway services for the period of January 1, 2016 through December 31, 2016 at a cost not to exceed \$508,332.00 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 adopt **Resolution No. 2015-93.**

▪ **No increase with this new Highway Contract for 2016** and we have Tony Sharan.

9. Resolution No. 2015-94: Resolution approving Audited Claims.

RESOLVED, that General Fund Claims set forth on pages 1 through 3 in the aggregate amount of \$298,601.51 as set forth on Abstract No. 2015-11 dated November 19, 2015, as submitted by the Village Treasurer, are hereby approved.

▪ **Deputy Mayor Brock:** Do we get a lot of engineering service back?

▪ **Mayor Presti:** Are we getting money on permits for these?

▪ I noticed \$130,000 there just for paving.

▪ **Trustee Cohen:** Is that Chips or does it go against the Bond issue?

▪ **Mayor Presti:** R and R pitched in a little bit; some was from our Bond and some from Chips; the milling was also another thirteen thousand or fourteen thousand.

MOTION: Deputy Mayor Brock

SECOND: Trustee Cohen

The Board was polled and voted **4-0** to approve **Resolution No. 2015-94.**

10. Open Floor: Public Discussion.

No one from the public wished to speak.

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 Go Into Executive Session to discuss pending litigation and personnel

MOTION: Trustee Cohen

SECOND: Deputy Mayor Brock

The Board was polled and voted 4-0 to go Into Executive Session and to Adjourn the Village Board Meeting.

REGULAR VILLAGE BOARD MEETING AJOURNED: 8:10 P.M.

Motion to Reopen Public Hearing

MOTION: Deputy Mayor Brock

SECOND: Trustee Cohen

The Board was polled and voted 4-0 to Reopen Public Hearing.

▪ **Resolution No. 2015-90 and Resolution No.2015-91** will be amended and Public Hearings will be held December 10, 2015 at 8:00 p.m.

Motion to Go Back Into Executive Session

MOTION: Deputy Mayor Brock

SECOND: Trustee Valentine

The Board was polled and voted 4-0 to go back into Executive Session.

▪ **Board added another Resolution.**

Resolution No. 2015-95.

Resolution to appoint Russell Gliniecki to the position of Part-Time Building Inspector – 25 hours per week (Temporary Position pending the expiration of the current contract for Building Inspection services with the Town of Ramapo), effective November 30, 2015, at a pay rate of \$35.00 per hours, subject to the approval of Rockland County Personnel.

MOTION: Trustee Cohen

SECOND: Deputy Mayor Brock

The Board was polled and voted 4-0 to approve Resolution No. 2015-95.

Motion to exit Executive Session – 8:44 P.M.

MOTION: Trustee Cohen

SECOND: Deputy Mayor Brock

The Board was polled and voted 4-0 to Close the Executive Session.

Motion to Adjourn Meeting:

MOTION: Trustee Cohen

SECOND: Deputy Mayor Brock

The Board was polled and voted 4-0 to Adjourn Meeting.

Executive Session Adjourned: 8:46 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Florence A. Mandel

Village Clerk