

MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES
THE VILLAGE OF CHESTNUT RIDGE
FEBRUARY 18, 2016

The Board of Trustees of the Village of Chestnut Ridge convened in regular session on February 18, 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
RICHARD MILLER	-	TRUSTEE
GRANT VALENTINE	-	TRUSTEE

ABSENT:

WALTER R. SEVASTIAN	-	VILLAGE ATTORNEY
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PRESENT:

FLORENCE A. MANDEL	-	RECORDING SECRETARY
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1. Pledge of Allegiance

2. Mayor's report –

- Had an opportunity to have “Sunday’s with the Mayor” on February 7, 2016.
- Stated Trustee Cohen was with him for a couple of hours.
- Stated on February 10, 2016 had the pleasure of attending the pinning ceremony of the new Chief of Police of the Town of Ramapo, Chief Weidel.
- Stated that Chief Weidel will try to keep up with visits to the Village as the past Chief of Police Peter Brower had done so we should be expecting a visit.
- Acknowledged Trustee Grant Valentine received an award.
- Asked Trustee Valentine to give us information about the organization and the great things they do.

Trustee Valentine –

- On February 6, 2016 I received from the Nyack Center the Black History Award.
- Thanked Trustee Cohen for coming out and supporting him on that day.
- Stated it was a very special day.
- It was well attended with about eighty people. There were Mayors, Judges in attendance.
- Trustee Valentine stated he spoke about how important it is that African American History and our nation’s history are so tied together.
- Trustee Valentine stated he was very humbled and appreciative of the award he received.

Mayor Presti:

- Congratulated Trustee Valentine and stated the award was well deserved.
- Stated he had a visit from a local resident regarding reflector belts.
- Stated he understood at a meeting there was a discussion about residents walking at night.
- Thanked Richard Miller for his generosity in helping to fund the reflector belts and spurring things along.
- Stated funding was put together and 500 reflector belts were donated to the Village.
- Mayor Presti showed a sample of the belts with the name Village of Chestnut Ridge.
- Stated we put information in our last newsletter and two belts to a family will be given.

3. Open Floor: Public discussion of Agenda Items.

No one from the public wished to speak.

MOTION: Trustee Cohen

SECOND: Deputy Mayor Brock

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

4. Approval of Minutes of Previous Meeting, January 21, 2016.

MOTION: Trustee Valentine

SECOND: Deputy Mayor Brock

The Board of Trustees was polled and voted 4-0 to approve the **Minutes of January 21, 2016.**

5. Resolution No. 2016-9:

RESOLVED that the contract for the annual maintenance of emergency generators at the Village's municipal buildings with Valentine Electric of Blauvelt, New York in the amount of 885.00 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.

- Mayor Presti stated Valentine Electric is not a relative of Trustee Valentine.
- Mayor Presti stated Trustee Valentine has no financial interest in Valentine Electric. being a vendor of the Village.
- Mayor Presti stated Trustee Valentine has nothing to be gained.

Trustee Valentine:

- Stated that he does know them.

MOTION: Deputy Mayor Brock

SECOND: Trustee Cohen

The Board was polled and voted 4-0 to approve **Resolution No. 2016-9.**

6. Resolution No. 2016-10:

- Mayor Presti stated we've been without a Trustee for some time now.
- Mayor Presti expressed Richard Miller will be an asset to the Board.

- Mayor Presti stated Richard Miller is a longtime resident and concerned citizen of the Village of Chestnut Ridge.

- Mayor Presti stated Richard Miller has served on the Zoning Board of Adjustment for quite a number of years and also as Chairman of the ZBA.

- a. Mayor appoints Richard Miller as Village Trustee for a term to expire April 2017.

- b. RESOLVED that the Mayor's appointment of Richard Miller as Village Trustee for a term to expire April 2017 is hereby approved.

MOTION: Deputy Mayor Brock

SECOND: Trustee Cohen

The Board was polled and voted 4-0 to approve **Resolution No. 2016-10** to appoint **Richard Miller Village Trustee** for a term to expire **April of 2017**.

- **Mayor Presti** welcomed Trustee Richard Miller as a new member of the Board of Trustees with honor and pleasure

- **Trustee Richard Miller** stated he was honored and it was a privilege.

7. Resolution No. 2016-11

- a. Mayor appoints Stephen Liebman as member and Chairperson of Zoning Board of Appeals for a term to expire April 2016.

- b. RESOLVED that the Mayor's appointment of Stephen Liebman Chairperson of Zoning Board of Appeals for a term to expire April of 2016 is hereby approved.

MOTION: Trustee Miller

SECOND: Trustee Valentine

The Board was polled and voted 5-0 to approve **Resolution No. 2016-11** appointing Stephen Liebman as Chairman of the Zoning Board of Appeals for a term to expire in April of 2016.

8. Resolution No. 2016-12:

- a. Mayor appoints Ally A. Thorne as Zoning Board of Appeals member for a term to expire April 2018.

- b. RESOLVED that the Mayor's appointment of Ally A. Thorne as Zoning Board of Appeals member for a term to expire April 2018 is hereby approved.

MOTION: Trustee Cohen

SECOND: Deputy Mayor Brock

The Board was polled and voted 5-0 to appoint Ally A. Thorne as a member of the Zoning Board of Appeals for a term to expire in April, 2018.

9. Resolution No. 2016-13 Resolution approving the South Spring Valley Fire District's request to extend their building permit until March 31, 2016.

- Mayor Presti stated South Spring Valley Fire District asked for an extension a while back.
- They are very close to completion.
- They had problems due to another contractor.
- Mayor Presti stated he was advised by our Building Department that they'll probably be able to wrap things up by the end of February.
- In the event that there are any more glitches we gave them until the end of March, 2016.

MOTION: Trustee Cohen

SECOND: Trustee Valentine

The Board was polled and voted 5-0 to approve **Resolution No. 2016-13.**

10. Resolution No. 2016-14 approving Abstract of Audited Claims.

RESOLVED that **General Fund Claims** set forth on pages **1 through 4** in the aggregate amount of \$147,403.75 as set forth on **Abstract No. 2016-2** dated **February 18, 2016** as submitted by the Village Treasurer, are hereby approved.

MOTION: Deputy Mayor Brock

SECOND: Trustee Cohen

The Board was polled and voted 5-0 to approve **Resolution No. 2016-14.**

11. Open Floor: Public Discussion

Anthony Sharan – 26 Pioneer Avenue, Suffern, New York 10901 - Ramapo Highway Superintendent

Stated what the Town of Ramapo did in the treacherous weather:

- Did close to 500 miles.
- Worked through the night; all night long.
- Stayed ahead of the snow.
- Used 150 yards of salt.

- By 9 a.m. everything was good.
- Had no road closings like Clarkstown.

Motion to Close the Open Floor Public Discussion.

MOTION: Trustee Cohen

SECOND: Trustee Valentine

The Board was polled and voted 5-0 to **Close the Open Floor Public Discussion.**

12. Motion to Adjourn the Meeting and Go Into Executive Session.

MOTION: Deputy Mayor Brock

SECOND: Trustee Valentine

The Board was polled and voted 5-0 to **Adjourn and go into Executive Session.**

MEETING ADJOURNED

8:14 P.M.

EXECUTIVE SESSION ADJOURNED

9:34 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Florence A. Mandel

Village Clerk

