

**MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES
VILLAGE OF CHESTNUT RIDGE
FEBRUARY 22, 2018**

The Board of Trustees of the Village of Chestnut Ridge convened in regular session on February 22, 2018 at the Village Hall, located at 277 Old Nyack Turnpike, Chestnut Ridge, NY 10977.

PRESENT:

ROSARIO PRESTI, JR.	-	MAYOR
HOWARD COHEN	-	TRUSTEE
RICHARD MILLER	-	TRUSTEE
GRANT VALENTINE	-	TRUSTEE

ABSENT

JOAN BROCK	-	DEPUTY MAYOR
WALTER SEVASTIAN	-	VILLAGE ATTORNEY

PRESENT:

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

2. Mayor's report.

Thanked everyone for coming this evening.

Went over two issues from last month's **January 18, 2018 Village Board Meeting**.

- Issue with dumping salt at Children's Park; to date no further complaints.
- Speeding on Scotland Rd., Police were advised. They are doing some additional surveillance.

We are a Village of a little under 8,400 people. As a Board we do what the law guides us to do. Address the issues of all of the Village residents and sometimes there are issues. You need to make sure you have all the facts, before you let rumors in the air and innuendos overtake sanity, rationality.

For the past couple of months, I've been dealing daily with rumors and innuendos.

I understand that's part of my duties as the Mayor to deal with what's out there.

I heard a very, very disturbing quote. It came from our neighbors on the other side of the County. It was the result of this whole Eruv issue.

All three municipalities that made noise, all settled and were able to come to terms with what is religious freedom is religious freedom.

The result of a few people who pressed the panic button wrongfully caused the three municipalities to spend money which could have been spent better elsewhere.

The Attorney General from the State of New Jersey came down and had to set one of the municipalities straight.

What came out of one of those meetings is; "**we don't want to be like Chestnut Ridge**".

We are a community of 8,300 diverse people; religious, sexual orientation, ethnic backgrounds. We are all here to live together.

If you are unhappy you are welcome to be here.

The Constitution of the United States gives you license to voice your dissatisfaction.;

As long as I am the Mayor of this Village, this Board, this Village will not, will not capitulate to religious animus; this Village will not capitulate to religious bigotry.

I am not saying you are all here under that umbrella.

What I am saying is you are welcome to voice your opinion.

Your obligation is to figure out and find out what are the facts and do not let rumor and innuendo effect what you are thinking.

There are individuals who are holding themselves out as we are from the Village; Building Inspector, etc.; going onto construction sites, talking to contractors and saying we are from the Village.

This behavior is going to **STOP**. The Ramapo Police have been advised.

You are committing a multitude of violations and crimes by holding yourself out to be a Village representative.

Our process in the Village has always been of fairness, open door and transparency.

This Board, this Village will not capitulate to a mob mentality.

People who are throwing disparaging comments.

I am setting the ground rules of how this is going to happen tonight.

We are not going to tolerate bashing any ethnic group.

The right to free speech is not unlimited.

You have to recognize the decorum and the respect of the meeting.
This is what is going on.
I appreciate that your bullet points try to remind everyone to be respectful and courteous.

FOIL

I do not have the authority to change the Foil Law.
The Foil Law is set by Statute.re not changing the FOIL Law.
We reaffirm policy that this Village follows.
We adopt Roberts Rules of Order, we name our bank, we do a whole bunch of things on a yearly basis.
There have been instances that Design Professionals have been paid to develop a unique design or an Engineering design and the property owner paid a lot of money.
That design professional has priority right to that design.
There has not been an incident that I am aware of that anyone has ever been denied the ability to look at a file, to look at a plan; anything of that sort.
Apparently, a Design Professional was concerned that their designs are being copied or used for other commercial purposes and being used for other commercial purposes, namely they are stealing their ideas.
What this Village is doing with that particular item is, we are going to be forewarning those individuals looking to make a copy of those designs.
They will sign a disclosure that this design might be of a proprietary nature.
Which means it may be trademarked; it may be copywrite.
They are aware that if that Design Professional finds out, they have used this for private or commercial purposes they will indemnify the Village.in the suit.
The Village is not going to defend a suit against that.
That's what that Foil Law is clarifying.
It offends this Village when there are accusations that we are trying to prevent people from seeing what's in a file. That has never, ever occurred.
That's for protection of the Design Professionals which the trademark laws provide.
You are welcome to look at a file, make a copy of a plan, go right ahead.
Be aware, that you are going to be signing an indemnification that you are acknowledging the fact that it may be of a proprietary nature.
I am not restricting anyone's right to do government documents; nobody in this room can say that in all honesty.
To my knowledge that has never, ever occurred. That is for protection of the Design Professional that the trademark laws provide.

Houses of Worship:

There is a statutory provision for us to accommodate the establishment of Houses of Worship in Residential Zoning Districts, both Federal and State law; end of story.
It is not enough for this Village just to say, "Thou shalt be allowed a House of Worship.
The Village must establish a process that will guide various Houses of Worship regardless of their religious foundation as to the procedure with regard to establishing a House of Worship.

The whole purpose of the Federal and the State Law, not only do we not have a Code Provision permit we cannot have a process that has been deemed to be or that in some way can appear to prohibit a House of Worship to be onerous, arbitrary or that in some way can appear to prohibit a Houses of Worship. i.e. applying for what may be considered an unusual amount of variances, or things of that nature. That is Federal and State Law.

I appreciate the fact that you think that this Board is unilaterally able to change the law, but we cannot.

What we are doing is we are following the law; we will circulate it to the appropriate governmental agencies to look at it. We will circulate it to our Planning Board and we will obtain comments. You will have an opportunity to speak on every matter that you may have a question of, the Planner will be here and if there are any questions that we cannot handle or answer the Planner will be here to answer any questions. We are not reinventing the wheel here. We are keeping up with the law and recognizing the fact of the diversity in this Village and that's what we are doing.

The fact that you are considering this outrageous and un-American is outrageous. I find that hard to believe.

The last thing is that we are un-American; the last thing.

In summary, everything and anything that we are doing here; any proposals, etc. will be circulated, they are going to come back to us, if they have to be tweaked they will be tweaked.

I will reiterate that your comments this evening should be respectful. It should be courteous and it should be respectful.

3. **Approval of Minutes of Meeting of December 21, 2017.**

MOTION: Trustee Miller

SECOND: Trustee Valentine

- Deputy Mayor Brock abstained. Deputy Mayor Brock was not at this meeting.

The Board was polled and voted 3-0 to Approve the Minutes of December 21, 2017.

4. **Approval of Minutes of Previous Meeting, January 18, 2018.**

MOTION: Trustee Miller

SECOND: Trustee Valentine

The Board was polled and voted 4-0 to Approve the Minutes of January 18, 2018.

5. **OPEN FLOOR PUBLIC DISCUSSION ON AGENDA ITEMS ONLY.**

Nancy Andre – 1 Sergio Ct., Chestnut Ridge, New York 10977:

- Complained about December 24, 2017, Christmas Eve.
- She was advised the very last minute that her street would be shut down.
- Was not notified until one day before by finding a notice in her mailbox.
- Thought people on the Board were hostile.
- Important for the people to talk about their concerns.
- Wanted people to respect other people's differences.
- People coming to her house visiting had no opportunity to come to her house.
- Should have the ability to come in and out of her house without asking permission.
- Celebrate whatever you want to celebrate but not on her property.
- People parked by her house and walked across her lawn to get to another house.
- Just wanted consideration from everyone.
- Voices are speaking loudly and speaking often.
- We are here as a community.

Mayor Presti:

- We are not passing anything this evening and will take into account the concerns that are addressed to us.

- Will take it under advisement.

Jerry Liebelson – 31 Midway Rd., Chestnut Ridge, New York 10977:

- I had nothing to do with that flyer; I am not affiliated with that.
- I attended the workshop.
- **The Parade Law** – On July 2, 2017 – without any advance notice to residents or Police, Spring Hill Terrace was blocked off by the Chaverim to hold a religious procession; a Torah dedication, parade.
- The Chaverim directed traffic on a busy **State Road; Rt. 45**.
- There were dozens of mini vans with families of small children and it was chaos.
- A large parade vehicle with extremely loud music.
- Police were finally summoned and there were just two policeman who were available and overwhelmed with the situation.
- The next morning garbage was strewn all over, soiled diapers; nothing like this should ever happen.
- I am pleased that you have finally drafted a formal law to address this.
- The law is seriously deficient in the following ways.
- There must be direct advance notification by the Village, not the parade applicant of the streets affected.
- The law must specify the number of days in advance before and manner of notification whether it's by mail, telephone poles, etc.
- Just to have public notices in Village Hall or on your Web Site or in local papers by themselves is not acceptable.
- We are talking about our homes and our streets.
- We need to know at least a week before that the street is going to be blocked off and there will be loud noise and zillions of kids and police.
- Maximum limit and time duration of these events needs to be specified.
- Set limits on the volume and type of notice.
- Define procedures for allowing paramedics and ambulances on a blocked off street during the event.
- Affirm the presence of Ramapo Police for the entire event.
- Who will pay for the cost of police involvement?
- Exactly by who and when will the street be cleaned up and the cost?

Mayor Presti:

- I don't object to any of these bullets.
- As laws are always revised, there is never any harm in trying to clarify it and we will look at it.

Hilda Kogut – 20 Pine Knoll Ct., Chestnut Ridge, New York 10977:

- Parade Law – Notice to the Village of five days in advance is not sufficient.
- Doesn't give the Village enough turn-around time to notify the residents.
- The only ones who should be involved is the Town of Ramapo Police and only the Ramapo Police Departments or their official auxiliary.
- Notification of residents to the community; you don't put things in people's mailbox.
- Not everyone is computer literate.
- People have to protect themselves and how they are going to do things on a particular date.

Mayor Presti:

- I addressed that with the Town of Ramapo Police.
- I cannot tell Ramapo Police how they are going to conduct.
- Ramapo Police Department are escorting.
- That's really on the Town of Ramapo as to whether they're going to have their Police only or put Chaverim there.
- We do not have access to everyone's e-mail or telephone.
- Give us the notice of your choice so you can be notified.

Hilda Kogut – 20 Pine Knoll Ct., Chestnut Ridge, New York 10977:

House of Worship – whenever this would be adopted before the approval

- Concerned there were no other members of the community sitting at the table. when this particular thing was drafted.
- There would be a grandfather process before this is approved.
- The idea people would be able to start signage
- It would be a great idea to have others religions at the table when this was drafted.

Mayor Presti:

- The inclusiveness went along the lines in the Village; we have our Mosque, we have a couple of Christians communities; we have a number of our Jewish Houses of Worship.
- We were trying to come up with a plan that applies to all religious practices and denominations.
- There was no exclusivity to the degree of what was going on.
- What we tried to do through the Planner, is he tried to look at other Villages.
- We didn't rely on one source.
- We tried to get some feedback.
- I don't know all my religions.

Jose Penna – 7 Appledale Lane, Chestnut Ridge, New York 10977:

- I think we could do a Parade on Old Nyack Turnpike to William's; it's a commercial lot and wouldn't affect these homes

Mayor Presti:

- I'm going to assume it was a Torah Parade that goes from one house to another house.
- If the house is not located along that route it wouldn't apply.
- The Fire Parade asked what they needed to do; that's really what triggered this.

Joel Celestin – 46 Spring Hill Terrace, Chestnut Ridge, New York 10977:

- Appreciated what the Mayor said about the diversity of the Village and applauded his efforts.
- Can you clarify Resolution No. 2018-17 –background; Houses of Worship?
- Do you know how many recognized religions in the world; it says 4,200.
- Would the Village have the ability of getting the input of 4,200 religions?
- There are others who are not religious; there are atheists.
- Do we have the ability in adopting this document to get their input?
- I am concerned about the Village and my taxes; all of our taxes would go up; the First Amendment and the Free Exercise Clause.

- Free Exercise Clause refers to the section of the First Amendment; Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion, or prohibiting the Free Exercise thereof...
- Please be careful with this because the Establishment Clause can open us up to a Law suit.

Mayor Presti:

- Before a Village can go and change their law that deals with Zoning you have to refer it to various agencies and the Planning Board.
- This is not a done deal; this is a proposal.
- Rockland County Planning may say you need to address this.
- This begins the process.
- We are following Federal and State Law of how they have to accommodate religions.
- There are Agnostics, Lutherans, etc.
- There is nothing to prevent anyone from laying in on what the Village is proposing.
- The whole idea of the Public Hearing is to let people know what we are talking about.
- The Establishment Clause is there hand and glove with RLUPA.
- I am aware of what you are saying.
- That's why what this Board tries to do is we try to follow the law.

Jerry Liebelson – 31 Midway Rd., Chestnut Ridge, NY 10977:

- The Resolution tonight is just to be referred to the Planning Board for comments; is that correct?
- They'll be a Public Hearing when it comes back to you.
- I think I will be recommending these changes to the Zoning Law; there are a lot of details in it to inspect and some are certainly contestable.
- There is a mess here in Chestnut Ridge and to deal with the menace of RLUPA at the same time.
- I think some very good work that was put forth from your Planning Consultants for a workable solution to the mess here in Chestnut Ridge.
- **Foil change** - I was a little confused by your description of it.
- The proposed text from the Village Attorney, Walter Sevastian, from the workshop which I attended; I don't believe it has changed.
- "To the extent you seek to have reproductions made of documents that have been stamped and/or sealed by a Design Professional you must obtain the written consent of that individual prior to any reproductions being made by the Village".
- I don't see anything here about signing some indemnification.
- What about reproductions made by the residents themselves directly with their cameras or smart phones; not by the Village; what I do when I Foil; does that require consent?
- Are you saying I can be sued by the Architect?

Mayor Presti:

- The Planning Board and other governmental agencies; not just the Planning Board.
- It's not so much consent, it's along the lines of it has to be disclosed to you that by making a copy, it may be proprietary, and by you taking that picture may be violating the Copyright Law.
- That's going to be the disclosure.

- We are going to have to come up with; i.e. “I, Jerry Liebelson am making copies of these documents that may be proprietary on my own volition knowing that there may be copywrite issues associated with it”.
- I am not going to prevent you from taking those pictures.

Jerry Liebelson – 31 Midway Rd., Chestnut Ridge, NY 10977:

- Are you saying I can be sued by the Architect?
- Why can't the Village say from the beginning if you want to work with the Village, if you want to have your plans submitted, put into public record it has to be surrendered.

Mayor Presti:

- We can't do that.

Trustee Miller:

- You can't get sued for making copies; it's what you do with those copies.

Mayor Presti:

- If that Architect builds a house and rides by and sees you built a house from those plans, you can be sued.

Jerry Liebelson – 31 Midway Terrace, Chestnut Ridge, New York 10977:

- These changes then will make a bad situation worse; as has been demonstrated at the Zoning Board of Appeals with the appeal of the Certificate of Occupancy. with 3 Spring Hill Terrace's so -called garage.
- And is being demonstrated with 10 Pine Knoll Ct., an on-going Appeal,
- Now occurring anew with 1 Carole Ct., and 453 S. Pascack Rd.
- You have been allowing the Building Inspector to cut off the residents of this Village from proper public questioning and comment on new construction that is either misrepresented or full of problems that the Planning Board should be scrutinizing for the real intended usage and the impact.
- Now you're taking the ability of residents like myself to inform each other as to the details of what's really going on with these properties when we have no public voice because the Building Inspector is shutting it off because you're allowing him to by not going through the Planning Board.
- I say, “you can't have it both ways and you are asking for a law suit.
- You have new residential construction that is not the new construction of yesterday year.
- We have no public voice by allowing the Building Inspector to shut us off and prevent scrutiny of properties that lead to things like 1 Karow Ct. and 3 Spring Hill Terrace.

Mayor Presti:

- Are you telling me that the Building Inspector wouldn't allow you to look at a file?

Jerry Liebelson – 31 Midway Road, Chestnut Ridge, New York 10977:

- No, that's not what I am talking about.
- We have what is new residential construction that is occurring in this Village that is not the new residential construction of yesterday year.
- It has other intended usage; it has other intended impact.

- My objective is you need to change the laws so that all new residential construction whether it be a garage, whether it be an addition, whether it be a renovation, (keep a corner of the foundation in tact) that all has to go before the Planning Board.
- Where it will be scrutinized for the true intended usage, the true impact to the environment to the neighborhood
- Most of all there will be a public forum for questions and comment.
- This is being what is denied right now.
- What I submitted is an example of the kind of information that I produce and circulate to other residents from a Foil Inspection; Freedom of Information Law.
- People living near 1 Karow Ct., 15 Appledale Lane., and countless others past and in the future, which they need to have in a timely manner so that they can file a complaint with the Village once they see things that don't look right.
- 1 Karow Ct., a huge excavation pit with a strange concrete pit going into the ground.
- This is exactly what Walter Sevastian, your Village Attorney relentlessly, relentlessly reminded us during the Zoning Board of Appeals meeting of 3 Spring Hill Terrace; that we were too late.
- It is onerous enough that busy residents have to know what looks fishy and act quickly with new residential construction; but now with this new change you are making this more difficult.; do you think I'm going to put my estate on the line here?
- You need to give us something on the end about going to the Planning Board.
- Recognizing the construction is being misrepresented.

Ellie Stern – 1 Robin Rd., Chestnut Ridge, New York 10977:

- **Speak to the Place of Worship – purposed law:**
- As a religious member of the Village living here for over a decade and not having had the avenue and the ability of being able to develop a place of worship within our residential neighborhood and within our legal rights this is a very welcome proposal.
- There are hundreds of families in the Village that have been waiting for this opportunity.
- We hope you'll be open to our comments so that this law could be developed in a fashion so that it will work for the diversified needs of the Village, be respectful and sensitive to the quality of life in the Village that we all appreciate and ultimately work for us to continue living peacefully with our neighbors.

Edward Sheridan – 46 Pascack Rd., Chestnut Ridge, New York 10977:

- I received this e-mail today regarding the Foil Law from the Department on Open Government.
- In our view the Village may not implement a Blanket Policy requiring that the request to obtain consent for a Design Professional
- If the Village wishes to deny any records, it must rely on the Statutory grounds for denial set forth in the Law.
- A Local Law cannot be more restrictive in terms of rights with access to State Law.
- Nowhere does it say we need to sign something.

Mayor Presti:

- No argument.
- We will address it.

Magali Dupuy – 49 Spring Hill Terrace, Chestnut Ridge, New York 109077:

- When I read the paper on Houses of Worship one thing came to mind; why are we doing this now?
- Why wasn't it done for the Coptic Church, for the Mosque, for the Forrester Church; the timing is a little strange to me.
- We have a lot of different Houses of Worship, but why is it being done only now, why wasn't it done before?

Mayor Presti:

- I've only been Mayor here for four years and a couple of months.
- I will speak as far as I interpret it.
- When I was on the Planning Board in 2001 I don't think we had any applications that I saw for Houses of Worship.
- The Coptic Church had just started, the Mosque was already here.
- I believe the Mosque was prior to the Village, but I'm not quite sure.
- **Audience Comments** - Was told The Village was established.
- My understanding is the Mosque didn't go through the vetting process in the Village; **Audience Comments** - was told it did.
- What I am getting at is this:
- Up until this period, point in time, actually a couple of years ago we did not have the need for neighborhood Houses of Worship that were under the 5-acre requirement.
- The Zoning Law that we had said you had to have 5 acres.
- The issue is as the Community has diversified there is a need for smaller and local Houses of Worship.
- You're not going to have 5 acres in the middle of Dexter Park that you are going to have for Houses of Worship.
- If you have under 5 acres you are going to have to get variances.
- You will need a multitude of variances and then you're going to have to go through the Planning Board.
- You are not supposed to zone by variance.
- In addition, if you make the applicant, if you make the user jump through more hoops than what's considered reasonably permitted. you're going to foul up the Establishment Clause which we addressed earlier today and RLUPA which we spoke about today.
- The long answer to your short question is we didn't have the need back then, now we do.

Magali Dupuy – 49 Spring Hill Terrace, Chestnut Ridge, New York 10977:

- Forrester Church, Mosque, Coptic Church (just got approval not too long ago), all had to go through the process.
- Asked why wasn't it started then to put this together, so that all Houses of Worship were included instead of excluded?
- Stated she felt that what she read excluded all other Houses of Worship.

Mayor Presti:

- That may be your interpretation; but that's not the case.

Susan Silverman – 6 Sky Place, Chestnut Ridge, New York 10977:

- Regarding the proposed residential Houses of Worship.

- Does that impact the tax status of those structures; will they become partially tax exempt, totally tax exempt?
- If that is just the consequence what does that mean for the Village?
- I think we have about 3,000 residences in the Village.; dwelling units.
- Has that been impacted at all or discussed at all?

Mayor Presti:

- We can't come up with Zoning that is somehow going to limit the amount of tax exemptions that the Village will possibly have to deal with.
- That is Statutory.
- If someone comes in with a House of Worship and they comply with the Statutory requirements for a partial exemption, they will be entitled to that.
- That goes through Ramapo; but is based upon Statutory provisions.

Susan Silverman – 6 Sky Place, Chestnut Ridge, New York 10977:

- So, the Village will have to deal with that.

Mayor Presti:

- Just like every other Village has to.

Marc Levine – 14 Lancaster Lane, Chestnut Ridge, New York 10977:

- The Foil Law – I think that should be taken off the Agenda.
- The way it's written it specifically says that you have to get into contact with the person who draw the plans.
- This is being drafted from 1993; it specifically states that a plan with raised seal from an Architect is **Foilable** and can be copied.
- The only ones that are questionable have to meet three copywrite standards, and that's the only ones that are questionable.

Mayor Presti:

- We can move this Foil without that page.
- **To the extent that you seek to have reproductions made of documents that have been stamped and/or sealed by a design professional, you must obtain the written consent of that individual prior to any reproductions being made by the Village.**
- When I request a motion to move this policy I am going to ask that it be amended to remove that particular paragraph.

Marc Levine – 14 Lancaster Lane, Chestnut Ridge, New York 10977:

- So the residents will just have to sign a document and the Village will provide copies when available.
- There is a Resolution to approve a tax settlement of \$1,799.11 tax settlement.
- Those properties were tax exempt for many years.
- I disagree with the rationale behind that.
- My question to you is now Maserati now occupies one of those sites.
- The ownership of these properties has changed.
- Are we receiving taxes now?

Lise Chanin – Treasurer.

- This is a result of Court action that was filed on behalf of Mr. Gaess and his why not LLC's. that he used to own the property there.

- They are not from current time and they are from previous years when he was the owner.
- They are from pieces that they were actually paying the full taxes on and not acquiring the Agricultural exemption that a number of those properties in that corner did.
- This is just for one property; he had a whole list which was the home area, which received the deduction; over two years, the others were denied a deduction.
- This is for two years from 2012 and 2011.
- Once the money transferred to the new owner they are now going to be paying the full taxable rate on that property unless they file another application for extension or whatever.

Hilda Kogut – 20 Pine Knoll Ct., Chestnut Ridge, New York 10977:

- Since we have adjusted the Foil Law, are we going to have an opportunity to see it as its' adjustment to make sure it's comfortable to us when it is re-drafted or amended?

Mayor Presti:

- Only the one paragraph which I am going to be recommending to exile; remove that paragraph.
- The rest of the document is as is.

Tzvi Miller – 12 Balmoral Drive, Chestnut Ridge, New York 10977:

- Wanted to make sure the Parade Law addresses all kinds of parade.
- He was blocked off because of a run and couldn't get onto Balmoral, his street.

Mayor Presti:

- It's going to apply to any event that's on Village streets that would affect Village homes; whether it's a run, a parade, a block party.

Dominick De Robertis– 9 New Ackertown Rd., Chestnut Ridge, New York 10977:

- Wanted to know if the Board oversaw the Planning Board in any way?
- Does the town have any rulings on respect to dwelling size, drafting of Architect's physical dimensions?
- Stated our communities are subject to structures that were not suitable for the Community.
- Wanted to know what the Board could do to oversee the Planning Board before the structures are put up?
- What determines rationale in the determination of the judgement of a structure?
- Why should it not be visually looked at by the Planning Board?

Mayor Presti:

- The Village establishes the Zoning regulations that deal with building foot prints, setbacks, things of that nature.
- Then when you are an applicant, depending upon what you are applying for you either go to the Planning Board or the Zoning Law to make sure your complying with those laws.
- The Village Board does not in any way try to tell the Zoning Board or the Planning Board what to do or how they are going to do it.
- Who determines whether the foot print of the building should be shrunken; "yes, the Village Board".

- The State Law provides the guidelines as to what applications go before the Zoning Board; what applications go before the Planning Board.
- **Mayor gave examples;** if you wanted to renovate your garage you would not have to go to the Planning Board, you would apply for a Permit;
- If building a structure to a home would affect a certain percentage of the floor, area ratio you would be going to the Architectural Review Board.
- If something would affect the set-backs you would have to go to the Zoning Board to get a Variance.
- Would they have to go through the Planning Board; probably not because that is not something the Planning Board does.
- It's done by Statutory Law.

Avraham Good - 17 Lomond Avenue, Chestnut Ridge, New York 10977:

- His understanding was Zonings are based on Community.
- In the Village of Chestnut Ridge there is about 3000 residents; roughly
- The residents have changed; 30% to 40% don't drive.
- Complained he was harassed; "you're turning into New Square, you are turning into Monsey".
- I grew up here.
- "It's not against the law to have twelve kids; it's against the law to harass people just because they have a different religion or are of a different ethic religion; that is against the law".

Ben McCullon – 726 S. Pascack Rd., Chestnut Ridge, NY 10977:

- In filing for a Permit for a Parade does someone have to present a Bond or have some type of insurance in case any damage was done?
- There could be accidents, etc.
- Could it be considered; there could be a lot of people on the street; there could be property damage, etc.

Mayor Presti:

- Didn't believe it was done for the Fire Department.
- We would have to access what type of function.

Jerry Liebelson – 31 Midway Road, Chestnut Ridge, New York 10977:

- Wanted the Foil procedure clarified regarding the paragraph.
- Said the Mayor would eliminate that paragraph but still require him to sign something so that the Village is not liable.
- Can he still take pictures?
- Can he still be sued?

Mayor Presti

- Stated he couldn't give him any legal advice.

Motion to Close the Public Hearing on the Agenda Items only.

MOTION: Deputy Mayor Brock

SECOND: Trustee Valentine

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

Mayor Presti:

What we are going to do is:

- We will continue the proposed law until the next meeting date.
- We will **Adjourn the Parade Public Hearing until March 22nd** or maybe until the next meeting after that if it still needs to be tweaked.
- I will speak with the Village Attorney and see if anything else has to be added.

Move to Adjourn Public Hearing on Parades until March 22, 2018.

MOTION: Deputy Mayor Brock

SECOND: Trustee Valentine

The Board was polled and voted 4-0 to Adjourn the Public Hearing on Parades.

Resolution No. 2018-10:

Motion to Adjourn Negative Declaration under SEQRA until March 22, 2018.

1. Resolution No. 2018-10

Resolution to adopt Local Law #___ of 2018, to amend the Village Code of the Village of Chestnut Ridge to adopt a new chapter entitled “Parades, Processions and Special Events” relative to regulating events proposed in the Village of Chestnut Ridge.

WHEREAS, the Village Board of the Village of Chestnut Ridge has noticed a Public Hearing with regard to the adoption of a new chapter entitled “Parades, Processions and Special Events” relative to regulating events proposed in the Village of Chestnut Ridge.

WHEREAS, a Public Hearing on the adoption of these proposed amendments to the Village Code was held on February 22, 2018;

WHEREAS, at least 10 days prior to the initial Public Hearing notification of same was published in the Rockland County Journal News pursuant to Village Law 7-706(1);

WHEREAS, the Village Board of Trustees had made and published initial SEQRA review of the proposed local law and find as follows:

That the proposed Village Code amendment was a “Type II” action constituting the adoption of a regulation, policy, or procedure in a local legislative decision with no effect on the environment (NYCRR 617.5(c)(27)).

That the proposed Village Code amendment did not involve a Federal agency (NYCRR §617.6[a][1][ii]).

That the proposed Village Code amendment did not involve one or more other agencies (NYCRR §617.6[a][1][iii]); since an “Involved Agency” is defined by NYCRR §617.2[s] as an agency that has jurisdiction by law to fund, approve or directly undertake an action.

That the proposed Village Code amendment was preliminarily classified as a Type II action which is not subject to SEQRA. See (NYCRR 617.5(c)(27)).

That it was the intention of the Village Board of Trustees to establish itself as the Lead Agency for the purpose of review of the proposed action under the provisions of the State Environmental Quality Review Act (SEQRA);

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Village Board of Trustees hereby establishes itself as the Lead Agency for the purpose of review of the proposed action under the provisions of the State Environmental Quality Review Act (SEQRA), and makes the following findings under NYCRR §617.7[c] with respect to the impact of the of the proposed amendment to the Village Code and its magnitude:

a. That the proposed amendment to the Village Code constitutes the adoption of a regulation, policy, or procedure in a local legislative decision with no effect on the environment (NYCRR 617.5(c)(27)), and therefore constitutes a Type II Action under SEQRA, and that no further action is required under SEQRA. Specifically, the requirement to receive a permit to hold a parade or special event in the Village of Chestnut Ridge has no effect on the environment.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that adoption of a new local law, entitled “Parades, Processions and Special Events” is hereby approved as drafted.

Local Law # _____ of 2018

Parades, Processions and Special Events

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§ -1. Declaration of intent.

It is hereby found and declared that the public health, safety and welfare requires that no parade, procession or special event be held in the Village of Chestnut Ridge, except as regulated by this chapter.

§ -2. Definitions.

As used in this chapter, the following terms shall have the meanings indicated:

PARADE or PROCESSION

A recognizable group of 10 or more vehicles, or 20 or more persons not riding in vehicles, proposing to march or proceed along any public street or roadway.

SPECIAL EVENT

Social festivals, celebrations or parties; street fairs, carnivals; circuses; fund-raising events; and road races (pedestrian or vehicular), which events take place on public property, or on private property open to the public, and which cause the Village to expend municipal resources to monitor same in order to protect the public health, safety or welfare.

§ -3. Permit required.

No parade or procession shall occupy, march or proceed along any public street or roadway at any time, nor shall any special event take place on public property, or on private property open to the public, unless a permit to do so at that time has been obtained from the Village Clerk, or by the Village Board if required under Section 6 below. No person shall take part in or start any such parade, procession or special event unless a permit for said procession, parade or special

event has been issued by the Village Clerk, and no person shall take part in any parade, procession or special event which is proceeding in a manner not in accordance with the terms of such permit.

§ -4. Exceptions.

The provisions of this chapter shall not apply to:

A.

Funeral processions.

B.

Parades, processions or special events declared by resolution of the Board of Trustees to be sponsored by the Village of Chestnut Ridge or as a part of official Village ceremonies.

§ -5. Application for permit.

Application for a permit shall be made to the Village Clerk not less than 15 days, not counting holidays or Sundays, prior to the proposed date of the parade, procession or special event. Special events, parades or processions that are held annually may apply for approval as of January 1 of the calendar year; however, in all cases, applications shall be considered on a first-come, first-served basis. Such application shall contain a written verification as to its contents and shall contain the following information:

A.

The names of the organizations participating.

B.

The purpose for which the parade, procession or special event is to be held.

C.

The name of the person (or persons, in the case of a committee without a chairman) chiefly responsible for the marshaling and organization of the parade, procession or special event.

D.

The date and hours during which the parade, procession or special event is proposed to be held.

E.

The number of persons expected to participate in the parade, procession or special event.

F.

A description of the type of parade, procession or special event proposed to be held, including information concerning any of the following:

(1)

Bands participating.

(2)

Floats and other vehicles.

(3)

Organization of participants.

G.

The proposed route or location which the parade, procession or special event will occupy or pass.

H.

Measures to be taken to ensure proper organization and movement of the parade, procession or special event and adequate crowd control.

I.

Any other information which may be required by the Board of Trustees.

J.

A statement of how notice of the parade or Special Event will be provided to residents affected by the event.

§ -6. Approval procedure.

The Village Clerk shall promptly advise the Mayor and the Chief of the Ramapo Police of any and all applications for permits under this chapter. If advised by any of these officials that the procession, parade or special event for which the permit is sought would endanger public health or safety or be detrimental to the public welfare, the Village Clerk shall promptly notify the members of the Board of Trustees of such determination, and the Board of Trustees shall, in issuing the permit, include reasonable content-neutral conditions designed to protect the public health, safety and welfare.

§ -7. Issuance of permit.

Upon application duly made, as provided in § -5, and approved by the Board of Trustees, a permit for the procession, parade or special event shall be issued by the Village Clerk upon payment of the required fees as follows:

A.

For parades and processions, payment of the required fee of \$100 within five days, not counting holidays or Sundays, after the application is made.

B.

For special events, payment of the required fee of \$100 within five days, not counting holidays or Sundays, after the application is made.

§ -8. Denial of permit.

Any application for a permit for a parade, procession, or special event may be summarily denied by the Village Clerk, or by the Board of Trustees, if:

A.

The parade, procession or special event for which a permit is sought would conflict with another parade, procession or special event for which a permit is to be or has been issued and for which application was made previous to the application to be rejected.

B.

The parade, procession or special event would conflict with a parade, procession or special event to which this chapter does not apply.

C.

The parade, procession or special event is to be held for the purpose of advertising any commercial product, goods or event or is designated purely for private profit.

D.

The application does not comply with § -5 herein.

§ -9. Contents of permit.

Each permit issued under this chapter shall specify:

A.

The names of the organizations participating.

B.

The name of the person (or persons, in the case of a committee without a chairman) chiefly responsible for the marshaling and organization of the parade, procession or special event.

C.

The public street, roadway or location through which the parade, procession or special event may move and how much of these public streets, roadways or locations, in width, it may occupy.

D.

The date and the hours during which the parade, procession or special event may proceed.

E.

Reasonable, content-neutral conditions, if same are required as set forth in § -6.

§ -10. Public conduct.

A.

No person shall drive any vehicle between the vehicles or persons comprising a parade, procession or special event proceeding in accordance with the terms of a permit therefor duly issued by the Village Clerk when such vehicles or persons are in motion and are conspicuously designated as a parade, procession or special event.

B.

No person shall unreasonably hamper, obstruct, impede or interfere with any person, vehicle or animal participating in or being used in such a parade, procession or special event.

C.

No vendor licensed to merchandise goods or wares at any parade, procession or special event shall engage with or position a cart utilized to carry goods or wares in such a manner that in any way interferes with participants in such parade, procession or special event.

D.

No person shall engage in a course of conduct which violates the provisions of § 240.20 or 240.26 of the Penal Law.

§ -10.1. Penalties for offenses.

Any person who shall violate any of the provisions of this chapter shall be subject to a penalty as follows:

A.

For a first offense, a fine of not less than \$500 and not more than \$1,500;

B.

For a second offense within 24 months, as measured from occurrence to occurrence, a fine of not less than \$1,500 and not more than \$3,500;

C.

For a third or more offense within 24 months, as measured from occurrence to occurrence, a fine of not less than \$3,500 and not more than \$10,000, or by imprisonment not to exceed 30 days, or both.

§ -11. Parking along route.

The Village of Chestnut Ridge and/or the Town of Ramapo Police Department shall have the authority to prohibit or restrict the parking of vehicles along a highway or part thereof constituting a part of the route of a parade, procession or special event and to cause signs to such effect to be posted, and it shall be unlawful and a violation of this chapter for any person to park or leave unattended any vehicle upon any such posted highway or portion thereof.

§ -12. Payment of costs.

The applicant shall pay the following costs incurred by the Village of Chestnut Ridge as a result of a parade, procession or special event:

A.

Administrative costs in application processing: no charge.

B.

Department of Public Works: actual costs as invoiced to permittee.

C.

Parking enforcement: no charge.

§ -13. Severability.

If any part or provision of this chapter or the application thereof to any person or circumstance is adjudged to be invalid by any court of competent jurisdiction, such judgment shall be confined in its operation to the part, provision or application directly involved in the controversy in which such judgment shall have been rendered and shall not affect or impair the validity of the remainder of this chapter or the application thereof to any other person or circumstances.

This Local Law shall be effective immediately upon filing with the Secretary of State

Resolution No. 2018-10 to Adjourn the Negative Declaration under SEQRA and adopt the Local Law –

Move to Adjourn and hold over the Negative Declaration under SEQRA and Adjourn and hold over the Local Law entitled “Parades, Processions and Special Events.

MOTION: Deputy Mayor Brock

SECOND: Trustee Valentine

The Board was polled and voted 4-0 to Adjourn and hold over to March 22, 2018 the Negative Declaration under SEQRA and Adjourn and hold over the Local Law entitled “Parades, Procession and Special Events.

Resolution No. 2018-11:

Resolution to adopt Local Law # 1 of 2018, to amend the Village Code of the Village of Chestnut Ridge to amend Local Law #2 of 2007, “Alternative Veterans Real Estate Tax Exemption”, to modify the maximum Alternative Veterans Real Estate Tax Exemption as authorized by State Law

Public Hearing on a proposed local law to amend Local Law #2 of 2007, “Alternative Veterans Real Estate Tax Exemption”, to modify the maximum Alternative Veterans Real Estate Tax Exemption as authorized by State Law.

- **Mayor Presti – We already discussed this as it relates to the Veterans Real Estate Tax Exemption at the Public Hearing.**
- **No one from the public wished to speak.**

Motion to Close the Public Hearing on the proposed Local law to amend Local Law #2 of 2007, “Alternative Veterans Real Estate Tax Exemption, to modify the maximum Alternative Veterans Real Estate Tax Exemption as authorized by State Law.

MOTION: Trustee Valentine

SECOND: Trustee Miller

The Board was polled 4-0 to Close the Public Hearing on Alternative Veterans Real Estate Tax Exemption.

Resolution No. 2018-11

To adopt Negative Declaration under SEQRA and adopt the Local Law.

WHEREAS, the Village Board of the Village of Chestnut Ridge has noticed a Public Hearing with regard to the adopt amendments to the existing Code chapter entitled “Alternative Veterans Real Estate Tax Exemption”, to modify the maximum Alternative Veterans Real Estate Tax Exemption as authorized by State Law.

WHEREAS, a Public Hearing on the adoption of these proposed amendments to the Village Code was held on February 22, 2018;

WHEREAS, at least 10 days prior to the initial Public Hearing notification of same was published in the Rockland County Journal News pursuant to Village Law 7-706(1);

WHEREAS, the Village Board of Trustees had made and published initial SEQRA review of the proposed amendments and finds as follows:

That the proposed Village Code amendment was a “Type II” action constituting the adoption of a regulation, policy, or procedure in a local legislative decision with no effect on the environment (NYCRR 617.5(c)(27)).

That the proposed Village Code amendment did not involve a Federal agency (NYCRR §617.6[a][1][ii]).

That the proposed Village Code amendment did not involve one or more other agencies (NYCRR §617.6[a][1][iii]); since an “Involved Agency” is defined by NYCRR §617.2[s] as an agency that has jurisdiction by law to fund, approve or directly undertake an action.

That the proposed Village Code amendment was preliminarily classified as a Type II action which is not subject to SEQRA. See (NYCRR 617.5(c)(27)).

That it was the intention of the Village Board of Trustees to establish itself as the Lead Agency for the purpose of review of the proposed action under the provisions of the State Environmental Quality Review Act (SEQRA);

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Village Board of Trustees hereby establishes itself as the Lead Agency for the purpose of review of the proposed action under the provisions of the State Environmental Quality Review Act (SEQRA), and makes the following findings under NYCRR §617.7[c] with respect to the impact of the of the proposed amendment to the Village Code and its magnitude:

a. That the proposed amendment to the Village Code constitutes the adoption of a regulation, policy, or procedure in a local legislative decision with no effect on the environment (NYCRR 617.5(c)(27)), and therefore constitutes a Type II Action under SEQRA, and that no further action is required under SEQRA. Specifically, the adoption of tax exemptions for veterans residing in the Village of Chestnut Ridge has no effect on the environment.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that adoption of a new local law, entitled “Alternative Veterans Real Estate Tax Exemption”, is hereby approved as drafted.

Motion to adopt Negative Declaration under SEQRA and adopt the Local Law No. 1 of 2018 as it relates to the Veterans Real Estate Tax Exemption.

MOTION: Trustee Valentine

SECOND: Trustee Miller

The Board was polled and voted 4-0 to adopt Local Law No. 1 – 2018.

. LOCAL LAW NO. 1-2018

A LOCAL LAW AMENDING LOCAL LAW NO. 2 of 2007 - ALTERNATIVE
VETERAN'S EXEMPTION) TO INCREASE THE AMOUNT OF THE ALLOWABLE
EXEMPTION

BE IT ENACTED by the Village Board as follows:

Section 1. Amend Local Law No. 2 of 2007 to read as follows:

"As authorized by Section 458-a of the Real Property Tax Law, the Village of Chestnut Ridge does hereby increase the maximum exemption allowable in paragraphs (a), (b) and (c) of that provision to Seventy-Five Thousand (\$75,000.00) Dollars, Fifty Thousand (\$50,000.00) Dollars, and Two Hundred Fifty Thousand (\$250,000.00) Dollars, respectively."

Section 2. Effective Date

This Local Law shall become effective immediately upon being filed with the Secretary of State.

3. Resolution No. 2018-12

Public Hearing on a proposed local law to grant a Real Property Tax exemption for Cold War Veterans.

No one wished to speak.

Motion to Close the Public Hearing on a Real Property Tax exemption for Cold War Veterans.

MOTION: Trustee Miller

SECOND: Trustee Valentine

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

Resolution to adopt Local Law #2 of 2018, to grant a Real Property Tax exemption for Cold War Veterans.

WHEREAS, the Village Board of the Village of Chestnut Ridge has noticed a Public Hearing with regard to the adoption of a new chapter entitled “Real Property Tax exemption for Cold War Veterans”;

WHEREAS, a Public Hearing on the adoption of these proposed amendment to the Village Code was held on February 22, 2018;

WHEREAS, at least 10 days prior to the initial Public Hearing notification of same was published in the Rockland County Journal News pursuant to Village Law 7-706(1);

WHEREAS, the Village Board of Trustees had made and published initial SEQRA review of the proposed amendments and finds as follows:

That the proposed Village Code amendment was a “Type II” action constituting the adoption of a regulation, policy, or procedure in a local legislative decision with no effect on the environment (NYCRR 617.5(c)(27)).

That the proposed Village Code amendment did not involve a Federal agency (NYCRR §617.6[a][1][ii]).

That the proposed Village Code amendment did not involve one or more other agencies (NYCRR §617.6[a][1][iii]); since an “Involved Agency” is defined by NYCRR §617.2[s] as an agency that has jurisdiction by law to fund, approve or directly undertake an action.

That the proposed Village Code amendment was preliminarily classified as a Type II action which is not subject to SEQRA. See (NYCRR 617.5(c)(27)).

That it was the intention of the Village Board of Trustees to establish itself as the Lead Agency for the purpose of review of the proposed action under the provisions of the State Environmental Quality Review Act (SEQRA);

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Village Board of Trustees hereby establishes itself as the Lead Agency for the purpose of review of the proposed action under the provisions of the State Environmental Quality Review Act (SEQRA), and makes the following findings under NYCRR §617.7[c] with respect to the impact of the of the proposed amendment to the Village Code and its magnitude:

- a. That the proposed amendment to the Village Code constitutes the adoption of a regulation, policy, or procedure in a local legislative decision with no effect on the environment (NYCRR 617.5(c)(27)), and therefore constitutes a Type II Action under SEQRA, and that no further action is required under SEQRA. Specifically, the adoption of

tax exemptions for veterans residing in the Village of Chestnut Ridge has no effect on the environment.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that adoption of a new local law, entitled “Real Property Tax exemption for Cold War Veterans”, is hereby approved as drafted.

Resolution No. 2018-12 to adopt Negative Declaration under SEQRA and adopt the Local Law.

Local Law #2 of 2018

**A LOCAL LAW AUTHORIZING THE GRANTING OF
REAL PROPERTY TAX EXEMPTIONS FOR COLD WAR VETERANS**

BE IT ENACTED by the Village Board of the Village of Chestnut Ridge

as follows: Section 1. Legislative Intent.

Section 458-b of the Real Property Tax Law authorizes the Village to adopt a local law granting a partial tax exemption for "Cold War Veterans."

Section 2. Definitions.

As used in this section:

- (a) "**Cold War** veteran" means a person, male or female, who served on active duty for a period of more than three hundred sixty-five days in the United States armed forces, during the time period from September second, nineteen hundred forty-five to December twenty-sixth, nineteen hundred ninety-one, was discharged or released therefrom under honorable conditions and has been awarded the **Cold War** recognition certificate as authorized under Public Law 105-85, the 1998 National Defense Authorization Act.
- (b) "Armed forces" means the United States army, navy, marine corps, air force, and coast guard.
- (c) "Active duty" means full-time duty in the United States armed forces, other than active duty for training.
- (d) "Service connected" means, with respect to disability or death, that such disability was incurred or aggravated, or that the death resulted from a disability incurred or aggravated, in line of duty on active military, naval or air service.
- (e) "Qualified owner" means a **Cold War** veteran, the spouse of a **Cold War** veteran, or the un-remarried surviving spouse of a deceased **Cold War** veteran. Where property is owned by more than one qualified owner, the exemption to which each is entitled may be combined. Where a veteran is also the un-remarried surviving spouse of a veteran, such person may also receive any exemption to which the deceased spouse was entitled.
- (f) "Qualified residential real property" means property owned by a qualified

owner which is used exclusively for residential purposes; provided, however, that in the event that any portion of such property is not used exclusively for residential purposes, but is used for other purposes, such portion shall be subject to the exemption provided by this section. Such property shall be the primary residence of the **Cold War** veteran or the un-remarried surviving spouse of a **Cold War** veteran; unless the **Cold War** veteran or un-remarried surviving spouse is absent from the property due to medical reasons or institutionalization for up to five years.

- (g) "Latest state equalization rate" means the latest final state equalization rate or special equalization rate established by the commissioner pursuant to article twelve of this chapter. The commissioner shall establish a special equalization rate if it finds that there has been a material change in the level of assessment since the establishment of the latest state equalization rate, but in no event shall such special equalization rate exceed one hundred. In the event that the state equalization rate exceeds one hundred, then the state equalization rate shall be one hundred for the purposes of this section. Where a special equalization rate is established for purposes of this section, the assessor is directed and authorized to recompute the **Cold War veterans** exemption on the assessment roll by applying such special equalization rate instead of state equalization rate applied in the previous year and to make the appropriate corrections on the assessment roll, notwithstanding the fact that such assessor may receive the special equalization rate after the completion, verification and filing of such final assessment roll. In the event that the assessor does not have custody of the roll when such re-computation is accomplished, the assessor shall certify such re-computation to the local officers having custody and control of such roll, and such local officers are hereby directed and authorized to enter the computed **Cold War Veterans** exemption certified by the assessor on such roll.
- (h) "Latest class ratio" means the latest final class ratio established by the commissioner pursuant to title one of article twelve of this chapter for use in a special assessing unit as defined in section eighteen hundred one of this chapter.
- (i) "Latest class ratio" means the latest final class ratio established by the commissioner pursuant to title one of article twelve of this chapter for use in a special assessing unit as defined in section eighteen hundred one of this chapter.

Section 3. Grant of Exemption.

- (a) Qualifying residential real property shall be exempt from taxation to the extent of either: (i) ten percent of the assessed value of such property; provided however, that such exemption shall not exceed eight thousand dollars or the product of eight thousand dollars multiplied by the latest state equalization rate of the assessing unit, or, in the case of a special assessing unit, the latest class ratio, whichever is less or; (ii) fifteen percent of the assessed value of such property; provided however, that such exemption shall not exceed twelve thousand dollars or the product of twelve thousand dollars multiplied by the latest state equalization rate for the assessing unit, or, in the case of a special assessing unit, the latest class ratio, whichever is less.

- (b) In addition to the exemption provided by paragraph (a) of this Section where the **Cold War** veteran received a compensation rating from the United States veterans affairs or from the United States department of defense because of a service connected disability, qualifying residential real property shall be exempt from taxation to the extent of the product of the assessed value of such property, multiplied by fifty percent of the **Cold War** veteran disability rating; provided, however, that such exemption shall not exceed forty thousand dollars, or the product of forty thousand dollars multiplied by the latest state equalization rate for the assessing unit.
- (c) If a Cold War veteran received the exemption under section four hundred fifty- eight or four hundred fifty-eight-a of the Real Property Tax Law, the **Cold War** veteran shall not be eligible to receive the exemption under this section.
- (d) The exemption provided by paragraph (a) of this section shall be granted for a period of ten years. The commencement of such ten-year period shall be governed pursuant to this subparagraph. Where a qualified owner owns qualifying residential real property on the effective date of this Local Law, such ten- year period shall be measured from the assessment roll prepared pursuant to the first taxable status date occurring on or after the effective date of this Local Law. Where a qualified owner does not own qualifying residential real property on the effective date of this Local Law, such ten year period shall be measured from the assessment roll prepared pursuant to the first taxable status date occurring at least sixty days after the date of purchase of qualifying residential real property; provided, however, that should the veteran apply for and be granted an exemption on the assessment roll prepared pursuant to a taxable status date occurring within sixty days after the date of purchase of residential real property, such ten year period shall be measured from the first assessment roll in which the exemption occurs. If, before the expiration of such ten- year period, such exempt property is old and replaced with other residential real property, such exemption may be granted pursuant to this subdivision for the unexpired portion of the ten- year exemption period.
- (e) Application for exemption shall be made by the owner, or all of the owners, of the property on a form prescribed by the state board. The owner or owners shall file the completed form in the assessor's office on or before the first appropriate taxable status date. The owner or owners of the property shall be required to refile each year. Applicants shall refile on or before the appropriate taxable status date. Any applicant convicted of willfully making any false statement in the application for such exemption shall be subject to the penalties prescribed in the penallaw.

Section 4.

Effective Date.

This Local Law shall become effective immediately upon being filed with the Secretary of State.

Motion to adopt Local Law #2 on Cold War veteran's exemption.

MOTION: Deputy Mayor Brock

SECOND: Trustee Valentine

The Board was polled and voted 4-0 to adopt Local Law #2 of 2018.

Resolution No. 2018-13

Resolution to award contract to Santiago Moving Worldwide for record relocation to the 500 Building for \$3,510.00.

WHEREAS the Village Clerk has sought proposals for the moving of Village records to 500 Chestnut Ridge Road; and

WHEREAS, the Village Clerk has reviewed the proposals and recommended that the Village enter into contract with Santiago Moving Worldwide to complete the work.

RESOLVED, that the Mayor is authorized to execute a contract with Santiago Moving Worldwide for record relocation to the 500 Building for \$3,510.00.

MOTION: Trustee Miller

SECOND: Deputy Mayor Brock

The Board was polled and voted 4-0 to Approve contract with Santiago Moving Worldwide.

5. Resolution No. 2018-14:

Resolution to approve payment of \$1,799.11 in a tax certiorari settlement on tax parcels 68.9-2-16, 18, 19, 20, and 21 (Owner Anthony Gaess, Y Not One LLC, Y Not Two LLC, Y Not Three LLC.

RESOLVED, that pursuant to Court Order in a tax certiorari proceeding, the sum of \$1,799.11 is hereby authorized to be refunded to Anthony Gaess, Y Not One LLC, Y Not Two LLC, Y Not Three LLC, the owner of Ramapo tax lots 68.9-2-16, 18, 19, 20, and 21.

MOTION: Trustee Valentine

SECOND: Deputy Mayor Brock

The Board was polled and voted 4-0 to Approve Resolution No. 2018-14.

6. Resolution No. 2018-15

RESOLVED, that the FOIL Policy for the Village of Chestnut Ridge is hereby adopted as amended.

- Move to exile last paragraph – To the extent that you shall seek etc.

Motion to approve Foil Policy and Remove Last Paragraph.

MOTION: Deputy Mayor Brock

SECOND: Trustee Valentine

The Board was polled and voted 4-0 to Approve Resolution No. 2018-15.

7. Resolution No. 2018-16

Resolution to award contract in the amount of \$4,985.00 to Bullet Security for the installation of cameras in Village Hall.

WHEREAS the Village Clerk has sought proposal for the installation of cameras in Village Hall; and

WHEREAS, the Village Clerk has reviewed the proposals and recommended that the Village enter into contract with Bullet Security to complete the work.

RESOLVED, that the Mayor is authorized to execute a in the amount of \$4,985.00 to Bullet Security for the installation of cameras in Village Hall.

MOTION: Trustee Miller

SECOND: Trustee Valentine

The Board was polled and voted 4-0 to Approve Resolution No. 2018-16.

8. Resolution No. 2018-17

Resolution to refer the draft Local Law relative to Places of Worship in the Village of Chestnut Ridge to the Rockland County Planning Board, Town of Ramapo, and Village of Spring Valley for comment pursuant to the General Municipal Law, and to solicit comments from the Chestnut Ridge Planning Board on the local law pursuant to the provisions of the New York State Village Law.

RESOLVED, that the Village Clerk is directed to refer the draft Local Law relative to Places of Worship in the Village of Chestnut Ridge to the Rockland County Planning Board, Town of Ramapo, Village of Spring Valley, and the Chestnut Ridge Planning Board for comment as required under New York State Law.

MOTION: Trustee Miller

SECOND: Trustee Valentine

The Board was polled and voted 4-0 to refer draft Local Law relative to Places of Worship in the Village of Chestnut Ridge.

9. Resolution No. 2018-18:

RESOLVED, that General Fund Claims set forth on **pages 1 through 4** in the **aggregate amount of \$140,790.72** as set forth on **Abstract No. 2018-2 dated February 22, 2018** as submitted by the **Village Treasurer, are hereby approved.**

MOTION: Deputy Mayor Brock

SECOND: Trustee Miller

The Board was polled and voted 4-0 to Approve Resolution No. 2018-18.

Open Floor Public Discussion

Lee March Grayson – 42 Wilshire Drive, Chestnut Ridge, New York 10977:

- Questioned status of Red Schoolhouse Rd., between De Salvo and Summit, the Corridor Study?
- Any discussion of a **Tree Ordinance** in the Village to preserve trees in the Village to prevent the cutting down of trees which created an esthetic blight in the area we were talking about?
- Will the Village consider an Ordinance that will require an owner to get an approval before the cutting down of trees to preserve the neighborhood.?
- Asked if there was going to be any time line of when this topic will be taken up and discussed?
- There are actually laws that curtail what people can do with their property; such as Zoning Ordinance and the like.
- Some properties last summer were removing scores and scores of trees.
- It continued even after the Zoning Board passed a Resolution.
- Was hoping the Board could get together and do something, while we have trees in the Village.

Mayor Presti:

- The Planner is still putting together the summary from our Charret Workshop.
- Max Stach advises me he should be getting back to the Village regarding the Corridor Study within a few weeks.
- There may be some proposals from the Planner to implementing some Zone changes but that is not a guarantee.
- The notice will be available as soon as we have it.
- As much as there are some folks who feel there should be some type of restrictions regarding cutting down of trees; there are just as many who feel they have the right to cut down trees on their property as long as they are not affecting their neighbors; “don’t tell me what I can do with my trees”.

Deputy Mayor Brock:

- No; there is no timeline.
- If I don’t like what’s going on next door, I’m going to block it out.

Hilda Kogut – 20 Pine Knoll Ct., Chestnut Ridge, New York 10977:

- 750 Chestnut Ridge Rd., property that came before the Zoning Board in August; regarding Code and Fire issues, etc.; it has not been back and it’s been six or seven months.
- It seems ridiculous it hasn’t been addressed so far.
- Will the Village give out more yellow sashes; it’s getting warm now and a lot people are walking to Shul on Friday night; encouraged people to pick them up.
- I live on a street that is mixed for 25 years and I am not a very religious person; I kind of feel like an outsider.
- It happens to all of us.

- We all need to find a common ground and be respectful of one another.

Ben McCullom – 726 S. Pascack Rd., Chestnut Ridge, New York 10977:

- S. Pascack to where it connects North Avenue where it crosses over has become a major thoroughfare for school buses.
- A lot more children in the area playing; a dangerous situation.
- From the hours of two to five, the dusk is the worst.
- The buses are going real, real fast.
- Can hear them accelerate.
- Could we get the Ramapo Police Department to spend more hours down there?
- Could we get a speed sign set up there?
- Condo complex on Schoolhouse Rd. Montvale closing down the road down there periodically where it relates to traffic in Chestnut Ridge, the pavement will not last too long; can we find a way to detour them in a more proper way?

Tony Everso – 40 Wilshire Drive, Chestnut Ridge, New York 10977:

- I stopped the bus with my car at 5:30 at night flying around the corner.
- We call the bus company; nothing is done.

Mayor Presti:

- Since we do not have a Police Department we rely on Ramapo Police Department who have always been very responsive and very respectful.
- We will relay the hot spots to the Ramapo Police and when they're able to they will come out there.
- All we can do and we will continue to do is remind the bus companies that they need to follow the traffic laws.
- We will send out a letter again that we have advised East Ramapo School District because technically they are supposed to be overseeing all the other school bus companies in the district.

Hal Sherman – 8 Pine Knoll Ct., Chestnut Ridge, New York 10977:

- Street lights – Summit.
- On the corner by Parking lot, light out.
- Michell said the lights out by Children's Park, on Grotke.

Mayor Presti:

- We need residents with the number in front on their house.
- Please call Village Hall with the Pole number.

Mike Sandak – 18 Blue Jay Street, Chestnut Ridge, NY 10977:

- Let's keep the trees, the beautification of the neighborhood.
- You tell me to plant trees, I am not going to live for another 100 years for the trees to grow up.
- At 4 Hawk Street they are building a house; they literally and figurately cut down every tree.
- Who does the Building Inspector Report to?
- If you are diametrically opposed to what he is going to do, who has recourse?

Mayor Presti:

- The position of the Building Department is really supposed to be fairly independent from any outside pressures from the governing body.
- Ultimately, he reports to me because obviously I sign the checks
- He is accountable to the Board and to me as Mayor.
- I cannot say, “Mr. Building Inspector – improve this, deny that”.
- I can say, “I drove by and saw this; and I question that”.
- He is supposed to make his decision; I cannot tell him what to do.
- Let’s say he goes and approves something, we as a Board can challenge his decision before the Zoning Board if it was such a diametric position; is it permitted by law.
- That would be the option if it was so diametric.

Trustee Miller:

- Behaviorally; not behaving, not responsive we can do something.
- He is ultimately on his own until it gets reviewed by law.

Renee Barragan – 43 Summit Rd., Chestnut Ridge, New York 10977:

- House under construction, 8 Hamilton Lane.
- At a halt for two months. everything all open.
- Fence was partially taken down to move dirt.
- There is an inground pool in the backyard.
- What are the laws regarding fencing?
- Three panels gone.

Mayor Presti:

- Site is supposed to be secure; we will pass it along to Code Inspector.

Sabrina Martin -2 Ronwood Rd., Chestnut Ridge, New York 10977:

- -There is a law on the books already; Local Law 11 – of the year 1987.

Mayor Presti:

- We do have a law that restricts the clear cutting down of trees as far as developers are concerned.
- That’s something the Planning Board gets involved with; usually occurs during sub- divisions and developments.
- The Planning Board will make sure the developer preserves certain caliber trees.
- The developer will have to mark the trees, clear what the Planning Board allows them to clear; the tree plan must match the site plan.
- Before any CO, Permit can be issued.
- Let’s say they took out a tree they weren’t supposed to, they would have to replace the tree with the same caliber tree.
- We do have a law addressing it, but that law is not akin to, “before you can cut down a tree on your lawn, you have to go to the Town.

- Once you move into your home, they would tell you “no”, unless you have an Arborist who tells you the tree is diseased tree.
- That is the type of law, I believe, Mr. Grayson is alluding to.
- The dichotomy becomes once you now move into your home, and you don’t like a tree the developer left right by your patio, you as a homeowner, can remove the tree.

Sabrina Martin – 2 Ronwood Rd., Chestnut Ridge, New York 10977:

- **Read: General Regulations from Local Law 11 of the year 1987:**
- **A permit from the Planning Board shall be required for any operation, under this law, which is hereby defined as any land filling, excavation, regrading, removal, stripping, or disturbance of topsoil, earth, sand, gravel rock, or pond, or the removal of trees 12 inches diameter breast height or greater which are more than 100 feet from an existing one-family residence.**
- So, you would need a Permit.
- Nearby where I am at they cut down about twelve trees.

Mayor Presti:

- The context you’re reading is during development and during soil moving.
- That’s not your run of the mill property owner who has now purchased their home and wants to cut down a tree.

Jerry Liebelson- 31 Midway Road, Chestnut Ridge, New York 10977:

- If it’s more than 100 feet from an existing one-family residence, and it’s 12” diameter breast height or greater you need a Permit.
- Everette told me one or two trees he’s not going to go after, it’s really intended for the mass cutting.

Lee March Grayson – 42 Wilshire Drive, Chestnut Ridge, New York 10977:

- Basically, what you’re saying is the law says is you can’t cut down trees to create a parking lot; that’s what happened by De Salvo.

Mayor Presti:

- We’ve addressed the question and we will look into it.

Joel Celestin – 46 Spring Hill Terrace, Chestnut Ridge, New York 10977:

- What is your position and plan to support the NYS Department of State DOS Cease and Desist Order for the Village of Chestnut Ridge?
- I think we are one of three Cities, Towns, Villages that were granted a Cease and Desist Order.
- Tired of receiving flyers telling us to sell our homes; it is all tied to blockbusting.
- What is your plan to educate the public?
- I read the article and it said we have until April 16th to write to the DOS.

Mayor Presti:

- The State Department has not let us know what the procedure is going to be when they implement it.
- My presumption after reading the law that was made available to me is that the State is going to be the enforcement authority.
- Obviously, the Village will be cooperative as any Village would be.
- They are at a stage right now where they are entertaining comments for the next sixty days.
- They look at the comments; they may tweak the law, they may keep it the way it is.
- The anticipation is the law will be in effect July 1, 2018.
- Then we will support it like we would any other law.

Joel Celestin – 46 Spring Hill Terrace, Chestnut Ridge, New York 10977:

Under the NYS efficiency plan – Governor Cuomo has this proposal to offset the cost of Code Enforcement.

Mayor Presti:

- That is Shared Services.
- The County is facilitating the group to coordinate the sharing of services.
- Let's say it had \$30,000.00; it would give each Village ten thousand dollars from Albany.
- There was no money coming from Rockland County to encourage a Village to do something like that.
- I addressed those issues when we were looking for a Building Inspector, Code Enforcement Officer; even a Fire Inspector.
- I reached out to Rockland County and it was very difficult to find people who have the education qualifications to fill the job of Building Inspector, Code Enforcer, Fire Inspector.
- Rockland County said they didn't have the people to fill that code set.
- We have had numerous meetings; when you share services, you don't have the accountability like when it's your own.
- I want to have my own person available to me.
- It not like they have a pile of money and if we share services we will get it.
- The regulations are pretty thick and we are still going through it.

Jerry Liebelson - 31 Midway Road, Chestnut Ridge, New York 10977:

- Stated a lot of new problems going on in the Village:
- Noisy, speeding school buses rumble through six days a week, some nights, summer and national holidays and it will be getting worse.
- Excessive, illegal horn beeping and car services, school buses and residents.
- Unlicensed Day Care in residential homes.
- Rented homes with too many people; parked cars, trash and noise.
- Unlicensed contractors working on residential construction sites.
- Persistent regular trespassing on homeowner's properties including repeated
- illegal construction of a make shift walkway across Pascack Brook which gets washed away and ends up clogging the brook downstream.

- Pascack Brook is a Class C trout stream and is listed in the National Wetlands inventory.
- Call repeatedly on this and the problem continues.
- Cardboard boxes piled high for over four weeks; I had delivered the complaints.
- You have only two, overworked part-time Code Inspectors.
- Next month I will go over all the illegal construction without permits.
- Felt Code Enforcers have too much work to go after mountain of boxes, etc.

Deputy Mayor Brock:

- Sometimes people don't realize there is pick up every day.

Mayor Presti:

- They are not that busy that this should be going on week after week.
- I will deal with this.

Trustee Valentine:

- Call me. I walk the neighborhood everyday if you don't get a response.
- I do respond.

Tony Averso - 40 Wilshire Drive, New City, New York 10977:

- You said the Building Inspector is independent from everybody.
- If he lets a Building Permit out when it should have gone before the Planning or Zoning Board, who do we go to?

Mayor Presti:

- Independent in decision making.
- If you feel it was issued wrongfully; there is a procedure for you to challenge it before the Zoning board.

Ed Sheridan – 46 Pascack Rd., Chestnut Ridge, New York 10977:

- **Maserati** –Three hundred cars there; paving, why are they allowed to operate there?
- It is in the RS Zone; is it allowed?

Avraham Good – 17 Lomond Avenue, Chestnut Ridge, New York 10977:

- It seems ironic the people who have kids on the buses don't complain.
- I live in a neighborhood that's quiet and friendly.
- Wanted to thank the Mayor and the Trustees for the services they give to the community; keep up the good work.

Deputy Mayor Brock:

- We have private buses that come down the cul-de-sac and I've seen buses speed down my block.
- I call Florence to call the school.
- There are bus drivers that consistently speed.
- The children get on the bus.

- The parents don't see it because when the children are picked up they go back in their house.

Trustee Valentine:

- The Village has a responsibility for the health, safety and welfare of all its residents.
- We have to address the issues.

Nancy Andre – 1 Sergio Ct., Chestnut Ridge, New York 10977:

- It is a two- way street.
- If you were part of the community; you would recognize everyone in the community.
- I was sympathetic. Clearly you don't get it.

Magnil Dupay – 49 Spring Hill Terrace, Chestnut Ridge, New York 10977;

- Complained seldom does she get an answer back.
- Buses speeding up Spring Hill Terrace; buses zipping.
- Called the bus company, they said, o.k.
- Next day bus came zooming up again.
- As a threat he came very close to me; had to jump up on the curb.

Gershorn Wengner – 24 Eastbourne Drive, Chestnut Ridge, New York 10977:

- Attempted to speak to the bus drivers.
- Questioned about speed bumps.

Mayor Presti:

- We discussed speed bumps in the past.
- It is a safety tool, but also an inconvenience.
- Because of plowing, it is difficult.
- We can't inconvenience the whole neighborhood; I understand.
- It's all over the Village; we have to work on it.

Jerry Liebelson – 31 Midway Road, Chestnut Ridge, New York 10977:

- Buses stop at every house.
- I ask those who has influence with the school board?
- Speed bumps are ridiculous.

Mayor Presti:

- East Ramapo has certain rules and regulations when it comes to the drop off and the location.
- It's a school board issue.
- It used to be if you were a tenth of a mile you were entitled to be picked up.

Engel Moses – 1 Milrose Lane, Chestnut Ridge, New York 10977:

- It's a beautiful place to live with our big families.
- The lady he bought the house from was happy he was buying the house.
- Wanted him to enjoy the house, like she did.

- I was disappointed by the lady saying she has become an outcast of the Village.

Mrs. Richardson - 4 Matthew Drive, Chestnut Ridge, New York 10977:

- I think we all want respect for each other.
- Husband will speak to everyone in the neighborhood; I've showed him how to treat everyone.
- Neighbors are speeding too.
- Teach people how to treat you in order to get what you want.
- We may not be the same, but we are all living in the same community now as if we are.

Marc Levine – 14 Lancaster Lane, Chestnut Ridge, New York 10977:

- 1 Karow Court is a forty by fifty-foot expansion, two levels, 4,000 square feet,
- I'm not sure what an existing house is because the plans were sent to me.
- The calculations are not accurate on the plans.
- I reviewed the plans and the plans refer to the Spring Valley Building Code., not Chestnut Ridge.
- The plans refer to a proposed deck and outside deck stairs, but there is no proposed deck on the plans.
- The plans also show a two-car garage; it doesn't say the garage is existing, but the hallway that leads into the house just goes through the house with no fire doors, doesn't show any doors what so ever.
- But these plans were approved.
- I can go on and on with these plans.
- How do we address that?
- In the general notes, talks about the building of a two-family home.

Mayor Presti:

- 1 Karow Ct., is located in an RR-50 District, pre-existing, non-conforming lot.
- 'The lot width 137 feet.
- Bulk requirements are specified in the highest residential district as the same or less lot width.
- The proposed construction complies with Bulk Use Group
- A check by the Building Inspection Office of the FAR came out below the 2.0 FAR Requirements.
- Apparently, there is an Approved Site Plan from Martin Spence, Village Engineer
- The design identified the addition of a playroom, a den, a study, a bathroom,
- Application for the Building Permit dates back to 2015.
- Actual Building Permit wasn't issued until 2016 apparently because of some problems with design changes and probably because of some financial issues.
- It didn't meet the criteria at the time that would require ARB review.
- The deep foundation is being built at this time, in anticipation of when they get their financing and obtain possible variances for future expansion.
- That's why the roof is flat; they are hoping to have a second floor in the future.
- That is 1 Karow as I am told it is.

Marc Levine – 14 Lancaster Lane, Chestnut Ridge, New York 10977:

- Discrepancies on the plan;
- Construction plans would show no fire doors, a direct access from the garage to the house; that's a violation and it never should have been approved on that.

Mayor Presti:

- I am seeing some type of Approval from the Village Engineer.
- I am not going to be able to comment.
- This is all I have in front of me and what was previously Approved.
- Obviously, if it needs to be reviewed again, it will.
- This is the information to date.

Marc Levine – 14 Lancaster Lane, Chestnut Ridge, New York 10977:

- I understand that and I understand that you haven't looked at the plans.
- The plans show both floors at 1,325 square feet.
- But the measurements on the plans don't coincide with the measurements they use.
- The top floor and bottom floor are a different size; the top floor overhangs the bottom floor, so how can the square footage be the same?
- But yet on the calculations it is the same?
- Also, the statement you made that it's a Non-Conforming Lot is not accurate.
- It's an average density lot; definitely not Non-Conforming.
- Non-Conforming takes rights away from all the homeowners there.
- It was done as an average density.

Mayor Presti:

- But they're getting the benefits of a larger zone requirement of an R-50.

Marc Levine – 14 Lancaster Lane, Chestnut Ridge, New York 10977:

- They should be, they had to use a different bulk table.
- Calculations used and it shows floor area ratio to be point 2.0 but it says as per Architect; so, where's everybody else?
- I think it is very close to being accurate; but they should be 100% accurate.
- When they mention Spring Valley, two family homes, construction of a deck when the plans don't call for a deck.
- These plans should have been cleaned up.
- They are calling the main structure a playroom, a basement on the plans even though it's above ground. Calling structure below it a cellar.
- After a cellar is 6 feet, 3 inches it has to be considered in the floor, area, ratio.
- To deliberately avoid that 2,000 feet being used in the floor, area, ratio the floor on these structure is 2 feet 4 inches of gravel.
- How on 2,000 square feet can anybody, Building Inspector, anybody measure this to see if it conforms to the code.
- I thought mud basements went out in the 1800 hundreds.

- I wonder if anyone called the Health Department. to see if there is a problem with radon gas; but I don't think anything was done.
- If a kid goes into there with a pail and shovel, he can change the whole floor area of the house.
- My opinion is construction should be approved with fixed floors; not floors you can change the level of.
- To do a floor of six feet and have two feet, four inches of gravel on 2,000 square feet of area?
- This is why applications should go before the Planning Board for Public input.
- So, to the public here, it is not a two-family house; but a very large recreation room.
- Why should I as a resident have to review plans that are so far off, wrong, so far out of whack?

Mayor Presti:

- Send me an e-mail with all of the deficiencies that you are seeing.
- I will have the Building Inspector check them.

Domenick De Robertis – 9 New Ackertown Rd., Chestnut Ridge, New York 10977:

- We know what the end result of this property is going to be.
- It is going to be used for religious purposes.
- They're given a Permit for a Residential Use; that's not the case.
- This Inspector is sleeping.
- Review the Inspector's ability.

Jerry Liebelson – 31 Midway Road, Chestnut Ridge, New York 10977:

- Heard children told it was going to be a school.
- I have a problem it's coming to the Building Department and being presented as such.
- Just say what it is going to be.
- Two more things submitted for the record.
- Requested an answer from the Mayor.
- Property of the foundation plan and a copy of the seller floor plan of 1 Karow Court.
- Bunch of cement trucks laid in a large rectangular long structure with concrete walls.
- I am not a Building Inspector; I have been learning how to read plans as I go along.
- I don't see anything in those plans for that structure; what is that for?
- That is the result of the Foil; that I see the plans.
- Perhaps the plans have changed since yesterday.

Carol Jacobs – 55 Spring Hill Terrace, Chestnut Ridge, New York 10977:

- We were told about Spring Hill Terrace; we were coming to the various boards.
- We were told the exact same thing that you are telling us now about 1 Karow Ct.
- Just go with the information we are given.

- The outcome was we have 3 Spring Hill Terrace now, and who knows what will be with 1 Karow Ct.,
- When we went for the Zoning Board recently with the Lawyer, we were chastised for not letting them know.

Mayor Presti:

- The ZBA is supposed to be sitting as a quasi- judicial body.
- They are not in the position to chastise; they're supposed to look at the facts.

Carol Jacobs – 55 Spring Hill Terrace, Chestnut Ridge, New York 10977:

- FYI – 3 Spring Hill Terrace, did not have enough parking spaces; they were forced to park on the lawn.

Joel Werczberger – 5 Terrace Ct., Chestnut Ridge, New York 10977:

- Is it o.k. for people to go on private property and take pictures?

Mark Marrone – 23 Lancaster Lane, Chestnut Ridge, New York 10977:

- There is obviously a Permit for a playroom.
- Average density.
- It doesn't look like the character of the Building is going to conform with the neighborhood.
- It is currently used as a one family and also a gathering place which is permitted.
- I think it should go through Planning, Zoning Approvals by the Town to keep it the way it should be built.
- The Building Inspector has faulted before.
- I think you should look out, be watching out for the Town; the Town is changing.
- I think it's great they worship down the street.
- I love my neighbors; love driving by and seeing the kids.
- They should be honest and say what's it's used for.

Yankee Gindorff – 26 Lancaster Lane, Chestnut Ridge, New York 10977:

- Eruv means – it's all personal property.
- What's the problem that I'm on your property?
- The objection to the picture, should not be an objection, because Eruv means it's all personal property.
- Eruv makes it all private property.
- An Eruv gives you right to go on their property.

Mayor Presti:

- This gentleman claims someone was on private property that did not belong to them.
- Eruv has nothing to do with one's private property.
- That is a religious symbol; the Village we do not get involved.
- A person's property is their property.

- Stay off someone's property.

David Shapiro – 23 Appledale Lane, Chestnut Ridge, New York 10977:

- 15 Appledale Lane – what's going on there?
- It's when some people and some ethnic groups do not play by the rules and the laws.
- There is a gentleman here that does not play by the rules and the laws; like trespassing on five properties; there has to be respect.
- If construction is stopped by Chestnut Village, are they able to legally take down the sign from the house?
- Are you able to put a little bridge across the Pascack Brook so they can cross?

Mayor Presti:

- Usually when there is a "Stop Work Order", it has to stay on the structure unless and until it is corrected.
- 26 Pascack Rd. is taken off; we called, nothing done about it.
- If you see someone coming on your property on a regular basis that shouldn't be there; take a photo, call the police.
- No one should be building structures that aren't approved by the Village

Trustee Valentine:

- We had someone on Ross Avenue.
- Take pictures, it does stop; give the Police the evidence.

Jerry Liebelson – 31 Midway Road, Chestnut Ridge, New York 10977:

- He is working with those neighbors.
- Sgt. Blaine Howell. Captain Riley.
- I have told Sgt. Howell we are not going to tolerate this.
- Talking with the NYS conservation.
- We will video and put up "No Trespassing" signs.
- They are very tough; just cut it out.

Marc Levine – 14 Lancaster Lane, Chestnut Ridge, New York 10977:

- Thanked the Mayor and the Board for a very good meeting.
- 1 Karow Ct., has actively been used as a Synagogue for many years.
- Neighbors haven't complained.
- When neighbors see construction and there have been no meetings on it; it totally is circumvented.
- It starts animosity in a perfect situation that was existing previously of neighbors getting along with neighbors.

Mayor Presti:

- I understand the situation your and concern with 1 Karow Ct.
- I think everyone has articulated their worries, concerns, and their opinion
- We will follow the process up on it.

- I see that as a 6,000 square foot addition to a currently 2,800 hundred square foot home which is kind of out of character with the neighborhood.
- The foot print will permit what the foot print will permit.
- I think it was a good meeting and thanked everyone for coming out.

Motion to Adjourn the Meeting.

MOTION: Trustee Valentine

SECOND: Deputy Mayor Brock

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

MEETING ADJOURNED: 10:47 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

**Florence A. Mandel
Village Clerk**

