

**MINUTES BOARD OF TRUSTEES  
VILLAGE OF CHESTNUT RIDGE  
APRIL 14, 2016**

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**The Board of Trustees of the Village of Chestnut Ridge convened in regular session on April 14, 2016 at the Village Hall, located at 277 Old Nyack Turnpike, Chestnut Ridge, NY 10977.**

**PRESENT:**

<b>ROSARIO PRESTI, Jr.</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>MAYOR</b>
<b>JOAN BROCK</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>DEPUTY MAYOR</b>
<b>HOWARD COHEN</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>TRUSTEE</b>
<b>RICHARD MILLER</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>TRUSTEE</b>
<b>GRANT VALENTINE</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>TRUSTEE</b>

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**ABSENT:**

<b>WALTER R. SEVASTIAN</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>VILLAGE ATTORNEY</b>
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**PRESENT:**

<b>FLORENCE A. MANDEL</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>RECORDING SECRETARY</b>
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## **1. Pledge of Allegiance.**

## **2. Mayor's report.**

- Trustee Miller will be a little delayed but he will be coming shortly.
- I had Sunday with the Mayor on April 3, 2016.
- It was non stop for two hours.
- I appreciate people coming out to chat and to let me know what is going on.
- I relay that back to the Board and we take it from there.
- Reminded everyone our Shredding Event was Sunday, April 17, 2016 – 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.
- Hopefully you all received a message around 6 p.m. this evening.
- If for some reason you are not on the call list, please call Village Hall if you want to get on the list in addition to the e-mail “Blast”.
- We will open up the hearing on the Budget after the approval of the minutes.

## **3. Open Floor: Public discussion of Agenda Items.**

### **Marie Montegudo – 37 Ross Avenue, Chestnut Ridge, NY 10977:**

- Asked to be designated as Village Historian.
- Thanked the Mayor and Board members for their assistance in helping her to write and edit the history of Chestnut Ridge.
- Reviewed what she's done so far.
- Developed an intense interest in the history of Chestnut Ridge two years ago.
- Compiled a notebook of different research, articles.
- February newsletter wrote article identifying different areas of interest.
- Updated in the September newsletter.
- Has a Power Point demonstration which is available for committee groups, schools, etc. • ▪
- You are welcome to take a look at it.
- Was contacted by Architectural Magazine in New York City and they wrote an article about Chestnut Ridge.
- Had a radio interview with WNYC regarding Chestnut Ridge history.
- Wrote something with a grant which is still in process of being completed.
- Would like to start “Friends” of Chestnut Ridge history group.
- Writing a book on Chestnut Ridge history.

### **Mayor Presti:**

- Thanked Marie for her hard work and various contributions she made to the Newsletter.

### **Motion to Close Public Discussion on Agenda Items only**

**MOTION:** Trustee Cohen

**SECOND:** Deputy Mayor Brock

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

## **4. Approval of Minutes of Previous Meeting, March 10, 2016.**

**MOTION:** Trustee Valentine

**SECOND:** Deputy Mayor Brock

**The Board was polled and voted 3-0 and one abstention from Trustee Cohen who was absent from Village Board meeting of March 10, 2016 to approve the Village Board Minutes of March 10, 2016.**

**5. a. Open Floor Public Meeting on Tentative Budget for fiscal year June 1, 2016 through May 31, 2017.**

**Mayor Presti:**

- We have our Financial Consultant Marvin Nyman here to provide us with some information or if there are any questions.
- The Village did stay under the Cap which was foisted upon us, .0112, 12/100ths of 1%.
- This meant we were allowed to increase our budget by \$2,200.00.
- After making the adjustment for the slight diminishing values, the average Village resident who is paying \$500.00 in taxes, their taxes will go up \$1.50 for the year or less.
- We still have our surplus which is considered conservative; not too high or too low.

**Marie Monteagudo – 37 Ross Avenue, Chestnut Ridge, New York 10977:**

- Asked questions on the Budget of A 3510 and A 7140.

**Mayor Presti:**

- A 3510 the Village contracts with the Town of Ramapo Dog Warden.
- A 7140 – covers toward the Village Picnic, our Shredding Event.
- Par Pharmaceuticals sponsored our Shredding Event once again this year and donated \$700.00.
- Mayor Presti explained to Marie Monteagudo some of the expenses involved with the Picnic.
- Explained what was involved along with the huge expenses the Village would incur in getting a food truck, hot dog vendors, ice cream truck, etc. and what was involved along with getting those vendors.
  - Asked Marie Monteagudo if she ever priced out a food truck?
- A food truck they will ask you for a few thousand dollars just to sit in the parking lot and maybe they share a very small portion of the proceeds of what they receive.
  - We are not spending thousands of dollars.
    - It is not fiscally prudent to do something like that.
  - If there was a vendor who would say I'll sit here and we'll split the proceeds 50-50 that would be great; but no one has been willing to do that to date.
  - If you can find someone please have them call us; we would love to have them.

**Trustee Cohen:**

- In the past we had an ice cream vendor who promised to show up.
- I don't think we've had them here for two years.
- We would welcome a food truck that would supplement the hot dogs.

**Marie Monteagudo – 37 Ross Avenue, Chestnut Ridge, NY 10977:**

- Lives in Dexter Park which is adjacent to Children's Park.
- Complained about the condition of Children's Park.

**Mayor Presti:**

- Mayor explained we cannot spend Village money on Ramapo property.
- It would not be prudent for us to do that.
- Ramapo budgets for that.
- That's really their responsibility.
- We'll try to follow up more with the Town of Ramapo with regard to that.
- We'll connect with them and have them be a little more sensitive; perhaps they are not spending as much time as they should.
- Par Pharmaceuticals are going to be having a Corporate Event in May and they will be cleaning up Dexter Park.
- Our park is the center of the Village and it costs money to maintain.
- We need to maintain it.
- We need to landscape it.
- We need to maintain the water feature.
- We try to change the flowers every season.
- We do get donations.
- To maintain it there is a little bit of an expense.

**Marie Monteagudo – 37 Ross Avenue, Chestnut Ridge, New York 10977:**

- Asked if there were bids.

**Mayor Presti:**

- There were landscapers who wanted to charge a substantial amount of money more per month.
- Not only do they do the landscaping in the summer, fall and spring; they also have to go there during the winter and shovel the sidewalks, etc.
- Nothing runs cheap and Pro-Cut Landscaping does a nice job and has been very fair to the Village and we appreciate that.

**RESOLVED** that the proposed Tentative Budget for Fiscal Year June 1, 2016 to May 31, 2017 is hereby approved and the salaries and wages set forth therein are hereby fixed at the amounts shown therein effective June 1, 2016, and be it further **RESOLVED**, that the tax rate is hereby set at \$10.8257 per thousand dollars of assessed valuation.

**Move to approve the Budget for the Fiscal Year of June 1, 2016- May 31, 2017.**

**MOTION:** Deputy Mayor Brock

**SECOND:** Trustee Valentine

**The Board was polled and voted 4-0 to approve the Budget of 2016-2017.**

**6. Mayor re-appoints Trustee Joan Brock Deputy Mayor.**

- **Mayor Presti** stated it is an honor and a privilege to re-appoint Deputy Mayor Brock.
- **Deputy Mayor Brock** accepted re-appointment.

**7. a. Mayor re-appoints Acting Village Justice William Smith for a term to expire April, 2016.**

**b. Resolution No. 2016-21:**

**RESOLVED**, that the Mayor's reappointment of William Smith, Esq. as Acting Village Justice for a term to expire April 2017 is hereby approved.

**MOTION:** Trustee Cohen

**SECOND:** Trustee Valentine

**The Board** was polled and voted **4-0** to adopt **Resolution No. 2016-21**.

**8. a. Mayor appoints Village Attorney Walter R. Sevastian, Esq.**

**b. Resolution No. 2016-22:**

Mayor appoints Walter R. Sevastian, Esq. as Village Attorney for a term to expire April 2017, at an annual salary not to exceed \$50,000 (excluding litigation).

**RESOLVED** that the Mayor's appointment of Walter R. Sevastian, Esq., as Village Attorney for a term to expire April 2017, at an annual salary not to exceed \$50,000 (excluding litigation), is hereby approved.

**MOTION:** Deputy Mayor Brock

**SECOND:** Trustee Valentine

**The Board** was polled and voted **4-0** to **adopt Resolution No. 2016-22**.

**c. Resolution No. 2016-23:**

**RESOLVED** that Paul Baum, Esq. is hereby retained at an hourly rate of \$130.00 per hour.

**MOTION:** Trustee Cohen

**SECOND:** Trustee Valentine

**The Board** was polled and voted **4-0** to **adopt Resolution No. 2016-23**.

**9. a. Mayor re-appoints Allan Rubin Chairperson of Planning Board for a term to expire April 2017.**

**b. Resolution No. 2016-24:**

**RESOLVED** that the Mayor's re-appointment of Allan Rubin Chairperson of Planning Board for a term to expire April 2017 is hereby approved.

**MOTION:** Deputy Mayor Brock

**SECOND:** Trustee Valentine

**The Board** was polled and voted **4-0** to adopt **Resolution No. 2016-24**.

**10. a. Mayor re-appoints Marc Levine Deputy Chairperson of Planning Board for a term to expire April 2017.**

**b. Resolution No. 2016-25:**

**RESOLVED** that the Mayor's re-appointment of Marc Levine as Deputy Chairperson of Planning Board for a term to expire April 2017 is hereby approved.

**MOTION:** Trustee Valentine

**SECOND:** Trustee Cohen

**The Board** was polled and voted **3-0** and **1 nay** to **adopt Resolution No. 2016-25.**

**11. a. Mayor re-appoints Antonio Luciano member of Planning Board for a term to expire April 2021.**

**b. Resolution No. 2016-26:**

**RESOLVED** that the Mayor's re-appointment of Anthony Luciano Planning Board member for a term to expire April 2021 is hereby approved.

**MOTION:** Deputy Mayor Brock

**SECOND:** Trustee Valentine

**The Board** was polled and voted **4-0** to adopt **Resolution No. 2016-26.**

**12. a. Mayor re-appoints Stephen Liebman Chairperson of Zoning Board of Appeals.**

**b. Resolution No. 2016-27:**

**RESOLVED** that the Mayor's re-appointment of Stephen Liebman as Chairperson of Zoning Board of Appeals for a term to expire April 2017 is hereby approved.

**MOTION:** Trustee Cohen

**SECOND:** Trustee Valentine

**The Board** was polled and voted **4-0** to approve **Resolution No. 2016-27.**

**13. a. Mayor appoints Susan Silverman as Deputy Chairperson of Zoning Board of Appeals.**

**b. Resolution No. 2016-28:**

**RESOLVED** that the Mayor's appointment of Susan Silverman as Deputy Chairperson of Zoning Board of Appeals for a term to expire April of 2017 is hereby approved.

**MOTION:** Trustee Cohen

**SECOND:** Deputy Mayor Brock

**The Board** was polled and voted **4-0** to adopt **Resolution No. 2016-28.**

**14. a. Mayor re-appoints David Murdock as Zoning Board of Appeals member for a term to expire April 2021.**

**b. Resolution No. 2016-29:**

**RESOLVED** that the Mayor's appointment of David Murdock as Zoning Board of Appeals member for a term to expire April 2021 is hereby approved.

**MOTION:** Trustee Grant

**SECOND:** Deputy Mayor Brock

**The Board** was polled and voted **4-0** to approve **Resolution No. 2016-29.**

**15. a. Mayor appoints Edward M. Manning III as Alternate member of the Zoning Board of Appeals for a term to expire April 2020.**

**b. Resolution No. 2016-30:**

**RESOLVED** that the Mayor's appointment of Edward M. Manning III as Alternate member of the Zoning Board of Appeals for a term to expire April 2020 is hereby approved.

**MOTION:** Trustee Grant

**SECOND:** Deputy Mayor Brock

**The Board** was polled and voted **4-0** to approve **Resolution No. 2016-30.**

**16. a. Mayor re-appoints Robert Lorenc Chairperson of the Architectural Review Board for a term to expire April 2017.**

**b. Resolution No. 2016-31:**

**RESOLVED** that the Mayor's re-appointment of Robert Lorenc Chairperson of Architectural Review Board for a term to expire April 2017 is hereby approved.

**MOTION:** Deputy Mayor Brock

**SECOND:** Trustee Valentine

**The Board** was polled and voted **4-0** to adopt **Resolution No. 2016-31.**

**17. a. Mayor appoints Laura Dunlop as Deputy Chairperson of Architectural Review Board for a term to expire April 2017.**

**b. Resolution No. 2016-32:**

**RESOLVED** that the Mayor's appointment of Laura Dunlop as Deputy Chairperson of Architectural Review Board for a term to expire April, 2017.

**MOTION:** Trustee Grant

**SECOND:** Deputy Mayor Brock

**The Board** was polled and voted **4-0** to adopt **Resolution No. 2016-32.**

**18. a. Mayor appoints Virginia Bartlett as member of Architectural Review Board for terms to expire April 2019.**

**b. Resolution No. 2016-33:**

**RESOLVED**, that the Mayor's appointment of Virginia Barlett as member of Architectural Review Board.

**MOTION:** Trustee Brock

**SECOND:** Trustee Valentine

**The Board** was polled and voted **4-0** to adopt **Resolution No. 2016-33.**

**19. Resolution No. 2016-34 designating Craig Long as Village Historian.**

**RESOLVED**, that **Craig Long** is hereby designated **Village Historian** for a term **expiring April 2017.**

•**Resolution No. 2016-34** put on hold

- Marie Monteagudo expressed interest to become the Village Historian.
- Mayor Presti requested she send in a Letter of Intent and her resume.

**20. Resolution No. 2016-35:**

**RESOLVED**, that the contract with Marvin Nyman, CPA as Village Financial Consultant is hereby renewed for a period of one year.

**MOTION:** Deputy Mayor Brock

**SECOND:** Trustee Grant

**The Board** was polled and voted **3-0** with **one abstention** from **Trustee Cohen** because of his relationship with **Marvin Nyman** to **adopt Resolution No. 2016-35**.

**21. Resolution No. 2016-36**

**RESOLVED**, that the contract with Robert Geneslaw Associates as Village Planning Consultant is hereby renewed for a period to expire June 30, 2016.

**MOTION:** Trustee Cohen

**SECOND:** Deputy Mayor Brock

**The Board** was polled and voted **5-0** to adopt **Resolution No. 2016-36**.

**22. Resolution No. 2016-37 approving contract with Leonard Jackson Associates as Village Engineering Consultant.**

**MOTION:** Trustee Valentine

**SECOND:** Deputy Mayor Brock

**The Board** was polled and voted **5-0** to adopt **Resolution No. 2016-37**.

**23. Resolution No. 2016-38:**

**RESOLVED**, that the contract with Spence Engineering as Village Engineering Consultant is hereby renewed for a period of one year.

**MOTION:** Trustee Cohen

**SECOND:** Deputy Mayor Brock

**The Board** was polled and voted **5-0** to adopt **Resolution No. 2016-38**.

**24. Resolution No. 2016-39:**

**RESOLVED**, that the Rockland Journal News is hereby designed as the Official Village Newspaper.

**MOTION:** Trustee Valentine

**SECOND:** Deputy Mayor Brock

**The Board** was polled and voted **5-0** to adopt **Resolution No. 2016-39**.

**25. Resolution No. 2016-40:**

**RESOLVED**, that M&T Bank, Sterling National Bank, J.P. Morgan Chase, and Key Bank are hereby designed as Official Village Depositories.

**MOTION:** Deputy Mayor Brock

**SECOND:** Trustee Valentine

**The Board** was polled and voted **5-0** to adopt **Resolution No. 2016-40.**

**26. Resolution No. 2016-41:**

**RESOLVED**, the following locations are designated for official Village postings:  
Village Hall, Village Meeting Room, Village Justice Court.

**MOTION:** Deputy Mayor Brock

**SECOND:** Trustee Valentine

**The Board** was polled and voted **5-0** to adopt **Resolution No. 2016-41.**

**27. Resolution No. 2016-42:**

**Resolved**, that the Village of Chestnut Ridge Procurement Policy is hereby ratified for FY 2016-2017.

**MOTION:** Trustee Valentine

**SECOND:** Deputy Mayor Brock

**The Board** was polled and voted **5-0** to adopt **Resolution No. 2016-42.**

**28. Resolution 2016-43:**

Approving Village of Chestnut Ridge's 2016 Agreement with Cornell Cooperative Extension for EPA Phase 2 Stormwater Regulation education and outreach requirements.

RESOLVED that the contract with the Cornell Cooperative Extension to provide state mandated Stormwater Education services to the Village of Chestnut Ridge effective April 1, 2016 through March 31, 2017, at a cost not to exceed \$800.00 per year, is hereby accepted, and it is further

RESOLVED, that the Mayor is hereby authorized to execute an agreement with the Cornell Cooperative Extension for said services, subject to the approval of the Village Attorney.

**MOTION:** Trustee Cohen

**SECOND:** Trustee Valentine

**The Board** was polled and voted **5-0** to adopt **Resolution No. 2016-43:**

**29. Resolution 2016-44:**

WHEREAS, the Village Clerk has sought proposals for professional services regarding landscaping of municipal property, and

WHEREAS, the Village of Chestnut Ridge is desirous renewing the contract with Procut Lawns and Landscaping for landscaping services.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Mayor is authorized to execute a contract with Procut Lawns and Landscaping for landscaping of municipal property for April – October of 2016 in the amount of \$960.41 per month.

**MOTION:** Trustee Cohen

**SECOND:** Trustee Valentine

**The Board** was polled and voted **5-0** to adopt **Resolution No. 2016-44.**

**30. Resolution No. 2016-45:**

Resolution authorizing the Mayor to sign the Faist Ambulance SWPP Maintenance Agreement.

**RESOLVED**, the Mayor's execution the Faist Ambulance SWPP for recording is hereby ratified.

**MOTION:** Deputy Mayor Brock

**SECOND:** Trustee Miller

**The Board** was polled and voted **5-0** to adopt **Resolution No. 2016-45.**

**31. Resolution No. 2016-46:**

WHEREAS, the Village Treasurer has sought proposals for the purchase of software for use in connection with municipal operations, and

WHEREAS, the Village of Chestnut Ridge is desirous purchasing a "Municipality 5 Web Based Municipality software package (with installation and training).

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED That the Mayor is authorized to execute a contract with Software Consulting Associates, 54 Elizabeth Street, Suite 17, Red Hook, NY 12571, in the amount of \$8,960.00 for the software package.

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**MOTION:** Trustee Cohen

**SECOND:** Trustee Miller

**The Board** was polled and voted **5-0** to adopt **Resolution No. 2016-46.**

**32. Resolution No. 2016-47 approving Abstract of Audited Claims.**

**RESOLVED** that **General Fund Claims** set forth on pages **1 through 4** in the **aggregate amount of \$143,395.28** as set forth on **Abstract No. 2016-4** dated **April 14, 2016** as submitted by the Village Treasurer, are hereby **approved.**

**MOTION:** Trustee Miller

**SECOND:** Deputy Mayor Brock

**The Board** was polled and voted **5-0** to adopt **Resolution No. 2016-47**.

**Open Floor: Public Discussion.**

- **Anthony Luciano** thanked the Board for his reappointment.
  
- **Mayor Presti**
  - Thanked Mr. Luciano and told him his service was invaluable.
  
- **Marie Monteagudo - 37 Ross Avenue, Chestnut Ridge, New York 10977.**
  - Complained about unwanted soliciting of Realtors.

**Mayor Presti:**

- Mayor explained we already have a **No Solicitation law** on the books.
- The law is a little bit of a gray area; saying we want to buy from you.
- I was getting people every other week wanting to buy my home.
- If the same person comes a second time, call the police.
- You cannot stop a person from saying, "I really love your home and want to buy it".
- The law is not set, the law is gray as far as any type of ordinance if someone wants to ask you something, you can't have a law against it.
- The Village has available to folks a **Stop, Do Not Knock decal**.
- You can post it on your door or wherever you wish to post it.
- Just point to the decal.
- If they refuse to leave call the police.
- Realtors are under the auspice of the State Realty Board.
- You can large your complaint with the State Board and then they will follow up with that particular realtor.
- I understand the concern.
- I am reading the papers too.
- We can't just start passing Laws without seeing what the ramifications are.
- The Board will discuss it further as far as what the current state of the law is..
- The last thing I'm looking to do is get the Village possibly in the middle of a civil rights type of law suit which would cost the Village a substantial amount of money.
- The Village hears the concerns of the residents as we have all experienced it.

**Trustee Cohen:**

- There is the Rockland County Board of Realtors that regulates the Realtors.
- They have more control over the local Realtors than the state does.

**Deputy Mayor Brock:**

- I stop them by saying, "my children are going to inherit the house."

**Trustee Miller:**

- I give them a price that's 50% more than I can ever hope for and they say, "You are never going to get it". So I say, well then, "don't buy it".

**Marie Monteagudo:**

- Stated some people let them in.

**Deputy Mayor Brock:**

- Say go away, never come back.
- If they come back again, call the police.
- You never let anyone in that you don't want in your house.

**Mayor Presti:**

- You have control.
- You're on the other side of your door.
- You have got the lock on the door
- If they refuse to move off your step, you say, "you wait right here" and call the police.
- They are criminally trespassing.
- We don't need to have a Village regulation for that. That is all ready there.
- My hope is that between all the decals the folks have, some from different organizations, they are going to be able to see, Stop ... Do Not Knock and they will not knock on that door.
- We will discuss it further.
- There are already laws out there saying, "No Trespassing".
- There is no Village regulation that is going to stop them.
- You only have to call the Police once because they are going to give you their card so you will know who they are.
- A realtors is not going to register as a solicitor
- A realtor is looking to list your house.
- I am not going to give any legal advice other than what the common definition of what a solicitor is.
- A solicitor usually requests that you buy something from them, not that you sell them something.
- A realtor is looking to list your house.
- You just have to call the police.
- When the realtor comes back a second time and you are on the phone with the Police and say, "I want them off my property", I will bet you may last nickel they are not going to come back again.

**Marie Monteagudo -37 Ross Avenue, Chestnut Ridge, New York 10977:**

- Expressed to have information put on the Web-site in a timely manner with a deadline.
- Wanted newsletter to go out by the end of the month so we can have a schedule.

**Mayor Presti:**

- We have a Board Meeting this evening.
- We passed the meeting minutes of last month.
- Within a couple of days the minutes will go to the Deputy Village Clerk who will put them on the Web-site.
- On April 7<sup>th</sup> the Planning Board would have approved the meeting minutes from March, 2016.
- The Building secretary left the Village.
- Her minutes were not prepared.

- There are no minutes.
- The Board would have passed the March meeting minutes.
- The Board secretary would have passed them along to the Deputy Village Clerk.
- She would have posted them on the Web-site.
- That is the process for the meeting minutes.
- The Board Secretary left for another job in March.
- We're having to play a little more of a catch up to the meeting minutes.
- As for my knowledge the minutes are there except for the Planning Board.
- The newsletter doesn't come out once a month.
- The newsletter comes out every couple of months..
- There is not enough for us to have a monthly newsletter.
- Mayor Presti read Marie Monteagudo the dates from the back page of the last newsletter calendar as far as when all the meetings take place.
- You know that's a given.
- You go on the Web-site.
- The Zoning Board meeting currently is scheduled for the 26<sup>th</sup> of April.
- Right up until the week before the meeting they are scheduled to meet on the 26th.
- Maybe there are two applications.
- Both of those applicants call the Village Hall on the 22<sup>nd</sup> or the 25<sup>th</sup>.
- Maybe they call at the last minute and say they are not going to be ready.
- We are not going to know until the 25<sup>th</sup> to say the meeting is going to be cancelled.
- You can go on the Web-site and see what the calendar is.
- We try to be as current as we can be.
- Unfortunately, you can never accommodate for last minute changes.
- That is the nature of the beast.
- Trustee Miller who was up to recently the Chairman of the ZBA would receive a call the 11<sup>th</sup> hour saying, "we can't meet with you.
- So he calls the Board to say, we are not meeting tomorrow.
- Up until that day, you planned on coming to the ZBA meeting.
- Now you can't, because there is nothing there.
- We appreciate the fact that you want to be engaged and you want be involved.
- Up until this point I felt we were as timely as we could be in regard to notices.
- You can always call and check and ask is the ZBA meeting still scheduled.
- We appreciate the fact that you want to come out.
- That is what we are here for.

**Trustee Miller:**

- There could be times when I'd call the members and they couldn't attend.
- So I didn't think we would have a quorum for that date.
- We would have to find another date for the meeting.
- We had to have a quorum on that date..
- We try to have them on that date, but you have to look at the Web site.

**Marie Monteagudo – 37 Ross Avenue, Chestnut Ridge, New York 10977:**

- There are many residents of Chestnut Ridge.
- I am advocating at the 30<sup>th</sup> or 31<sup>st</sup> of the month there will be a monthly announcement.

- I will go looking for minutes, and it's like three months later.

**Mayor Presti:**

- My understanding is if you go on the Web-site tonight or tomorrow you will find everything that your heart desires.
- We cannot e-mail to everyone at the month what is on the Web-site.
- Just go on the Web-site.

**• Marie Monteagudo – 37 Ross Avenue, Chestnut Ridge, New York 10977:**

- Complained she reads the Web-site on her I-pad and it is very tiny.

**Mayor Presti:**

- We invested thousand of dollars as a result of your suggestion to make it more mobile friendly.
- I am sorry that it's not working out on your I-pad.
- We took your recommendation and spent a couple of thousand dollars with our Web designer to make it mobile friendly..
- You are the only one that has complained.
- I haven't received a complaint from anyone else that it was not mobile friendly.
- On your word we spent a little bit more money to fix it.
- The March 16<sup>th</sup> meeting minutes will be on the Web-site within approximately a week.
- We have a few full time staff people.
- That is not on the top of the heap.
- Please call if the minutes are not there.

**Maria Monteagudo - 37 Ross Avenue, Chestnut Ridge, NY 10977:**

- Asked if the minutes were available for them to approve.
- Asked how can the minutes be approved before they see them.

**Trustee Cohen:**

- Stated the Board approves them.

**Mayor Presti:**

- Asked if maybe she felt something was being mis-quoted or if they should be corrected.
- Either send us a note or come to the next meeting and say, " I read your minutes from April and you said, green and I really said blue.
- We would make that notation at the next meeting.

**Joan Murry – 1 Continental Ct., Chestnut Ridge, NY 10977**

- Wanted to know about a dilapidated and burned out building on Grotke Rd. for about two years.
- Stated she called the Village twice.
- Was told there was a problem with the insurance company.
- I called again and I was told it was purchased.
- Complained it was a real eyesore.
- Now there is another burned out house on Williams.
- Wanted to know how long these things take before they are torn down and fixed.

**Mayor Presti:**

- When these unfortunate things happen the property owners are at the mercy of the insurance company.
- They have to secure the house.
- Eight out of ten times the folks want to get back into the house as quickly as possibly.
- There are incidences where folks don't want to be bothered and say, "let somebody buy it".
- Insurance companies can take six to eighteen months because insurance companies don't work that fast.
- Now they've already invested eighteen months and have decided they don't want to do anything with it.
- They just want somebody to buy it.
- Now time is starting off again.
- You've just purchased the home and decided you want to do build something with it that's not permitted.
- You have to apply for a Building Permit.
- You have to come back with a revised Building Permit.
- Or you have to apply before the Zoning Board or Planning Board, whatever Board is appropriate depending upon what you want to do.
- I am not making excuses; I am giving you the benefit of the time frame.
- Unfortunately it will not look nice for a period of time, unless the insurance company makes amends or the new owner does something with it.
- If the place is collecting garbage; if there is some problem with mosquitoes, pooling water then we go and issue a maintenance violation and the property owner will be responsible for that.
- The Code Enforcer makes periodic runs but we can't be everywhere all the time.
- We will make another note of Grotke Rd. property to see where the permitting is concerned.
- Complained people are parking cars on the grass.
- Hesitate about giving her name.

**Trustee Cohen:**

- We have a complaint form.
- Call it in and we will deal with it.
- People want to sell their car.
- We permit one car on the driveway with a **For Sale** sign on the car, not on the lawn.
- This is something we don't permit.

**Mayor Presti:**

- Complaint forms are anonymous.
- Call Village Hall with an address.
- Code Enforcer will go out there.
- What happens sometimes is our people will go out there and not see anything.
- They have to see something.
- Other than you having to take a photo and I don't want you to do this, you become a surrogate member of the Village investigation department.
- I don't want to put you in the position.

- Our folks have to see the violation.
- They may not be seeing it.
- We can't just walk on someone's property just because we feel you might be seeing something wrong.

**Trustee Cohen**

- It just takes a follow-up from you if it is not being done.

**Joann Murray – 1 Continental Ct., Chestnut Ridge, NY 10977:**

- A the corner of Grotke and Pascack there is a for sale sign
- I don't know if the property is for sale?
- There is trash strewn up and down Pascack Rd.

**Mayor Presti:**

- Pascack Rd. is also a County Rd.
- We'll make sure our maintenance man does a little more passing by on the road.
- We have him picking up all over.

**Marie Monteaguado – 37 Ross Avenue, Chestnut Ridge, NY 10977:**

- Stated she was going back in the minutes and there was a Parking Ordinance change and there was a Public Notice for a No Parking Ordinance.
- Called the Village and was told there was a Public Notice in the Journal News.
- A lot of people don't get the newspaper any longer.
- Is there a way to put any public notice on the front page of the Web page?

**Mayor Presti:**

- The Agenda for the meetings will have what is going to be discussed.
- That parking regulation was amending the Village code to say there is **No Parking** between the hours of **12:00 midnight and 6 in the morning** between **November 1<sup>st</sup> and April 1<sup>st</sup>**.
- Up until we changed it, it was 2:00 a.m. to 6 a.m.
- We changed it from midnight to 6 a.m. to coincide with the Town of Ramapo.
- If you were going to come to the Village Board meeting it was posted on the Agenda.

**Lise Chanin - Treasurer:**

- I put all public notices on the Meeting Page.

**Mr. Edward Sheridin – 46 Pascack Rd., Chestnut Ridge, NY 10977:**

- Wanted the Village to be more pro-active in regard to Realtors.
- Stated they are an increasing problem.
- Stated we are being harassed.
- Stated we have to protect ourselves because the Village won't protect us.
- Brought up Orangetown and how they are putting a stop to it.

**Mayor Presti:**

- The government cannot walk on your property.
- If you are being harassed you have to call the Police.

- You are purposely twisting what the issue is.
- We have to worry what the law says we can and cannot do.
- Explained if we pass a law that does not hold water, that is a violation of someone's civil rights.
- They'll take the Village of Chestnut Ridge to court.

**Deputy Mayor Brock**

- When they take Orangetown to court and they have to raise each resident's taxes \$1,000 you will hear those people screaming.
- If we are sued for damages, it will come out of my pocket just like everybody else's pocket.

**Mayor Presti:**

- Mr. Sheridan we understand your concern.
- However, the Village must look at the law every way that we can and account for every contingency.
- I am familiar with Lakewood.
- I am familiar with what New Jersey is doing.
- I am familiar with what the surrounding towns are doing.
- Some of them are doing it because they're reacting.
- What happens is somebody goes to file suit and the Town or the County or the State is on the hook for Civil Rights damages.
- We are not going to draw back.
- If we are going to do it, we are going to do it the right way the first time.
- We will take your suggestion into consideration and we will look into it.
- From what I understand what the law will allow on both sides; civil rights wise and other we have to tread very carefully.
- I am not looking to get this Village enmeshed in a civil rights action that's going to cost this Village a lot of money.
- I'm living here since 1995.
- I would politely tell them I am not interested.

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

- I am asking you to raise the fine.
- Suggested he will call an attorney who is well versed in this.

**Mayor Presti:**

- I am not disagreeing with you that there is a problem.
- We have to find a way to do it that is not going to be detrimental to the Village.

**Move to Close the Public Hearing.**

**MOTION:** Trustee Cohen

**SECOND:** Trustee Valentine

**The Board** was polled and voted **5-0** to **Close** the **Public Hearing.**

**Motion to Adjourn the meeting and Go Into Executive Session.**

**MOTION:** Trustee Valentine

**SECOND:** Deputy Mayor Brock  
The Board was polled and voted 5-0 to **Adjourn** and **Go Into Executive Session.**

**MEETING ADJOURNED: 9:25 P.M.**

**EXECUTIVE SESSION ENDED: 10:07 P.M.**

**Respectfully submitted,**

**Florence A. Mandel  
Village Clerk**