

MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES

VILLAGE OF CHESTNUT RIDGE

APRIL 26, 2018

The Board of Trustees of the Village of Chestnut Ridge convened in regular session on April 23, 2018 at the Village Hall, located at 277 Old Nyack Turnpike, Chestnut Ridge, NY 10977.

PRESENT:

ROSARIO PRESTI, JR. - MAYOR

JOAN BROCK - DEPUTY MAYOR BROCK

HOWARD COHEN - TRUSTEE

RICHARD MILLER - TRUSTEE

GRANT VALENTINE - TRUSTEE

WALTER SEVASTIAN - VILLAGE ATTORNEY

FLORENCE A. MANDEL - RECORDING SECRETARY

1. Pledge of Allegiance.

2. Mayor's report.

- Welcome everyone to the April 26th Village of Chestnut Ridge Board meeting.
Democracy in Action!
- Mayor had opportunity to attend Ramapo for a Grant Consultant's Meeting, part of Rockland County Shared Services Program through Albany.
- Spoke to Consultants about possibly sharing services for Grants and various funding out there.
- The Mayors of Sloatsburg, Wesley Hills, Suffern and Kaser attended
- Productive event and appreciated Ramapo for inviting us.
- Shredding Event – around sixty folks came out, to shred their records securely and efficiently.
- Par Pharmaceuticals has been very good; they have sponsored the event every year since we had it.

Regarding the complaints that transpired from last month – update.

- **7 Imperial Lane** – complaint regarding trash bins on site; property has been cleaned up.
- **750 Chestnut Ridge Rd.**, it is in Village Justice Ct. Adjourned until May 9th. We will be revisiting that. Believe the organization will be moving out.
- **236 Highland Ave.** Property inspected 4/12. Property in violation. Violation issued 04/23/2018. Sent Certified mail to owner. Comply date of May 14, 2018.
- **13 Tice Ct.**, Trash bins at curb. It's a little bit cleaner. Being kept on radar.
- **282 Ackertown Rd.** Property inspected on 4/19 and 4/20. Everything should be in order there.
- **21 Lancaster Lane** –Posted with a Stop Work Order. Recommendation by the Village Engineer to go to Planning Board.
- **20 Briar Court:** No wires down on property any longer; whatever the issue, it was taken care of.

1 Karow Ct. –

- Village received a Petition. Stop work order issued for most of what is going on there.
- Village Engineer is also looking at applications and plans submitted for an additional review.
- The Village has begun applications being reviewed by both the Building Inspector and Village Engineer. It is a **Belt and Suspenders** approach. Now there is a second set of eyes. Village Engineer who usually gets involved is being involved sooner rather than later.
- We are re-appointing our Village Engineer who will also be sitting on as the Planning Board Engineer.
- Consistency and as a matter of efficiency, that's the way to go.
- Getting back to Karow Ct., I have to make an observation;

A property owner outside of the folks who signed the petition, they sent a separate letter asking that Karow Ct. be kept on the radar. What the salient portion of that letter was is they did not sign on the petition that was circulated because they were afraid that other than the dispute, there were accusations on the petition that probably boarded on slander with regard to certain

Village staff. These people felt they couldn't sign on the petition because there were certain personal accusations they felt were inappropriate. When you sign on petitions that have information that could be slanderous you are setting yourself up also for potential liability. If you have an issue with a petition regarding a particular property, that is what we are here for. Be careful what you sign.

I also have to address a paid advertisement. I am not going to address the specifics of this advertisement because that is exactly what it is, an advertisement. It only reinforces some fake news and hysteria, lacking in large part any knowledge of the law and what this Board is following. We have a law that we will be proposing to be revised. New York State Law says that you introduce at a meeting when you are going to have a Public Hearing on the law. That is what we will be doing this evening; pinning down a date for the Public Hearing on the law which is what the law says we should do. You may not agree with the ultimate result of what this Board decides.

This Village Board has never ever tried to sneak any type of law through without getting input. We have never ever tried to do something without getting input from the citizenry. I don't believe anyone can accuse us of trying to foist upon the Village anything that has not had a fair and open hearing.

My opinion as an individual in reading this paid advertisement is that there were factual inaccuracies with regard to many different things. You were led to believe that there were no notices sent to agencies or municipalities to comment on this law that we are going to be discussing in June. That is incorrect. We follow the law with regard to that. Notice of the law went out to various county agencies, to the neighboring communities, and to the Planning Board for their comments.

We received responses from Clarkstown and the County Planning Board. The Planning Board requested an extension because they were unable to access the law to provide comments on it. We had no issue with that. It would also give the other agencies time to respond even though it's supposed to be responded to in thirty days. That is why we extended the time period for this hearing for June. The Planning Board by law is supposed to look at the law, not the Zoning Board. That's because the Zoning Board may have to sit in judgement and interpret of the law. It's kind of difficult, if you have an arm in writing the law, then you're going to sit back and sit in judgement on the law? Again, inaccurate.

I also have to make reference to, and you will see eventually through the hearing, in regard to the law, that Religious uses are already permitted by Federal Law. RLUPA, Religious Land Use Act, allows certain types of religious practices in neighborhoods. The Federal Law states how people can worship and the free exercise of worship. We are not as a Village coming up with anything new. Purpose of this new law will be, is to further evolve in the current law that we have; to make it user friendly with regard to the applications that come before the Village. We do not want to run afoul of Federal and State Laws that can expose the Village with what could be substantial fines if we don't do the right things. That is the purpose of the new law and how we are going to develop the law. I am interpreting this advertisement.

I feel this advertisement was an affront to the Village. As a representative of the Village I need to set the record straight. It's this Board's right to address it. All 8,300 people need to know what's going on. We will be setting a Public Hearing for that law and it will be in June.

I understand a lot of you want to speak on the Neighborhood Worship Law. My suggestion is to do it in June when we have the Public Hearing on June 28th. For the sake of clarity and

efficiency we are going to have a special meeting that will be in June. We are probably not going to answer any questions tonight. We do not have our Planner here.

Trustee Miller:

We've said this before at other meetings. Whether you believe it or not, "we are you". We have the same concerns that you have; I have the same concerns about our neighborhood, community and about how we handle it. There is nothing that you can complain about, that I probably don't have the same concerns. We are your elected representatives. We take that seriously. We have done nothing in any way to bring up any concept that we have not taken the public trust that you have given to us seriously.

This was not on the Agenda tonight. We had no intention of discussing it tonight. This law is an early proposed law; it's in its' early stages. We haven't got comments back from our own Planning Board on it. That's significant.

We are setting up a special meeting. We want you to hear us and to hear each other. I want you to get up orderly and speak about it, but it was not on this Agenda. It accomplishes nothing in my judgment to discuss this law tonight. The time to discuss it is when we heard from other people, when we can tell you what they've said and then we can take your comments, listen to your comments and then discuss your comments. Right now, we are not discussing anything. I would ask you to discuss it when we could actually discuss it with you on June 28th. We are not trying to stop you from debating; this is just not the meeting for it because it's not on the Agenda.

3. Open Floor: Public discussion of Agenda Items.

Lance Steven Mogel, Attorney for CUPON - 457 Broadway, Suite 69N, New York

- **I am hear to speak about Agenda item - #30 – Resolution No. 2018-48 to schedule a Public Hearing on Zoning Law text amendments as relates to Places of Worship in the Village of Chestnut Ridge.**
- Presented to the Board report prepared by Certified Planner.
- Address a number of issues that will have to be addressed at some point
- Stated hand out from Planner could act as a guide.
- Gave to the Village Clerk to distribute accordingly.
- Thought the report should speak for itself.
- Thought the Board this evening preliminarily should classify this action as a Type I action.
- Type 1 actions, that involves, that affect 25 acres or more.
- Stated affects the entire village of almost 5 square miles.
- If the Board would address this as a Type I action, to clarify, at least preliminarily, it would be an indication that the Board takes seriously the environmental impact that this will happen. The way that it is currently designed, you are talking about Residential Places of Worship, other places of Worship for 90% of the Village.
- That is a vast expansion of what exists currently right now.
- Mayor's definition of RULPA is correct, but that is for another day.
- Suspected a number of people were quite angry and quite suspicious.
- The report that was provided is dated from February, 2017, unless it was a typographical error.

Mayor Presti:

- Mr. Mogel, it was and they were told it was a typographical error.

Lance Steven Mogel, Attorney CUPON:

- So, there was only one month of negotiations before the document was produced?

Mayor Presti:

- I am not going to go in a back and forth with you, Mr. Mogel, make your statement.

Lance Steven Mogel, Attorney CUPON:

- In any event, this item was negotiated behind closed doors.
- Only one segment of the community had a voice and then it was put on Agenda two days before the meeting.
- People are suspicious, people are angry and have every right to be.
- As proposed, this House of Worship law could result in Residential Places of Worship, multiple ones, having multiple services on the same day, on the same street.
- If you don't think that is going to have a profound impact on the environment then you're not paying attention.
- Asking you to preliminarily categorize this at a Type I; do your EIS, prepare the EAF; all of these items do it properly, because up to now It doesn't appear it's being done properly, it doesn't appear that people are being heard.

Mayor Presti:

- If I don't respond it's not necessarily that I agree, but, thank you.

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

- It seemed to him religious beliefs had no bearing on structures that are built in the community.
- How many people do you need to push down a vote for the community here?
- This is why we are all here.

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

- Regarding the **Parade Law**, how did we come up with a time period of five days?

Mayor Presti:

- We tried to be fair and reasonable.
- It was just a time period we figured would be good.
- If we need more time as this gets utilized we will adjust.

Yousuf Rosen – 26 Jean Ln., Chestnut Ridge, New York 10977:

- Grew up in Spring Valley where the same issue was addressed.
- Happened twenty-eight years ago where they wanted to make legal the synagogues.
- All we came up with was as long as you do it by Code and by law we will follow that and we will make it legal.
- I ask the Village to give us the codes and the law and we will make it legal.

David Spira – 16 Pine Knoll Ct., Chestnut Ridge, New York 10977:

- Wanted to thank the Mayor for proposing this new law on House of Worship.
- Right now, it's calling for five acres.
- It's not fair for any religion; whether it's Jewish, Moslem or Christian.

- Wanted to thank the Village for coming forward with this law that makes a lot more sense.

The Board was polled and voted 5-0 to Close the Open Floor Public Discussion on Agenda Items only.

MOTION: Trustee Cohen

SECOND: Trustee Miller

The Board was polled and voted 5-0 to Close the Open Floor Public Discussion on Agenda Items only.

4. Approval of Minutes of Previous Meeting, March 22, 2018.

MOTION: Trustee Valentine

SECOND: Deputy Mayor Brock

The Board was polled and voted 4-0 to Approve the Minutes of March 22, 2018.

- **One abstention -Trustee Cohen was not at the March 22, 2018 Village Board Meeting.**

5. a. Public Hearing on Tentative Budget for fiscal year June 1, 2018 through May 31, 2019.

Mayor Presti:

- No change since the last go around.
- We stayed within Cap.
- Maybe you'll see a nine dollar increase over the whole year.

MOTION: Deputy Mayor Brock

SECOND: Trustee Miller

The Board was polled and voted 5-0 to Adopt the Budget for fiscal year June 1, 2018 through May 31, 2018.

Resolution No. 2018-23:

RESOLVED that the proposed Tentative Budget for Fiscal Year June 1, 2018 to May 31, 2019 is hereby approved and the salaries and wages set forth therein are hereby fixed at the amounts shown therein effective June 1, 2018, and be it further

RESOLVED, that the tax rate is hereby set at 11.1487 per thousand dollars of assessed valuation.

MOTION: Deputy Mayor Brock

SECOND: Trustee Valentine

The Board was polled and voted 5-0 to Approve the Budget for Fiscal Year June 1, 2018 to May 31, 2019.

6. Continued Public Hearing on a proposed local law entitled "Parades, Processions and Special Events" relative to regulating events proposed in the Village of Chestnut Ridge.

Mayor Presti:

- We did revise the law to provide a five-day notice period on. Parades, Processions and Special Events Law.

- We started off one way; four meetings later ended up another way; so we do hear you, folks.

MOTION: Deputy Mayor Brock

SECOND: Trustee Cohen

The Board was polled and voted 5-0 to Close the Public Hearing and on the Parade Law.

Resolution No. 2018-24:

Resolution to adopt Local Law #3 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 Hearings on the adoption of these proposed amendments to the Village Code was held on February 22, 2018, March 22, 2018, and April 26, 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.

MOTION: Deputy Mayor Brock

SECOND: Trustee Cohen

The Board was polled and voted 5-0 to Adopt the Parade Law.

Local Law Filing

NEW YORK STATE DEPARTMENT OF STATE

41 State Street, **ALBANY, NY** 12231

(Use this form to file a local law with the Secretary of State.)

Text of law should be given as amended. Do not include matter being eliminated and do not use italics or underlining to indicate new matter.

County

City **of** CHESTNUT RIDGE

Town

Village

Local Law No. 3 of the year 2018.

BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Be it enacted by the ----- of the

County **CHESTNUT RIDGE**

City ----- as follows:

Town

Local Law # 3 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 **20 business 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. **All parades, processions and Special events shall be subject to the provisions of the Village Noise ordinance, and shall not take place between the hours of 11:00 pm and 6:00 am.**

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 minimum of five (5) days written notice of a parade, procession or special event shall be provided to residents along the route any parade or procession, and to residents in any affected area by such parade or procession.

§ -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.

C.

A \$500.00 deposit to secure payment for clean up after a parade, procession, or special events shall be made at the time the permit is issued.

§ -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.

Effective Date.

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

1. (Final adoption by local legislative body only.)

I hereby certify that the local law annexed hereto, designated as local law No. 3 of 2018 of the (County)(City)(Town)(**Village**)of CHESTNUT RIDGE was duly passed by the **Board of Trustees** on April 26, 2018, in accordance with the applicable provisions of law.

I further certify that I have compared the preceding local law with the original on file in this office and that the same is a correct transcript there from and of the whole of such original local law, and was finally adopted in the manner indicated in paragraph 1, above.

Clerk of the County legislative body, City, Town or Village Clerk

or officer designated by local legislative body

Date:

(Seal)

(Certification to be executed by, County Attorney, Corporation Counsel, Town Attorney, Village Attorney or other authorized Attorney of locality.)

STATE OF NEW YORK

COUNTY OF ROCKLAND

1, the undersigned, hereby certify that the foregoing local law contains the correct text and that all proper proceedings have been had or taken for the enactment of the local law annexed hereto.

Signature

VILLAGE ATTORNEY

Title

VILLAGE OF CHESTNUT RIDGE

Date: April 26, 2018

7. Mayor re-appoints Trustee Joan Brock Deputy Mayor.
8. a. Mayor re-appoints Florence Mandel as Village Clerk and Registrar of Vital Statistics for a term to expire April 2019.

b. **Resolution No. 2018-25:**

RESOLVED that the Mayor's re-appointment of Florence A. Mandel as Village Clerk and Registrar of Vital Statistics for a term to expire April 2019 is hereby approved.

MOTION: Deputy Mayor Brock

SECOND: Trustee Valentine

The Board was polled and voted 5-0 to Approve the re-appointment of Florence A. Mandel.

9. a. Mayor re-appoints Lise Chanin as Village Treasurer and Deputy Registrar of Vital Statistics for a term to expire April 2019.

b. **Resolution No. 2018-26:**

RESOLVED that the Mayor's re-appointment of Lise Chanin as Village Treasurer and Deputy Registrar of Vital Statistics for a term to expire April 2019 is hereby approved.

MOTION: Deputy Mayor Brock

SECOND: Trustee Valentine

The Board was polled and voted 5-0 to Approve the re-appointment of Lise Chanin.

5. a. Mayor re-appoints **William Smith, Esq.** as **Acting Village Justice** for a term to expire **April 2019.**

b. **Resolution No. 2018-27:**

RESOLVED, that the Mayor's re-appointment of William Smith, Esq. as Acting Village Justice for a term to expire April 2019 is hereby approved.

10. **MOTION: Trustee Cohen**
SECOND: Deputy Mayor Brock
The Board was polled and voted **5-0** to **Approve the re-appointment of Acting Village Justice William Smith.**

11. a. Mayor appoints Walter R. Sevastian, Esq. as Village Attorney for a term to expire April 2018, at an annual salary not to exceed \$52,500 (excluding litigation).

b. **Resolution No. 2018-28:**

RESOLVED that the Mayor's appointment of Walter R. Sevastian, Esq., as Village Attorney for a term to expire April 2019, at an annual salary not to exceed \$52,500 (excluding litigation), is hereby approved.

MOTION: Trustee Miller

SECOND: Trustee Valentine

The Board was polled and voted 5-0 to Approve the appointment of the Village Attorney,

c. **Resolution No. 2018-29** retaining Paul Baum, Esq. at an hourly rate of \$130.00 per hour to the Village of Chestnut Ridge, \$175.00 per hour to land use applicants.

MOTION: Trustee Valentine

SECOND: Trustee Cohen:

The Board was polled and voted **5-0 to Approve retaining Paul Baum, Esq.**

12. a. **Mayor re-appoints Allan Rubin as Chairperson of Planning Board for a term to expire April 2019.**

b. **Resolution No. 2018-30:**

RESOLVED that the Mayor's re-appointment of Allan Rubin Chairperson of Planning Board for a term to expire April 2019 is hereby approved.

MOTION: Trustee Cohen

SECOND: Deputy Mayor Brock

The Board was polled and voted 5-0 to re-appoint Allan Rubin, Chairperson of Planning Board.

13. a. **Mayor re-appoints Marc Levine as Deputy Chairperson of Planning Board for a term to expire April 2019.**

b. **Resolution No. 2018-31:**

RESOLVED that the Mayor's re-appointment of Marc Levine as Deputy Chairperson of Planning Board for a term to expire April 2019 is hereby approved.

MOTION: Trustee Cohen

SECOND: Trustee Valentine

The Board was polled and voted 4-1 , one nay to Approve the re-appointment of Marc Levine, Deputy Chairperson of Planning Board.

14. a. **Mayor re-appoints Stephen Liebman Chairperson of Zoning Board of Appeals for a term to expire April 2019.**

b. **Resolution No. 2018-32:**

RESOLVED that the Mayor's re-appointment of Stephen Liebman as Chairperson of Zoning Board of Appeals for a term to expire April 2019, is hereby approved.

MOTION: Trustee Valentine

SECOND: Trustee Cohen

The Board was polled and voted 5-0 to Approve the re-appointment of Stephen Liebman as Chairperson of the Zoning Board of Appeals.

15. a. Mayor appoints Deputy Chairperson of Zoning Board of Appeals – **MOTION TABLED.**

- b. **Resolution No. 2018-33** approving Mayor's appointment.

MOTION: Trustee Cohen

SECOND: Trustee Miller

The Board was polled and voted 5-0 to TABLE the Motion.

16. a. **Mayor appoints Paul Van Alstyne as Alternate member to Zoning Board of Appeals, for a term to expire April 2022.**

- b. **Resolution No. 2018-34:**

RESOLVED that the Mayor's appointment of Paul Van Alstyne as Alternate member to the Zoning Board of Appeals member for a term to expire April 2022, is hereby approved.

MOTION: Trustee Valentine

SECOND: Trustee Cohen

The Board was polled and voted to appointment Paul Van Alstyne as Alternate member to the Zoning Board of Appeals.

17. a. **Mayor re-appoints Robert Lorenc Chairperson of the Architectural Review Board for a term to expire April 2019.**

- b. **Resolution No. 2018-35:**

RESOLVED that the Mayor's re-appointment of Robert Lorenc Chairperson of Architectural Review Board for a term to expire April 2019, is hereby approved.

MOTION: Deputy Mayor Brock

SECOND: Trustee Cohen

The Board was polled and voted 5-0 to re-appoint Robert Lorenc as Chairperson of the Architectural Review Board.

18. **a. Mayor appoints Laura Dunlop as Deputy Chairperson of Architectural Review Board for a term to expire April 2019.**

b. Resolution No. 2018-36:

RESOLVED, that the Mayor's appointment of Laura Dunlop as Deputy Chairperson of Architectural Review Board for a term to expire April 2019 is hereby approved.

MOTION: Trustee Miller

SECOND: Trustee Valentine

The Board was polled and voted 5-0 to re-appoint Laura Dunlop as Deputy Chairperson.

19. **a. Mayor appoints Nabil Ghanem as Member of the Architectural Review Board for a term to expire April 2022.**

b. Resolution No. 2018-37:

RESOLVED, that the Mayor's appointment of Nabil Ghanem as member of Architectural Review Board for a term to expire April 2022 is hereby approved.

MOTION: Trustee Cohen

SECOND: Trustee Valentine

The Board was polled and voted 5-0 to appoint Nabil Ghanem as member to the Architectural Review Board.

- Replaced Paul Van Alstyne who is moving onto the Zoning Board.

20. **Resolution No. 2018-38 designating the Mayor as Village Historian.**

MOTION: Trustee Cohen

SECOND: Deputy Mayor Brock

The Board was polled and voted 5-0 to designate the Mayor Village Historian.

21. **Resolution No. 2018-39 approving contract with Marvin Nyman, CPA as Village Financial Consultant.**

MOTION: Deputy Mayor Brock

SECOND: Trustee Valentine

One abstention; Trustee Cohen

The Board was polled and voted **4-0 to Approve contract with Marvin Nyman, CPA.**

- **One abstention by Trustee Cohen.**

22. **Resolution No. 2018-40 approving contract with Nelson, Pope & Voorhis, LLC as Village Planning Consultants.**

MOTION: Deputy Mayor Brock

SECOND: Trustee Valentine

The Board was polled and voted 5-0 to Approve contract with Nelson, Pope & Voorhis, LLC. As Village Planning Consultants.

23. **Resolution No. 2018-41** approving contract with Spence Engineering as Village Engineering Consultant.

MOTION: Deputy Mayor Brock

SECOND: Trustee Miller

The Board was polled and voted **5-0 to Approve Contract with Spence Engineering.**

24. **Resolution No. 2018-42** designating the Rockland Journal News as the Official Village Newspaper.

MOTION: Trustee Cohen

SECOND: Deputy Mayor Brock

The Board was polled and voted **4-0**, one nay, designating the **Rockland Journal News as the Official Village Newspaper.**

Mayor Presti:

- **We are basically re-appointing our Village professionals and consultants.**
- **The professionals have been with us a number of years and we are very happy with them.**

25. **Resolution No. 2018-43** designating M&T Bank, Sterling National Bank, J.P. Morgan Chase, and Key Bank as Official Village Depositories.

MOTION Trustee Valentine

SECOND: Deputy Mayor Brock

The Board was polled M&T Bank, Sterling National Bank, J.P. Morgan Chase, and Key Bank as Official Village

26. **Resolution No. 2018-44:**

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

MOTION: Deputy Mayor Brock

SECOND: Trustee Cohen

The Board was polled and voted 5-0 to Approve the Official Village Postings.

27. **Resolution No. 2018-45:**

RESOLVED, that the Village of Chestnut Ridge Procurement Policy is hereby ratified for FY 2018-2019.

MOTION: Trustee Miller

SECOND: Deputy Mayor Brock

The Board was polled and voted 5-0 to Approve the Village of Chestnut Ridge Procurement Policy.

28. **Resolution No 2018-46:**

Approving the Village of Chestnut Ridge's 2018 Agreement with Cornell Cooperative Extension for EPA Phase 2 Stormwater Regulation education and outreach requirements; and also to approve the Village participating in the MS4 Stormwater Grant with Stormwater Consortium and Rockland County.

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, 2018 through March 31, 2019, at a cost not to exceed \$800.00 per year, is hereby accepted, and it is further

RESOLVED that the Village is authorized to participate in the MS4 Stormwater Grant with Stormwater Consortium and Rockland County, and it is further

RESOLVED, that the Mayor is hereby authorized to execute any necessary agreements to effectuate this Resolution with Rockland County or the Cornell Cooperative Extension for said services, subject to the approval of the Village Attorney.

MOTION: Trustee Cohen

SECOND: Deputy Mayor Brock

The Board was polled and voted 5-0 to Approve the Agreement with Cornell Cooperative Extension.

29. **Resolution No. 2018-47** approving renewal of agreement with B&B Pools to open the water feature at the Village Park (\$230.00).

MOTION: Trustee Cohen

SECOND: Trustee Miller

The Board was polled and voted 5-0 to Approve the Agreement with B&B Pools to open water feature at Village Park.

30. **Resolution No. 2018-48** to schedule a Public Hearing for June 28, 2018 at 7:30 p.m. the Chestnut Ridge Middle School, on Local Law #4 of 2018, zoning law text amendments as relate to Places of Worship in the Village of Chestnut Ridge.

MOTION: Deputy Mayor Brock

SECOND: Trustee Valentine

The Board was polled and voted 5-0 to Approve scheduling of a Public Hearing for June 28, 2018.

31. Resolution No. 2017-49:

RESOLVED, that General Fund Claims set forth on pages **1 through 4** in the aggregate amount of b **\$152,715.54** as set forth on **Abstract No. 2018-4 dated April 26, 2018**, as submitted by the Village Treasurer, are hereby approved.

MOTION: Deputy Mayor Brock

SECOND: Trustee Cohen

The Board was polled and voted 5-0 to Approve Resolution No. 2017-49.

Mayor Presti:

We received a request from the Town of Ramapo to get our tax exemption procedures in line with regard to Senior Citizens, Persons with Disabilities & Limited Income, Volunteer Firefighters/Ambulance Workers. Town of Ramapo oversees the tax collection and tax exemption and laws had sent us the continuation of exemption requirements.

- **Motion to hold a Public Hearing on May 17, 2018 on three exemption laws for the continuation of exemption requirements in regard to Senior Citizens, Persons with Disabilities, Firefighters/Ambulance workers. This is nothing new. The laws have been provided for us by the Town of Ramapo. We are just re-affirming the percentages if you fall between those statutorily set parameters.**

MOTION: Trustee Miller

SECOND: Trustee Valentine

The Board was polled and voted 5-0 to Approve the Motion to have a Public Hearing on three exemption laws on May 17, 2018.

32. Open Floor: Public Discussion:

Carol Goodman – 964 Chestnut Ridge Rd., Chestnut Ridge, NY 10977:

- **Stated to her knowledge the Zoning Board already voted on that law; 3 Spring Hill Terrace.**
- **Structure out of compliance and to make the structure back to what the plan said, which is a three- car garage.**
- **Stated you are to be doing things that are for the people of Chestnut Ridge.**
- **Stated this is not in keeping with the people of Chestnut Ridge.**

Mayor Presti:

- **The Village has been sued with regard to the Zoning Board decision and been accused of violating Civil Rights violation.**

- This Board cannot comment at all on 3 Spring Hill Terrace.
- It is now in Court.

Carol Goodman – 964 Chestnut Ridge Rd., Chestnut Ridge, NY 10977:

- This new law would make Chestnut Ridge unviable.
- Instead of having homes, we will have synagogues.
- It is a great injustice to me and the people of Chestnut Ridge.

Norman Cohen – 11 Aberden Avenue Chestnut Ridge, NY 10977:

- Looked at the By-Laws; there seems to be some oversight regarding safety standards for people that would be praying there.
- No evidence there will be fire alarms, sprinkler systems, smoke detectors. alarm systems, safety precautions regarding entrance and exists.
- Why is this excluded because we are interested in the safety of the children and people using these homes for worship?
- How will this be enforced with the Fire Department for the safety of everybody.

Mayor Presti:

- The law in any building in the Village of Chestnut Ridge has to meet all fire and safety standards and building codes.

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

- I understand the constraints your under with regard to 3 Spring Hill Terrace.
- Were you under these constraints before the Lawsuit was filed on April 20th?
- As you know, I did not get an answer from the Building Department for four weeks.

Mayor Presti:

- Actually, we were under threat, “Yes”.
- The Foil Law says that you come and you get documents.
- Because you have a question with regard to procedure, that’s not necessarily Foilable.
- If you want to know how certain things are done, either you look at the law or you look at the file.
- Some of the requests that you were making were outside of the Foil perimeters.
- I responded to you accordingly, by saying, the file is open to you as any file is open to anyone and by looking at the file you will see exactly what was done as a result of the Zoning Board’s actions.

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

My questions had to do with:

- When was the effective date of the revocation beyond which it would be illegal?
- What would be the penalties?

Mayor Presti:

- If you look at the Village law you would see what the penalties are for Zoning Board violations.
- If you look at the Building file you will see the letters sent to the property owner.

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

- 1 Karow Ct., signed by 83 residents, 40 problems with the plans, improvement and construction.
- The complaint called for firing the Building Inspector and a building moratorium.
- I submitted a Foil request, I am waiting for an appointment.
- Is there any response you can give to the residents tonight who signed it?
- We instituted additional procedures that the Building Engineer also look at the application.

Mayor Presti:

- We had three properties; 21 Lancaster, 1 Karow., and one property escapes me right now.
- The Village Engineer is working in tandem with the Building Inspector to see how that has to be cleaned up.
- You are correct that as a result of the issues brought up by you and other neighbors I did have an opportunity, to crack the file, and as a result of the comments and looking at the file; I felt it best to get the Village Engineer involved and think we are on the right track.

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

- We've been told in the Village Code all new construction requires a two -car garage with a driveway.
- Why Spring Hill Terrace ended up with needing to be built what they built?
- Two Samuel Rd. – the existing house demolished all the way down to the foundation; there were some supports; what has been built up is two stories with attic space. I think there is also a basement; but was not sure.
- There is no garage at all, not even a one car garage.
- 10 Lillian Drive – the difference there was a one car garage and there is still a one car garage.
- It's kind of not clear, under what circumstances regarding a two- car garage law is enforced?
- The Building Inspector has this unchecked discretion.

Mayor Presti:

- **The Building Inspector doesn't have the right to waive a requirement of the law.**
- **Two Samuel we will follow up.**

Jonathan Korban – 6 Aberdeen Avenue, Chestnut Ridge, NY 10977:

- **Questioned Resolution No. 2018-38; Village Historian.**
- **Have we ever had an Historian before?**
- **Knew someone in the Village who would love to be the Village Historian; exploring our history and in promoting it.**

Mayor Presti:

- **There is really not much for us to be doing at this juncture, it's the office of the Mayor.**
- **I spoke with her; there were conditions that she had with regard that she needed to make that were not acceptable to the Village.**
- **Thank you for lobbying for her; its appreciated.**
- **I'm sure she appreciates it also.**

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

- **Concerned about 32 Spring Hill Terrace; illegally rented, 10 cars all over the place; at least five kids in that house.**

Linda Amann – 311 N. Highland Avenue, Chestnut Ridge, New York 10977:

- **Complained about 32 Spring Hill Terrace; purchased at a bankruptcy sale in March, 2017, illegally rented.**
- **Multiple dwelling, cars parked all over the place.**
- **People said they were renting the first and second floors of the house.**
- **Neighbors can see through the garage doors there is a partition in there, also can see it from the street.**
- **Being used illegally, 60 people attending services each week in an unfinished basement there.**
- **Trucks were there all summer long; we assumed they were fixing the house up.**
- **Everette posted notice on October 31, 2017; hadn't got the paperwork in on time; adjourned until November 4, 2017.**
- **Adjourned again until January, 2018, owner suddenly had something and adjourned again.**

Trustee Miller:

- **Is there anyone living there or is the house just being used?**

Linda Amann – 311 N. Highland Avenue, Chestnut Ridge, New York 109077:

- **February 14th owner never showed up, sent a letter warrant.**

- **March 14th, sent representative; claimed because of Passover holiday couldn't get paper work completed; they had until October 31st to be working on this.**
- **At the last meeting, which was April 11, 2018 the owner or a representative did not show up.**
- **My understanding is that a Letter Warrant was sent out, but I'm not sure.**

Walter Sevastian – Village Attorney:

- **It's difficult to get a Bench Warrant, logged in the computer with the Police Department, unless you have a Date of Birth for the defendant in the case.**
- **In this case we were fortunate enough to have a Date of Birth, so a Bench Warrant is lodged through the Justice Court.**
- **I don't know that the Police actually go knocking on doors to arrest people for a Bench Warrant unless they're for violations of the Penal Law.**
- **If there is a Warrant out there for you someone can come along; you can get a parking ticket or a speeding ticket and end up getting arrested until the Judge arraigns you.**

Linda Amann – 311 N. Highland Avenue, Chestnut Ridge, NY 10977:

- **I spoke to you about this before; I haven't got a ticket in fifty years; so if I have to wait for this person to get a ticket, give me a break.**

Walter Sevastian – Village Attorney

- **I can understand your frustration but we are dealing with the Justice Court prosecution.**

Trustee Miller:

- **What's the Criminal proceeding?**

Walter Sevastian – Village Attorney:

- **It's a Quasi criminal prosecution right now; construction without a Permit.**
- **If you don't show up for an arraignment, they can issue you an arrest warrant.**
- **The Court has a process for Letter Warrants for people who don't show up.**
- **If you get a Date of Birth for somebody whose charged with something you can issue a Bench Warrant; it gets lodged in the computer with the Criminal Justice services.**
- **Theoretically, that person can be arrested on the Bench Warrant so it gives the Police more ammunition and they can go and find them.**

Linda Amann – 311 N. Highland Avenue, Chestnut Ridge, NY 10977:

- **It seems to me it can be stalled forever.**

Mayor Presti:

- **The violation is an on-going violation –**

- Everyday it's not resolved it's considered a violation.

Linda Amann – 311 N. Highland Avenue, Chestnut Ridge, NY 10977:

- I understand, Mr. Sevastian, there is a fine of up to \$500.00 a day,
- I'm here to see something gets done.
- Up to sixty people going into this basement every weekend.
- The street is extremely dangerous; a double line on that road.
- In 2014, a motorcyclist was killed within 200 feet of that house.
- A Verizon transfer box was totally flattened that was within twenty feet of the doorway.
- Somebody entered my neighbor's yard with a car, narrowly missed their house and a tree, went through her hedge and came out my driveway.
- People are walking three and four abreast on the road; that's just one safety concern.
- There was another fire recently at another House of Worship on Pascack Rd.

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

- Showed pictures of cars going around on Summit Rd., at 7:11 a.m., middle car was passing the first car, happening on a regular basis, extremely dangerous.
- Saw article about construction, if they are not being built upon, they are supposed to be secured; there's been no construction for four months, untouched, at 8 Hamilton.

Mayor Presti:

- Should be secured with a fence, etc. so no one goes there.
- Village Clerk will speak with Ramapo Police Department to see if they can see what's going on.

Avraham Good - 7 Lomond Avenue, Chestnut Ridge, New York 10977:

- 26 Pascack Rd., a Permit was picked up the 20th of this month.; 1:34 p.m
- Inspector there seven times before permit was issued.
- There was a STOP WORK ORDER and they stopped working.
- The boiler had some smoke, no fire.
- The Fire Department was there.
- They gave complaint to the Village.
- Inspector came down again and again.
- Permit was issued.

Johnathan Korban – 6 Aberdeen Avenue, Chestnut Ridge, NY 10977:

- 312 Highland Avenue, very large house.
- Mark Realty in front of that house.

- Called owner of Mark Realty about two weeks ago and said the house was never sold.
- I met people who are renting upstairs.
- You have all these people worshipping on the Sabbath there.
- I've written complaints to the Building Inspector, Code Enforcer.

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

- 62 Sutton, 94 Sutton Place are typical of what's happening there.
- One story houses with a basement, being demolished and replaced with huge homes.
- I talked to Mr. Lorenc, the Architectural Review Board Chairman.
- The issue of being out of character, out of scale, does not trump as long as they are able to be built in the envelope.
- You have the Walsky property.

Mayor Presti:

- Nothing has been planned yet.
- It will, I assume, eventually be developed.
- It is currently Zoned Residential.
- The last go-around was 28 or 29 single family homes.

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

- You have small homes being replaced with much larger homes.
- Has the Village looked at any type of plan for planning in place to anticipate the population that is much larger than before, significantly more children, more school buses.
- What will be the effect on infrastructure, traffic?

Mayor Presti:

- No Village will or can legislate population.
- People like the fact that it's a bedroom community.
- It's the same reason why you moved here, why I moved here, why our parents moved here.
- The answer to your question is, "yes"; that's what the Planning Board does when they look at Sub-Divisions.
- That's what the Zoning Board does when they look at Variances.
- That's what the Planner does when he looks at the Comprehensive Plan.

Jerry Liebelson – 31 Midway Avenue, Chestnut Ridge, NY 10977:

- Code Enforcement – we are losing our Code Enforcer.
- The Code Inspector will have to take on double duty.
- I found these on my own time; they would have been overlooked.

- 39 Summit Rd., 3 Ronwood Rd., 1 Lisa Ln. 24 Keith Drive – all of these involve illegal construction.
- 1 Lisa Lane – going on for months. They put up a fence; an entrance to the garage door.
- Police were called a number of times working after 7 p.m.
- Unlicensed contractors.
- Had the nerve to put a false Building Permit in the upper window and fooled the Rockland County.
- Contractor was living there down the street and doing all this work.
- Eventually, Everette got to it.
- Gave them a Stop Work order.
- By then the work was done.
- We need more Code Enforcement.

Mayor Presti:

- Everette is going to be replaced probably with a Full Time Code Enforcement officer.
- I want to make sure we are working smarter, efficiently and getting the biggest bang for our buck; and I do not say that in any disparaging way to our staff.

Tim Conlin – 4 New Ackertown Rd., Chestnut Ridge, New York 10977.

- Here at last meeting, sticks, branches picked up after storm.
- Appreciated it being picked up very much.
- 1 Karow Ct., good to hear process has been taken up, getting attention.

Mayor Presti:

- We tweaked our procedures a little bit, and my hope is we are not going to be in a situation like a month ago with regard to something like that happening again.
- Now that we have our Village Engineer reviewing these applications, if any issues, if not resolved under the auspices of the Village Engineer, basically in concert with the Building Inspector saying it was o.k. they are going to have to go before the Zoning Board.
- The law says 500 feet.
- The Zoning Board Agenda is posted two weeks before.
- Call Mary and ask her if there is something pending before the Zoning Board.
- You're going to see those signs.
- It has to be posted on the property.
- If you see a Public Hearing sign, my suggestion is check out the date and go to the meeting, you will have ample opportunity to speak.

Norman Cohen – 11 Aberdeen Avenue, Chestnut Ridge, NY 10977:

- Could possibly be a legal issue; let us say somebody uses a portion of their home, 50%, and you take the aggregate number of hours for Worship purposes how can you prevent them from reducing their taxable liability by in effect downzoning their house value?

Mayor Presti:

- I don't know anything about down Zoning.
- The State of New York provides the perimeters for exemptions for people who Worship in their home.
- That is something that is set by State statute.
- There is an application that needs to be filled out by the applicant and there is supporting documentation that needs to be submitted to the Tax Assessor.
- The Ramapo Tax Assessor is probably one of the top Tax Assessors; if not in the County, in the State of New York.
- Mr. Schelder, follows the law to the Tee.
- If someone is going to apply for a tax exemption, they will apply within the law; within the perimeters of the law.
- If the law says they are entitled ex percent, they will get it, if they are not, they will not.

Norman Cohen – 11 Aberdeen Avenue, Chestnut Ridge, NY 10977:

- What determines, whether they're entitled if they apply the idea that a portion of their house, verses an aggregate number of hours for all religious services over the year, not just for the Sabbath, and, therefore, we are going to subtract that just like somebody who carries a business on the portion of their home?

Mayor Presti:

- Look at the application on line for the Town of Ramapo and you will see exactly how it has to be quantified.

Tara Valens – 28 Pine Brook Rd., Chestnut Ridge, New York 10977:

- The traffic in Chestnut Ridge has quadrupled if not more.
- Had police officers sit on her driveway, gave no tickets, watched buses fly by.
- Speed trailer said, 53 m.p.h., 57 m.p.h.
- You won't put up Speed Bumps, and I understand why.
- The ripples in the ground are a pain in the neck for the people who live in the area.

Mayor Presti:

- For them to sit there and see that and you're telling me 53 m.p.h. there is obviously a problem.
- The Ramapo Police Department has been particularly responsible.

- The Village Clerk will follow up with our liaison tomorrow.
- We will relay this to the police.
- We do not have our own Police Dept., what you are relaying to us.
- Obviously, they have a record of who was on duty.
- The people should have been ticketed.

Walter Sevastian – Village Attorney:

- On the 2nd and 3rd Wednesday of the month there are a lot of tickets issued.

Tara Valens – 28 Pine Brook Rd., Chestnut Ridge, New York 10977.

- Our wells are drying up; our pits are empty.
- Are we responsible to change for Town water?
- Is there an ordinance of the number of trees you have to leave on your lot?
- Asked if a neighbor cut down trees and she has a problem with flooding?

Mayor Presti:

- Unfortunately, well maintenance, you may have to dig dipper.
- There are not many more homes in the Village with wells.
- When you have a well you have a limited resource.
- There is still a feeling amongst the people if they want to do something on their property they should be allowed to do it.
- As many people as there are saying you should be restricted with your trees, there is an equal number of people who feel they should be allowed to do what they want.
- We are not prepared to come up with a Tree Ordinance at this time telling people what they can or cannot do.
- Mayor stated he could not give her legal advice, she would have to speak to a Civil Attorney.

Walter Sevastian – Village Attorney:

- On the 2nd and 3rd Wednesday of the month there are a lot of tickets issued.

Carole Goodman – 964 Chestnut Ridge Rd., Chestnut Ridge, New York 10977:

- In the Fall there seems to be a property at the end of Orchard Ct., they must have a car repair there; the cars seem to multiply.
- Orchard Ct., end and comes to Chestnut Ridge Rd.

Marc Aldrich – 16 Cheryl Street, Chestnut Ridge, NY 10977:

- Complained about garbage men not picking up his logs.
- Claimed he did cut them to proper size.
- Complained woman he spoke to was quite curt and rude and my neighbor walked in and got the same response.

Mayor Presti:

- Anything on your own property, you are responsible for as a home owner.
- The garbage men will pick it up if it is a certain size and a certain weight.
- Have the Village Clerk check it out.

Joann Murray – 1 Continental Ct., Chestnut Ridge, New York 10977:

- Complained about trash littered all up and down the street.
- There is a stream over there, complained never seen it like that.
- Complained there were tapes, plastic caution tapes, etc.

Mayor Presti:

- Maybe with the snow and the bad weather, maybe our maintenance person was not out as much.
- There are certain sections that it is not on our own property.
- A lot of people drive through the Village; we try to clean up but only have one staff person who does that.
- Would hope if the caution tapes are on private property the people would remove it.
- We cannot go on someone's private property.
- Around Margetts School there were one or two properties that had caution tape, but it was removed.

Baruch Feder – 33 Beckett Ct., Chestnut Ridge, New York 10977:

- Thanked Trustee Miller for the reflectors.
- Trustee Miller was one of the initiators.
- If you see someone without reflector, stop the car and tell them do you know the Village has reflectors; have conversations with your neighbors.
- Questioned why people would want to cut their trees down?
- Government cannot do everything; people have to do things.
- People can put a timer on their lights so they will go off at a certain time.
- Wanted to thank the Village for making the Parade Law.

Tara Valens – 28 Pine Brook Rd., Chestnut Ridge, New York 10977:

- Suggested people put up a sign on a tree or a pole that states the Village has reflectors.

Mayor Presti:

- Suggested people come to the Village to get reflectors.

Avraham Good – 7 Lomond Avenue, Chestnut Ridge, New York 10977:

- Stated the Village of Chestnut Ridge is a good place to live.

Motion to Close the Open Floor Public Meeting:

MOTION: Deputy Mayor Brock

SECOND: Trustee Cohen

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

MOTION TO ADJOURN & GO INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION:

33. Executive session – Pending Litigation on Margiotta v. Village of Chestnut Ridge ZBA; Chestnut Ridge v. Chestnut Ridge Associates, Kediahas Aharon v. Village of Chestnut Ridge.

MOTION: Trustee Cohen

SECOND: Trustee Miller

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

MEETING ADJOURNED: 9:50 P.M.

EXECUTIVE SESSION ENDED: 10:20 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Florence A. Mandel

Village Clerk

33. Executive session – Pending Litigation on Margiotta v. Village of Chestnut Ridge ZBA; Chestnut Ridge v. Chestnut Ridge Associates, Kediahas Aharon v. Village of Chestnut Ridge.
 34. Motion to Adjourn.
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Resolutions

1. Resolution No. 2018-23

RESOLVED that the proposed Tentative Budget for Fiscal Year June 1, 2018 to May 31, 2019 is hereby approved and the salaries and wages set forth therein are hereby fixed at the amounts shown therein effective June 1, 2018, and be it further

RESOLVED, that the tax rate is hereby set at \$_____ per thousand dollars of assessed valuation.

2. Resolution No. 2018-24

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 Hearings on the adoption of these proposed amendments to the Village Code was held on February 22, 2018, March 22, 2018, and April 26, 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.

2. Mayor re-appoints Joan Brock as Deputy Mayor for a term expiring April 2018.
3. a. Mayor re-appoints Florence Mandel as Village Clerk and Registrar of Vital Statistics for a term to expire April 2019.
b. **Resolution No. 2018-25:**

RESOLVED that the Mayor’s re-appointment of Florence Mandel as Village Clerk and Registrar of Vital Statistics for a term to expire April 2019 is hereby approved.

4. a. Mayor re-appoints Lise Chanin as Village Treasurer and Deputy Registrar of Vital Statistics for a term to expire April 2019.

- b. **Resolution No. 2018-26:**

RESOLVED that the Mayor's re-appointment of Lise Chanin as Village Treasurer and Deputy Registrar of Vital Statistics for a term to expire April 2019 is hereby approved.

5. a. Mayor re-appoints William Smith, Esq. as Acting Village Justice for a term to expire April 2019.

- b. **Resolution No. 2018-27:**

RESOLVED, that the Mayor's reappointment of William Smith, Esq. as Acting Village Justice for a term to expire April 2019 is hereby approved.

6. a. Mayor appoints Walter R. Sevastian, Esq. as Village Attorney for a term to expire April 2018, at an annual salary not to exceed \$52,500 (excluding litigation).

- b. **Resolution No. 2018-28:**

RESOLVED that the Mayor's appointment of Walter R. Sevastian, Esq., as Village Attorney for a term to expire April 2018, at an annual salary not to exceed \$52,500 (excluding litigation), is hereby approved.

- c. **Resolution No. 2018-29:**

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

7. a. Mayor re-appoints Allan Rubin as Chairperson of Planning Board for a term to expire April 2019.

- b. **Resolution No. 2018-30:**

RESOLVED that the Mayor's re-appointment of Allan Rubin Chairperson of Planning Board for a term to expire April 2018 is hereby approved.

8. a. Mayor re-appoints Marc Levine as Deputy Chairperson of Planning Board for a term to expire April 2019.

- b. **Resolution No. 2018-31:**

RESOLVED that the Mayor's re-appointment of Marc Levine as Deputy Chairperson of Planning Board for a term to expire April 2019 is hereby approved.

9. a. Mayor re-appoints Stephen Liebman Chairperson of Zoning Board of Appeals for a term to expire April 2019.

b. **Resolution No. 2018-32:**

RESOLVED that the Mayor's re-appointment of Stephen Liebman as Chairperson of Zoning Board of Appeals for a term to expire April 2019, is hereby approved.

10. a. Mayor appointment of Deputy Chairperson of Zoning Board of Appeals for a term to expire April 2019.

b. **Resolution No. 2018-33:**

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11. Mayor appoints Paul Van Alstyne as Alternate member to the Zoning Board of Appeals member for a term to expire April 2022.

b. **Resolution No. 2018-34:**

RESOLVED that the Mayor's appointment of Paul Van Alstyne as Alternate member to the Zoning Board of Appeals member for a term to expire April 2022, is hereby approved.

MOTION:

SECOND:

The Board was polled and voted to appointment Paul Van Alstyne as Alternate member to the Zoning Board of Appeals.

12. a. Mayor re-appoints Robert Lorenc Chairperson of the Architectural Review Board for a term to expire April 2019.

b. **Resolution No. 2018-35:**

RESOLVED that the Mayor's re-appointment of Robert Lorenc Chairperson of Architectural Review Board for a term to expire April 2019, is hereby approved.

13. a. Mayor appoints Laura Dunlop as Deputy Chairperson of Architectural Review Board for a term to expire April 2019.

b. **Resolution No. 2018-36:**

RESOLVED, that the Mayor's appointment of Laura Dunlop as Deputy Chairperson of Architectural Review Board for a term to expire April 2019 is hereby approved.

14. a. Mayor appoints Nabil Ghanem as Member of the Architectural Review Board for a term to expire April 2022.

b. **Resolution No. 2018-37:**

RESOLVED, that the Mayor's appointment of Nabil Ghanem as member of Architectural Review Board for a term to expire April 2022 is hereby approved.

15. **Resolution No. 2018-38:**

RESOLVED, that the Mayor is hereby designated Village Historian for a term expiring April 2019.

16. **Resolution No. 2018-39:**

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

17. **Resolution No. 2018-40:**

RESOLVED, that a contract Nelson, Pope & Voorhes, LLC as Village Planning Consultant is hereby approved for a period of one year to expire April 2019.

18. **Resolution No. 2018-41:**

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

19. **Resolution No. 2018-42:**

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

20. **Resolution No. 2018-43:**

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

21. Resolution No. 2018-44:

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

22. Resolution No. 2018-45:

RESOLVED, that the Village of Chestnut Ridge Procurement Policy is hereby ratified for FY 2018-2019.

23. Resolution No. 2018-46:

Approving the Village of Chestnut Ridge's 2018 Agreement with Cornell Cooperative Extension for EPA Phase 2 Stormwater Regulation education and outreach requirements; and also to approve the Village participating in the MS4 Stormwater Grant with Stormwater Consortium and Rockland County.

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, 2018 through March 31, 2019, at a cost not to exceed \$800.00 per year, is hereby accepted, and it is further

RESOLVED that the Village is authorized to participate in the MS4 Stormwater Grant with Stormwater Consortium and Rockland County, and it is further

RESOLVED, that the Mayor is hereby authorized to execute any necessary agreements to effectuate this Resolution with Rockland County or the Cornell Cooperative Extension for said services, subject to the approval of the Village Attorney.

24. Resolution No. 2018- 47:

RESOLVED that the Agreement with B&B Pools to open the water feature at the Village Park is hereby renewed (the contracted amount is \$230.00).

25. Resolution No. 2018- 48:

A Public Hearing on Local Law #__ of 2018, amendments to the Village of Chestnut Ridge Zoning Code consisting of text amendments as relates to Places of Worship in the Village of Chestnut Ridge, shall be held at 8:00 pm on June 21, 2018, at the Chestnut Ridge Middle School.

26. Resolution No. 2017-49:

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