

**MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES
THE VILLAGE OF CHESTNUT RIDGE
JUNE 18, 2015**

The Board of Trustees of the Village of Chestnut Ridge convened in regular session on June 18, 2015 at the Village Hall, located at 277 Old Nyack Turnpike, Chestnut Ridge, NY 10977.

PRESENT:

ROSARIO PRESTI, JR. - MAYOR

**JOAN BROCK - DEPUTY MAYOR
HOWARD COHEN - TRUSTEE
GRANT VALENTINE - TRUSTEE**

WALTER R. SEVASTIAN - VILLAGE ATTORNEY

FLORENCE A. MANDEL - RECORDING SECRETARY

1. Pledge of Allegiance.

2. Mayor's report.

- I had Sunday's with the Mayor on June 14, 2015.
- Had a few people there. A few people were talking about the garbage. They all seemed to understand.
- Lise Chanin was able to follow up with Orange & Rockland Utilities and they removed their equipment as the work was going on in Pearl River and not in Chestnut Ridge. The residents were happy how fast we took care of that.
- Had about three or four people. It is always enlightening to sit down with the residents of the Village and it was a productive day.

3. Open Floor Public Discussion on Agenda Items Only.

- No one from the public wished to speak.

Close the Open Floor Public Discussion on Agenda Items Only.

MOTION: Trustee Cohen

SECOND: Trustee Grant

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

4. Approval of Minutes of Previous Meeting of May 21, 2015.

MOTION: Deputy Mayor Brock

SECOND: Trustee Grant

The Board was polled and voted 4-0 to approve the Minutes of May 21, 2015.

5. Resolution No. 2015-59:

WHEREAS, an emergency repair was necessary to the air conditioning system at the Village's 500 Chestnut Ridge Road building.

RESOLVED, that the Village Clerk is authorized to complete an agreement with A&I Cooling and Heating, Inc., in the amount of \$2,675.00 to effectuate the emergency repairs.

MOTION: Trustee Cohen

SECOND: Deputy Mayor Brock

The Board was polled and voted 4-0 to adopt Resolution No. 2015-59.

6. Resolution No. 2015-60:

Resolution approving a water line and sprinkler repairs in the Village Park in the amount of \$1,207.00.

WHEREAS, repair work is necessary to the sprinkler system and water fountain system at the Village Park, and

WHEREAS, the Village Clerk received quotes for the work in accord with the Village's Procurement Policy.

RESOLVED that the Village Clerk is authorized to complete an agreement with Pro-Cut Lawns and Landscaping in the amount of \$1,207.00 to effectuate the repairs.

MOTION: Trustee Grant

SECOND: Deputy Mayor Brock

The Board was polled and voted **4-0** to adopt Resolution No. 2015-60.

7. Resolution No. 2015-61:

Resolution to schedule a Public Hearing to amend Local Law No. 13 of 1987, entitled "Vehicle and Traffic Law of the Village of Chestnut Ridge."

RESOLVED that a Public Hearing to amend Local Law No. 13 of 1987, entitled "Vehicle and Traffic Law of the Village of Chestnut Ridge" with respect to truck weight limits on local roads is scheduled for July 16, 2015 at 8:00 pm.

MOTION: Trustee Cohen

SECOND: Trustee Grant

The Board was polled and voted **4-0** to adopt **Resolution No. 2015-61.**

8. Resolution No. 2015-62:

RESOLVED that the following Attendance Policy for Appointed Officials for the Village of Chestnut Ridge is hereby adopted:

**ATTENDANCE POLICY FOR APPOINTED OFFICIALS FOR THE
VILLAGE CHESTNUT RIDGE**

WHEREAS, consistent attendance by appointed officials is imperative for the proper functioning of municipal Boards and Commissions, and

WHEREAS, the Mayor of the Village of Chestnut Ridge and/or the Board of Trustees appoint residents to serve on various Boards and Commissions necessary to implement municipal functions set forth in New York State Village Law, and

WHEREAS, the Board of Trustees is desirous of implementing and attendance policy for appointed officials so as to encourage consistent attendance by members of such Board and Commissions.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that each and every appointed member of a Board or Commission of the Village of Chestnut Ridge shall be required to make their best and reasonable effort to attend each scheduled meeting of the Board or Commission to which such member has been appointed.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that in the event that an appointed member of a Board or Commission of the Village of Chestnut Ridge is unable to attend a meeting, that such member shall notify the secretary to such Board or Commission of that he or she is unable to attend such meeting at least 48 hours in advance of the meeting.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that should an appointed member of a Board or Commission of the Village of Chestnut Ridge fail to attend forty (40%) of conducted meeting of their Board or Commission in any official Village year, that the Mayor, in consultation with the Board of Trustees, shall have the power to:

- (i) Reprimand such member, and/or
- (ii) Withhold the monetary stipend for such missed meetings, and/or
- (iii) Remove such member from the Board or Commission.

None of the aforesaid actions shall be undertaken or imposed without providing the member an opportunity to be heard; including but not limited to a public hearing in the event that a public hearing is requested by such member, so that

such member may be afforded a full and fair opportunity to refute the imposition of any sanction as referenced hereinabove.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that to the extent that the provisions of this Village Policy conflict with any other law that the provisions of this Policy are intended to supersede such provision of law to the extent that the same is authorized by law.

This policy is effective for the official year 2015 - 2016, and will be reviewed annually.

MOTION: Trustee Valentine

SECOND: Deputy Mayor Brock

The Board was polled and voted **4-0** to adopt **Resolution No. 2015-62.**

• **Mayor Presti:** Asked Village Clerk to make sure attendance policy is given to Building Department Secretary and circulated to the ARB, Planning and Zoning Departments.

9. Resolution No. 2015-63:

Resolution to retain a contractor to perform lawn maintenance at 2 Matthew Drive, and to add the cost to the Village tax levy on the property.

WHEREAS, the owners of 2 Matthews Drive have been served with a notice of a property maintenance violation at 2 Matthew Drive, and

WHEREAS, the owners have failed to respond to a summons to appear in the Justice Court to address the property maintenance violation, and

WHEREAS, the Village Board of Trustees finds that the continuing lack of maintenance at the premises constitutes a public nuisance adversely affecting the adjoining neighborhood, and

WHEREAS, a Public Hearing on the issue of retaining a contractor to perform lawn maintenance on 2 Matthew Drive was held on August 14, 2014, and

WHEREAS, the problem continues to exist.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Village Clerk is directed to obtain quotes pursuant to the Village's Procurement Policy for lawn maintenance at 2 Matthew Drive, and upon expenditure of funds to provide the amount spent to the Village Treasurer who shall assess the cost to the Village tax levy on the property.

•**Trustee Cohen:** Asked does this pertain to only one cut?

• **Attorney Sevastian:** It will cover the season.

Trustee Cohen: If grass grows 10" high we do not have to pass another resolution.

Mayor Presti: So the clarification is this is an on going resolution for the rest of the growing season. It will cover 2 Matthew Drive; so that any expense will be attached for the period ending Fall, 2015.

MOTION: Deputy Mayor Brock

SECOND: Trustee Cohen

The Board was polled and voted **4-0** to adopt **Resolution No. 2015-63.**

10. Resolution No. 2015-64:

Resolution approving agreement with Bertussi Plumbing in the amount of \$744.00 to replace a hot water heater in Village Hall.

WHEREAS, repair work is necessary to the hot water heating system at the Village Hall, and

WHEREAS, the Village Clerk received quotes for the work in accord with the Village's Procurement Policy.

RESOLVED that the Village Clerk is authorized to complete an agreement with Bertussi Plumbing in the amount of \$744.00 to effectuate the repairs.

MOTION: Trustee Cohen

SECOND: Trustee Valentine

The Board was polled and voted **4-0** to adopt **Resolution No. 2015-64.**

11. Resolution No. 2015-65:

RESOLVED, that **General Fund Claims** set forth on pages **1 through 3** in the aggregate amount of **\$160,434.70** as set forth on **Abstract No. 2015-6** dated **June 18, 2015** as submitted by the Village Treasurer, are hereby approved.

MOTION: Deputy Mayor Brock

SECOND: Trustee Cohen

The Board was polled and voted **4-0** to adopt **Resolution No. 2015-65**.

OPEN FLOOR PUBLIC DISCUSSION:

Anthony Sharan: 868 Chestnut Ridge Rd., Chestnut Ridge, New York 10977.

- How many leaf bags are allowed to be put out at one time?
- Bags rot out at the bottom when not picked up and get wet.
- Massive Oak Tree at Ferruzza Dr. and Summit Rd.
- In Village right-away
- Bamboo all over the place
- Poison Ivy vines
- School Day Camp; a lot of activity
- Too high to spray and reach the vines.
- This is on the other side of the Orange and Rockland wires

Rosario Presti:

- If you could try and coordinate with Orange and Rockland the best that you can do.
- We will have to see how that plays out.

Anthony Sharan:

Re: Paving and Milling.

- Summit Rd. is really bad.
- No place to dump.
- Ten dollars a yard at plant to dump
- Hungry Hollow used finer stone
- Asphalt not as good as it was
- Lack of maintenance
- If road done properly will last
- Most of the roads are county roads

Trustee Cohen:

- Scotland Hill Rd. 1/2 belongs to the Village of Chestnut Ridge.
- We have been talking about limiting truck traffic on certain Village roads.
- We don't have any signage or enforcement on it.
- Oil seeping through on Hungry Hollow Rd.

Anthony Sharan:

- That is not oil; it is wet spots. When it is hot will start to bleed.

Mayor Presti:

- Knowing that we have a new carter, put out what you have and we will see how it goes.
- The carter is trying and I think he has to adjust to us.
- To start flipping the bulk pickup to the Monday as opposed to the Thursday, we will have to play that one out.
- I don't know what the activity is at the land fill. There may be a reason.

Attorney Sevastian: We have a meeting with the carter tomorrow.

CLOSE THE OPEN FLOOR PUBLIC DISCUSSION.

MOTION: Trustee Cohen

SECOND: Trustee Valentine

The Board was polled and voted **4-0** to **Close the Open Floor Public Discussion.**

Motion to Adjourn Meeting and go into Executive Session

MOTION: Trustee Cohen'

SECOND; Trustee Valentine

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

MEETING ADJOURNED: 8:29 P.M.

EXECUTIVE SESSION ADJOURNED: 9:02 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

**Florence A. Mandel
Village Clerk**