

MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES

VILLAGE OF CHESTNUT RIDGE

MARCH 28, 2019

The Board of Trustees of the Village of Chestnut Ridge convened in regular session on March 28, 2019 at the Village Hall, located at 277 Old Nyack Turnpike, Chestnut Ridge, NY 10977.

PRESENT:

ROSARIO PRESTI, JR. - MAYOR

GRANT VALENTINE - DEPUTY MAYOR

RICHARD MILLER - TRUSTEE

PAUL VAN ALSTYNE - TRUSTEE

ABSENT:

HOWARD COHEN - TRUSTEE

WALTER SEVASTIAN - VILLAGE ATTORNEY

PRESENT:

FLORENCE A. MANDEL - VILLAGE CLERK

1. Pledge of Allegiance.

2. Mayor's report.

- **Mayor welcomed everyone and thanked the people for coming.**
- **We will talk about the budget as part of our proceedings today.**
- **We did have some folks coming out on Sunday in March for Meet the Mayor and discuss various items.**
- **Reminder – Annual Shredding Day – Sunday– April 7th from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.**
- **We are fortunate to have Par Pharmaceutical sponsor the event.**
- **I will send out a reminder phone blast and e-mail a few days before.**
- **Litigation – items we will need Executive Session later to discuss it further.**
- **The suite filed by the O.J.C. is still in the U.S. District Court; the Village has not been served yet.**
- **However, the Plaintiffs still have a couple of weeks to still serve the matter.**
- **The Village is being defended; our insurance company is defending us.**
- **There are always certain reservations as rights aren't included; but for the most part the Village is covered, so we will take it from there.**
- **The second matter, we did have an Article 78 by three residents the other day; that is not covered, that is going to be an expense that the Village will have to incur; that can negatively affect our budget.**
- **To the degree we have tried to stay at the 2% Cap with the budget, not only are we practicing, obviously, fiscal restraint, we are continuing to have people get their extra Star payment, for lack of a better description.**
- **In addition to the Star reduction that you get on your school taxes, folks will get an extra check anywhere from \$111.00 to \$967.00 depending on your income.**
- **If we have to raise the budget, say 3%, even though a 2% is no issue, you'd only be paying an average of \$10.00 a year in extra taxes.**
- **By going that extra per cent folks will lose that enhanced check.**
- **Granted your annual taxes may be instead of \$10.00 a year, it's going to be possibly \$12.00 a year, but then you will also lose that extra check; so if you were getting \$500.00, \$600.00, \$900.00, you'd be losing that too, and that is a concern.**
- **With the Governor requiring the Villages stay within the 2% Cap, we have to go into appropriated balances of surplus; so, what ends of happening is folks have to pay at different time.**
- **You are not only paying for a lawsuit that's not covered by insurance, or are paying for higher taxes.**
- **We will be defending a lawsuit; as things progress, and I have an opportunity to report back, I will do that.**
- **Congratulations to Deputy Mayor Valentine and Trustee Van Alstyne for their re-election last week.**
- **We look forward to the great work and you're representing the residents of Chestnut Ridge.**
- **We thank you for your efforts.**

- We look forward to the next term.
- We are going to have a separate hearing for the budget; if you wish to discuss that I ask you hold off.

3. Open Floor Public Discussion on Agenda Items only.

- No one from the public wished to speak.

Motion to Close the Open Floor Public Discussion on Agenda Items only.

MOTION: Trustee Miller

SECOND: Deputy Mayor Valentine

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

4. Approval of Minutes of Previous Meeting, February 21, 2019.

- Approval of Minutes of February to Village Board Meeting of April 18, 2019.

5. Public Hearing on Tentative Budget for Fiscal Year June 1, 2019 through May 31, 2020. June 1, 2019 through May 31, 2020 until April 18, 2019 at 8:00 pm.

Mayor Presti:

- We stayed at Cap, which is the 2%.
- That was after budgeting for the additional staff as we've been saying we were going to do.
- Part Time Code Enforcement to Full Time.
- Adding an additional Full-Time Deputy Building Inspector.
- There was a request from the Courts because of the increase activity in the Courts, in regard to both violations and zoning matters to increase the one part time Court Clerk to Full Time Court Clerk.
- In addition, because of the increase to activity in the Building Department, a part-time secretary is made a Full Time Secretary.
- With those added staff folks, that obviously was a large addition to our budget.
- However, because of the prudent guidance from our Financial Consultant and our Treasurer, we were able to minimize the impact; because we were able to utilize our surplus because of our prudent spending.
- However, there is going to come a time, where, if we have to continue staying at our 2% Cap in our expenses, and our expenses keep going up more than 2% as they did this year, (and we are not the only Village that has experienced this, there are other Villages also), and they will this year, we are going to have to start eating away more and more at our surplus; or going to have to start by raising taxes.
- It's not so much the minimal percentage that you will have to pay on your Village taxes, it's losing that extra Star credit check that you end up getting.
- I will introduce Mr. Nyman.

- If there is anything that I didn't cover as far as the synopsis, Mr. Nyman you're welcome to add to it.
- Then we will open it up to the Public if there are any additional questions.

Marvin Nyman – Financial Consultant:

- The Mayor has eluded to the New York State Tax Cap.
- Several years ago, I guess about five or six years ago, Governor Cuomo instituted a program where taxes could not go up by the lesser of 2%, or the inflation factor within the area.
- Over the last several years, the inflation factor, has been quite minimal.
- At a point in time, we were only allowed to increase taxes by ¼ of 1%, I believe, one year.
- Now, what's happened, however, is that we have an increase in cost of living in this area, in the State, that has exceeded 2%; but we are Capped at increasing taxes at 2%.
- So, cost of living continues to increase, as it will, and historically, it's been well in excess of 2%; we will only be allowed to increase taxes by 2% and still allow you to get the Star refunds.
- So, it's creating pressure for many, many municipalities and municipal districts because our cost of living, our expenses are going up, our wage increases are going up beyond 2% in general.
- So, it will be more and more difficult in future years without anything else being said, if what people charge us goes up by more than 2%, we can only increase taxes by 2%.
- As the Mayor said, in the tentative budget, the tax increase to protect the residents Star Rebate is only going up by 2%.
- That being said, the reason, the Village was able this year to maintain the tax increase of 2% is because it took a huge bite out of the Village's surplus.
- The surplus, fortunately, was built up over a few years due to cautious spending
- This year, however, in this budget, we have a withdrawal of that surplus in excess of over \$400,000.00
- That can't go on in the future; so that should expenses continue at the level they are set for the fiscal year, keeping the tax rate will be very, very difficult.
- It's my roll to warn the Village of that, and I did.
- Why are the expenses up so high?
- Without going into a line by line examination of the budget, basically the area that's gone up dramatically is staff, and within staff it's mostly in the inspection area, or people within the departments that support the inspection area.
- The Mayor has mentioned that because of the additional volume in the Court, both for Vehicle and Traffic, and also for Code, and the additional hours in the Court, and the additional processing, in the past we've had two part time Justice Clerks, each covering part of the day.

- One of those Justice Clerks is going to become full-time adding \$23,000 just as an example to the payroll.
- In the area of Safety Inspection, there are quite a few necessary additions to the department and also increasing in hours of people who have not been full-time employees.
- Safety inspection, code enforcement, building clerk and the additional overhead, purchasing another additional vehicle, that area is projected next year to increase by \$136,000.00.
- On top of that, the payroll overhead for Health Insurance and Retirement, increase in cost, and because of the number of employees is going to go up by \$100,000.00.
- So, that really, is what's affecting our budget this year.
- There are a few other items; there's the Land Use - the Comprehensive Plan, \$33,000 that has to be done.

Mayor Presti:

- For the first half.

Marvin Nyman – Financial Advisor:

- What's happened here, is that the amount of surplus being used is almost \$479,000.00 to balance this budget; as compared to the current year that we are in \$153,000.00; so that's the math.
- And, it can't continue to occur in the future, or we will run out of surplus.
- That you cannot do for a couple of reasons; you need to have a safety net, you need to have a cushion, because of possible law suits; because of things that might happen at the Village Hall and you have to fix stuff and other expenses of the Village.
- But, also just as importantly when you go out to borrow money, whether it is for equipment to fix Village Hall, or to maintain and fix the roads, you need to have surplus for your Bond Rating.
- So, it's very, very important, that we don't continue to dig this deeply into the budget, into the surplus.
- Yes, next year we are projecting additional fees, additional fines and there are some pluses on the other side.
- Some things have gone up, like utility surcharges, and things of that nature, but the cost that we see and the burden is using up the surplus while still maintaining the 2% tax rate increase.

Mayor Presti:

- I apologize, folks, my explanation was a tad more simplistic, that's why we bring Mr. Nyman here.

- Any questions in regard to the budget that you have for Mr. Nyman, now would be the time to ask.

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

- Where you have street maintenance; that includes salting the streets, cleaning the streets?
- What I noticed this winter, when we had snow storms coming, DeSalvo Ct. was salted, treated, but the other secondary streets were only treated once.
- Cleaning or sweeping the streets during the summer; all this money for once a year?

Mayor Presti:

- The contract is for once a year for street cleaning.

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

- Also, you have for street lighting.
- There is a lamp that keeps going off in front of my house.
- It was probably a bad batch of bulbs; some people prefer to have lights.

Mayor Presti:

- When you see a light out on the pole, call the Village Clerk with the number of pole or the nearest location.
- Orange and Rockland are very receptive.
- The contract we've had with Ramapo has been pretty static.
- We have a lot of roads in our Village.
- The Town of Ramapo has been very, very accommodating to us to keeping the fee, it actually went down this year as opposed to last year.
- But at the same time, there may be incidences where the road work, the road maintenance is not up to snuff as it should be, but unless we know we can't say something about it.
- We will make sure we get the proper person on the other end of the phone that you need to be more aware.

Trustee Miller:

- What is entailed in that contract for \$518,000.00; it's not just to vacuum the streets?

Mayor Presti:

- That's for plowing, for road work, storm drain repair, pot hole repair, any street maintenance, any time we have a problem with the sign, basically they are our DPW, our Department of Public Works.

Marvin Nyman – Financial Consultant:

- I consulted several Villages within the Town of Ramapo and had been a Treasurer for one of them for many, many years.

- The Village of Chestnut Ridge, compared to the other Villages that contract with the Town, probably pay the lowest cost per mile of roadway in the Town as far as the service.
- It's also my understanding, that the way the street sweeping works, is it's no different in Chestnut Ridge than in unincorporated Ramapo or any other Village; if they do it once a year any place in the town, that's what we get, or five times a year, that's what we get.
- I believe for a long time they didn't even have an operating street sweeper.

Mayor Presti:

- I'm pretty sure, off the top of my head, I know the contract says once a year; it may be two, but I believe it's once a year, it's usually around the Fall.

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

- Believed she saw it only once, that's why she brought up the question.
- A lot of work was done by O & R, because the gas pipes were getting old and there was a gas smell coming.
- They did repair it as much as they could.
- At Spring Hill to Brian Ct., there's always an issue with the road sinking, whose responsible for that; is it the Town of Ramapo?

Mayor Presti:

- When Orange & Rockland does any work, they're actually responsible.
- Once the work is completed by Orange & Rockland, and there is some settlement sometimes, what Orange & Rockland will do, if that street is on the paving schedule, they will pay the Village.
- Orange & Rockland will contribute to the Village as part of the paving schedule.
- Then, that's going to be paved and Orange & Rockland will have deferred some of the cost.
- Let's say the road was just recently paved, and it needs to be repaired, then they will have to come in and repair it, or they will pay us and we will repair it.
- It depends on the timing, sometimes they have to wait for the weather to break.
- The pot holes; they have to fill the pot holes; but it's cold wet it never works out.
- If Orange and Rockland made the hole, they are responsible for it.

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

- They put something there; it looks like a big vein.
- When will our streets be scheduled to be repaved?

Mayor Presti:

- They will reimburse the Village and we will fix it.

- We do the paving when the asphalt plants are up and running, usually the Spring.
- They do the paving in the Spring, maybe April or May.
- We are able to piggy back with Ramapo and the other villages that are doing similar paving work; we will get a reduced rate on the asphalt; so that when the roads are paved, we save a little bit of money that way.
You are not going to see any heavy, regular, conventional paving, at least until the middle or late spring.
- We have a paving schedule; maybe there are a dozen streets, eight to ten streets.

Lise Chanin - Treasurer

- Every year, after the winter, they go around again.
- The list is currently being revised; they may say, “wow, this road is really bad, maybe will move that up on the list.

Mayor Presti:

- This list is dated January, 2019, it’s probably going to have to be revised.
- The way we were looking at 2019 to 2020 – some of the roads identified, Bellows Ln., Brook Hollow Ct., Cheryl St., Gottlieb Drive, Hallow Crescent, Kennedy Pkwy. Matson Ct., N. Cheryl St., Orchard Ct., Paul Ct., Swallow Ave. Valley Ct. Whitefield Rd; that was as of January.
- The Village Engineer will do another assessment and possibly have to arrange a little bit what the priorities are.
- In addition, we have to know what kind of funding that we have available.
- We do get Chip funding; it’s for roadway and things of that nature; it’s based on the linear feet that the Village has.
- We have to see what our allotment is and then we see what street gets what; juggle priority wise.
- You should see paving May, June, it depends on the scheduling and depends on the streets.

Trustee Miller:

- I personally appreciate what you are saying.
- I suffered a terrible fall as I came down with my bicycle very slowly and I tried to make a turn off Midland Rd., and I skid because of the gravel left on the road.
- It still bothers me, Route 45, was repaired beautifully, and then someone had to dig a ditch across Route 45 and now there is a bump.

Anthony Shaut – 23 Mouacdie Drive., Pearl River, New York 10965:

- Wanted to know on some of our bigger contracts; health insurance, sanitation, do we shop those actively at all?

Mayor Presti:

- We go out for bid.
- You are not going to get a scavenger company bid on a yearly basis.
- It's a five-year bid.
- IWS bid in addition with another company; three companies all together.
- There might be options for three, four and five years, but we don't bid it every year.
- On Health Benefits that's through the State of New York.
- Our insurance consultant does shop that around to see who is the best carriers for the coverage that we need.

Anthony Shaut – 23 Mouacdie Drive, Pear River, New York 10965:

- We should see an uptake on our revenue; based on our staff.
- This budget is showing an actual \$40,000 increase in revenue.

Marvin Nyman – Financial Consultant:

- I'm looking at departmental income – A1230 -to A2199, a collection of a lot of fees.
- Including fines and court fees and it also has County Solid Waste that is up a little bit
- It's mostly related to the Building Department
- I am talking budget to budget.

Anthony Shaut: 23 Mouacdie Drive, Pearl River, New York 10965

- Questioned why if we are seeing an increase in staff, we should see an increase in fees as a result of that; why are we not seeing that; what is this new staff going to do?

Marvin Nyman – Financial Consultant:

- Some of the fees that we receive, services are done in the future.
- Therefore, safety inspection (building) and site inspection, it was budgeted \$125,000, we are projecting we are going to collect \$160,000.00; we are increasing the budget by \$15,000.00
- Part of that \$160,000.00 is budget is collected in the current year, that we are going to provide services in future years against those fees.

Anthony Shaut – 23 Mouacdie Drive, Pearl River, New York 10977:

- You are saying you are going to see the increases in 20-21 as a result of increase in staff in 2020.

Marvin Nyman – Financial Consultant:

- It's possible.

Anthony Shaut: 23 Mouacdie Drive., Pearl River, New York 10965:

- Why wouldn't you take actuals that we know what happened?

Marvin Nyman – Financial Consultant:

- Just because we collected \$160,000 in the current year, we are still increasing the budget to \$140,000 rather than to \$160,000.00; that's more conservative and prudent.
- If we spend \$160,000 again, we will have \$20,000 less of the surplus, so it amounts to the same thing.
- If you read what the County did over several years, they just went wild on projecting fee income, and fee income goes up and down.
- You can have all these inspectors out there; it might not provide us with more fees; but it will provide us with better Code Enforcement and better Safety Inspection.
- Going out and making sure we don't have violations.
- So, you can have expenditures with no income.
- It's not as if that money wouldn't be recorded; it would increase our revenue fees and basically pump more money back into the surplus.

Mayor Presti:

- We are avoiding what the additional fees might be and it is prudent.
- As an Auditor and an Accountant, I am sure you understand that we would rather err on the conservative side.
- If it ends up being a little more, that's great, then it goes into our surplus.
- It's going to be better that way, than if we have short fall.

Anthony Shaut – 23 Mouacdie Drive., Pearl River, New York 10965.

- Why did we take a 20% hit in 2019 on Cable Franchise fees?

Lise Chanin - Treasurer:

- Cable fees are based on enrollment; how many subscribers they have.

Marvin Nyman – Financial Consultant:

- I would also suggest something else.
- I would look at a combination of the account on top of that; we need to add those two together, tax on Utilities bills and the Franchise taxes for Cable Tv.
- In our current year, our budget is \$203,000.00 and next year budget \$225,000.00
- There is an on-going confusion between what's a Utility tax and what's Cable T.V. tax because the Cable company. also pays us for telephone; which is utility
- When the checks come in it's very, very difficult to trail.
- I would ask you to just combine those two numbers and it does show an increase.

Anthony Shaut – 23 Mouacdie Drive, Pearl River, New York 10977:

- Do we do any type of outreach as far as bringing in Commercial properties; or has that never been considered?
- We worry about expenses; that could off-set that.

Mayor Presti:

- There are potential, commercial developers looking at Chestnut Ridge every day.
- Do we go out and try to solicit them; not necessarily.
- What ends up happening is here, there are Real Estate professionals or business brokers that look around; they may ask us if we would have an interest in something they may want to entertain.
- Maybe we sit down with that perspective developer; what is it zoned for, what can we do?
- We get requests for Film and things of that nature; we are a small Village.
- We don't lobby for Film companies; we are a small Village with a very small staff so, obviously, we don't have the ability to devote personnel to do just that.
- However, we do try to welcome any all inquiries in the Village because that makes it a lot easier for our residents.

Deputy Mayor Valentine:

- If you have access to those types of resources, that would be great.

Anthony Shaut – 23 Mouacdie Drive, Chestnut Ridge, New York 10977:

- We are sitting on cash; what's our strategy with the money we are sitting on?

Mayor Presti:

- With regard to the last workshop with the class consortium;
- We actually have a meeting set up with representative from that Consortium with regard to just that.

Trustee Miller:

- We've been very concerned about the safety of our reserves being put into someone else and having to rely on outside companies completely.
- We understand a number of villages have contracted with a particular company, and they have been able to get a greater return than we have been able to get.
- As the Mayor said, we are pursuing that.
- My back ground doesn't lend itself quickly to permitting our money to go out to private enterprise; there are only certain investments they can make; under State law they cannot invest crazily, so the returns are going to be low, especially with the interest rate currently so low..
- It's looking interesting enough to meet with them.

Mayor Presti:

Kudos to Ms. Chanin and Mr. Nyman; they brought this to our attention; and we are going to go forward.

Resolution No. 2019-16. Resolution adjourning Public Hearing on Tentative Budget for fiscal year June 1, 2019 through May 31, 2020 until April 18, 2019 at 8:00 pm.

RESOLVED that the Public Hearing on the Tentative Budget for FY 2019/2020 is adjourned to the Regularly Scheduled Village Board meeting of April 18, 2019.

MOTION: Trustee Miller

SECOND: Deputy Mayor Valentine

The Board was polled and voted 4-0 to Adjourn Approval of Budget until April 18, 2019.

6. Resolution No. 2019-17:

To approve agreement with B&B Pool and Spa Center to open the water feature at the Village Park.

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).

MOTION: Deputy Mayor Valentine

SECOND: Trustee Van Alstyn

The Board was polled and voted 4-0 to Approve Resolution No. 2019-17.

7. Resolution No. 2019-18. Resolution to approve one tax certiorari settlement refund in the total amount of \$663.71 (Rudolf Steiner Fellowship for lots 62.15-1-52 & 62.12-1-13).

RESOLVED, that pursuant to Court Order in a tax certiorari proceeding, the sum of \$663.71 is hereby authorized to be refunded to the Rudolf Steiner Fellowship (the owner of Ramapo tax lots 62.15-1-52 & 62.12-1-13).

MOTION: Deputy Mayor Valentine

SECOND: Trustee Miller

The Board was polled and voted 4-0 to Approve Resolution. 2019-18.

8. Resolution No. 2019-19 – Resolution approving signing installation at Hungry Hollow Road at Margetts Road, and at Crooked Hill Road at Longabucco Court.

RESOLVED that the signage recommended by the Village engineer (in correspondence dated March 11, 2019) at Hungry Hollow Road at Margetts Road, and at Crooked Hill Road at Longabucco Court is hereby approved to be installed, and the Village Clerk is directed to request cost estimates for the lighting referenced in the Village Engineer's letter.

MOTION: Trustee Miller

SECOND: Deputy Mayor Valentine

The Board was polled and voted 4-0 to Approve signage at Hungry Hollow Road at Margetts Road, and at Crooked Hill Road at Longabucco Court is hereby approved to be installed, and the Village Clerk

9. Resolution No. 2019-20 – Resolution approving Abstract of Audited Claims.

RESOLVED, that General Fund Claims set forth on pages **1 through 5** in the **aggregate amount of \$153,684.07** as set forth on **Abstract No. 2019-3** dated **March 28, 2019**, as submitted by the **Village Treasurer**, are **hereby approved**.

MOTION: Trustee Miller

SECOND: Deputy Mayor Grant

The Board was polled and voted 4-0 to Approve the Abstract of Audited Claims.

10. Open Floor: Public Discussion:

Anthony Shaut – 23 Mouacdie Drive, Pearl River, New York 10977:

- **Thanked Florence for putting in all the work that she did on the Election.**
- **As far as the lack of staff and what was going on inside; I hope strong consideration will be given for the next election; alternative location, traffic was bad in spite of the Police.**
- **Need more people; lunch breaks, bathrooms breaks, so that's my recommendation.**
- **Questioned why only \$47,000.00 in amount of sub-divisions?**

Marvin Nyman – Financial Consultant:

- **That money is restricted and can only be utilized for special expenditures.**
- **It would have been used for the Village Park.**

Lise Chanin – Treasurer:

- **We did draw down some money; it was a Capital improvement, but I'd have to look.**

Mayor Presti:

- **Since we have only one park, at the corner of Red Schoolhouse Rd., and Chestnut Ridge Rd., when we need repairs, that's the fund we can dip into.**

Anthony Shaut – 23 Mouacdie Drive, Pearl River, New York 10977:

- **Was curious why there was only \$47,000.00 over the history of the Village if we didn't spend anything for sub-divisions?**

Lise Chanin - Treasurer:

- **The Park was a large expenditure.**

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

- **Complained, again, about the trailer parked on the driveway for the entire week.**

Mayor Presti:

- **I responded to you by e-mail.**

- The matter is before the ZBA for April.
- In the event, they are in violation, they will be assessed the proper fees in Village Justice Court.
- So, until they go back to the ZBA they are at their peril.

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

- I did get a letter from Attorney Sevastian, this week.
- He points out that they filed under the wrong article of the Zoning Bulk tables.
- He says, "I anticipate the applicant will amend the application to reflect the revisions of the bulk table to set up a meeting".
- Does that mean they have to send registered letters, posted, on houses around it?
- Or, do they simply come in and say, "I made a mistake, here is what it should be".

Mayor Presti:

- They should have to notify neighbors just like any other application.
- No, there are no exception to that.

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

- Knows Children Park is not under our auspices; it's the Town of Ramapo.
- The entrance way to Children's Park is blocked on one end.
- It's in miserable condition.
- Is there any way we can get the Town of Ramapo to make some repairs to this site?

Mayor Presti:

- The park is usually closed, I believe, from November to April; they don't do any maintenance.
- Though folks still use it, they are not supposed to.
- Town of Ramapo has been pretty accommodating allowing folks to do that.
- My understanding is that the bridge that is in disrepair, where they have it closed off, the one entrance, it is on the boards to be repaired.
- As far as the other parks maintenance, usually when we let them know it's time to make a visitation to give it a little tender loving care to the area they usually do it.
- Technically, right now, the park is closed, until it opens, it's probably going to maintain a static condition.
- We will stay on top of it; your point is well taken.

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

- There a baseball team that leases it April 1st; it says Home Team Chestnut Ridge.
- I drove down there today, the gate was open; the walkway is hazardous,
- My wife's in a wheelchair; there's no way she can gain access and use the ramp.

Mayor Presti:

- We will try to pass the word along, but my suggestion is to go to a Town of Ramapo meeting.

Trustee Miller:

- Why are they playing a baseball game and in a closed park?

Mayor Presti:

- That's the arrangement between the Town of Ramapo and them.

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

- I know we are not responsible, it's a State Highway, Route 45 is in terrible condition.
- Between here and Schoolhouse Rd., the road is in horrendous condition.

Mayor Presti:

- We have a contact with the State; we usually put a call in.
- Ms. Mandel is usually very, very good.
- If we don't see any results, we usually follow up.
- Our Village Engineer also has a contact.
- We just have to stay on top of them; it's just perseverance.

Motion to Close the Public portion of the meeting.

MOTION: Deputy Mayor Valentine

SECOND: Trustee Van Alstyn

The Board was polled and voted 4-0 to Close the Public portion of the meeting.

Motion to Adjourn and Go into Executive Session for purposes of Personnel and Litigation.

MOTION: Deputy Mayor Valentine

SECOND: Trustee Miller

The Board was polled and voted 4-0 to Adjourn and Go into Executive Session.

MEETING ADJOURNED: 8:58 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Florence A. Mandel

Village Clerk

Recording Secretary

[Resolutions to follow]

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3. Resolution No. 2019-18 to approve one tax certiorari settlement refund in the total amount of \$663.71 (Rudolf Steiner Fellowship for lots 62.15-1-52 & 62.12-1-13).

RESOLVED, that pursuant to Court Order in a tax certiorari proceeding, the sum of \$663.71 is hereby authorized to be refunded to the Rudolf Steiner Fellowship (the owner of Ramapo tax lots 62.15-1-52 & 62.12-1-13).

4. Resolution No. 2019-19 approving signing installation at Hungry Hollow Road at Margetts Road, and at Crooked Hill Road at Longabucco Court.

RESOLVED that the signage recommended by the Village engineer (in correspondence dated March 11, 2019) at Hungry Hollow Road at Margetts Road, and at Crooked Hill Road at Longabucco Court is hereby approved to be installed, and the Village Clerk is directed to request cost estimates for the lighting referenced in the Village Engineer's letter.

5. Resolution No. 2019-20 – Resolution approving Abstract of Audited Claims.

RESOLVED, that General Fund Claims set forth on pages 1 through ___ in the aggregate amount of \$_____ as set forth on Abstract No. 2019-3 dated _____, as submitted by the Village Treasurer, are hereby approved.