

MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES

VILLAGE OF CHESTNUT RIDGE

APRIL 18, 2019

The Board of Trustees of the Village of Chestnut Ridge convened in regular session on April 18, 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
WALTER SEVASTIAN	-	VILLAGE ATTORNEY

ABSENT:

HOWARD COHEN	-	TRUSTEE
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PRESENT:

FLORENCE A. MANDEL	-	VILLAGE CLERK
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1. Pledge of Allegiance.
2. Mayor's report.
 - Mayor welcomed everyone.
 - We had our annual shredding event on April 7th; approximately 55 people vehicles showed up and took advantage.
 - Thanked Par Pharmaceuticals for their generous donation covering the cost in total.
 - Based on the turnout our hope is we will do it again next year.
 - The Town of Ramapo does it in the Fall and Spring, and Orangetown does the same thing; so, if you start accumulating and can't wait for our next event there are other events going on in the County
 - It was my Honor and privilege to attend the monthly Fire Department dinner on the 14th.
 - They paid tribute to one of their members who entered into their 25th year.
 - We had some representatives there to show their appreciation; the Fire Department always does a great job and we thank them for their service.
 - Regarding the Agenda, I had the opportunity to speak with Mr. Rubin the other day;
 - Based on my conversation we will be holding off on his particular position which is number 11 on the agenda.
 - There are a couple of matters we have to discuss this evening in Executive Session; personnel matters and litigation
 - Trustee Cohen also asked if he could be around to discuss it

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

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

- Is there any reason why positions are being held over?

Mayor Presti:

- I don't discuss personnel issues in public.

Anthony Shaut:

- Questioned \$33,000 on Budget, Land Use Survey.
- Questioned \$100,000; wasn't for Comprehensive Plan?
- Questioned position of Village Historian and has Mayor done anything?
- Asked if requests were put out for Village Historian?

- Questioned filming and what fee was determined for that?
- Asked if any residents been notified yet; and do they have an opportunity to object to it?

Mayor Presti:

- Mayor explained it's for the Comprehensive Plan; \$33,000 this year's budget and \$33,000 next year's budget because we do it over two budget years.
- \$100,000 in contingencies, not for the Comprehensive Plan.
- Person wanted to be paid for Village Historian.
- Mr. Shaut, would you like to volunteer to be Village Historian?
- I had a meeting with the production folks; they were in the process of notifying 27 homeowners circling, knocking on every door and letting them know what's going on.
- They went to Grotke Rd., N. Highland Avenue, Gdalin Lane, Duryea, Renfrew Rd.
- It has been going on since Monday, have not heard anything yet.
- We are going with the current fee structure that's in the village regulations right now.
- If indeed it happens, we will re-visit fee structure at a later date.

Motion to Close the Public portion on the Agenda Items only

MOTION: Deputy Mayor Valentine

SECOND Trustee Miller

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

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

MOTION: Deputy Mayor Valentine

SECOND: Trustee Van Alstyn

The Board was polled and voted to Approve the Meeting Minutes of February 21, 2019.

Approval of Minutes of Village Board Meeting, March 28, 2019.

- Approved with grammatical changes.

MOTION: Trustee Miller

SECOND: Deputy Mayor Valentine

The Board was polled and voted to Approve the Village Board Minutes of March 28, 2019.

5. a. Public Hearing on Tentative Budget for fiscal year June 1, 2019 through May 31, 2020.

Mayor Presti:

- Again, there has been no change; we stayed within our 2% Cap.
- Because of a reduction in some village assessments, the increase ends up being a tad more than 2%; but on average if you're a property owner paying on average \$600.00 on your Village taxes will be going up a little less than 3% or \$18.00 for the year.

Motion to Close the Public Hearing on the Tentative Budget for the Fiscal Year June 1, 2019 to May 31, 2010.

MOTION: Trustee Miller

SECOND: Deputy Mayor Valentine

The Board was polled and **voted 4-0 to Close the Public Hearing on the Tentative Budget.**

b. Resolution No. 2019-21: Resolution approving 2019-2020 fiscal year budget for the Village of Chestnut Ridge.

RESOLVED that the proposed Tentative Budget for Fiscal Year June 1, 2019 to May 31, 2020 is hereby approved and the salaries and wages set forth therein are hereby fixed at the amounts shown therein effective June 1, 2019, and be it further

RESOLVED, that the tax rate is hereby set at **\$11.4794** per thousand dollars of assessed valuation.

MOTION: Deputy Mayor Valentine

SECOND: Trustee Miller

The Board was polled and voted 4-0 to Approve Resolution No. 2019-21.

6. Mayor appoints Trustee Grant Valentine Deputy Mayor.

- It is with Honor and Privilege to reappoint Deputy Mayor Valentine.

Deputy Mayor Valentine:

- Thanked Mayor Presti.
- I have a commitment to the residents of the Village of Chestnut Ridge, and I will do everything I can to make sure Chestnut Ridge is the Village we all expect it to be.

Resolution 2019-22:

7. a. Mayor re-appoints Florence Mandel, Village Clerk and Registrar of Vital Statistics for a term to expire April 2020.

RESOLVED that the Mayor's reappointment of Florence Mandel as Village Clerk and Registrar of Vital Statistics for a term to expire April 20 is hereby approved.

MOTION: Deputy Mayor Valentine

SECOND: Trustee Van Alstyne

The Board was polled and voted 4-0 to Approve the re-appointment of Florence Mandel, Village Clerk and Registrar of Vital Statistics for a term to expire April, 2020.

8. a. Mayor re-appoints Lise Chanin Village Treasurer, Deputy Village Clerk, and Deputy Registrar of Vital Statistics for a term to expire April 2020.
b. Resolution No. 2019 approving Mayor's re-appointment.

Resolution No. 2019-23:

RESOLVED that the Mayor's re-appointment of Lise Chanin as Village Treasurer, Deputy Village Clerk and Deputy Registrar of Vital Statistics for a term to expire April 2020 is hereby approved.

MOTION: Trustee Miller

SECOND: Trustee Van Alstyne

The Board was polled and voted 4-0 to Approve the re-appointment of Lise Chanin, Deputy Village Clerk, and Deputy Registrar of Vital Statistics for a term to expire April, 2020.

9. a. Mayor re-appoints Acting Village Justice William Smith for a term to expire April 2020.

b. Resolution No. 2019-24 approving Mayor's re-appointment.

RESOLVED, that the Mayor's reappointment of William Smith, Esq. as Acting Village Justice for a term to expire April 2020 is hereby approved.

MOTION: Deputy Mayor Valentine

SECOND: Trustee Miller

The Board was polled and voted 4-0 to approve the re-appointment of Acting Village Justice William Smith for a term to expire April 2020.

10. a. Mayor appoints Walter R. Sevastian as Village Attorney for a term to expire April 2020, at an annual salary not to exceed \$52,500 (excluding litigation).

b. Resolution No. 2019-25 approving Mayor's appointment of Village Attorney.

RESOLVED that the Mayor's appointment of Walter R. Sevastian, Esq., as Village Attorney for a term to expire April 2020, at an annual salary not to exceed \$52,500 (excluding litigation), is hereby approved.

MOTION: Deputy Mayor Valentine

SECOND: Trustee Van Alstyne

The Board was polled and voted 4-0 to approve Walter R. Sevastian, Esq. as Village Attorney for a term to expire April 2020.

c. Resolution No. 2019-26 retaining Paul Baum, Esq. at an hourly rate of \$130.00 per hour as Planning Board Attorney for the Village of Chestnut Ridge, and at a rate of \$175.00 per hour to land use applicants.

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

MOTION Trustee Miller

SECOND: Deputy Mayor Valentine

The Board was polled and voted **4-0** to **Approve retaining Paul Baum, Esq.** at an hourly rate of \$130.00 per hour as Planning Board Attorney for the Village of Chestnut Ridge, and at a rate of \$175.00 per hour to land use applicants.

- We do it separately as he charges the Village and the applicants separately.

11. a. Mayor appoints _____ tabled as Member of the Planning Board for a term to expire April 2024.

12. Mayor tables motion to appoint Chairperson of Planning Board.

13. a. Mayor appoints Marc Levine Deputy Chairperson of Planning Board for a term to expire April 2020.

b. Resolution No. 2019-28 approving Mayor's appointment.

RESOLVED that the Mayor's re-appointment of Marc Levine as Deputy Chairperson of Planning Board for a term to expire April 20 is hereby approved.

MOTION: Trustee Miller

SECOND: Trustee Van Alstyne

The Board was polled and voted **4-0** to **Approve the appointment of Marc Levine, Deputy Chairperson of Planning Board for a term to expire 2020.**

14. a. Mayor appoints Stephen Liebman Chairperson of Zoning Board of Appeals for a term to expire April 2020.

b. Resolution No. 2019-29 approving Mayor's appointment.

RESOLVED that the Mayor's re-appointment of Stephen Liebman as Chairperson of Zoning Board of Appeals for a term to expire April 2020, is hereby approved.

MOTION: Trustee Miller

SECOND: Deputy Mayor Valentine

The Board was polled and voted **4-0** to **Approve the appointment of Stephen Liebman Chairperson of Zoning Board of Appeals for a term to expire April 2020.**

15. Mayor tables motion to appoint of Deputy Chairperson of Zoning Board of Appeals.

16. Mayor tables motion to re-appoint Ed Manning as member of Zoning Board of Appeals [to holdover in position until position filled by appointment].

17. Mayor tables motion to re-appoint Bruce Goldsmith as Alternate member of Zoning Board of Appeals [to holdover in position until position filled by appointment].

18. a. Mayor re-appoints David Silberstein as a member of the Architectural Review Board for a term to expire April 2022.

b. Resolution No. 2019-30 approving Mayor's appointment.

RESOLVED, that the Mayor's appointment of David Silberstein as member of the Architectural Review Board for a term to expire April, 2024 is hereby approved.

MOTION: Deputy Mayor Valentine

SECOND: Trustee Van Alstyne

The Board was polled and voted 4-0 to re-appointment David Silberstein as a member of the Architectural Review Board for a term to expire April, 2022.

19. a. Mayor appoints Chaim Rose as member of the Architectural Review Board for a term to expire April 2022.

a. Resolution No. 2019-31 approving Mayor's appointment.

MOTION: Trustee Van Alstyne

SECOND: Deputy Mayor Valentine

The Board was polled and voted 4-0 to appoint Chaim Rose as a member of the Architectural Review Board for a term to expire April, 2022.

20. Mayor tables motion to appoint Chairperson of Architectural Review Board.

21. Mayor tables motion to appoint Deputy Chairperson of the Architectural Review Board.

22. Resolution No. 2019-32 designating the Mayor as Village Historian.

RESOLVED, that the Mayor is hereby designated Village Historian for a term expiring April, 2018.

MOTION: Trustee Miller

SECOND: Deputy Mayor Valentine

The Board was polled and voted 4-0 to designate the Mayor as Village Historian.

23. Resolution No. 2019-33 approving contract with Marvin Nyman, CPA as Village Financial Consultant.

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

MOTION: Trustee Miller

SECOND: Trustee Van Alstyne

The Board was polled and voted 4-0 to approve Marvin Nyman, CPA as Village Financial Consultant.

24. Resolution No. 2019-34 approving contract with Nelson, Pope & Voorhes, LLC as Village Planning Consultants.

RESOLVED, that a contract Nelson, Pope Voorhes, LLC as Village Planning Consultant is hereby approved for a period of one year to expire April 2018.

MOTION: Trustee Miller

SECOND: Trustee Van Alstyne

The Board was polled and voted 4-0 to approve contract with **Nelson, Pope & Voorhes, LLC as Village Planning Consultants.**

25. Resolution No. 2019-35 approving contract with **Spence Engineering as Village Engineering Consultant.**

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

MOTION: Deputy Mayor Valentine

SECOND: Trustee Van Alstyne

The Board was polled and voted 4-0 to approve contract with **Spence Engineering as Village Engineering Consultant.**

26. Resolution No. 2019-36 designating the **Rockland Journal News as the Official Village Newspaper.**

MOTION: Trustee Van Alstyne

SECOND: Deputy Mayor Valentine

- **Trustee Miller abstained.**

The Board was polled and voted 3-0 to approve the designation of the **Rockland Journal News as the Official Village Newspaper.**

27. Resolution No. 2019-37 designating NY CLASS, M&T Bank, Sterling National Bank, J.P. Morgan Chase, and Key Bank as Official Village Depositories.

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

MOTION: Trustee Miller

SECOND: Deputy Mayor Valentine

The Board was polled and voted 4-0 designating NY CLASS, M&T Bank, Sterling National Bank, J.P. Morgan Chase, and Key Bank as Official Village Depositories

28. Resolution No. 2019-38: designating locations for official Village Postings.

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

MOTION: Deputy Mayor Valentine

SECOND: Trustee Van Alstyne

The Board was polled and voted 4-0 to designate the locations for official Village Postings.

29. Resolution No. 2019-39 approving the Village of Chestnut Ridge's Procurement Policy.

RESOLVED, that the Village of Chestnut Ridge Procurement Policy is hereby ratified for FY2019-2020.

MOTION: Trustee Van Alstyne

SECOND: Trustee Miller

The Board was polled and voted 4-0 to approve the Village of Chestnut Ridge Procurement Policy.

30. Resolution No 2019-40:

Approving the Village of Chestnut Ridge's 2019 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, 2019 through March 31, 2020, 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: Deputy Mayor Valentine

SECOND: Trustee Van Alstyne

The Board was polled and voted 4-0 to approve 2019-2020 Agreement with Cornell Cooperative Extension for EPA Phase 2 Stormwater Regulation.

31. Resolution No. 2019-41 approving waiver of Residency requirement for the positions of Code Enforcement Officer, Code Inspector, Building Inspector, and Deputy Building Inspector.

MOTION: Trustee Van Alstyne

SECOND: Deputy Mayor Valentine

The Board was polled and 4-0 approved waiving of Residency requirement for positions of Code Enforcement.

32. Resolution No. 2019-42 approving Filming Project on Grotke Road subject to the following conditions

24. RESOLVED that the Filming Application of Future Autumn LLC is approved subject to (1) the payment of fee in advance of any filming (note: the use of the public street by the Applicant for filming and/or for vehicle parking or storage, or the placement of other facilities used in connection with the filming on the public street shall be considered filming on “public property”, and the fee due shall be calculated accordingly), (2) compliance with the Village’s Film Policy, (3) coverage of the shoot at all times by the Ramapo Police Department at the Applicant’s expense, and (4) neighbors and neighborhood of surrounding blocks and across the street, which overlaps approximately 27 homes notified by letter, and o.k. with filming and confirmed. Use of filming no earlier than 8 a.m. or later than 10 p.m. Night work limited to one night; to film sunset and beautiful area. Presence of Ramapo Police Department throughout production. No closing of streets. Police presence will be there at all times in event street has to close for a short time; infrequent, due to the movement of equipment. Trucks nearby – parking of vehicles using Pfizer Parking Lot to host catering facilities. Looking into Foster Church for parking of more vehicles. Asking neighbors and surrounding area to use their driveways and compensate them for the period of time.

Mayor Presti: I get the impression and I can see these folks are trying to do their utmost to accommodate the Village, and they would be a welcome presence in the Village and that we would welcome them back.

MOTION: Trustee Miller

SECOND: Deputy Mayor Valentine

The Board was polled and voted 4-0 to Approve Resolution No. 2019-42.

33. Resolution No. 2019-43 approving Abstract of Audited Claims.

RESOLVED, that General Fund Claims set forth on pages **1 through 4** in the aggregate amount of **\$144,808.50** as set forth on **Abstract No. 2019-43** dated April 18, 2019, as submitted by the Village Treasurer, are hereby approved.

MOTION: Trustee Miller

SECOND: Deputy Mayor Valentine

The Board was polled and voted 4-0 to approve Abstract No. 2019-43

34. Open Floor: Public Discussion

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

- Stated people are allowed to have their own opinion, free speech.
- People have to make up their own mind regarding what they see.

- Hoped the Board would think about it, transparency, let us know what is going on.

Anthony Shaut – 23 Mouacdie Drive, Pearl River, NY 10965.

- Any status on the OJC Lawsuit; has it been filed?
- Comprehensive Plan process, as far as how many firms submitted a proposal, has a decision been made?
- Asked if Rental Registry actually existed and in what form?
- Asked if someone is monitoring the Rental Registry?
- Asked why it was taking a month to Foil Registry.
- Stated if Registry is all put together, your Building Department said; we are a couple of weeks into that Foil.
- Talked about waiving residency requirements; asked we started interviewing staff?
- Asked about soft-ware; Municipity, was everybody trained on it and are we using it?
- Any progress on Community Boards?

Mayor Presti:

- We have 60 days to answer it; not sure of date.
- Served recently and being handled by insurance company.
- One firm made a proposal, our current Planner; we will be speaking with them as far as fine tuning.
- Depending on that \$66,000 can shrink down a little, may not need number of hearings, some of the items we may not need that were in the proposal.
- Rental Registry is Foilable; Mayor will find out why taking so long.
- We had hired a Deputy Building Inspector that we were ready to hire.
- County Personnel said he didn't live in the County; they made a mistake by approving him.
- We are trying to figure out if we waive residency, may help to negotiate hiring him through; we may have to modify the search.
- We talked about a Full time Code Enforcement position; the individual in the position as part-time now, would probably be the individual to take the Full-Time position, but needs to get a couple of more weeks under his belt, in accordance with County Personnel that County Personnel deems for him to have.
- The staff is trained on Municipity.

William March Grayson – 52 Wilshire Drive, Chestnut Ridge, New York 10977:

- Slaughter of trees in his neighborhood.
- Multiple properties where all the trees are cut down; think that is changing the Village in a very bad way.
- Read Clarkstown's tree ordinance; says the Town of Clarkstown has a vital interest in the planting and preservation of its territorial borders; trees stabilize the area on slopes, preventing erosion situation and flooding, control water pollution, purify the air by generating oxygen, mitigate noise, reduce energy consumption.
- This is Clarkstown; I think we have the same type of trees.
- Scientific American – notes the typical tree stores an average of 48 lbs. of CO2 in one year.

- I think that our Village should enact a tree ordinance that limits the removal of trees.
- It's well over due; otherwise, we are going to have flat barren grounds, pollution, parking lots.
- Not good for the environment, not good for us, so I'm asking the Board.
- Complained there are a lot of houses that now have these very bright lights; literally beams into his house on Wilshire Drive..
- Hoping that can be addressed and taken care of.
- Concern about Margiotta property; was approved for Agricultural use.
- Property has grown; a lot of cars and trucks stored on the property; trees removed, wholesale slaughter.
- There was some sort of litigation pending in the Appellate division; don't know what the update would be involving that property.
- Concerned about property taxes; noticed that our taxes have gone up a lot.
- The services that we get are minimal at best; there seems to be a lot of spending.
- Questions the efficiency, most respectfully, of the spending that we are getting a return for our tax dollars.
- There was a concerned indication at the last meeting that taxes were \$750,000.00 and that's going to soar.
- What can be done to provide sufficient, appropriate services?

Mayor Presti:

- Property taxes, situation that we all are having to deal with.
- The Village taxes, we've been pretty fortunate; I've lived here since 1995; taxes actually went down; past ten years I don't have the chart in front of me; other than one year they went up a little bit.
- The past five or six years, we've always been at Cap as a Village
- If Albany said 2%, we raised 2%; if Albany said 1.8 %, we only raised 1.8 %.
- The Village has no control over town taxes and especially no control over school taxes.
- School taxes are probably .65 cents and .70 cents on your dollar.
- Efficiency with regard for a big bang for your buck regarding your school taxes is all of our situation and is a point well taken.
- Think Town of Ramapo trying to hold the line.
- Attending East Ramapo to voice your opinion and the need for more efficiency would probably go a long way.
- If your village taxes were \$500/\$600 a year, maybe going up \$15.00 or \$20.00 a year.
- We are unique here in New York in that we have three sets of taxes.
- We try to advocate for our residents.
- There are a number of people here who clear-cut their property.
- They may not want trees close to their property; \they disagree with you 100%.
- It's peoples' prerogative, whether or not they want their trees on their property.
- I understand from an environmental standpoint what you are saying.
- Starting to regulate people with trees, whether they can take down their trees or not is a tough call.
- As many people who would say we should restrict it, there are as many who can say it's my property, I should be able to do what I want with it.

- We do have in our Village regulations; a very restricted version of restricting clear cutting of trees,
- We will take another look at it.
- With regard to the bright lights; sometimes neighbors don't realize their lights are going into the neighbors.
- I knocked on my neighbor's door; they shielded the light.
- I didn't know them, they were new to the neighborhood, I asked them, and they did.
- Some folks want to have lights around their house; you can't start regulating who can have lights and who can't.
- If it becomes a personal or private nuisance, it's just that, a private nuisance.
- It's in the hands of the affronted neighbor to do something about it; that's a private matter.
- The Village does not have any authority.
- Send them a letter if you're afraid to knock on their door.

Attorney Sevastian:

- The Margiotta property, as you know, because you were at all the meetings, came before the Zoning Board of Appeals to try to legitimize the pre-existing, non-conforming use regarding the storage of equipment, and trucks that he said belonged to him.
- The Zoning Board, after a couple of meetings, ruled that he did have a pre-existing, non-conforming use in limited areas of the property, and specifically annihilate those areas, said he could continue in that area, but that he could not rent the property out to third parties.
- He had to go to the Planning Board to get site plan approval to implement the decision of the Zoning Board which had some treed screening around on a berm.
- They filed an appeal and that was not perfected.
- If he is in violation of the Zoning Board decision and he has not obtained a site plan approval he can be called into the Justice Court with a violation.
- I have had discussions with the Building Department over that property, and it's on the list for enforcement, that's the status of that.
- We do have some regulations regarding trees, a sub-division law; mainly deal with larger developments.
- We have no tree code proper like some municipalities have.
- If you come in and have a plan from the Planning Board, they can mark out which trees can stay and which trees can go.
- If someone comes in and wants to cut down a tree on their property, they can cut down a tree on their property, if it's within a certain distance from the home.
- An individual house can take down trees.

Trustee Miller:

- We don't have anything to protect against that; for individual homes, house can take down trees.
- If someone is setting up a sub-division, we can restrict some of that.

Attorney Sevastian:

- Any site development plan, there's landscaping that the Planning Board works out.

Mayor Presti:

- The Planning Board is pretty stringent in that regard.
- They'll have them map out the tree, a certain callable, will try to have them have.
- They have them preserve it, or have them replace it, it depends.
- People buy a home, they move in, the tree is too big, or maybe sick or maybe they don't really want the tree there.
- It's their property, they are not in violation of anything.
- People say I want to have some distance from my house and the tree; hurricanes, tornadoes, person and property.

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

- Complained about traffic going way too fast.
- Call Ramapo Police, no one came by.
- Requested we step in.
- Complained Appledale Lane full of garbage.
- Complained the Board gets upset and barks.

Mayor Presti:

- Mayor apologized if he barked.
- Understood, ongoing problem; Ramapo Police usually pretty good.
- We do not have our own Police Department;
- Mayor has no control over speeding traffic.
- All we can do is be careful and be vigilant regarding maintenance; code enforcement periodically goes around the Village and makes sure maintenance not out of hand.
- One person's property beauty may be different than another.
- Some people not running afoul of the rules of the Village, don't keep their property as pristine as someone else.
- If matter of trash, harboring vermin, not having adequate protection for the property or others who walk by, that we can do something.
- Some people may have weeds; that's how some people take care of their lawn.
- We have a lot of new people who it is the first time they have a lawn to take care of.
- We've had neighbors who offered their lawn mowers.
- In time, we, hopefully, can get more people to take care of their home.
- I am aware of what you are saying; that may be something we can talk about.
- Was brought up by Mr. Van Alstyne and Mr. Valentine a while back.
- We will keep on the radar.

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

- Asked if the Village is liable if a child got killed?
- Dangerous, especially by the park.

Mayor Presti:

- No.

Attorney Sevastian:

- Stated there are a lot more speeding tickets, and the Judge whacks them.

Mayor Presti:

- We don't have our own Police Force; we do not have traffic enforcement in the Village.
- We don't turn a blind eye to it.
- When Ramapo Police gets fully staffed, hopefully we will have more Police on the road.

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

- Is there anything residents can do?
- Asked about putting in barriers if neighbors wanted it.

Trustee Miller:

- I have discussed this with some officers when they attend our meetings.
- Springhill Terrace, Appledale Lane, Eagle street; we all have seen the speeding.
- The problem is we don't see Ramapo Police; almost never.
- Ramapo Police said, "well, you don't have any crime".
- Police in the town where his children live, you cannot speed.
- We don't get coverage.

Mayor Presti:

- There are traffic safety issues that a Village has to keep in mind.
- Once you start putting up speed mitigation tools to slow people down, that aren't properly approved for that area; then the Village is liable.
- When you see people speeding, you have to call.
- This is an issue in a lot of towns.

Trustee Van Alstyne:

- Suggested he go to Town of Ramapo meetings; tell your representative there.
- Speak about any issue out of Village control.

Kevin O'Brian – 20 Carlisle Rd., Chestnut Ridge, New York 10977:

- Suggested when newsletter is sent out, put a notice about the children at the edge of the road; seen it numerous times.
- Complained about a lot of horn honking; annoying.

Robert Rogers – 14 Balmoral Drive, Chestnut Ridge, New York 10977:

- Complained about taxi cabs honking horns, constant.
- Wanted Village to petition bus companies to slow down.
- It's throughout the days; waiting for a catastrophe.

Trustee Valentine:

- Had conversation with East Ramapo.
- They are negotiating that.

- They don't have control about the other buses.
- Get those numbers for me; would talk to East Ramapo.

Mayor Presti:

- We've sent letters saying you need to remind your contract service people that they need to abide by the rules of the road.
- We are not there, to see that bus coming down the road.
- Get the license number, call the Village Clerk.

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

- People do 40 m.p.h. in a school zone; by her house the speed is 15 m.p.h.
- Traffic study – supposed to get a report; haven't received anything.

Mayor Presti:

- Wasn't aware of a traffic study; was going to look into it.

Ronnie Miller – 8 Eagle Street, Chestnut Ridge, New York 10977:

- In 1965 we had bikes barreling through the streets with no helmet laws.
- In lieu of all the whining, wished everyone a decent Passover and a Happy Easter Sunday.

Anthony Luciano – 52 Summit Rd., Chestnut Ridge, New York 10977:

- E-mail East Ramapo; e-mail the District Clerk; indicate the time the bus goes by and if possible, the name on the bus.
- Video tape them, and send it; they will respond.

Michael Williams – 15 Nicole Way, Chestnut Ridge, New York 10977:

- Complained about people wandering in the middle of the road; early morning, late in the evening.
- The risk is if you drive or come around the corner, there are six or seven people in dark clothing walking in the middle of the road.
- Walk single file; use common sense.
- Walks and sees Crooked Hill, Highland Blvd; don't know what we can do as a Village.

Mayor Presti:

- Dangerous weapons; i.e. cars.
- Wear reflectors, use flash lights.
- We try to remind folks, we have it on the web-site.
- When we see our neighbors, perhaps say, I almost ran you down.

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

- Complained about lights shining into her house.
- Spoke about lights to neighbor; stayed off awhile, light is back on.
- Saw a bus speeding; said, "what's up with that?"
- Bus almost ran her down deliberately.

- Told the bus driver, what he was doing was illegal.
- Vans, buses, cars, she called the Police.
- Private car picks up someone in the morning, blasts the horn 6:30 a.m.; out of control.....
- A young girl gets picked up and dropped off at the corner; child will get killed if this speeding doesn't stop.

Mayor Presti:

- File complaint with Ramapo Police if bus tries to run you down.

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

- Stated on the Village Law that horn is solely to be used for danger.
- Section of the law, sight a \$5,000 penalty.
- Some new bus drivers when they beep, not seeing the sign, gives them a copy of the sign.
- You have to deal with each individual school, with each of their buses; not contracted out by East Ramapo School District.

Lee March Grayson – 52 Wilshire Drive, Chestnut Ridge, New York 10977:

- Trustee Valentine says they have governors on the buses; not the one's that go up Wilshire.
- A lot of buses what appears to be from private schools.
- Not only are the private buses speeding, they are poorly maintained.
- They spew lots of black smoke and sound like they are going to fall apart.
- Concerned about the pollution these buses are spewing into the air.
- Paying a lot of money for the police.
- I can go to a Ramapo meeting; felt they wouldn't hear him.
- They would listen to the representatives; you represent us.
- Would like to get the value of Police enforcement in Chestnut Ridge.

Trustee Van Alstyne:

- Offered to go together with Lee March Grayson to a meeting.
- Felt they would react to the citizens.
- They are never challenged; there is one or two people there.

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

- Asked other than Mr. Rubin were any of the ZBA members or ARB members affected by the Mayor's personnel decision notified?
- So, you are replacing them?
- Not sure, they hadn't any reason to question.

Mayor Presti:

- I held over ZBA folks, so no notice had to be given to them.
- The resolution speaks for itself; we are holding them over.
- I did not have to notify them, just as they could have asked me.
- My prerogative as the Mayor to do the appointment.
- The Board members are aware of the procedure.

- If the Board members have any questions with regard to their appointment or non-appointment; just as much as the Village communicates with them, they can communicate with the Village.
- I am the one who probably, originally put them there.
- I am the one who would contact them on a regular basis to say you are going to be up for appointment or whatever the case may be.
- Please don't tell me how I should be handling my appointments.
- Courtesy or no courtesy, I give my Board members the courtesy that they deserve and that they are entitled to.

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

- Mentioned at the last meeting litigation related to Article 78 is not covered by insurance, running on a tight budget.
- Felt one way to save future costs is not to fight that location and look at the Environmental Study the right way and not have to deal with litigation costs.

Mayor Presti:

- Do you know how much it would cost in the unlikely event if the Village lost the Article 78; have you done any research in regard to the cost?
- Cost in the neighborhood of between \$30,000 - \$40,000 if the Village would lose Article 78 by nullifying the HOW Law, have to do environmental studies and have to start from square one.
- You asked me about saving money, now I'm telling you what it would cost.

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

- Wanted people to be allowed their constitution rights.
- Elected officials, please stop being so negative and raising their voice.

Motion to Close the Open Floor Public Discussion.

MOTION: Trustee Miller

SECOND: Deputy Mayor 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 Valentine

SECOND: Deputy Mayor Valentine.

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MEETING ADJOURNED: 9:33 P.M.

EXECUTIVE SESSION ENDED: 10:45 P.M.

Respectfully submitted:

Florence A. Mandel
Village Clerk
Recording Secretary

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36. Executive session – Pending Litigation.
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For the Regularly Scheduled Board meeting of April 18, 2019

8:00 pm

277 Old Nyack Turnpike

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1. Pledge of Allegiance.
2. Mayor's report.
3. Open Floor: Public discussion of Agenda Items.
4. Approval of Minutes of Previous Meeting, March 28, 2019.
5. a. Public Hearing on Tentative Budget for fiscal year June 1, 2019 through May 31, 2020.

- b. Resolution No. 2019-21 Resolution approving 2019-2020 fiscal year budget for the Village of Chestnut Ridge.
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