

**MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES**

**VILLAGE OF CHESTNUT RIDGE**

**MAY 16, 2019**

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The Board of Trustees of the Village of Chestnut Ridge convened in regular session on May 16, 2019 at the Village Hall, located at 277 Old Nyack Turnpike, Chestnut Ridge, NY 10977.

**PRESENT:**

<b>ROSARIO PRESTI, JR.</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>MAYOR</b>
<b>GRANT VALENTINE</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>DEPUTY MAYOR</b>
<b>HOWARD COHEN</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>TRUSTEE</b>
<b>RICHARD MILLER</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>TRUSTEE</b>
<b>PAUL VAN ALSTYNE</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>TRUSTEE</b>
<b>WALTER SEVASTIAN</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>VILLAGE ATTORNEY</b>

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**ABSENT:**

<b>FLORENCE MANDEL</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>VILLAGE CLERK RECORDING SECRETARY</b>
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**PRESENT**

<b>LISE CHANIN</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>TREASURER, DEPUTY VILLAGE CLERK ALTERNATE RECORDING SECRETARY</b>
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**1. Pledge of Allegiance.**

**2. Mayor's report.**

- Welcomed special guests from Suffern High School for Special Affairs at Village Board Meeting.
- On May 5<sup>th</sup> had Sunday with the Mayor; one or two people and chattered a little bit.
- No Sunday's with the Mayor for June, July, August.
- Sunday, September 8<sup>th</sup> Village picnic, can speak to people in September at picnic.
- Ramapo Police Department gave out awards to approximately over two dozen police officers who had during the year perfumed above and beyond the norm; life-saving, apprehension of various perpetrators and people of that nature.
- It was an honor to be there and I appreciate being invited.
- What the Ramapo Police do is really special and we thank them for doing such a good job.

**3. Open Floor: public discussion of Agenda Items only.**

**MOTION:** Trustee Miller

**SECOND:** Trustee Van Alstyne

**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, April 18, 2019.**

**MOTION:** Trustee Van Alstyne

**SECOND:** Trustee Miller

- Trustee Cohen abstained. He was absent from the April 18, 2019 meeting.  
**The Board was polled and voted 4-0 to Approve the Meeting Minutes of April 18, 2019.**

**5. Resolution No. 2019-44 – Resolution to authorize the Mayor to sign the Stormwater MS4 Municipal Compliance Certification Form and Annual Report prepared by Village Engineer.**

**MOTION:** Trustee Miller

**SECOND:** Trustee Van Alstyne

**The Board was polled and voted 5-0 to Authorize Mayor to sign the Stormwater MS4 Municipal Compliance Certification Form and Annual Report.**

**6. Resolution No. 2019-45: Resolution to approve the RFP the preparation of a statutory Comprehensive Master Plan to Nelson, Pope & Voorhis, LLC for the sum of \$66,000.00.**

**WHEREAS** the Village solicited proposals for professional services related to the preparation of a Comprehensive Master Plan for the Village of Chestnut Ridge;

**WHEREAS**, the Planning Firm of Nelson, Pope & Voorhis, LLC submitted a proposal to prepare a Comprehensive Master Plan for the sum of \$66,000.00.

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Village Board hereby awards the contract for the preparation for the preparation of a Comprehensive Master Plan to the firm of Nelson, Pope and Voorhis LLC for the sum of \$66,000 (to be spread over two consecutive budget years).

**MOTION:** Trustee Cohen

**SECOND:** Trustee Van Alstyne

**The Board was polled and voted 5-0 to Approve Resolution No. 2019-45.**

7. a. **Resolution N. 2019-46: Mayor appointment of Donald W. Cornwell, Jr. as Member of the Zoning Board for a term to expire April 2024, effective immediately.**  
b. **RESOLVED that No. 2019-46** approving Mayor's appointment of Donald W. Cornwell, Jr. as Zoning Board Member for a term to expire April 2024 is hereby approved, effectively immediately.
- Mr. Cornwell will be a nice addition to the Zoning Board; we appreciate him volunteering and serving.

**MOTION:** Trustee Miller

**SECOND:** Trustee Van Alstyne

**The Board was polled and voted 5-0 to approve the appointment of Donald W. Cornwell.**

8. a. **Resolution No. 2019-47 Mayor appointment of Michael Williams as an Alternate-Member of the Zoning Board for a term to expire April 2024, effective immediately.**  
b. **RESOLVED that Resolution 2019-47** approving Mayor's appointment Michael Williams as Alternate Member of the Zoning Board of Appeals for a term to expire April 2024 is hereby approved, effectively immediately.

**MOTION:** Trustee Van Alstyne

**SECOND:** Trustee Miller

**The Board was polled and voted 5-0 to approve appointment of Michael Williams as Alternate-Member of Zoning Board.**

9. a. **Resolution No. 2019-48 Mayor appointment of Isaac Stern as Member of the Planning Board for an unexpired term to expire April 2022, effectively immediately.**  
b. **RESOLVED that Resolution No. 2019-48** approving Mayor's appointment of Isaac Stern as Planning Board member for an unexpired term to expire in April of 2022 is hereby approved, effectively immediately.

**MOTION:** Trustee Miller

**SECOND:** Trustee Van Alstyne

**The Board was polled and voted 5-0 to approve the Mayor's appointment of Isaac Stern as Member of the Planning Board.**

10. a. **Resolution No. 2019-49 appointment of Allan Rubin as a Planning Board Member for a term to expire April 2024 is hereby TABLED.**

**b. Resolution No. 2019-49 is TABLED**

11. a. **Resolution No. 2019-50, Mayor’s appointment of Allan Rubin as a Planning Board Chair for a term to expire April 2020 is hereby TABLED.**

**b. Resolution No. 2019-50 is TABLED**

12. **Resolution No/ 2019-51 approving the appointment of Jaime Valentino to the position to full time Court Clerk, effective June 1, 2019.**

**RESOLVED that Resolution No. 2019-51** approving the appointment of Jamie Valentino to the position to full time Court Clerk, for a provisional period of 6 months, effective June 1, 2019, is hereby approved.

- Result of the added activity in the Court and increasing his hours.

**MOTION:** Trustee Cohen

**SECOND:** Trustee Van Alstyne

**The Board was polled and voted 5-0 to approve the appointment of Jaime Valentino to the position to full time Court Clerk, for a provisional period of 6 months, effective June 1, 2019.**

**13. Resolution No. 2019-52:**

**RESOLVED, that General Fund Claims set forth on pages 1 through 2** in the aggregate amount of \$141,562.67 as set forth on Abstract No. 2019-5 dated May 16, 2019, as submitted by the Village Treasurer, are hereby approved.

**MOTION:** Trustee Cohen

**SECOND:** Deputy Mayor Valentine

**The Board was polled and voted 5-0 to Approve the Abstract of Audited Claims.**

14. **Open Floor: Public Discussion.**

- 45 Wilshire Drive, Chestnut Ridge, New York 10977 –
- Margiotta Property – All trees taken down, and repaving of the property; now a problem with stagnant water in front of property at DeSalvo Ct.
- Has pictures and video.
- With the warm weather, a Health hazard, mosquitos.
- Property is Red Schoolhouse Rd., and De Salvo Ct.

**Mayor Presti:**

- County Board of Health; we will get them involved.

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

Re: Rental Registry -Has lists of addresses she believes are not in the Rental Registry

- A lot of properties, grass is too high.

**Chaim Rose – 5 Lancaster Lane, Chestnut Ridge, New York 10977:**

- Expressed his thanks to the Mayor and the Board of Trustees
- Mentioned kind office staff; nothing but professional; friendly, knowledgeable.
- Quality of Life Issues – enjoyed it and showed it to a neighbor.
- From Brooklyn; much more peaceful here.

**Trustee Miller:**

- Nobody has to bring their garbage down to the curb; we pay extra for it to be taken from up your driveway.

**Mayor Presti:**

- Quality of Life tips the result of meetings such as these.

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

- Appreciated memo regarding Quality of Life tips; it's half a step in the right direction.
- Haven't seen any changes with regard to the speeding buses; and the smog they produce all hours of the day and night.
- In terms of getting Police presence in the Village; apparently not in Chestnut Ridge, you don't see it.
- Thought it was part of the problem we have.
- Haven't seen any changes with the lighting.
- I'm glad one person was aware that was an issue.
- The poisoning of animals; several of my neighbors on Wilshire Drive; there was a household that doesn't like squirrels, chip monkeys and ground hogs; putting out poison.
- There were dead squirrels, chip monkeys adjacent to that property.
- We went over and asked them to stop putting out poison; it affects the environment; gets into the ground water, it violates animal cruelty laws.
- A reminder in next memo against the law to kill animals; it's very disturbing.
- There are a lot of little kids running around in that backyard and others.
- Board to consider a Tree Ordinance that restricts the mass removal of trees because it does create problems.
- Prime example once a beautiful forest used for Agricultural purposes that is where he stores cars, a used car parking lot at DeSalvo Ct., down Red Schoolhouse Rd., it's appalling.
- That is a health hazard.
- I appreciate the Mayor saying the County will be alerted; it's a big problem.

**Mayor Presti:**

- At the breakfast on Wednesday there were at least one-half dozen police officers given accommodations for various things; health, welfare calls, some type of activity that was going on in the Village.
- I am informed there are more tickets being given.
- The Police are in Chestnut Ridge; doing their job the best that we can; that is why we are so busy in Justice Court.
- Poisoning of animals is an awful thing.

- In addition to the County, if you're physically seeing it make the call to the Town of Ramapo and the County.
- We don't have the staff to be patrolling for that also.
- Where Tree Ordinance is concerned, we've had this discussion; on-going discussing.
- Not on the radar for discussion at present time.

**Hilda Kogut – 20 Pine Knoll Ct., Chestnut Ridge, New York 10977:**

- I got this e-mail from a person; we have people who are not computer savvy.
- Regarding trash pick-up that occurred Passover.
- Three years ago, I'm not sure it is built into the budget that there is an extra collection or not.
- I ask going forward, if this is a necessary part of the religious observance.
- Robo call letting people know for Passover there is going to be an extra pickup so that everyone is equal and all can take advantage.
- Rental Registry – 100 printed on the Rental Registry – I got my copy there were twenty-five.
- Sad example of Rental Registry – You have P.O. boxes, issue of safety.
- Starting to look for the LLC or P.O. box, not a great way to identify.
- Made a list of twenty-one rental properties that are not on list, and I suggest other people if they are aware provide them to the Village as well.

**Mayor Presti:**

- We are taking steps to get information out there; web-site, e-mail blasts.
- We have "Welcome" package that we do send out.
- Extra pick-up is on the Web-site; we end up posting it, and it is open to everybody.
- Rental Registry – twenty-five properties not only did they submit an application, but they were also inspected and verified.
- My understanding is there is a work in progress list; we have 248 applications that were mailed.
- We will use the list, Ms. Kogut, thank you for that.

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

- Spoke about mother-in-law; living in house next door, an LLC, but not a rental property.
- Stated that not all LLC's are Rental properties.

**Mayor Presti:**

- She wouldn't be listed as a Rental Registry property, but an LLC.
- The whole idea is to designate a contact.

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

- Question for Walter Sevastian regarding 312 N. Highland Avenue, Chestnut Ridge, NY.

**Walter Sevastian:**

- Knows that the Building Department has inspected the property on several occasions, not inside the premises.
- Made observations as to use of property.
- In process of evaluating and of putting together what they believe to be the potential use of the property
- I haven't seen anything personally that it's been reduced to actual physical format that can be prosecuted in Justice Court.

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

- These are valid complaints from numerous people.
- You do nothing about it.
- I hear excuse after excuse.
- Nineteen months is plenty of time.

**Mayor Presti:**

- Code Enforcement will continue to evaluate.

**Motion to Close the Open Floor Public Discussion.**

**MOTION:** Trustee Miller

**SECOND:** Trustee Cohen

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

**Motion to Go into Executive Session – Pending Litigation: OJC v. Village of Chestnut Ridge.**

**MOTION:** Deputy Mayor Valentine

**SECOND:** Trustee Cohen

**The Board was polled and voted 5-0 Adjourn the Meeting and Go into Executive Session.**

- **Mayor wished everyone a Good Memorial Day Holiday; thanked everyone for coming out, and Good Luck with the end of the year with summer and with college, and the kind words.**

**MEETING ADJOURNED: 8:33 P.M.**

**EXECUTIVE SESSION ENDED: 9:00 P.M.**

**Respectfully submitted,**

**Florence A. Mandel  
Village Clerk**

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MOTION:

SECOND:

The Board was polled and voted 5-0 to Approve the Abstract of Audited Claims.

15. Executive Session – Pending Litigation: OJC v. Village of Chestnut Ridge (Federal Ct. Action); Kogut et. al v. Chestnut Ridge (Article 78 Proceeding); Kogut/CUPON v. Chestnut Ridge (Federal Ct. Action).

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