

The Board of Trustees of the Village of Westhampton Beach held their Regular Meeting on Thursday, June 3, 2010 at 7 p.m. in the Municipal Building, 165 Mill Road, Westhampton Beach

**PRESENT: Mayor Conrad Teller
Deputy Mayor Toni Jo Birk
Trustee James Kametler
Trustee Joan Levan
Trustee Hank Tucker**

**Clerk Treasurer Kathleen McGinnis
Village Attorney Richard Haefeli**

Presentation – Chris Bean

Mayor Teller presented a plaque on behalf of the Village Board to Chris Bean for twenty-three years of service. He then read the plaque to Mr. Bean and the audience: “Sincere appreciation to Chris Bean for his many years of dedicated service, Chairman, member of the Zoning Board of Appeals from August 1987 to April 2010. We thank him for his twenty-three years of devotion and thank him for an excellent job well done. We wish him success in all his future endeavors.”

Mr. Bean thanked the Mayor and Board. He said it was an honor. He did not believe this was for him. He thought it was for the people he had served with over the years. He said a lot of people don't know what the Zoning Board does and it probably took him about twenty years to figure out what it is. He said he had a lot of people helping him. He said in the beginning they had a Chairman, the late Bill Rasmussen, who was very good, very helpful. We've had attorneys, professional attorneys over the years who were the best. Mr. Haefeli, we've gone back and forth a number of times on things. Tony Tohill, I can remember Assemblyman Thiele used to come down from Albany once a month to help us out on things. Mr. Bishop, Mr. Bishop who's done a real good job for us for a long time. He was also a Chairman. Peter Rogers, who was a Chairman for a long time. He deserves some recognition on this. Dean Speir, who preceded me in the position, did a very good job. These are the people that kind of taught me what was going on. And, the members that I served with were the best people. They were really public servants. Jackie Bennett, she was here for a long time with us, I think for eleven years and Pat Stinchi, back in the corner, the people that are on the Board now, John Wittchen. Gerry Piering, he hasn't missed a meeting in a long time. He would come every month. I think the last meeting I missed was in 1996. So, it's a little odd to not be around on a Thursday evening. But, these are the people that understand what public service is about and it's about respecting the administrators that we work with, the attorneys and work in a really brave fashion. The people that I've worked with over the years, we've always been fair. We've been just. We try to do the right thing. In the last few months..... I kind of wish everything was like that. I've worked in five administrations under five Mayors and in the last few months, in this particular Board, I've seen some things that were a little bit disturbing and I think that hopefully we'll get on the right track again. But, we always showed up no matter what the agenda was.....

Trustee Kametler said enough of the political speech.

Mr. Bean said I'm just thanking some people, okay? Thank you, Jim.

Trustee Kametler responded, thank you for living in the Village for the last two years and.....

Mr. Bean said I think I've been living rent free in your head for a little while. He said the thing is, we showed up. I saw January where three members of this Board did not show up. They came in February, they didn't apologize for not showing up. They were cowardly deeds, in my opinion.

Trustee Kametler said enough of the speech.

Mr. Bean said okay, alright, thank you.

Mayor Teller opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Public Hearing

St. Marks Cell Tower Special Exception Renewal

John Coughlin said he was here on behalf of the applicant, New Cingular Wireless a/k/a AT&T, to renew the previously granted Special Exception permit that was granted to AT&T in 2005. By nature of the language of the Village's code and the expressed conditions of that approval from 2005, AT&T is due to come back before this Board every five years to confirm that it still needs the site and hereby request renewal of that application. Nothing has changed at the facility since it was originally granted insofar as the antennas are screened within the existing steeple behind the upper louvers and the equipment is in the basement of the church. Everything else is inside. It is an invisible site. Since the time AT&T was approved and installed, another carrier has co-located within the church; again, an invisible site. A need for the site remains and I guess by reference I would like to incorporate the application materials and the hearing record from 2005. I don't necessarily want to bore the Board or the community with the details of the application considering there seems there is quite a bit on the agenda, but I would just like to point out that AT&T remains licensed by the FCC to operate its network in this area. It has a dire need to continue to provide service in the area and the site allows AT&T to do so. With that being said, I welcome any questions from the Board. I have extra copies of the original 2005 decision, the building permit that was issued to AT&T, as well as the certificate of occupancy that was issued following the installation. Again, if there are any questions, I am more than happy to address them.

Village Attorney Richard Haefeli asked who is the co-locator at the tower.

Mr. Coughlin responded it was T-Mobile. He said I believe the application was brought in the name of OmniPoint Communications, which is a d/b/a.

Mr. Haefeli asked what will the effect be with reference to the upgrading to the 4G system as opposed to the current system. Will that have any impact upon the surrounding area?

Mr. Coughlin replied that really, the upgrades to 4G for the AT&T network, it doesn't necessarily change the area of coverage to be afforded to any particular sect, but what it does do is within an area that is given service by a particular site, it will provide for better and faster of the services that folks want to use on their smart phones in particular. With AT&T, it is the I-phone. You want to be able to use the internet faster, you want to be able to do short messaging and all kinds of other things when TV becomes available on phones. Basically, it will allow for the next generation of new services that folks have come to utilize more on their phones to operate faster within the area that the sites provide.

Mr. Haefeli said I guess my question is, will it increase any of the current radiation that they claim takes place.

Mr. Coughlin said no, no. The upgrade will only be done only on the equipment basis. It wouldn't have any changes on the antennas and if AT&T felt that there was a need to upgrade and modify the antennas, we would come back before the Board with a new application, a new FCC compliance analysis, to show any change that might be expected from that.

Mr. Haefeli said, so the antennas themselves will remain as they are. It is just the equipment that is down in the basement that would basically be changed?

Mr. Coughlin said correct. It is adding, really adding new computers, switching out old computers and adding the new. Now, that is not part of this application. This is only a renewal application.

Mr. Haefeli said I understand that this is a renewal application. I think the Board can consider what is basically coming down the road within the next year to two years as far as wireless communication in the Village. So, you're saying it won't have any effect or change. It's just a computer upgrade?

Mr. Coughlin said yes, that is correct. And, again, I know the Board is constituted slightly differently than when the original application was brought. AT&T's application and the FCC compliance study that was done for their proposed facility showed that the cumulative emissions would be less than 1% of the permitted limits, so, many, many, many times below. T-Mobile, as the subsequent applicant, had to do their own study. Their study combined both the T-Mobile and AT&T antennas and showed that that was many, many, many times below. The site is well within compliance to the FCC regulations.

Mr. Haefeli asked if that tower was capable of having another co-operator.

Mr. Coughlin replied that might be a structural question that is beyond my area of expertise. I would imagine that the tapered portion of the steeple up above AT&T could potentially house additional antennas. There is nothing by nature of the operation of AT&T that wouldn't allow it. It might just be a physical space issue.

Mr. Haefeli asked within the existing tower?

Mr. Coughlin said within the existing steeple, yes. The T-Mobile array is on the lower, wider louvers where the clock is and the AT&T antennas are in the slightly smaller batch of louvers, but then as the steeple tapers, I'm not sure if there is room enough for someone else to fit up there. Again, I would respectfully request that the Board would grant the renewal.

Mayor Teller asked if anyone in the audience had any questions or would like to address the Board.

Mr. Haefeli said I would suggest that the Board close the hearing for a determination next month.

Mr. Coughlin thanked the Board.

Mayor Teller made a motion to close the hearing. Seconded by Trustee Tucker and unanimously approved. 4 Aye, 0 Nay

Resolutions

Approve minutes of Trustees Board Meetings

Motion by Trustee Tucker:

RESOLVED, that the minutes of the Board of Trustees meeting of May 6, 2010 and Special Meeting of May 17, 2010 are hereby accepted.

Seconded by Deputy Mayor Birk and unanimously approved. 4 Aye, 0 Nay

Accept Departmental reports

Motion by Deputy Mayor Birk:

RESOLVED, that the Treasurer's report for April 2010, Justice Court, Police Department and Building Inspector reports for May 2010, are hereby accepted.

Seconded by Trustee Tucker and unanimously approved. 4 Aye, 0 Nay

Renew Finn McCool's Outdoor Dining permit

Motion by Trustee Kametler:

WHEREAS, Finn McCool's has applied to renew the Outdoor Tables and Chairs Permit to place six (6) tables and twenty four (24) chairs pursuant to Section 196-1 of the Code and

WHEREAS, there were no incidents or reports filed with the Police Department concerning said use, and therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees hereby authorizes the placement of outdoor tables & chairs as shown on the original plan approved in 2005 and subject to the same set of conditions.

Seconded by Trustee Levan and unanimously approved. 4 Aye, 0 Nay

Authorize Starr Boggs 2010 Outdoor music permit

Motion by Trustee Levan:

RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees hereby approve the renewal of Starr Bogg's outdoor music permit for 2010 subject to the same conditions as set forth in the Determination dated September 3, 2009, the provisions of Chapter 196-2 of the Village Code and the requirement that the volume of the amplification shall not be so excessive as to annoy or disturb a reasonable person of normal auditory sensitivity.

Seconded by Trustee Tucker and unanimously approved. 4 Aye, 0 Nay

Accept proposal from Aquarius Capital for GASB 45 Actuarial Services

Motion by Trustee Tucker:

RESOLVED, that the proposal submitted by Aquarius Capital to prepare an actuarial valuation of post- employment benefits under GASB 45 at a cost of \$4,000.00, is hereby accepted.

Seconded by Deputy Mayor Birk and unanimously approved. 4 Aye, 0 Nay

Authorize 2010 STOP DWI Contract with Suffolk County

Motion by Deputy Mayor Birk:

RESOLVED, that the Mayor is hereby authorized to execute a contract with Suffolk County to be eligible to receive grant funding in the amount of \$7,500.00 for the participation by the Village Police Department in the 2010 STOP DWI Enforcement Activities program.

Seconded by Trustee Tucker and unanimously approved. 4 Aye, 0 Nay

Authorize Notice of Bid Opening – two DPW Dump Trucks

Motion by Trustee Kametler:

RESOLVED, that the Village Clerk is hereby authorized to publish and post a Notice of Bid Opening for the purchase of a new 2007 Ford 650 Dump Truck and a new 2008 Ford 650 Dump Truck, as per the DPW bid specifications, to be held on Thursday July 1, 2010 at the Village Hall at 3 p.m.

Seconded by Trustee Levan and unanimously approved. 4 Aye, 0 Nay

Authorize DPW purchase of two (2) Western 10 Ft. snow plows

Motion by Trustee Levan:

RESOLVED, that the Department of Public Works is hereby authorized to purchase two (2) Western 10 ft. snow plows at a cost of \$9,830.00, under Suffolk County Contract #40-08.12.4.

Seconded by Deputy Mayor Birk and unanimously approved. 4 Aye, 0 Nay

Authorize DPW purchase of four-wheel drive Jacobsen Turf Mower

Motion by Trustee Tucker:

RESOLVED, that the Department of Public Works is hereby authorized to purchase a new four-wheel drive Jacobsen Turf cat rotary mower, with accessories, at a cost of \$27,851.57, under Suffolk County Contract # PC 64364.

Seconded by Deputy Mayor Birk and unanimously approved. 4 Aye, 0 Nay

Authorize purchase of two (2) Ford Crown Victoria Police Vehicles

Motion by Deputy Mayor Birk:

RESOLVED, that the Police Department is hereby authorized to purchase two (2) 2010 Ford Crown Victoria Police vehicles, at the cost/vehicle of \$33,994.00, under New York State Contract # PC 64893 Item 2 and the Mayor is authorized to execute a three-year lease purchase agreement with Ford Motor Credit Company at an annual cost of \$24,341.69.

Seconded by Trustee Kametler and unanimously approved. 4 Aye, 0 Nay

2009/10 Fiscal Year End Budget transfers

Motion by Trustee Kametler:

RESOLVED, that the attached general fund budget transfers for the closing of the 2009/2010 fiscal year in the amount of \$124,950.19 are hereby approved.

Seconded by Trustee Levan and unanimously approved. 4 Aye, 0 Nay

Appoint part time DPW Laborer

Motion by Trustee Levan:

RESOLVED, that Paul Rina is hereby appointed as a part time DPW Laborer to work one day per week repairing streetlights and to be compensated at the rate of \$25/hour effective June 12, 2010.

Seconded by Trustee Tucker and unanimously approved. 4 Aye, 0 Nay

Authorize Fiske Avenue Bulkhead Replacement Engineering Services

Motion by Trustee Tucker:

RESOLVED, that Dunn Engineering is hereby authorized to finalize plans and prepare bid specifications for the replacement of the Fiske Avenue Bulkhead at an estimated cost of \$1,200.00 and provide engineering construction services at an estimated cost of \$2,500.

Seconded by Deputy Mayor Birk and unanimously approved. 4 Aye, 0 Nay

Motion to Add-on Item to Agenda & Motion to Table Resolutions

Trustee Kametler said I would like to ask the Village Attorney if we can table these next eleven resolutions.

Mr. Haefeli said as last month, the first thing that has to be done is, a motion has to be made for that purpose and after that motion is approved, you move to table the resolutions.

Trustee Kametler made a motion to table the next eleven resolutions.

Mr. Haefeli said the first motion is, you're adding something on to the agenda. You want to move to add on a resolution to the agenda. It has to be adopted and then you go with the other one.

Trustee Kametler made a motion to add a motion on to the agenda. Trustee Levan seconded the motion. Motion was approved as follows:

Deputy Mayor Birk	Nay	Trustee Tucker	Aye
Trustee Levan	Aye	Mayor Teller	Nay
Trustee Kametler	Aye		

Mr. Haefeli said now you can make the second motion.

Trustee Kametler made a motion to table the next eleven resolutions:

- Rescind Resolution Re: Withdrawal of Police Disciplinary Charges
- Rescind Resolution Re: Reinstatement of Police Officers
- Authorize Hearing Upon Written Charges
- Appoint Hearing Officer to conduct a hearing of Police Disciplinary charges
- Approve transcription/stenographic services for Police disciplinary hearing
- Authorize suspension of employee pending hearing Re: disciplinary charges
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- Rescind resolution adopted 3/4/10 concerning command discipline
- Rescind resolution adopted 3/4/10 requesting production of records pertaining to the failure to preserve, the loss or destruction of video and/or audio evidence
- Rescind resolution adopted 3/4/10 for production of firearm ownership records
- Rescind resolution adopted 3/4/10 for first report on investigations of penal law offenses

Seconded by Trustee Levan and approved as follows:

Deputy Mayor Birk	Nay	Trustee Tucker	Aye
Trustee Levan	Aye	Mayor Teller	Nay
Trustee Kametler	Aye		

Approve June 2010 warrant

Motion by Trustee Levan:

RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees hereby approve the General Fund warrant for the month of June 2010 in the amount of \$297,950.78.

Seconded by Trustee Kametler and unanimously approved. 4 Aye, 0 Nay

Public Discussion

Garcia said he owns Garcia, Ltd. on Main Street and there was something he would like to bring to the Board's attention. Mayor Teller, I read your letter in today's Press stating that the eruv is dead. As long as you are the Mayor, it certainly isn't dead. You have tried to put it through, contrary to lies in the paper. If you and your team get into office, you will have a majority and then the eruv will be a foregone conclusion. You're claiming that Tucker/Levan/Palmer are spreading lies about your intentions. So, just to set the record straight, I would like to read the minutes of May 2008, with direct quotes, your comments: Regarding the over 400 e-mails received in the Village Hall was that they had lots of erroneous information in them. After the Board passed a resolution to hold a Special Meeting for the public, Mayor Teller indicated that he did not want to delay passing the eruv until after the election. Mayor Teller then said, "if they are going to throw me out, then throw me out." At this point, Mayor Teller made a motion to add to the agenda a resolution to approve the eruv and it was voted down. Although you did not vote on the resolution to hold the public meeting, you did vote yes on adding a resolution to pass the eruv. For clarification, a resident asked if this was under discussion or was it being approved. Mayor Teller responded he was making a motion to add a vote to approve the petition. At this time Trustee Tucker stated that after reaching out to the public, voting for a public meeting that it was what should be done so we could hear from everyone. He made it clear that we had promised the residents this meeting and we should do what we promised. After the discussion, Mayor Teller asked for another vote to add a resolution to approve the eruv. It was again voted down. Although Mayor Teller voted yes for a second time to pass it, Mayor Teller you accuse others of lying about your intentions, yet the records clearly show where you stand on the side of the eruv. Then, who is the liar, not Tucker/Levan/Palmer. In a letter sent May 23, 2008 to the Mayor, the Trustees and the committee at large, the Rabbi stated, "Presently we find a cause for gratitude and thus express our heartfelt appreciation for the vibrant support of Mayor Conrad Teller." Thank you.

Arnold Sheiffer, 5 Oneck Road, said he had lived there for approximately seventeen years. He said I, too, am going to talk about our concerns and some questions on the Mayor's letter to the Southampton Press, which I recently read. First of all, Mr. Mayor, let me say this. I do applaud, I applaud your reaction that you now would oppose an eruv. But I, too, am concerned about this issue of it being a dead issue. I am the President of the Jewish People for the Betterment of Westhampton Beach, also known as the Jewish People Opposed to the Eruv. Hopefully, out of this, some good can come. Let me share some of my experiences with you. This is two years going on. Invariably, when I go someplace they say to me, "Arnie, what goes on with the eruv?" And I say, "the eruv has withdrawn its petition" and I learned one thing. People in this Village are not dumb, they are smart. They do think and they do know. So, they come right back and say to me, "But, Arnie, they can petition it momentarily. They can do it

right away.” And I say, “Yes, yes they can.” And then I hear, not as often, “What goes on down in the Village Hall?” They say “Didn’t the Mayor appoint the Village Attorney, a man who prepared the original petition for the eruv and was one of its most eloquent advocates”. I say “a lawyer”. They say “yeah”. Then someone brings up, which I didn’t know; they say to me, “Arnie, did you know that the Mayor appointed as the head of the Zoning Board, a delicate position, a man who made those famous remarks to the Mayor that went to the point of sometimes when you’re elected, you have to have the, and excuse the expression, “cajones” to do what you have to do. Couple this with the fact that yeah, the Mayor did promulgate a petition and voted for the petition. Only because three Trustees voted against it was it voted down – Hank Tucker, Toni-Jo Birk and Joan Levan and I think we all owe them a vote of thanks. I certainly do. These are the concerns that people have, Mr. Mayor. The other part of your letter is this assessing of blame. You blame Joan Levan and Hank Tucker. Blaming Joan Levan seems to be a popular sport in this Village. She works too hard, she doesn’t work hard enough. She raises the money for the hospital; she doesn’t raise enough money. And, Hank Tucker is there. Why assess blame? You want to assess blame, assess blame against the hundreds of people that came to our meeting to stand up in opposition. But, I’ll make life simple for you, Mr. Mayor, let’s get something good out of this. If you want to blame somebody, blame me. Thank you very much.

Mr. Haefeli said I just want to make it very clear that I am recusing myself and would always recuse myself from any consideration with any reference to the eruv. I did represent them. I cannot represent either the Village or the Synagogue; the Village has counsel that they have appointed for that. So, I’m out of the picture. I’m not in the picture whatsoever. And, that’s what an attorney is supposed to do if there is a conflict.

Mr. Sheiffer said I fully understand the fact that you recuse yourself as an appropriate attorney would do. The fact is you sit on the seats of power and when some great football fan says to me, “Arnie, it looks like the pack is back”. Any other questions here? Thank you very much.

Angelo de la Fuente said he was a taxpayer at 30 Old Riverhead Road. He said this was also in reference to the eruv. He said we have invested in this Village a lot of money. My savings are invested here, okay and the way this seems to be going here, we cannot trust anybody with reference to this eruv, because people are lying about it. Specifically, in this letter that you wrote here today, you say that you never went and approved the eruv. You were going to approve the eruv, Mr. Mayor. We cannot afford to have another Lawrence here, okay, because we need to protect our properties. We cannot afford to have what is happening in other villages. Knowing what I know, it is very difficult to trust after what you say in the newspaper like that. The next question is for Mr. Haefeli. Mr. Haefeli, have you been or are you still the personal lawyer for the Rabbi?

Mr. Haefeli responded no, I am not.

Mr. De la Fuente asked never?

Mr. Haefeli said no.

Mr. De la Fuente said he had one more question and this is probably something for Mrs. McGinnis. Last meeting Mrs. McGinnis said that Bo Bishop received a letter from NYCOM in reference to what happened last election, last year. In that letter, she was more or less taking all of the blame for what happens in that meeting, in that election that morning. I have taken the time to check and I found out that the New York Conference of Mayors have no authority to make any rules in the state of New York. They can advise. I went to the Election Board and they can advise the Election Board. They cannot make any laws for that. So, whatever NYCOM told Mrs. McGinnis, okay, the Election Board does not count. So, I just hope that this next election, the 18th of June, that don’t happen what happened last year when eighty people were disenfranchised when half an hour to forty-five minutes before they opened to be.....

People should be able to vote in this Village. They pay taxes and they should vote. And, not you, the Mayor, or anybody else, Mr. Speir specifically, has the right to do that. That is according to the law; it is thirty days ahead. Thank you very much.

Trustee Kametler said he had a statement he would like to read. After the statement I'm not going to take any questions afterwards. I would like to thank the Village residents for electing me to serve three terms as a Village Trustee. It has been an honor. I would also like at this time to apologize to the community for the past year. This Board has had difficulty working together because our current Mayor has failed us as a leader. He held private meetings without telling all the Board and worse yet to made decisions concerning employees and other matters with no input from us. These decisions can only cause huge lawsuits that each and every taxpayer will have to endure. Conrad's term as Mayor can best be described as a bad episode of "Father Knows Best" because most of your statements these past few years have been "I'm too old to care what people think" or "I'm the Mayor and can do whatever I want". And, by the way, that includes the eruv. He did have a proclamation on his desk ready to go. This Village needs and deserves leadership that can sit down and break out the differences that arise from time to time. We need a Mayor that is not indifferent to the resident's needs. We need honesty and integrity. We need a Mayor that can work with the Election's Board. He has stated in the past that he can work with anyone, but in fact, he does not. Conrad states he has been in law enforcement for fifty years, but has never mentored our Chief of Police, but in fact, he has allowed the Chief of Police to do whatever he wants and be responsible to no one. His communication skills are limited in that he only tells you some of the facts, but not all of them. How can a Board operate under these conditions? The answer is, it can't. As you can imagine, this year has been truly trying. Each and every resident needs to come out and vote. You can truly make a difference on June 18th. The "old boy" network has to go by the wayside. In closing, I would like to address one other issue. It is my belief that as an elected official, we are here to do the business of government and should not be exposed to everyday slander. Should our decisions be in question, so be it. But, leave our personal lives and families out of the mix. For any of us to be exposed to pictures being taken of our homes, our vacation spots and our friends that visit us is unconscionable. None of us should be open prey to lies, innuendos and outright slander just for the sake of those who make their nightly entertainment. It does not paint a pretty picture about our Village and the decent people who live here. Thank you very much.

Chris Ruggles, Westhampton Beach.

Mayor Teller asked where in Westhampton Beach.

Mr. Ruggles responded my family has some business properties at 30 Old Riverhead Road. I reside by the Air Base, Stewart Avenue.

Mayor Teller thanked Mr. Ruggles.

Mr. Ruggles said I'm going to read a prepared statement: A few Board meetings ago, Dean Speir spoke about the disabilities pertaining to an employee at the Police Department and you, Mr. Mayor, said you had no idea about it. Trustee Kametler said, "I'm not sure". But, I think the other Trustees said they had no idea either. So, pretty much from what I remember, all of the Trustees had no idea where this information came from. When the Chief was asked about it by you, you said it was a personal matter. Have you decided, with all of your years of experience, where that leak came from? Did you take the time to figure out where that leak came from? I'm just curious about that. And if not, why not? And then, the other part of that was that with all your experience as a Police Chief, if you had a Police Department that has as many leaks in it as a lawn sprinkler, would you have allowed that or would you have done something about that? Any time you feel like saying, "Oh yes, I found out", you can just blurt right out. It just seems to be that it shouldn't be okay. And, I have a couple of other things that I wanted to know about. It seems that it is commonplace for information to be

leaked out of that department. I mean, basically, we just recently had an officer release the registration information of a student. Let's just see how many people in here have children, but one of these police officers leaked information about a student in our community and his church affiliations. I have a kid. Man, that would make me angry. But, obviously the Police Chief doesn't have any problems with that because I'm sure he has no guilt. You have no children. Right, I mean you wouldn't allow that to go on, right.

Mayor Teller advised Mr. Ruggles, you're speaking to us.

Mr. Ruggles responded I know, I'm speaking to you, alright.

Police Chief Raymond Dean said Mr. Ruggles, just for your information, I am a father.

Mr. Ruggles said right, so you did find out about the police, where that leak came from?

Chief Dean said I'm just telling you, I'm a father, also.

Mr. Ruggles said alright, then you must be extremely angry and want to find out where that leak came from. Now, the arresting officer is discussing pending investigations about Linda Kabot. Actually, he sat through an interview. Is that legal? Was that ethical? Was that good for the Village? Then he knocks a fellow police officer. Now, I'm pretty sure police officers kind of count on other police officers for their lives in life and death situations. So, now you've got a police officer who can't count on any other police officers to come to his aid, because he's knocking police officers. Man, I'm looking at this police department. It's falling apart. And, since you've made it quite clear that no one in this Village has the authority over the Chief or the police department except for yourself, because you're the only one who gets to look in on them, it's no wonder that the majority of the Board wants information before they rush into hearings that could cost thousands, hundreds of thousands of dollars, especially since some of the police officers have already sued for unequal treatment. Now, I don't know, but this police department seems to need a shake up from the top down and that is pretty much, you're the top, right. Maybe that's the reason the Board wants information before they vote on stuff. Like, maybe they should look at stuff and see what's going on. I don't know man. It just seems the police department had a loss of a firearm. A prisoner carried a weapon in. You had an escaped prisoner. You had an officer who wouldn't leave the headquarters while a man died on the streets and there is a thing about missing tapes, sort of like Nixon, there's missing tapes. None of this stuff bothers you, huh? The only thing, I'm going to condense it, because it just goes on and on, when was the last time that you actually put foot in the police department? When was the last time you actually set foot, physically, in the police department?

Mayor Teller responded, I don't go in the police department.

Mr. Ruggles said I didn't think you did. How long have you been Mayor? And, how long have you been checking on him?

Mayor Teller said why don't you just sit down.....

Deputy Mayor Birk said Chris, if some of the Trustees wanted more information than what the report gave in October, why haven't there been any inquiries from those Trustees to get the information they need.

Mr. Ruggles responded I believe there was. I believe they said they wanted more information and it wasn't given to them.

Deputy Mayor Birk said then they can go to the SCIA to get that information.

Mr. Ruggles said maybe I'm wrong, maybe I'm wrong.

John Romanowski, 30 Maple Street, said there's an election in a couple of weeks. Good luck to all of you who are running. Whoever may win this election, you've got a lot

of stuff on your hands, so obviously from the bottom of my heart, good luck to what happened. The only thing I'm concerned with, I think a little bit, is so far I've heard so much conspiracy talk about this Village that the next thing is going to be aliens coming from the sky. And, I am embarrassed about it. I have a six month old at home. I plan on living the rest of my life here, God willing. I'm probably the second or third youngest person in this room right now. I come to meetings. I hope that all of these things can be resolved very, very soon, no matter what happens, whichever way it goes, God forbid. I hope these things can be resolved so finally we can get back to getting this Village into a progressive mode again. We can start bringing people back into the Village. We can start to really look at how we can set up as a healthy environment, how small Villages should operate. And, that's all I have to say. Thank you very much.

Mayor Teller asked if anyone else would like to address the Board. There being no further response, he made a motion at 7:40 p.m. to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by Deputy Mayor Birk and unanimously approved. 4 Aye, 0 Nay

Respectfully submitted,

Christine Owen
Deputy Clerk