

A Meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Village of Croton-on-Hudson, NY was held on Monday, June 20, 2011 at the Municipal Building, Van Wyck Street, Croton-on-Hudson, NY 10520.

The following officials were present:

Mayor Wiegman	Trustee Gallelli
Village Manager Zambrano	Trustee Murtaugh
Village Attorney Feldman	Trustee Schmidt
Treasurer Bullock	Trustee Raskob

1. CALL TO ORDER:

Mayor Wiegman called the meeting to order at 8:00 p.m. Everyone joined in the Pledge of Allegiance.

2. APPROVAL OF VOUCHERS:

Trustee Gallelli made a motion to approve the vouchers as follows, subject to review by the Audit Committee. Motion was seconded by Trustee Raskob and approved with a vote of 5-0.

2010-11

General Fund	\$ 58,654.48
Water Fund	15,074.50
Sewer Fund	866.53
Capital Account	36,275.00
Trust & Agency	-0-
Total	\$ 110,870.51

Trustee Gallelli made a motion to approve the vouchers as follows, subject to review by the Audit Committee. Motion was seconded by Trustee Murtaugh and approved with a vote of 5-0.

2011-12

General Fund	\$ 108,209.05
Water Fund	1,797.29
Sewer Fund	1,201.43
Capital Account	8,412.71
Trust & Agency	3,375.00
Total	\$ 110,870.00

APPROVAL OF PURCHASE ORDERS FISCAL YEAR 2011-2012

Trustee Schmidt made a motion to approve the purchase orders for fiscal year 2011-12 as presented by Treasurer Bullock, second by Trustee Raskob; approved with a vote of 5-0

3. PRESENTATION by Dick Nagle on the status of the Croton EMS:

Mr. Nagle stated that the Croton EMS is a voluntary organization; he has met with several individuals and groups regarding the EMS and his presentation is based on information from

1 these meetings; he believes that the Croton EMS is in great need of improvement; the minimum
2 crew of a driver and an EMT are necessary; 54% of the time, they must call for mutual aid from
3 other municipalities. He stated that a contingency plan is necessary and a draft RFP has been
4 drawn up, meetings have been held, it is now time to move forward with this proposal, but he
5 will continue to work with Croton EMS to determine their immediate needs. Mayor Wiegman
6 opened the meeting to questions for Mr. Nagle. Trustee Gallelli stated that the RFP which was
7 submitted has not gone any place except to the Village attorney for review. Trustee Murtaugh
8 asked Mr. Nagle to elaborate on how other communities handle EMS. Mr. Nagle replied that
9 five other communities have contracted with other EMT providers basically for daytime hours; it
10 is difficult to get people to commit to something like EMS and the work is around the clock; the
11 core group of Croton EMT's are doing an incredible job with little resources; hiring a daytime
12 driver would be of great help. Trustee Murtaugh asked what would be the number for a
13 volunteer contingent that would address our not being in this situation. Mr. Nagle stated that
14 several have left this past year because of the time commitment; the more people you have, the
15 easier it is to spread out the work; there are currently empty slots that should be covered. Trustee
16 Gallelli asked if there is an optimal number that would be right for Croton. Mr. Nagle replied
17 that it depends on the hours people work; 60 or 70 people would be a good start and we are not
18 close to that; it takes a long time to process a new member. Trustee Schmidt stated that
19 volunteers put in a lot of time and it is a hard thing to do; we have been approached by Ossining
20 OVEC for a program; why are we not pursuing that program for now. Mr. Nagle replied that is
21 what we are proposing right now. Trustee Raskob asked what the standard salary is in this area
22 for a full time EMT. Mr. Nagle replied that a full time EMT can get \$25.00 per hour. Trustee
23 Schmidt stated that while this may be a financial cost to the Village, there is reimbursement by
24 billing out EMS services and it is not a total cost to the Village; since we are not responding to
25 all EMS calls currently, the other municipalities are doing the billing. Mayor Wiegman stated
26 that we do bill insurance providers and the Board is committed to finding a solution to bolstering
27 the coverage of EMS. Ginny Calcutti, 19 Hunter Place, stated that she is confused as to the fly
28 car from Ossining; she believes that the police always come first, then the fly car; are any Village
29 employees paramedics? Mr. Nagle replied that there aren't, nor are any Village employees
30 currently on the roster of Croton EMS; the tri community fly car is for the paramedic for
31 Ossining, Briarcliff and Croton and brings a high level of service. Ms. Calcutti asked if someone
32 during the day could answer a call by himself. Mr. Nagle replied that they want to get the
33 ambulance on the road then use radios to get the information out so volunteers can respond and
34 perhaps meet at the call area rather than the EMS station. Discussion followed about having
35 Croton village employees, who would be released during the day, to respond. Julie Woodward
36 stated that she recently signed an application for EMS training and no one has called her. Betty
37 Laguna stated that she has been a recipient of service from Croton EMS; throwing it money does
38 not necessarily make it better; they have always responded quickly and efficiently; if it is money,
39 then send a bill. John Flynn, not a resident, read a written statement expressing his grave concern
40 about EMS in Croton; he has corresponded with many involved in Croton; EMS in Croton is
41 totally broken and must be repaired; he asked to put in place that if the Croton ambulance is not
42 able to respond, they must immediately send out a neighboring EMS; we need to understand
43 several things before a RFP is sent out or we will not be able to understand respondents; he
44 offered to meet with Trustees and explain several issues. Discussion followed about whether the
45 county dispatch center could dispatch outside assistance automatically when there is no one
46 available. Trustee Raskob questioned how long does it take for someone from Ossining to get

1 here. Mr. Flynn replied that the tri-village fly car takes more than 10 minutes on average and
2 they cannot transport. Jay Dinkler, a senior in high school and a member of EMS, stated that he
3 went on a mutual aid call today for Cortlandt; the police are trained and are at an emergency
4 quickly; it does not take 10 minutes to get from Ossining to Croton under normal conditions; our
5 response time is not low, but we do need more volunteers; what would help most is recruitment
6 and retention. Charles O'Connor, an EMS volunteer, stated that the response time is within the
7 recommended time; we really need EMTs which are hard to recruit; there is a long waiting time
8 for results and people need to be available. Mark Dickey addressed the RFP and stated that he
9 does not want the Village to be biased by personal opinions. Mayor Wiegman stated that the
10 EMS did a good job with the terminology so we know exactly what we are getting into. Village
11 Manager Zambrano stated that he is making sure we are covering all the bases; many things need
12 to be included in the RFP before it is sent out and the Village Attorney is working on this. Lynn
13 Harmony asked if there are ongoing recruitment efforts. Mark Dickey stated that EMS has been
14 having membership difficulties; the budget item for recruitment and retention was not approved
15 by the Village this year, but he is hoping to work something out; at this time they do not have
16 funds for recruitment and retention and are stretched on volunteer hours. Mr. Nagle stated that
17 interested residents can download an application form from the Village EMS web site. Don
18 Ewing, a member of Croton EMS, read a statement which included the need for people including
19 helpers, drivers and those who want to be EMTs. Trustee Schmidt commented that, hopefully,
20 everyone can get together and find a short term and long term solution; he looks forward to
21 everyone working together.

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24 CORRESPONDENCE:

25 Village Manager Zambrano read the following correspondence (full text available at the Village
26 Office):

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28 a) A letter from Village Engineer Daniel O'Connor requesting an extension of a building permit
29 for 7 Ackerman Court. Trustee Gallelli made a motion to approve the request, but would like to
30 see certain conditions regarding exterior work as a part of the extension. Trustee Schmidt
31 seconded the motion as stated by Trustee Gallelli, approved with a vote of 5-0.
32 b) A letter from Myrlyn Valerio, St. Augustine's Episcopal Church, offering a thank you for
33 supporting their 5K walk which benefited the Cortlandt Food Bank.
34 c) A letter from NYS Office of Real Property Tax Services regarding the 2011 Tentative
35 Equalization Rate which is 3.71, up from 3.32 last year. Trustee Raskob inquired when the last
36 assessment was done. Village Engineer O'Connor responded that it was in 1967.
37 d) A letter from Jeannette Phillips, Executive Director, The Preservation Company regarding
38 their CDBG Application for their life skills training program and offering to make a presentation.
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41 5 CITIZEN PARTICIPATION (agenda items):

- 42 a) Betty Laguna, regarding the evacuation zone, questioned where she would be evacuated and
43 how long she would have to wait. Ms. Laguna asked if there are any suggestions from the
44 public with what we do to replace the energy if Indian Point is closed. Mayor Wiegman
45 replied that this is the subject of the second resolution.
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b) Julie Woodward stated that she presented another suggested resolution at the last meeting; 10 or 50 miles should not be portrayed as a possible evacuation; must look at the whole situation; it is not possible to do the plan as it is now. Mayor Wiegman replied that most people have been consistently wary of the plan.

6. PROPOSED RESOLUTIONS:

a) On motion of TRUSTEE Schmidt, seconded by TRUSTEE Raskob, the following resolution was adopted by the Board of Trustees of the Village of Croton-on-Hudson, New York with a vote of 5-0.

WHEREAS, the Village and the New York State DOT have entered into a snow and ice agreement which will expire in 2013; and

WHEREAS, the Village has received an amendment to this contract reflecting the severity of the winter for the 2010/11 period; and

WHEREAS, under this amendment the estimated expenditure has been increased from \$18,433.60 to \$31,871.69;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED: that the Village Manager is hereby authorized to sign Amendment B of the Indexed Lump Sum Snow and Ice Agreement with New York State Department of Transportation expiring in 2013.

b) On motion of TRUSTEE Gallelli, seconded by TRUSTEE Raskob, the following resolution was adopted by the Board of Trustees of the Village of Croton-on-Hudson, New York with a vote of 4 ayes and 1 opposed:

WHEREAS, the nuclear disaster at Fukushima has resulted in widespread dispersal of radioactive material in the air, land and water, and President Obama of the United States and Nuclear Regulatory Commissioner Jaczko have called for the evacuation of all Americans within a 50 mile radius of the stricken plants; and

WHEREAS, radiological contamination from Fukushima has extended 140 miles to Tokyo reservoirs, and the Indian Point Nuclear Power Plants are situated within twenty miles of the New Croton and Kensico Reservoirs which supply large parts of New York City's drinking water; and

WHEREAS, the New York State Emergency Evacuation Plans were thoroughly evaluated by former FEMA director and evacuation expert James Lee Witt in 2003 and found to be inadequate to protect the public from radiological exposure; and that evacuation plan flaws and deficiencies remain unresolved; and

WHEREAS, the spent fuel rods at both Indian Point reactors are stored in warehouse-type buildings with commercially available steel roofs, have no independent electricity or cooling

1 systems and are not constructed with the same containment capabilities and back-up systems
2 used to protect the reactors; and
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4 WHEREAS, new techniques and advances in seismology have disclosed additional information
5 about the two fault lines near Indian Point and plant construction standards fall far below
6 potential earthquake magnitude;
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8 NOW, therefore, in order to safeguard the health and safety of United States citizens, be it
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10 RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees of the Village of Croton-on-Hudson call for the
11 emergency evacuation zone around Indian Point to be extended from 10 to 50 miles; and be it
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14 RESOLVED, that the flaws and deficiencies identified in the 2003 Witt report be remedied; and
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17 RESOLVED, that full containment, as well as independent back-up electricity and cooling for
18 the spent fuel pools be established and spent fuel rods be moved as quickly as possible into
19 hardened dry cask storage which is more secure than the spent fuel pools, and be it further
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21 RESOLVED, that new seismological data be taken into consideration and infrastructure
22 upgraded accordingly for the continued operation of Indian Point; and be it further
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24 RESOLVED, that this resolution be transmitted to Governor Cuomo of the State of New York
25 and to our Congressional and state legislative delegation and to the Westchester County
26 Executive Robert Astorino.
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29 Discussion: Trustee Schmidt stated that this information will not get us anywhere and does not
30 accomplish anything. Trustee Murtaugh responded that it is a symbolic gesture and draws greater
31 insight on how difficult the solution is. Trustee Raskob added that it also brings Manhattan into
32 the evacuation zone. Mayor Wiegman stated that the 50 mile area was brought to light by the
33 Japan disaster. Mayor Wiegman stated that the resolution does request that the owners of the
34 facility become more diligent about moving spent fuel from the pool into the dry cast system
35 which will make the spent rods safer in the long run. Trustee Schmidt stated that he would
36 support a resolution on that basis to make sure they are keeping up with the deficiencies, but this
37 resolution does not accomplish anything. Mayor Wiegman added that this is a solidarity
38 resolution and a number of municipalities are being asked to adopt this resolution. Trustee
39 Raskob stated that this resolution does not call for closing down Indian Point, but calls for
40 cleaning up; however, ConEd does not want to do it because it is expensive. Mayor Wiegman
41 stated that we should have more information from operators of the system and the State. Trustee
42 Schmidt stated that Indian Point needs to be shut down at some time, but right now we rely on
43 the power; we are a country that uses a disproportionate amount of power; many are in favor of
44 ultimately shutting down Indian Point and having the country get off the grid, but we need to do
45 more in conservation and are not doing enough; we don't want this is our backyard but are

1 willing to do it in others' backyard. Trustee Gallelli stated that she agrees that this is a symbolic
2 statement and brings out the absurdity of having it at all

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4 c) On motion of TRUSTEE Raskob, seconded by TRUSTEE Gallelli, the following resolution
5 was adopted by the Board of Trustees of the Village of Croton-on-Hudson, New York with a
6 vote of 4 ayes and 1 opposed:

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8 Whereas, the New York State Energy Planning Board is in the midst of preparing the 2013 State
9 Energy Plan; and

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11 Whereas, the electricity load in the metropolitan New York City area, including Westchester
12 County, has grown historically at about 1 percent per year; and

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14 Whereas, the Indian Point Energy Center nuclear power plants provide a significant percent of
15 the electricity for Southeastern New York region, and

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17 Whereas, uncertainties exist over the future of Indian Point's continued operation, and

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19 Whereas, the State does not yet have a detailed, independent analysis of how electricity
20 generated by Indian Point would be replaced should Indian Point cease to operate for any reason,
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23 Whereas, several options exist that, collectively and in conjunction with other actions, could
24 replace the need for Indian Point's electric generation capacity,

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26 Now therefore be it resolved that the Board of Trustees of the Village of Croton-on-Hudson
27 hereby request the following of the Governor of the State of New York:

28 That the Governor initiates a study immediately by an independent professional agency
29 or commission to examine concrete steps to replace the electricity currently generated at the
30 Indian Point Energy Center, including, but not limited to, suggestions such as the following:

31 1. Support for the Champlain Hudson Power Express high voltage transmission line
32 being developed now to bring 1,000 megawatts to the region from Canada; and

33 2. Support for the Cross Hudson Line high voltage transmission line being developed
34 now to bring 660 megawatts from New Jersey to New York City; and

35 3. Support for the installation of 300 to 600 megawatt gas-fired combined cycle power
36 plants at the site of the former Lovett Power Station in Tompkins Cove in the Town of Stony
37 Point, a site already equipped with a natural gas supply and power station infrastructure; and

38 4. Support for simplifying access to state and utility incentives for energy efficiency and
39 renewable energy installations in order to counter or reduce the annual electricity load growth in
40 the New York City metropolitan region.

41 5. Support for new public policies that would accelerate private market participation in
42 ramping up energy efficiency and renewable energy through state-wide adoption of policies,
43 which are already being deployed in other states, such as Community Choice Aggregation
44 (CCA) to empower consumers in aggregating their electricity supplier choices, Private
45 Efficiency Portfolio Standards (PEPS) to create a private sector incentive for increasing

efficiency, and Feed-in Tariffs (FIT) to improve long term revenue and grid access for reliable renewable energy installations both large and small.

And be it further resolved that the Governor stipulate that such a study be delivered within twelve months or sooner after being commissioned.

And be it further resolved that this resolution be transmitted to Governor Cuomo of the State of New York and to our Congressional and state legislative delegation and to the Westchester County Executive Robert Astorino.

Discussion: Trustee Schmidt stated that he is concerned some of the recommendations put us in a vulnerable position in regard to Millennium pipeline; the biggest part is how we start using less; how to replace the electricity and how to seriously conserve electricity; he cannot say yes to all those things in the resolution. Mayor Wiegman stated that the Millennium Pipeline has been halted across the river close to this Lovett Power Station; the supervisor of the town of Stony Point has come out in favor of using high efficiency gas fired electricity to replace much that is now coming out of Indian Point; we never opposed the Millennium pipeline except for the faulty procedures and faulty paperwork that was filed with Millennium. Trustee Schmidt stated that we should not allow us to be open and vulnerable; some of the suggestions should be left out; it is all about conservation. Mayor Wiegman stated that these five suggestions are things the State is already working on. Trustee Schmidt replied that this is not a long term solution.

7. CITIZEN PARTICIPATION (non-agenda items):

a) Jay Vitale, Philipstown, formerly of Croton, spoke on behalf of Guinan Aurora, a non-profit organization that collects bikes for children who get good grades, attends school and cannot afford a bike; he has recycle centers and five big bicycle shops on board. Mr. Vitale stated that he has seen in the basement of the Municipal Building, that there are a lot of bikes that can be put to good use. He added that several individuals are looking for bikes; he can be contacted on Facebook. Trustee Murtaugh asked the Village Manager to get this information on the Village's web site and advised Mr. Vitale that he needed to go through the Police Department and the Village Manager about the bikes. Village Manager Zambrano stated that they will discuss how this can be handled. Trustee Schmidt added that we can also put this on the DPW web site as another way to recycle.

b) Mary Cronin, 201 Cleveland Drive; thanked the Board for passing the resolution regarding Indian Point and stated that she feels that the NRC has been lowering their requirements and that the plant is not safe; the area cannot be evacuated and the plan does not serve anyone's needs.

8. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Trustee Murtaugh made a motion to approve the minutes of the Special Meeting held on April 29, 2011. Trustee Schmidt seconded the motion. The Board approved with a vote of 3 "ayes", 2 "abstain".

Trustee Gallelli made a motion to approve the minutes of the Special Meeting held on May 23, 2011. Trustee Raskob seconded the motion. The Board approved with a vote of 5-0.

1 Trustee Raskob made a motion to approve the minutes of the Regular Board Meeting held on
2 June 6, 2011. Trustee Schmidt seconded the motion. The Board approved with a vote of 5-0.

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4 Trustee Schmidt made a motion to approve the minutes of the Special Meeting held on June
5 13, 2011 as corrected. Trustee Raskob seconded the motion. The Board approved with a
6 vote of 5-0.

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9 9. REPORTS:

10 *Village Manager Zambrano* thanked Dick Nagle & the Croton EMS for working together to
11 resolve this issue. He reminded everyone that taxes are due by June 30th; offices are open to four
12 pm each day and staff will be available later on June 30th.

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14 *Village Treasurer Bullock* reported that the utility bills went out June 15th and are due by July
15 15th.

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17 *Trustee Schmidt* reported that the Clearwater Festival that was held this past weekend was a great
18 event; however, we need some serious conversations about moving cars around and encourage
19 Clearwater to use our police personnel to direct traffic off the highway. Village Manager
20 Zambrano replied that this was discussed this morning. Trustee Schmidt suggested collecting
21 \$5.00 and don't worry about meters; we should have people collecting the five dollars and have a
22 notice for cars to park; it is a big day for the Village. Village Manager Zambrano stated that we
23 were not notified by Westchester County Police until the morning of the event; this has happened
24 with other events; we are taking steps to avoid problems during the Toughman event and will do
25 so for Clearwater next year. Trustee Murtaugh stated that he understands the County Police were
26 called to the plane crash in Armonk and parking was left to those who were not trained; he
27 agrees we have a whole year to work this out. Trustee Schmidt suggested exit ramps have
28 signage that a shuttle is available from our parking lot. Trustee Schmidt reported that restaurant
29 owners have said because we do the summer concert series on Friday nights, there is no
30 restaurant business on that day of the week and suggested discussing this for future scheduling.
31 He added that when movies are scheduled, we could think about how to do the movies in the
32 Upper Village or at different locations.

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34 *Trustee Raskob* reported that a lot of boats were on river this weekend and Clearwater had a
35 peaceful, huge crowd. He added that concerning Indian Point, we all remember Love Canal
36 where the chemicals did not go away from there and elsewhere; he is not against nuclear power,
37 but is against having it in the middle of populated area; who is going to look after the waste after
38 we are no longer here; dry storage is the only one that should be contemplated; homeowner and
39 auto insurance policies do not cover nuclear accidents; he discussed the BP oil spill and the
40 Japan nuclear disaster with his son and noted that these are not being widely covered by the news
41 at this time, but there are still issues and it hasn't gone away. He stated that we must insist upon
42 better storage of nuclear waste.

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44 *Trustee Gallelli* stated that the discussion on the EMS tonight should not be construed as the
45 Trustees not being in full support of the EMS volunteers; we are thankful and appreciative of all
46 volunteers who go out at the worst conditions and times of the day.

1 *Trustee Murtaugh* stated that he seconds what *Trustee Gallelli* said; as *Mark Dickey* said, we
2 were pretty stringent with the budget this year on cutting back on lines; perhaps we could take
3 another look at recruitment and retention. *Village Manager Zambrano* stated that he believes
4 that the Board left it with once they came with a definite plan, the Board will support whatever
5 they need. *Trustee Murtaugh* added that it falls on the shoulders of few and that the 27 active
6 volunteers cannot do it all; membership needs to see an increase.

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8 *Mayor Wiegman* stated that they will be working this week to finalize the wording of the
9 specifics of the RFP for a paid EMT for some portion of the hours when they get the most calls;
10 it is our belief that if there were a guaranteed staff, that may bring back members who were not
11 able to commit to the many hours that were required. *Mayor Wiegman* reported that he attended
12 a conference in Philadelphia about how cities are making energy work; there were presentations
13 on the work being done on this; he will bring the information back to Northern Westchester
14 Energy Consortium. *Mayor Wiegman* reported that the Clearwater Festival had nearly double
15 the participation this year and some County police were pulled away for an emergency; they will
16 continue to work more closely with Clearwater about the event; he did not have a problem
17 getting there because he rode his bike to the festival; there is a free bike valet service at the
18 entrance.

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21 *Trustee Gallelli* made a motion to adjourn. *Trustee Raskob* seconded the motion; approved
22 unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 10: 20 pm.

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25 Respectfully submitted,

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27 *Phyllis A. Bradbury*

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30 Phyllis A. Bradbury, Secretary

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34 Village Clerk