A Budget Adoption Meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Village of Croton-on-Hudson, NY was held on Monday, April 21, 2014 at the Municipal Building, Van Wyck Street, Croton-on-Hudson, NY 10520.

The following officials were present:

Deputy Mayor Gallelli	Trustee Davis
Village Manager Zambrano	Trustee Levitt
Village Attorney Feldman	Trustee Slippen
Village Treasurer Bullock	

The following Officials were absent:

Mayor Wiegman

1. CALL TO ORDER:

Deputy Mayor Gallelli called the meeting to order at 7:30pm; everyone joined in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Deputy Mayor Gallelli advised that the Tentative Budget that was announced on March 20, 2014 had called for a 3.82% increase in the tax levy. Deputy Mayor Gallelli advised that since March 20th and up until this past Wednesday the Village Board had met in multiple work sessions with Department Heads and subsequently reduced the tax increase from 3.82% to 2%. Deputy Mayor Gallelli thanked the staff for their assistance in getting this Budget down to 2% and to residents as well for their comments and input.

Bob Wintermeier, 43 Radnor Avenue, Croton on Hudson, thanked the Board and Village Manager Zambrano for getting the tax increase down to 2%. Mr. Wintermeier said that even though we are down to a 2% increase he believes that we could have brought this down further if we did not include expenses for the acquisition of the Gouveia property; supporting the bike path with respect to the Croton Point Avenue project; spending money on an Efficiency Study and the additional costs associated with the Mayor taking the medical and dental insurance.

Joel Gingold, 44 Nordica Drive, Croton on Hudson, stated that the budget being adopted this evening is $135,000 less in expenses and asked where those cuts came from and does the Board look ahead when doing their budgets. Mr. Gingold stated that he feels it is wrong for the Mayor to be taking the health insurance and asked the Trustees if this is a reasonable thing to happen.

Village Manager Zambrano advised that some of the changes came from moving some equipment lines from the Fire Department Operating Budget to the Capital Budget as well as increasing Sales Tax Revenues.

Deputy Mayor Gallelli advised that they also made some overtime cuts and cuts in supply costs as well. Deputy Mayor Gallelli stated that the Board is always looking ahead at trends as well as looking back to see what happened the year before. Deputy Mayor Gallelli advised that the Board recently received year to date figures for our current budget and unlike other years when we were able to put money back into our Fund Balance this year's budget appears to be ninety-nine percent accurate in terms of expenditures and revenues and we will end up right about where we budgeted. Deputy Mayor Gallelli stated that the Board always plans ahead with respect to the Capital Budget but many of the expenditures are mandated and are hard to predict such as pension and health care costs.

Village Manager Zambrano advised that unless we are going to look to raise fees we know what those trends are for those revenues; we also know what we are obligated contractually with respect to the unions and we have also made projections with respect to health care costs. Village Manager Zambrano stated that this coming year's Budget (2014-15) will be taken into account and it will be the basis for the next three years as far as the Tax Levy is concerned.

Deputy Mayor Gallelli stated that she has been through a lot of budgets and this was one of the most difficult budget processes she has gone through and we will be running a very tight budget this year. Deputy Mayor Gallelli stated that it is not for her to judge the Mayor's decision it is our job to make sure that the Village administration complies with whatever laws are applicable; we hired a consultant to advise us on the intricacies of what needed to be done with respect to the Affordable Health Care Act and based on that consultant's advice we have enacted certain policies so that we are not subject to any penalties or fines.

Trustee Levitt stated that whether or not he thinks this is reasonable is irreverent; it is the Mayor's decision and he has been advised that we are doing whatever we have to do to comply with the Affordable Health Care Act and it is out of his control.

Trustee Slippen stated that the Affordable Health Care Act is very complicated and we have a consultant that is giving us recommendations.

Trustee Davis stated that it is not his call to make.

Dan Chesnard, 64 Farrington Road, Croton on Hudson, stated that the Board should drop the acquisition of the Gouveia property; it will be a big expense to the Village

and he is concerned that we will be losing money. Mr. Chesnard also stated that he does not approve of the Mayor taking the health insurance.

2. RESOLUTIONS:

a. On motion of TRUSTEE DAVIS, seconded by TRUSTEE LEVITT the following resolution was adopted by the Board of Trustees of the Village of Croton-on-Hudson, New York; with a 3-1 vote; Trustee Slippen voting Nay.

BUDGET ADOPTION RESOLUTION

A RESOLUTION ADOPTING A BUDGET FOR THE FISCAL YEAR COMMENCING ON JUNE 1, 2014 AND ENDING MAY 31 2015, MAKING APPROPRIATIONS FOR THE CONDUCT OF THE VILLAGE OF CROTON-ON-HUDSON GOVERNMENT AND ESTABLISHING THE RATES OF COMPENSATION FOR OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES FOR SUCH PERIOD.

WHEREAS, this board has met at the time and place specified in the notice of public hearing on the preliminary budget and heard all persons desiring to be heard thereon, now therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the preliminary budget as amended and revised and as hereinafter set forth is hereby adopted and that the several amounts stated in column titled "Adopted" in Schedule Al –General Fund, F1-Water Fund, G1-Sewer Fund; HN1-Capital Fund and, Schedule 7-Debt Service, be adopted and they hereby are appropriated for the objects and purposes specified and the salaries and wages stated in Schedule 5 of such budget shall be and are hereby fixed at the amounts shown therein effective June 1, 2014.

DISCUSSION:

Trustee Davis stated that we spent a lot of time going through each department line by line to see where we could cut; there is less and less for us to cut and if we wanted to make more cuts we would be looking at which services to cut. Trustee Davis stated that in general budgets are getting more difficult and looks forward to more input from the community.

Trustee Levitt stated that this was his first budget season; it was a very steep learning curve; we did a good job trimming out as much of the fat as we could and maybe next year there may be other areas that we can look at. Trustee Levitt

stated that we did not try to pad this for next year for purposes of the Tax Rebate; this is a reasonably good budget and is glad that we were able to get it down to 2%.

Trustee Slippen stated that this was a very long process and a big learning curve for her as well; she takes this decision very seriously whether to support or not support this budget; she sat through a lot of meetings where very difficult decisions were made about adding things in and taking things out but to come this close and not make it is a big disappointment to her.

Deputy Mayor Gallelli stated that she has been a participant in a number of budgets; this was one of the hardest ones that she has participated in; it is very close to the limit and while there might be things that some people feel are too high or too low; we are using our best judgment and we did not want to come too close to the line where we might have put ourselves in trouble of not being able to meet this budget.

b. On motion of TRUSTEE LEVITT, seconded by TRUSTEE DAVIS, the following resolution was adopted unanimously by the Board of Trustees of the Village of Croton-on-Hudson, New York; with a 4-0 vote.

BE IT RESOLVED, the Treasurer is hereby authorized to place the following past due receivables from fiscal year 2013-2014 on the tax bills for the fiscal year June 1, 2014 through May 31, 2015.

GENERAL FUND

TREE REMOVAL	$1,644.50
ALARM FEES	$2,950.00
COMMERCIAL GARBAGE	$12,680.00
TOTAL	$17,274.50

WATER and SEWER FUNDS

UNPAID WATER AND SEWER CHARGES	$112,223.36

c. On motion of TRUSTEE DAVIS, seconded by TRUSTEE LEVITT, the following resolution was adopted unanimously by the Board of Trustees of the Village of Croton-on-Hudson, New York; with a 4-0 vote

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Mayor is hereby authorized to sign the Tax Warrant for the collection of taxes for the period beginning June 1, 2014 through May 31, 2015

TAX WARRANT

YOU ARE HEREBY COMMANDED to receive and collect from the persons named in the tax roll hereunto annexed, the several sums stated in the last column hereof opposite their respective names, being a total of **$11,200,101.86**

For the current budget	$11,065,131.00
For Supplemental Tax Bills	$ 5,473.00
Sub-total	$11,070,604.00

For Unpaid Water Rents and Charges	$ 112,223.36
For Tree Removal	$ 1,644.50
For Recreation Fees	$ 0.00
For Alarms	$ 2,950.00
For Emergency Water Repairs	$ 0.00
For Commercial Garbage	$ 12,680.00
TOTAL	**$11,200,101.86**

FURTHER COMMANDED to receive and collect such sums without additional charge until June 30, 2014: and thereafter to collect such of the sums as have not been theretofore collected, an additional charge of five percentum for the first month or fraction thereof and one percent for each month or fraction thereof thereafter until paid.

YOU ARE FURTHER COMMANDED**,** to return the tax roll and warrant to the Village Clerk on or before the first day of March, 2015, and to deliver to the Board of

Trustees at the same time an account of the taxes remaining unpaid: describing each parcel of real property upon which taxes are unpaid, showing the person or persons to whom the parcel is assessed and showing as to each parcel the amount of tax unpaid.

d. On motion of TRUSTEE LEVITT, seconded by TRUSTEE DAVIS, the following resolution was adopted unanimously by the Board of Trustees of the Village of Croton on Hudson; with a 4-0 vote

WHEREAS, Local Law No. 3 of 2003 was approved at a regular Village Board Meeting held on October 7, 2003; and

WHEREAS, this Local Law called for the setting of Village Fees through Board Resolutions; and

WHEREAS, it would be of benefit to both the Village and the general public to have all fees conveniently placed in one resolution, which may be amended from time to time; and

WHEREAS, a master fee schedule was adopted on October 7, 2003 and has since been modified a number of times,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Village Board of Trustees hereby adopts the attached updated master fee schedule effective June 1, 2014.

There being no further business to come before the Board, Trustee Levitt made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Trustee Slippen seconded the motion; approved with a 4-0 vote. The meeting was adjourned at 8:14pm

Respectfully submitted

Judy Weintraub, Board Secretary

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Paula DiSanto, Village Clerk