A Special Session Meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Village of Croton-on-Hudson, NY was held on Monday, April 20, 2015 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 Levitt
Village Treasurer Bullock	Trustee Pugh
Village Attorney Staudt	Trustee Slippen

1. CALL TO ORDER:

Mayor Wiegman called the meeting to order at 7:300pm; everyone joined in the Pledge of Allegiance.

2. PUBLIC HEARING:

A motion to open a Public Hearing to hear comments as it pertains to a Local Law Introductory No. 2 of 2015 to repeal the prior "Tax Cap Override" Local Law 1 of 2015 and reinstate the "Tax Levy" limits imposed by General Municipal Law Section 3-c was made by Trustees Levitt and seconded by Trustee Slippen. Motion was approved with a 5-0 vote.

Mayor Wiegman stated that our final Budget, if adopted this evening, will come in under the allowed "Tax Levy" increase; slightly over one percent.

There being no comments to come before the Board, a motion to close the Public Hearing was made by Trustee Slippen and seconded by Trustee Levitt. Motion was approved with a 5-0 vote.

On motion of TRUSTEE PUGH, seconded by TRUSTEE GALLELLI, the following resolution was adopted unanimously by the Board of Trustees of the Village of Croton-on-Hudson, New York. Motion was approved with a 5-0 vote.

WHEREAS, the State Legislature and the Governor recently enacted legislation that establishes a "property tax cap" on the amount that a local government's property tax levy can increase each year; and

WHEREAS, this law is effective for local government's fiscal year beginning in 2012; and

WHEREAS, under this law, the total amount to be raised through property taxes charged on the municipality's taxable assessed value of property, will be capped at

two (2) percent or the rate of inflation, whichever is less, with some exceptions; and

WHEREAS, the state legislation provides for local governments to override the cap to protect the Village from unforeseen financial circumstances; and

WHEREAS, state legislation requires that in the event that an override is necessary, the law enabling it must already have been adopted by the Board of Trustees; and

WHEREAS, Local Law No. 1 of 2015 to override the "property tax cap" law was adopted by the Village Board of Trustees at the March 16, 2015 Board Meeting; and

WHEREAS, the Village of Croton-on-Hudson is not anticipating adopting a budget exceeding the "property tax cap" law enacted by State Legislature and repeals Local Law No. 1 of 2015, and

WHEREAS, a Public Hearing was held and closed on April 20, 2015;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED: that the Village Board of Trustees hereby adopts Local Law Introductory No. 2 of to repeal the prior tax cap override Local Law 1 of 2015 and reinstates the tax levy limits imposed by General Municipal Law §3-c which upon adoption will become Local Law No. 2 of 2015.

On motion of TRUSTEE PUGH, seconded by TRUSTEE GALLELLI, the following resolution was adopted unanimously by the Board of Trustees of the Village of Croton-on-Hudson, New York; roll call - Trustee Pugh Aye, Trustee Slippen Aye, Trustee Gallelli Aye, Trustee Levitt Aye, Mayor Wiegman Aye.

BUDGET ADOPTION RESOLUTION

A RESOLUTION ADOPTING A BUDGET FOR THE FISCAL YEAR COMMENCING ON JUNE 1, 2015 AND ENDING MAY 31 2016, 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, 2015.

DISCUSSION:

Trustee Levitt stated that he is delighted to be able to bring in a Budget that is under the "Tax Levy Cap" and thanked the Mayor and his fellow Trustees as well as Village Manager Zambrano, Treasurer Bullock and the entire staff for all the work that was done to make this happen.

Mayor Wiegman concurred with Trustee Levitt's comments; it is a process that began many months ago with the mid-year Budget review; this year we were more aware of where our expenses were year-to-date and obviously the work of the staff in putting together the "Open Government" charts for on-line access helped us all see the entire picture in a much easier way.

Village Manager Zambrano thanked the staff for all their hard work in being able to stay under the "Tax Cap"; the Board had to make some tough choices and did cut the Budget as we went through the process over these past few months. Village Manager Zambrano especially thanked Treasurer Bullock and her staff for all their hard work. Village Manager Zambrano added that part of this process is for us to work on a "Government Efficiency Plan" which is to be filed by June 1st of this year. Mr. Zambrano explained that you can only use efficiency savings since 2012 and any savings that were made before that time will not be able to be included in this particular "Efficiency Plan".

Trustee Gallelli stated that along with the General Fund Budget we are also adopting the Water Fund Budget, Sewer Fund Budget, Debt Service Budget, and a Capital Budget. Trustee Gallelli stated that these are in fact separate Budgets and the appropriations and revenues that occur in each of those Budgets are separate. Trustee Gallelli stated that in the case of the Water Fund and the Sewer Fund we are looking at major infrastructure improvements which will be paid out of the those funds. Trustee Gallelli advised that the Capital Budget is a five year plan and it is way for the Board to anticipate planning large projects and purchases. Trustee Gallelli stated that the expenses involved in any one of those projects and purchases are not in this year's property tax and are not "cast in concrete" but rather just a plan.

Mayor Wiegman advised that if a municipality files a "Government Efficiency Plan" and also stays within the "Tax Cap" a tax credit would be available to their residents. Mayor Wiegman explained that we will have to detail to the New York State Comptroller's Office how we will achieve one percent efficiencies in the coming year.

On motion of TRUSTEE LEVITT, seconded by TRUSTEE SLIPPEN, the following resolution was adopted unanimously by the Board of Trustees of the Village of Croton-on-Hudson, New York; roll call - Trustee Pugh Aye, Trustee Slippen Aye, Trustee Gallelli Aye, Trustee Levitt Aye, Mayor Wiegman Aye.

BE IT RESOLVED, the Treasurer is hereby authorized to place the following past due receivables from fiscal year 2014-2015 on the tax bills for the fiscal year June 1, 2015 through May 31, 2016.

GENERAL FUND

Tree Removal	$0.00
Alarm Fees	$2,350.00
Commercial Garbage	$8,750.00
Total	$11,100.00

WATER and SEWER FUNDS

Unpaid Water Sewer Charges	$106,778.29

On motion of TRUSTEE GALLELLI, seconded by TRUSTEE SLIPPEN, the following resolution was adopted unanimously by the Board of Trustees of the Village of Croton-on-Hudson, New York; roll call - Trustee Pugh Aye, Trustee Slippen Aye, Trustee Gallelli Aye, Trustee Levitt Aye, Mayor Wiegman Aye.

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, 2015 through May 31, 2016

TAX WARRANT

TO: Sandra Bullock**,** Treasurer

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 $11,368,325.29.

For the current budget	$11,244,256.00
For Supplemental Tax Bills	$ 6,191.00
Sub-total	$11,250,447.00

For Unpaid Water Rents and Charges	$106,778.29
For Tree Removal	0.00
For Recreation Fees	0.00
For Alarms	$2,350.00
For Emergency Water Repairs	0.00
For Commercial Garbage	8,750.00

TOTAL	$11,368,325.29

FURTHER COMMANDED to receive and collect such sums without additional charge until June 30, 2015: and thereafter to collect such of the sums as have not been theretofore collected, an additional charge of five per-centum 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, 2016, 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.

Dated April 20, 2015

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Leo A. W. Wiegman, Mayor

ATTEST _____
Pauline DiSanto, Village Clerk

The Village offices will be open for the collection of taxes June 1, 2015 through June 30, 2015 Monday through Friday 8:30 AM to 4:00 PM.

On motion of TRUSTEE PUGH, seconded by TRUSTEE SLIPPEN, the following resolution was adopted unanimously by the Board of Trustees of the Village of Croton-on-Hudson, New York; roll call - Trustee Pugh Aye, Trustee Slippen Aye, Trustee Gallelli Aye, Trustee Levitt Aye, Mayor Wiegman Aye.

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, 2015.

DISCUSSION:

Trustee Gallelli stated that since we started to take this approach this has been a very efficient and simpler way to deal with fees rather than updating our Code each time.

Mayor Wiegman advised that there are a couple of municipalities in Westchester County that have gone to an "on-line" portal system called "E-Property Portal for the uploading and submission of all kinds of Building permit applications. Mayor Wiegman advised that the business model for this is that there are no costs to the municipality for the implementation of the program but rather the fee would come at the back end of the process when a "Certificate of Completion or Occupancy" is filed. Mayor Wiegman said that he will forward that information on to staff for their review.

There being no further business to come before the Board; Trustee Pugh made a motion to adjourn the Special Session meeting. Trustee Slippen seconded the motion; the motion was approved with a vote of 5-0. The meeting was adjourned at 8:00pm.

Respectfully submitted

Judy Weintraub, Board Secretary

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Paula DiSanto, Village Clerk