

A Meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Village of Croton-on-Hudson, NY was held on Monday, November 4, 2013 at the Municipal Building, Van Wyck Street, Croton-on-Hudson, NY 10520.

The following officials were present:

Mayor Wiegman	Trustee Raskob
Village Manager Zambrano	Trustee Murtaugh
Village Attorney Whitehead	Trustee Davis
Village Treasurer Bullock	Trustee Gallelli

1. CALL TO ORDER:

Mayor Wiegman called the meeting to order at 8:04pm. Everyone joined in the Pledge of Allegiance.

2. APPROVAL OF VOUCHERS:

Trustee Davis made a motion to approve the following Fiscal Year 2013-2014 vouchers. The motion was seconded by Trustee Gallelli and approved unanimously with a vote of 5-0.

General Fund	\$48,151.90
Water Fund	\$ 1,097.61
Sewer Fund	\$ 16.19
Capital Fund	\$10,793.97
Trust Fund	\$ 9,082.71
Total	\$69,142.38

3. **PRESENTATION:**

Military Order of Purple Heart – Mayor Wiegman advised that we have been asked by the Military Order of Purple Hearts to join, along with many other municipalities, in becoming a “Purple Heart Town”. Mayor Wiegman presented the proclamation to Mr. Eugene Lang.

Mr. Eugene Lang, a Viet Nam combat veteran and a Purple Heart recipient, thanked Mayor Wiegman, the Board of Trustees and Village Manager Zambrano for introducing and passing this resolution. Mr. Lang explained that the original Purple Heart was created as a badge of military merit by General George Washington in 1782 and around 1932 it was renamed and redesigned by General Douglas MacArthur to what it appears today. Mr.

Lang reminded everyone that freedom is not free; someone had to fight for it and in many instances gave it all.

Bill Tuttle, 32 Harrison Street, Croton on Hudson, and commander of the Veterans of Foreign Affairs post, invited the Board to their Veterans Day Ceremony at 11:00am on November 11th.

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

WHEREAS, the Purple Heart is the oldest military decoration in use today in the United States which evolved from the Badge of Military Merit created in 1782 by General George Washington for the common soldier; and

WHEREAS, the Purple Heart is awarded to members of the United States Armed Forces that have been wounded or killed in combat with a declared enemy of the United States of America; and

WHEREAS, the mission of the Military Order of the Purple Heart is to foster an environment of goodwill among the combat wounded veteran and their families, promote patriotism, support legislative initiatives and most importantly, make sure we never forget our freedoms; and

WHEREAS, the Village of Croton-on-Hudson falls within the purview of Chapter 21 of the Military Order of the Purple Heart, and wishes to pledge its strong support for this noble organization and for those who put their lives at risk in service of our country and their fellow citizens,

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED: the Village Board of Trustees hereby joins in solidarity with other local governments in becoming a Purple Heart Village and will continue to collaborate with the Military Order of the Purple Heart Chapter 21 and all other organizations that seek to offer assistance to all Veterans of our Armed Forces.

DISCUSSION:

Trustee Gallelli stated that it is nice that we have this opportunity to be among the many municipalities supporting this.

Mayor Wiegman advised that the Village will have the opportunity on Veteran's Day to proclaim "Purple Heart Day" in the Village of Croton on Hudson.