

Minutes of the Virtual Village Board Meeting held on September 23, 2021 at 7:30PM

Present: Timothy Egan, Mayor
Tara Burek, Andrew Giacomazza, Jesus Gomez and Christopher Graziano, Trustees
Absent: None
Also Present: Kelly Naughton, Attorney for the Village; Robert Weyant, Village Streets Superintendent;
Michael Phillips, Water/Wastewater Administrator; Michael Panella, Building Inspector;
Pasquale Prozillo and Christopher Burke, Fire Chiefs; Laurie Tautel, County Legislator

Public Hearing – Cable Franchise Agreement:

A public hearing was continued from the August 12 meeting to entertain public comments on a proposed non-exclusive television franchise agreement between the Village and Cablevision of Wappingers Falls, Inc., a wholly owned subsidiary of Altice USA, Inc. The following additional comments were received:

Legislator Tautel stated she understands that exclusive cable franchise agreements enable the municipality to get more funds for equipment to record their meetings, but it also could affect the rates charged by the company since there is no competition. Mayor Egan stated this agreement is a non-exclusive one.

Mayor Egan stated Attorney Nugent spoke to the representative from Altice the morning of September 21 and he feels the Board should be able to move forward with this after the 60-day waiver period expires (which will be the first week in October). He noted approval of the PSC waiver is needed to allow the Village to enter into the franchise. Attorney Nugent suggested continuing the hearing to the October 14 meeting and at which time he expects the Village can close the hearing and approve the franchise agreement. He will be provided a resolution for the Board’s consideration for that meeting.

Motion was then offered by Trustee Burek, seconded by Trustee Giacomazza, to continue the hearing to the October 14, 2021 meeting, as recommended by counsel.

ADOPTED AYES 5 Egan, Burek, Giacomazza, Gomez, Graziano
 NOES 0

Public Comment on Agenda Items Only: *No comments were received.*

Administrative Business:

a. Acceptance of Minutes:

Motion was offered by Trustee Graziano, seconded by Trustee Burek, to accept receipt of the minutes of the meeting held September 9, 2021.

ADOPTED AYES 5 Egan, Burek, Giacomazza, Gomez, Graziano
 NOES 0

b. Approval of Abstract:

Motion was offered by Trustee Gomez, seconded by Trustee Giacomazza, to approve Abstract 8 containing vouchers 210614 – 210666 and totaling \$197,677.62.

ADOPTED AYES 5 Egan, Burek, Giacomazza, Gomez, Graziano
 NOES 0

c. Relevy of Previously Exempt Properties:

Motion was offered by Trustee Burek, seconded by Trustee Graziano, to adopt the following resolution to re-levy a prorated tax amount due on property(ies) located at various locations that was/were previously eligible for an exemption:

WHEREAS, the owner(s) of property was/were eligible for an exemption on property taxes and upon the sale/death this exemption must be removed; and

WHEREAS, notification was received by the Village Clerk from the Woodbury Assessor that prorated amount(s) need to be re-levied onto the FY2022/2023 taxes for this/these property(ies).

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED that the Village Board directs the Village Clerk, Village Tax Collector and any other Village official, employee or agent of the Village to take any and all necessary actions to levy and collect the following amounts on the following affected land(s) in the same manner as all other Village Charges and to take any necessary actions to execute and record a lien upon such land:

228-9-3.1	111 Summit Ave CV	\$29.15
219-9-4	93 Weygant Hill Rd HM	\$203.90

ADOPTED AYES 5 Egan, Burek, Giacomazza, Gomez, Graziano
NOES 0

EXTRA ITEM – Fire Department Membership Updates:

Motion was offered by Trustee Giacomazza, seconded by Trustee Gomez, to change the status of the following individuals from “active” to “inactive” effectively immediately at the request of Chief Prozzillo: Kenneth Presti, Nicolas Torrisi and Joseph Telesca.

ADOPTED AYES 5 Egan, Burek, Giacomazza, Gomez, Graziano
NOES 0

Old Business:

a. Acceptance of Resignation – P Prozzillo:

Mayor Egan stated this item was on the agenda for the September 9 meeting at Chief Prozzillo’s request, and at the Board tabled it to this evening so that Chief Prozzillo could preside over the 9/11 ceremony. He again noted that Chief Prozzillo has volunteered with the Department for 25+ years, serving as Chief for 15+ of those years. He is a dedicated and well-respected individual. Motion was then offered by Trustee Gomez, seconded by Trustee Graziano, to accept, with regrets, the resignation of Pasquale Prozzillo from the position of Fire Chief effective October 2.

ADOPTED AYES 5 Egan, Burek, Giacomazza, Gomez, Graziano
NOES 0

The Board collectively recognized Chief Prozzillo for his years of service and dedication to the community. Chief Prozzillo thanked the Board for the recognition and noted he will still be involved with the Department. He noted further that the Department still has a manpower issue, which is something being experienced County- and even State-wide. He does not know how to fix the problem but will still be involved to help to find a solution.

b. Discussion – RFP for General Maintenance (per Property Maintenance Law):

Clerk Potvin noted the notice requesting proposals was printed in the Times Herald Record on August 18, 2021 and the bid opening was held on September 8, 2021. No bids were received. She stated she needs direction from the Board on how to proceed. Mayor Egan stated, at the suggestion of Attorney Naughton, he spoke to the Inspector Panella and asked his department to reach out to landscaping companies in the area to determine if there was any interest in this proposal. He also asked

Superintendent Weyant for assistance as well. Motion was then offered by Trustee Giacomazza, seconded by Trustee Burek, to authorize the Village Clerk to readvertise for this service.

ADOPTED AYES 5 Egan, Burek, Giacomazza, Gomez, Graziano
 NOES 0

New Business:

a. Appointment to Planning Board:

Mayor Egan stated this item is being tabled to the October 14 meeting. Interviews were held prior to the meeting this evening and the Board would like time to decide on an individual.

b. Discussion – November Meeting Dates:

Mayor Egan noted the regularly scheduled meeting dates for November fall on Veteran’s Day (November 11) and Thanksgiving (November 25). He proposed the Board either hold one meeting in November (either November 15, 16 or 18 – 17 is Planning Board) or move the two meetings to the Tuesday prior (November 9 and 23 respectfully), as it has done in the past. Trustee Gomez stated he prefers one meeting, suggesting November 16. Trustee Burek and Trustee Giacomazza agreed. Trustee Graziano stated he prefers all meetings be held but he will agree to whatever the majority decides. Motion was then offered by Trustee Burek, seconded by Trustee Graziano, to cancel the November 11 and November 25 meetings and to reschedule them to November 16, 2021

ADOPTED AYES 5 Egan, Burek, Giacomazza, Gomez, Graziano
 NOES 0

Public Comment: *No comments were received.*

Board Member/Department Comment:

Mayor Egan thanked the Police, Fire and Ambulance members for the beautiful 9/11 memorial ceremony that was held almost two weeks ago. It was a very nice and touching ceremony and he thanked the Fire Department for organizing it. He also thanked all the community members that attended.

Trustee Graziano noted election season has kicked off and he asked that all involved in campaigns to stay organized, stick to the issues and everybody try to get along.

Trustee Gomez thanked all the Village Departments for all they do to keep the Village safe, especially during the recent storms.

Trustee Burek noted she appreciates the sacrifices our volunteer firemen make on a daily basis and the many holidays/sleepless nights they miss. She noted it takes a special type of person to help others and she appreciates all they do. She then noted September is Pediatric Cancer Awareness month which is to shine the light on the realities of childhood cancer, emphasizing the importance of life-saving research. Friday, September 24, all students and staff at MWCS D are encouraged to wear gold to support those families and children struggling. She asked the community to participate as well.

Trustee Giacomazza announced on September 28 at the Village Hall there will be a Narcan training class. This service is being provided by “Keep It Moving”, a not-for-profit organization that took the tragedy of a son’s overdose and turned it into something positive by providing these free training classes. On October 2, there will be a blood drive at Village Hall and he noted the need for blood is

greater now than it has ever been. He thanked the volunteers of the Fire Department for the great job they did planning the 9/11 memorial and noted it was a beautiful way to honor those lives lost.

Clerk Potvin read a letter from Tracy Maggio thanking the Village Board for nominating her late husband, Tony, for the “First Responder of the Year” award given my Assemblyman Colin Schmitt earlier this month.

Chief Burke and Superintendent Weyant thanked Chief Prozzillo for his service to Woodbury and wished him the best in his future projects.

Adjournment:

With no further business to discuss or comments received, a motion was offered by Trustee Graziano, seconded by Trustee Gomez, to adjourn the meeting at 8:00PM.

ADOPTED	AYES	5	Egan, Burek, Giacomazza, Gomez, Graziano
	NOES	0	

Desiree Potvin, Village Clerk

Attorney/Client Session with Village Attorney