

**Village of Buchanan  
Mayor & Board of Trustees  
Regular Meeting  
December 5, 2023**

**PRESENT: (This meeting was held live and via Zoom)**

Mayor Theresa Knickerbocker  
Trustees Anthony Capicotti, Steven Laker, Daniel Stewart, Robert Wheeler  
Village Administrator Marcus Serrano  
Village Attorney Stephanie Porteus  
Village Clerk, Treasurer Cynthia Kempter  
Building Inspector Peter Cook  
Highway Foreman Scott Horton  
Fire Chief Bob Outhouse

**1. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:**

Mayor Knickerbocker called the meeting to order at 7:06 P.M.

**2. APPROVE MINUTES:**

October 3, 2023 Board Meeting  
October 24, 2023 Workshop Meeting  
October 24, 2023 Special Meeting

A motion to approve these minutes as presented was made by Mayor Knickerbocker, seconded by Trustee Wheeler with all in favor.

**3. COMMENTS FROM THE FLOOR (agenda items only): None**

**4. NEW BUSINESS:**

- a. Consider a Motion to Call for a Public Hearing on January 2, 2024 Regarding Chapter 189.5 Entitled Limited Parking.

Trustee Laker stated that the Board has discussed ways to modifying our existing no parking in the winter. This is a law that we think is suitable. Trustee Capicotti stated that he is looking forward to hearing what the public has to say about this. He feels this can be adjusted in favor of the DPW and our community.

A motion to approve this as presented was made by Mayor Knickerbocker, seconded by Trustee Stewart with all in favor.

- b. Consider a Motion to Approve New Members of Buchanan Engine Company #1 Contingent on Receipt of Background Checks on Sexual Harassment and Arson Investigation.

Mayor Knickerbocker stated that there are new members in the fire house. Chief Outhouse thanked Trustee Stewart for mentioning the firehouse at each meeting. Chief Outhouse said once an application is received, the individual is met by the membership committee. It is then forwarded to the company and the background check is done. The Village will receive the applications and background check when they become available.

The three new members are Klever Vela, Kelly Ferry, Joseph Ortiz.

A motion to approve this as presented was made by Mayor Knickerbocker, seconded by Trustee Stewart with all in favor.

Mayor Knickerbocker mentioned the lack of cell phone service in the Village. Village Administrator Serrano explained that they met with an individual who builds antennas for third party carriers. They will talk to the carriers and if there is interest, they will move ahead. They are also willing to put the radio communication for police and fire on the top of the tower for free. Village Administrator Serrano is trying to reach out to Verizon, Cablevision and T-Mobile to see if they can do something themselves without the antenna to improve coverage.

Chief Outhouse wishes everyone a Merry Christmas and Happy Holiday Season on behalf of the Officers and Members of Buchanan Engine Company. On December 17<sup>th</sup> between 2:00 P.M. and 4:00 P.M. is the annual children's Christmas Party at the firehouse. Come and see Santa. Children 10 and under will receive a gift.

- c. Consider a Motion Authorizing Mayor to Sign the IMA with The County of Westchester Regarding Mobile Radios.

A motion to approve this as presented was made by Mayor Knickerbocker, seconded by Trustee Stewart with all in favor.

- d. Consider a Motion Authorizing the Extension of Time for Highway Seasonal Workers Through January 5, 2024.

A motion to approve this as presented was made by Mayor Knickerbocker, seconded by Trustee Stewart with all in favor.

- e. Consider a Motion to Call for a Public Hearing on January 2, 2024 Regarding Overriding the NYS Property Tax.

Village Administrator Serrano stated we do this in hopes that we don't go over the tax cap, but if we do we are protected and not in violation of the state law.

A motion to approve this as presented was made by Mayor Knickerbocker, seconded by Trustee Laker with all in favor.

- f. Consider a Motion to Approve the Carry-Over of 10.0 Vacation Days for the Village Administrator.

A motion to approve this as presented was made by Mayor Knickerbocker, seconded by Trustee Capicotti with all in favor.

- g. Consider a Motion to Amend the Master Fee Schedule to Include a Sewer/Stormwater Connection Fee.

Village Administrator Serrano explained that the Village currently does not have a fee for a sewer/stormwater connection.

A one-time fee will be paid before any connection to the Village system.

RATE CATEGORIES:

A. Residential.

Any improved property classified as residential on the Assessor's records, including 1, 2 and 3 family homes, apartments, condominium and co-ops

	<b>Within the Village</b>	<b>Outside the Village</b>
RATE:	\$124.11 per dwelling unit	\$161.37 per dwelling unit

B. Hotel.

Any property containing a hotel or motel

	<b>Within the Village</b>	<b>Outside the Village</b>
RATE:	\$124.11 per hotel room	\$161.37 per hotel room

C. Non-Residential.

Any improved property not considered residential or hotel as defined above.

RATE: Based on parcel size as follows:

	<b>Within the Village</b>	<b>Outside the Village</b>
Up to .2 acres	\$178.42 per parcel	\$231.95 per parcel
.21 to .5 acres	\$356.84 per parcel	\$463.86 per parcel
.51 to 1 acre	\$535.26 per parcel	\$695.84 per parcel
1.01 to 2 acres	\$713.68 per parcel	\$927.78 per parcel
Over 2 acres	\$892.10 per parcel	\$1159.73 per parcel

**Stormwater connection fee**

A one-time fee will be paid before any connection to the Village system.

	<b>Within the Village</b>	<b>Outside the Village</b>
RATE:	\$600 per connection	\$780.00 per parcel

This will be discussed further at the workshop meeting

- h. Consider a Motion Authorizing the Mayor to Sign the License Agreement with the County of Westchester to Provide a License for Remote Access to the County Clerk's Land Records and Legal Files.

A motion to approve this as presented was made by Mayor Knickerbocker, seconded by Trustee Stewart with all in favor.

- i. Discussion on Property Maintenance.

Building Inspector Cook explained that the contractor was the one holding up the project on 3151 Albany Post Road. Mr. Preston has sent the contractor a check and the contractor is cleaning up the property. In addition, Mr. Sellick is also clearing up his property. Trustee Laker stated that 3176 Albany Post Road has put in an application to the Planning Board. Building Inspector Cook explained that there will be two apartments upstairs and retail downstairs.

- j. 2023-24 Bond Resolution, Dated December 5, 2023, Authorizing the Issuance of Up to \$900,000 Aggregate Principal Amount Serial Bonds of the Village of Buchanan, County of Westchester, State of New York, Pursuant to the Local Finance Law, To Finance the Costs of the Acquisition of a Fire Pumper for the Village.

A motion to approve this as presented was made by Mayor Knickerbocker, seconded by Trustee Capicotti with all in favor and Trustee Wheeler abstained.

**BOND RESOLUTION, DATED DECEMBER 5, 2023, AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF UP TO \$900,000 AGGREGATE PRINCIPAL AMOUNT SERIAL BONDS OF THE**

**VILLAGE OF BUCHANAN, COUNTY OF WESTCHESTER, STATE OF NEW YORK,  
PURSUANT TO THE LOCAL FINANCE LAW, TO FINANCE THE COSTS OF THE  
ACQUISITION OF A FIRE PUMPER FOR THE VILLAGE**

**WHEREAS**, the Board of Trustees of the Village of Buchanan (the "Village"), located in the County of Westchester, in the State of New York (the "State"), hereby determines that it is in the public interest of the Village to authorize the financing of the costs of the acquisition of a fire pumper for the Village, including any preliminary and incidental costs related thereto, at a total cost not to exceed \$900,000, all in accordance with the Local Finance Law;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Board of Trustees of the Village of Buchanan, County of Westchester, State of New York, as follows:

Section 1. There is hereby authorized to be issued serial bonds of the Village in the aggregate principal amount of up to \$900,000, pursuant to the Local Finance Law, in order to finance the acquisition of a fire pumper for the Village, including any preliminary and incidental costs related thereto (the "Project").

Section 2. It is hereby determined that the Project is a specific object or purpose, or of a class of object or purpose, described in subdivision 27 of paragraph a of Section 11.00 of the Local Finance Law and that the period of probable usefulness of the Project is twenty (20) years. The serial bonds authorized herein shall have a maximum maturity of twenty (20) years computed from the earlier of (a) the date of the first issue of such serial bonds or (b) the date of the first issue of bond anticipation notes issued in anticipation of the issuance of such serial bonds.

Section 3. The Board of Trustees of the Village has ascertained and hereby states that (a) the estimated maximum cost of the Project is \$900,000; (b) no money has heretofore been authorized to be applied to the payment of the costs of the Project; (c) the Board of Trustees of the Village plans to finance the costs of the Project from the proceeds of the serial bonds authorized herein, or from the proceeds of bond anticipation notes issued in anticipation of such serial bonds; (d) the maturity of the obligations authorized herein may be in excess of five (5) years; and (e) on or before the expenditure of moneys to pay for any costs of the Project for which proceeds of such obligations are to be applied to reimburse the Village, the Board of Trustees of the Village took "official action" for federal income tax purposes to authorize capital financing of such item.

Section 4. Subject to the terms and conditions of this bond resolution and the Local Finance Law, including the provisions of Sections 21.00, 30.00, 50.00 and 56.00 to 60.00, inclusive, the power to authorize the serial bonds authorized herein, and bond anticipation notes in anticipation of the issuance of such serial bonds, including renewals thereof, the power to prescribe the terms, form and contents of such serial bonds and such bond anticipation notes, and the power to issue, sell and deliver such serial bonds and such bond anticipation notes, are hereby delegated to the Village Treasurer, as the chief fiscal officer of the Village. The Village Treasurer is hereby authorized to execute, on behalf of the Village, all serial bonds authorized herein and all bond anticipation notes issued in anticipation of the issuance of such serial bonds, and the Village Clerk is hereby authorized to affix the seal of the Village (or attach a facsimile thereof) on all such serial bonds and bond anticipation notes and to attest such seal. Each interest coupon, if any, representing interest payable on such serial bonds shall be authenticated by the manual or facsimile signature of the Village Treasurer.

Section 5. Each of the serial bonds authorized by this bond resolution and any bond anticipation notes issued in anticipation of the issuance of such serial bonds shall contain the recital of validity prescribed by Section 52.00 of the Local Finance Law. The faith and credit of the Village is hereby and shall be irrevocably pledged for the punctual payment of the principal of and interest on all obligations authorized and issued pursuant to this bond resolution as the same shall become due.

Section 6. When this bond resolution takes effect, the Village Clerk shall cause the same, or a summary thereof, to be published together with a notice in substantially the form prescribed by Section 81.00 of the Local Finance Law in The Journal News, a newspaper having a general circulation

in the Village. The validity of the serial bonds authorized by this bond resolution, and of bond anticipation notes issued in anticipation of the issuance of such serial bonds, may be contested only if such obligations are authorized for an object or purpose, or class of object or purpose, for which the Village is not authorized to expend money, or the provisions of law which should have been complied with as of the date of the publication of this bond resolution, or such summary thereof, were not substantially complied with, and an action, suit or proceeding contesting such validity is commenced within twenty (20) days after the date of such publication, or if such obligations are authorized in violation of the provisions of the Constitution of the State.

Section 7. Prior to the issuance of the obligations authorized herein, the Board of Trustees of the Village shall comply with all applicable provisions prescribed in Article 8 of the Environmental Conservation Law, all regulations promulgated thereunder by the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation, and all applicable Federal laws and regulations in connection with environmental quality review relating to the Project (collectively, the “environmental compliance proceedings”). In the event that any of the environmental compliance proceedings are not completed or require amendment or modification subsequent to the date of adoption of this bond resolution, the Board of Trustees of the Village will re-adopt, amend or modify this bond resolution prior to the issuance of the obligations authorized herein upon the advice of bond counsel. It is hereby determined by the Board of Trustees of the Village that the Project will not have a significant effect on the environment.

Section 8. The Village hereby declares its intention to issue the obligations authorized herein to finance the costs of the Project. The proceeds of any obligations authorized herein may be applied to reimburse expenditures or commitments of the Village made with respect to the Project on or after the date of adoption of this bond resolution by the Village.

Section 9. For the benefit of the holders and beneficial owners from time to time of the obligations authorized herein, the Village agrees in accordance with and as an obligated person with respect to the obligations under Rule 15c2-12 promulgated by the Securities Exchange Commission pursuant to the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (the “Rule”), to provide or cause to be provided such financial information and operating data, financial statements and notices, in such manner, as may be required for purposes of the Rule. In order to describe and specify certain terms of the Village’s continuing disclosure agreement for that purpose, and thereby to implement that agreement, including provisions for enforcement, amendment and termination, the Village Treasurer is authorized and directed to sign and deliver, in the name and on behalf of the Village, the commitment authorized by subsection 6(c) of the Rule (the “Commitment”) to be placed on file with the Village Clerk, which shall constitute the continuing disclosure agreement made by the Village for the benefit of holders and beneficial owners of the obligations authorized herein in accordance with the Rule, with any changes or amendments that are not inconsistent with this bond resolution and not substantially adverse to the Village and that are approved by the Village Treasurer on behalf of the Village, all of which shall be conclusively evidenced by the signing of the Commitment or amendments thereto. The agreement formed collectively by this paragraph and the Commitment, shall be the Village’s continuing disclosure agreement for purposes of the Rule, and its performance shall be subject to the availability of funds and their annual appropriation to meet costs the Village would be required to incur to perform thereunder. The Village Treasurer is further authorized and directed to establish procedures in order to ensure compliance by the Village with its continuing disclosure agreement, including the timely provision of information and notices. Prior to making any filing in accordance with the agreement or providing notice of the occurrence of any material event, the Village Treasurer shall consult with, as appropriate, the Village Attorney and bond counsel or other qualified independent special counsel to the Village and shall be entitled to rely upon any legal advice provided by the Village Attorney or such bond counsel or other qualified independent special counsel in determining whether a filing should be made.

Section 10. This bond resolution is subject to a permissive referendum and will take effect upon its adoption by the Board of Trustees of the Village and the expiration of the period prescribed in the Village Law during which petitions for a permissive referendum may be submitted and filed with the Village Clerk.

Carried By the Following Votes: 4-0-1-0

AYES:	Mayor Knickerbocker, Trustee Capicotti, Trustee Laker, Trustee Stewart
NAYS:	None
ABSTAINED:	Trustee Wheeler
ABSENT	None

- k. Bond Resolution, Dated December 5, 2023, Authorizing the Issuance of Up to \$620,000 Aggregate Principal Amount Serial Bonds of the Village of Buchanan, County of Westchester, State of New York, Pursuant to the Local Finance Law, To Finance the Costs of the Acquisition of Machinery and Apparatus for Construction and Maintenance for the Village.

Mayor Knickerbocker explained that this bond is for a backhoe, a Mack plow truck and a Chevy dump truck.

A motion to approve this as presented was made by Mayor Knickerbocker, seconded by Trustee Laker with all in favor.

**BOND RESOLUTION, DATED DECEMBER 5, 2023, AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF UP TO \$620,000 AGGREGATE PRINCIPAL AMOUNT SERIAL BONDS OF THE VILLAGE OF BUCHANAN, COUNTY OF WESTCHESTER, STATE OF NEW YORK, PURSUANT TO THE LOCAL FINANCE LAW, TO FINANCE THE COSTS OF THE ACQUISITION OF MACHINERY AND APPARATUS FOR CONSTRUCTION AND MAINTENANCE FOR THE VILLAGE**

**WHEREAS**, the Board of Trustees of the Village of Buchanan (the "Village"), located in the County of Westchester, in the State of New York (the "State"), hereby determines that it is in the public interest of the Village to authorize the financing of the costs of the acquisition of machinery and apparatus for construction and maintenance for the Village, including any preliminary and incidental costs related thereto, at a total cost not to exceed \$620,000, all in accordance with the Local Finance Law;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Board of Trustees of the Village of Buchanan, County of Westchester, State of New York, as follows:

Section 1. There is hereby authorized to be issued serial bonds of the Village in the aggregate principal amount of up to \$620,000, pursuant to the Local Finance Law, in order to finance costs of the acquisition of machinery and apparatus for construction and maintenance for the Village, including any preliminary and incidental costs related thereto (the "Project").

Section 2. It is hereby determined that the Project is a specific object or purpose, or of a class of object or purpose, described in subdivision 28 of paragraph a of Section 11.00 of the Local Finance Law and that the period of probable usefulness of the Project is fifteen (15) years. The serial bonds authorized herein shall have a maximum maturity of fifteen (15) years computed from the earlier

of (a) the date of the first issue of such serial bonds or (b) the date of the first issue of bond anticipation notes issued in anticipation of the issuance of such serial bonds.

Section 3. The Board of Trustees of the Village has ascertained and hereby states that (a) the estimated maximum cost of the Project is \$620,000; (b) no money has heretofore been authorized to be applied to the payment of the costs of the Project; (c) the Board of Trustees of the Village plans to finance the costs of the Project from the proceeds of the serial bonds authorized herein, or from the proceeds of bond anticipation notes issued in anticipation of such serial bonds; (d) the maturity of the obligations authorized herein may be in excess of five (5) years; and (e) on or before the expenditure of moneys to pay for any costs of the Project for which proceeds of such obligations are to be applied to reimburse the Village, the Board of Trustees of the Village took "official action" for federal income tax purposes to authorize capital financing of such item.

Section 4. Subject to the terms and conditions of this bond resolution and the Local Finance Law, including the provisions of Sections 21.00, 30.00, 50.00 and 56.00 to 60.00, inclusive, the power to authorize the serial bonds authorized herein, and bond anticipation notes in anticipation of the issuance of such serial bonds, including renewals thereof, the power to prescribe the terms, form and contents of such serial bonds and such bond anticipation notes, and the power to issue, sell and deliver such serial bonds and such bond anticipation notes, are hereby delegated to the Village Treasurer, as the chief fiscal officer of the Village. The Village Treasurer is hereby authorized to execute, on behalf of the Village, all serial bonds authorized herein and all bond anticipation notes issued in anticipation of the issuance of such serial bonds, and the Village Clerk is hereby authorized to affix the seal of the Village (or attach a facsimile thereof) on all such serial bonds and bond anticipation notes and to attest such seal. Each interest coupon, if any, representing interest payable on such serial bonds shall be authenticated by the manual or facsimile signature of the Village Treasurer.

Section 5. Each of the serial bonds authorized by this bond resolution and any bond anticipation notes issued in anticipation of the issuance of such serial bonds shall contain the recital of validity prescribed by Section 52.00 of the Local Finance Law. The faith and credit of the Village is hereby and shall be irrevocably pledged for the punctual payment of the principal of and interest on all obligations authorized and issued pursuant to this bond resolution as the same shall become due.

Section 6. When this bond resolution takes effect, the Village Clerk shall cause the same, or a summary thereof, to be published together with a notice in substantially the form prescribed by Section 81.00 of the Local Finance Law in The Journal News, a newspaper having a general circulation in the Village. The validity of the serial bonds authorized by this bond resolution, and of bond anticipation notes issued in anticipation of the issuance of such serial bonds, may be contested only if such obligations are authorized for an object or purpose, or class of object or purpose, for which the Village is not authorized to expend money, or the provisions of law which should have been complied with as of the date of the publication of this bond resolution, or such summary thereof, were not substantially complied with, and an action, suit or proceeding contesting such validity is commenced within twenty (20) days after the date of such publication, or if such obligations are authorized in violation of the provisions of the Constitution of the State.

Section 7. Prior to the issuance of the obligations authorized herein, the Board of Trustees of the Village shall comply with all applicable provisions prescribed in Article 8 of the Environmental Conservation Law, all regulations promulgated thereunder by the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation, and all applicable Federal laws and regulations in connection with environmental quality review relating to the Project (collectively, the "environmental compliance proceedings"). In the event that any of the environmental compliance proceedings are not completed or require amendment or modification subsequent to the date of adoption of this bond resolution, the Board of Trustees of the Village will re-adopt, amend or modify this bond resolution prior to the issuance of the obligations authorized herein upon the advice of bond counsel. It is hereby



determined by the Board of Trustees of the Village that the Project will not have a significant effect on the environment.

Section 8. The Village hereby declares its intention to issue the obligations authorized herein to finance the costs of the Project. The proceeds of any obligations authorized herein may be applied to reimburse expenditures or commitments of the Village made with respect to the Project on or after the date of adoption of this bond resolution by the Village.

Section 9. For the benefit of the holders and beneficial owners from time to time of the obligations authorized herein, the Village agrees in accordance with and as an obligated person with respect to the obligations under Rule 15c2-12 promulgated by the Securities Exchange Commission pursuant to the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (the "Rule"), to provide or cause to be provided such financial information and operating data, financial statements and notices, in such manner, as may be required for purposes of the Rule. In order to describe and specify certain terms of the Village's continuing disclosure agreement for that purpose, and thereby to implement that agreement, including provisions for enforcement, amendment and termination, the Village Treasurer is authorized and directed to sign and deliver, in the name and on behalf of the Village, the commitment authorized by subsection 6(c) of the Rule (the "Commitment") to be placed on file with the Village Clerk, which shall constitute the continuing disclosure agreement made by the Village for the benefit of holders and beneficial owners of the obligations authorized herein in accordance with the Rule, with any changes or amendments that are not inconsistent with this bond resolution and not substantially adverse to the Village and that are approved by the Village Treasurer on behalf of the Village, all of which shall be conclusively evidenced by the signing of the Commitment or amendments thereto. The agreement formed collectively by this paragraph and the Commitment, shall be the Village's continuing disclosure agreement for purposes of the Rule, and its performance shall be subject to the availability of funds and their annual appropriation to meet costs the Village would be required to incur to perform thereunder. The Village Treasurer is further authorized and directed to establish procedures in order to ensure compliance by the Village with its continuing disclosure agreement, including the timely provision of information and notices. Prior to making any filing in accordance with the agreement or providing notice of the occurrence of any material event, the Village Treasurer shall consult with, as appropriate, the Village Attorney and bond counsel or other qualified independent special counsel to the Village and shall be entitled to rely upon any legal advice provided by the Village Attorney or such bond counsel or other qualified independent special counsel in determining whether a filing should be made.

Section 10. This bond resolution is subject to a permissive referendum and will take effect upon its adoption by the Board of Trustees of the Village and the expiration of the period prescribed in the Village Law during which petitions for a permissive referendum may be submitted and filed with the Village Clerk.

Carried By the Following Votes: 5-0-0-0

AYES:	Mayor Knickerbocker, Trustee Capicotti, Trustee Laker, Trustee Stewart and Trustee Wheeler
NAYS:	None
ABSTAINED:	None
ABSENT	None

1. Consider a Motion Authorizing the Mayor to Sign a Letter to the Montrose Improvement District Regarding Water Purchase/Rates.

Village Administrator Serrano explained that we get water from the Montrose Improvement District and the City of Peekskill. We pay a fee that is passed down to the people who are using the water. We have had an agreement with Montrose since the 1980's and the agreement specifies how much water we have to buy at a certain amount. We are trying to do what is best for the community and are talking to Montrose about changing that agreement.

A motion to approve this as presented was made by Mayor Knickerbocker, seconded by Trustee Capicotti with all in favor.

**5. INFORMATION FROM OFFICERS & DEPARTMENTS:**

- a. Justice Reports – October 2023

Received and filed.

- b. Police Report – October 2023

Received and filed.

- c. Highway Report – October 2023

Received and filed.

- d. Wastewater Treatment Plant – October 2023

Received and filed.

- e. Building Department – September 2023 and October 2023

Received and filed.

- f. Buchanan Engine Company – October 2023

Received and filed.

- g. Planning Board – September 28, 2023 and October 26, 2023

- h. Prosecutor's Report – None

- i. Attorney's Report

Village Attorney Porteus has nothing to report.

j. Administrator's Report

Village Administrator Serrano stated that there are three applications coming to the Planning Board on December 20<sup>th</sup>. They are 3176 Albany Post Road, the AMS project and the Village Square project. The Village is still waiting for a response on a grant for the boiler and the sewer repair next to Fat Sal's. The paving for this year is completed. There are items that weren't completed and they will be done in the Spring. Village Administrator Serrano met with the facility manager at Hendrick Hudson. The maintenance garage building they just built was 4,000 square feet. They spent \$1,660,000 on that building for three employees. The City of Peekskill put in four pickleball courts at Depew Park. DeRosa did that project at a cost of \$223,000. The Town of Cortlandt built six pickleball courts. Sports Tech did that project at a cost of \$221,000. The Village of Croton does not have any pickleball courts. Village Administrator Serrano met with DeRosa at our tennis courts. He measured the court and said it was substandard. The two courts are off by eight feet for a regulation tennis court. To rehab our tennis courts into four pickleball courts and either open space or a basketball court will be between \$350,000 - \$400,000. Another option would be a temporary pickleball court.

k. Mayor's Report

Mayor Knickerbocker mentioned that we had our Christmas tree lighting last Sunday evening. The Town of Cortlandt will sponsor the Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day, December 7<sup>th</sup> at 3:30 at Cortlandt Town Hall. The Veterans Ceremony was also held at Cortlandt Town Hall. The December workshop meeting was changed. It will be on December 19. There will be an annual house decorating contest. The judging will be on December 13<sup>th</sup>. The Village is working on an IMA for dog control with the Town. There will be a Decommissioning Oversight Board Meeting on December 6 at Town Hall. Congressman Lawler will be having a Veteran of the Year Ceremony on December 19<sup>th</sup> at 3:00 P.M. This honors Veterans across the 17<sup>th</sup> Congressional District for their incredible contributions to our community. Mayor Knickerbocker nominated Bob Ferguson for Veterans of the Year. Mr. Ferguson stated that he is the Vice Chairman of the Town of Cortlandt Veterans. He thanked the Mayor for the honor of being nominated.

l. Trustee's Report

Trustee Wheeler stated that he attended the annual tree lighting. It was a great crowd. He said this was Jackie's first event and she did a great job. He thanked

the fire department, police department and the highway department. Happy Holidays to everybody and be safe.

Trustee Capicotti stated that the tree lighting was fantastic and Jackie did a great job. He thanked everyone that was involved. Trustee Capicotti stated that we are reinventing the Village and will move forward no matter what happens with the plant. In regards to the bonds, it sounds like a lot of money, but things have to be done. We can stabilize this Village enough to make it through. This Board is willing to take on that responsibility. Everyone be safe and take care of each other through the holidays.

Trustee Stewart thanked the businesses that contributed to the tree lighting. He stated that himself and Trustee Laker are looking for volunteers to help on the St. Patrick's Day Parade Committee. The Buchanan Engine Company Christmas party for the children is on December 17<sup>th</sup> from 2:00 – 4:00 P.M. He wished everyone a Happy Holiday Season.

Trustee Laker stated that the tree lighting was a great event. He encourages all residents to sign up for the Code Red. It is an important tool to get information out to the residents. There are three important applications before the Planning Board on December 20<sup>th</sup>. Happy Holiday Season to everyone.

6. **COMMENTS FROM THE FLOOR:**

Chief Bob Outhouse stated that the Memorial Day Parade this year is in Buchanan and hosted by the Buchanan Engine Company along with the Cortlandt Engine Company and the Verplanck Fire Protection Association on May 27<sup>th</sup>.

7. **EXECUTIVE SESSION:**

At 8:39 P.M. a Motion to enter into Executive Session to discuss personnel was made by Mayor Knickerbocker, seconded by Trustee Laker with all in favor.

8. **ADJOURNMENT:**

At 9:03 P.M. a Motion to exit executive session was made by Mayor Knickerbocker, seconded by Trustee Capicotti with all in favor.

At 9:03 P.M. a Motion to adjourn this meeting was made by Mayor Knickerbocker, seconded by Trustee Laker with all in favor. No monies were expended.

