

Village of Buchanan
 Mayor & Board of Trustees
 Regular Meeting
 Tuesday, July 6, 2010

PRESENT:

Mayor Sean Murray
 Trustees Theresa Knickerbocker and Nicolas Zachary
 Village Attorney Stephanie V. Porteus
 Village Secretary Susan F. Matthews

ABSENT:

Village Administrator Kevin Hay
 Trustees Richard A. Funchion and Brian Smith

1. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

Mayor Murray opened the meeting at 7:30 PM, welcomed everyone, informed them of the fire regulations and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

2. APPROVE MINUTES: May 3, 2010; May 19, 2010 Workshop Meeting

May 3, 2010:

Mayor Murray had revisions on page 3, paragraph 3, add “of Health” to “County Board”; page 5, paragraph 1 insert “not” before “filled” on the last sentence; and on page 9, paragraph 4, add “power” to now read “under the power line”.

A MOTION to approve the minutes as revised of the May 3, 2010 regular meeting of the Village Board was made by Trustee Knickerbocker, seconded by Trustee Zachary with all in favor and Trustees Funchion and Smith absent.

May 19, 2010:

Mayor Murray had revisions on page 4, paragraph 3 to change County Legislator to “Bond Counsel Fred” Testa; page 9, under Phone Contracts substitute “\$1500” for \$15,000; and under Bucket Truck change Con Edison to “Entergy”.

A MOTION to approve the minutes as revised of the May 19, 2010 Workshop Meeting of the Village Board was made by Trustee Knickerbocker, seconded by Trustee Zachary with all in favor and Trustees Funchion and Smith absent.

3. COMMENTS FROM THE FLOOR: (agenda items only)

None

4. NEW BUSINESS:

a) **10-41 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING MAYOR TO SIGN CONTRACT WITH BUCHANAN ENGINE CO. #1.**

Mayor Murray read the resolution (copy attached). He noted that the “Whereas” in the second paragraph should be corrected to read “Buchanan Engine Company Inc.”.

A MOTION to accept this Resolution as presented was made by Trustee Knickerbocker, seconded by Trustee Zachary with all in favor and Trustees Funchion and Smith absent.

b) **10-42 RESOLUTION ADOPTING A HIRING POLICY FOR THE VILLAGE OF BUCHANAN.**

Mayor Murray read the resolution (copy attached).

A MOTION to adopt this Resolution as amended (see below) was made by Trustee Knickerbocker, seconded by Trustee Zachary with all in favor and Trustees Funchion and Smith absent.

Trustee Knickerbocker wanted to know what the probationary period would be. Mayor Murray advised that the Board discussed this in the Workshop meeting where they revised the policy. They reviewed other municipalities' policies and tailored this policy to the needs of the Village. Village Attorney Porteus advised that she called the Westchester County Civil Service. They have set 52 weeks or one year as the mandatory probationary period, except for police officers. The Board can opt out of or change that. The job applicant would have to be formally advised of the policy. Trustee Zachary wanted to know if the time period could be changed at the Board's discretion or are we locked in. Village Attorney Porteus advised that we would be locked in. Trustee Zachary feels it is better that the time period be spelled out. The Board agreed that it should be 52 weeks or one year, in accordance with Westchester County Civil Service law. Village Attorney Porteus will include the one year time frame and list all the exceptions.

Trustee Zachary questioned page 3, number 7 concerning the submission of qualified applicants by the department heads to the Village Board. He wanted to know how this is to be interpreted and would the Board get just three names or their applications, resumes and interview information. He would like to see the latter to get a sense of why the three people were chosen. Mayor Murray advised that in the Workshop meeting they discussed that it was not recommended by the State that the Board to do the interviews. The department heads and Village Administrator, as permanent employees, will do the interviews. Trustee Knickerbocker commented that the applications will be on file and the Board can review them all to see who is best qualified. Trustee Zachary wanted to know it was redundant to include this in the policy. Mayor Murray commented that it was not. Page 3, #7 will be amended to add "along with applications and resumes".

c) **10-43 RESOLUTION ADOPTING A REVISED PROCUREMENT POLICY FOR THE VILLAGE OF BUCHANAN.**

Mayor Murray read the Resolution (copy attached).

A MOTION to adopt this Resolution as presented was made by Trustee Knickerbocker, seconded by Trustee Zachary with all in favor and Trustees Funchion and Smith absent.

Trustee Zachary commented on Page 2 concerning obtaining quotes and competitive bids. He wanted to know if there was a minimum required number of competitive bids. He noted that three quotes are required for lesser priced things. Village Attorney Porteus advised that the norm is three bids; however there are exceptions. Trustee Zachary noted that during the budget process, the Board was advised of a major repair needed to a Highway Department vehicle where there was only one person in the area who did the work. In that situation, it would not be possible to obtain three quotes. Trustee Zachary wanted to know if the policy for competitive bids should specify that you need to get a minimum of three. The Village Attorney added that.

Mayor Murray advised that it was one of the State Comptroller's findings that this policy had not been updated. This policy was taken from New York State law. The laws have changed significantly in the 18 years since the Village's policy was last updated. There are different thresholds. Mayor Murray read examples of the

requirements. One was that for \$35,000 or more for public work contracts, competitive bids are required. Another was that for purchase contracts over, competitive bids are required for \$10,000 or more. Mayor Murray commented that there are different defined thresholds. Bidding will be sent out. We will be able to control our funds better.

d) **10-44 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING VILLAGE ENGINEER TO PREPARE SPECIFICATIONS AND FOR CLERK TO ADVERTISE BIDS FOR BLEAKLEY AVENUE ROAD PROJECT.**

Mayor Murray read the Resolution (copy attached).

A MOTION to adopt this Resolution as presented was made by Trustee Zachary, seconded by Trustee Knickerbocker with all in favor and Trustees Funchion and Smith absent.

Mayor Murray commented that Bleakley Avenue has the most need for improvement at this time. There are drainage problems and broken water pipes due to it not having been properly maintained. This is going to cost the most money. The bids are being done now so that when the bond is passed, the Board can determine how much money will be left for the other roads. Once the bid package is back in, we can join in with other municipalities to save money. This will hopefully increase our tonnage which increases our bargaining power for better rates from suppliers.

e) **10-45 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING VILLAGE ENGINEER TO CREATE SPECIFICATIONS AND CLERK TO ADVERTISE FOR BIDS FOR COMMUNOTOR AT SEWER TREATMENT PLANT.**

Mayor Murray read the Resolution (copy attached).

A MOTION to adopt this Resolution as presented was made by Trustee Knickerbocker, seconded by Trustee Zachary with all in favor and Trustees Funchion and Smith absent.

In response to a request by Trustee Zachary for clarification on its function, Mayor Murray advised that the Communotor does grinding for the wastewater before it goes into the settling tank. Trustee Knickerbocker noted that it is one of the first things the waste goes through. Mayor Murray commented that it has been out of service for the last 35 years. The Board of Health required us to bring it back in service. We have been cited for this in the last several years and it is one of the reasons we are currently in court. The Mayor advised that this expense will come out of the bond, not the General Fund. The bids are being done now because the paperwork was submitted for the bond but it will be September or October before we actually receive the money. In order to comply with the Westchester County Board of Health, it is being bid out separately. Initially it will be paid out of the General Fund which will be reimbursed with the bond money. A Resolution to move the funds has to be passed because we do not have a separate line item for this improvement.

f) **10-46 RESOLUTION WAIVING FACILITY FEE FOR THE BUCHANAN ENGINE CO. #1 LADIES AUXILIARY.**

Mayor Murray read the Resolution (copy attached).

He noted that the fee is usually waived for non-profit organizations because they help the community and the Board is always glad to help them out when we can.

A MOTION to adopt this Resolution as presented was made by Trustee Zachary, seconded by Trustee Knickerbocker with all in favor and Trustees Funchion and Smith absent.

Two Amendments to the Agenda:

Mayor Murray advised that these were just received today and therefore were not included on the agenda.

g) **10-47 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING USE OF VILLAGE FACILITY FOR CLASS REUNION.**

Mayor Murray read the Resolution (copy attached).

Trustee Knickerbocker noted that she was voting on this Resolution and that it is her class reunion.

Mayor Murray noted that an insurance certificate was not attached to the application. This approval is contingent on that being provided.

A MOTION to adopt this Resolution as presented was made by Trustee Zachary, seconded by Trustee Knickerbocker with all in favor and Trustees Funchion and Smith absent.

i) **10-48 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING USE OF VILLAGE FACILITY FOR FAMILY BIRTHDAY PARTY.**

Mayor Murray read the Resolution (copy attached).

Mayor Murray noted that an insurance certificate was not attached to the application. This approval is contingent on that being provided.

A MOTION to adopt this Resolution as presented was made by Trustee Knickerbocker, seconded by Trustee Zachary with all in favor and Trustees Funchion and Smith absent.

j) **RESOLUTION WAVING FEE FOR CITY OF PEEKSKILL FOR USE OF LENT'S COVE DURING PEEKSKILL CELEBRATION.**

Mayor Murray read the Resolution (copy attached).

Trustee Knickerbocker commented that there have been some problems in the past when Peekskill residents have used our boat ramp with trailers not being removed. There is no one there to supervise that. She wanted to have a notice posted that day concerning the removal of trailers from the ramp area to the parking lot. Mayor Murray wanted to know what the Village's liability was. The Village Attorney will check this. Trustee Zachary wanted to stipulate that they provide a law enforcement officer to supervise. Mayor Murray agreed.

This Resolution will be held to the next Village Board meeting

k) **10-49 RESOLUTION AWARDDING SLUDGE REMOVAL CONTRACT FOR BUCHANAN SEWAGE TREATMENT PLANT.**

Mayor Murray read the Resolution (copy attached).

Trustee Zachary commented that the Village has had satisfactory service in the past from Fred A. Cook, the low bidder. He is a local contractor. The others are not from New York. He supports the recommendation.

Mayor Murray advised that this is done annually. He read a memo from the Village Engineer describing the work to be done. The Mayor noted that the expense is a little less than last year.

A MOTION to adopt this Resolution as presented was made by Trustee Zachary, seconded by Trustee Knickerbocker with all in favor and Trustees Funchion and Smith absent.

D) RESOLUTION ADOPTING THE NEW YORK STATE ARCHIVES AND RECORD ADMINISTRATION SCHEDULE MU-1 FOR RECORD RETENTION AND DISPOSITION.

Mayor Murray read the Resolution (copy attached).

Trustee Zachary commented that this is the municipal equivalent of individuals being required to hold on to past years' tax information for a specified number of years. He wanted to know if the Village has been hoarding old documents. Mayor Murray advised that the Village has retained all of its past records. New York State has laws defining which types of records a municipality must retain and for how long, and which do not need to be retained. He cited as an example that the Village has the records for every rental of the Village pavilion. Those do not have to be kept. We have boxes of material that the State does not require us to retain. We do not have a way to organize them nor the storage space to keep them. The safe in the Village office, the office itself and the Highway Department garage are full.

Mayor Murray advised that the majority of our records will be disposed of or maintained in accordance with this retention schedule. We will then be able to access the records we do need in a more efficient and timely manner. He had asked the Village Administrator to look into the State requirements, which he did, and he is now getting the paperwork for that.

Trustee Zachary would like to see that schedule. He would like to move on this.

Mayor Murray commented that the Village receives a lot of FOIL requests. Many are on financial terms. Finding individual records for something like a contract currently requires going through vouchers for every purchase including routine ones. He has found it personally frustrating.

Trustee Zachary wanted to know how long budget expenditures need to be retained. Mayor Murray advised that each type of record has a different requirement. Certain budget expenditures must be retained longer than others. This schedule defines that. But it cannot be used until the Board adopts it by Resolution.

Trustee Zachary requested that the vote be deferred until next month so that he could review the MU-1 Schedule from the State before voting on it.

A MOTION to receive this Resolution as presented was made by Trustee Knickerbocker, seconded by Trustee Zachary with Mayor Murray in favor, Trustees Knickerbocker and Zachary against and Trustees Funchion and Smith absent.

l) **10-50 RESOLUTION SETTING A PUBLIC HEARING FOR DISCUSSION OF STOP SIGNS PLACEMENT.**

Mayor Murray read the Resolution (copy attached).

Mayor Murray commented that several months ago, there were car accidents on Tate Avenue. Responses from some of those involved were that there are no traffic control devices entering that street. This was discussed with the Police Chief. He has recommended a traffic control device entering Tate Avenue. The recommendation is for traffic control devices on every street entering Tate Avenue from both the north and south where one does not exist today.

A MOTION to adopt this Resolution as presented was made by Trustee Zachary, seconded by Trustee Knickerbocker with all in favor and Trustees Smith and Funchion absent.

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EXECUTIVE SESSION REGARDING HIGHWAY LABORER POSITION AND ASSESSMENT REVIEW

At 8:19 PM a MOTION to enter into Executive Session was made by Trustee Knickerbocker, seconded by Trustee Zachary with all in favor and Trustees Funchion and Smith absent.

At 8:48 PM the Board returned from Executive Session. A MOTION to come out of Executive Session was made by Trustee Zachary, seconded by Trustee Knickerbocker with all in favor and Trustees Funchion and Smith absent.

Mayor Murray advised that he requested that the Highway Foreman be at this meeting but for some reason his request was not honored. The Board found some paperwork problems with some applications and required additional information.

m) **RESOLUTION HIRING A FULL TIME LABORER FOR THE HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT.**

As decided in Executive Session, more information is needed for the Board to make a decision so this will be held over until the next Board meeting.

Mayor Murray advised that the Village Administrator may have been able to have provided this information but he is on vacation. His wife is in her eighth month of pregnancy and this was their only opportunity to get away.

n) **10-51 RESOLUTION APPOINTING TAX CERTIORARI.**

Mayor Murray requested that in Executive Session, the Board discussed tax certiorari. He requested a MOTION be made to appoint Village Attorney Porteus to act as agent to settlements for all tax certioraris filed in 2010.

The Motion was made by Trustee Zachary, seconded by Trustee Knickerbocker with all in favor and Trustees Funchion and Smith absent.

Mayor Murray advised that every year people file tax certioraris for reduction of their taxes. Previous administrations have given blanket refusals to all applicants which required people to file in other venues with administrative law judges. Due to this, the Village Attorney must go to different hearings to represent the Village. Village Administrator Hay has put together offers that he feels are reasonable to the applicants. This would save the Village time and money by shortening the process. In order to do that, Village Attorney Porteus must be authorized by the Village Board to represent the Village in making these offers to the people. Some applicants will get offers and others will not because the Board did not think it reasonable. The Village Attorney will act as the Village's agent to present these offers. If agreed to by the applicant, the Village Board will be the ones who authorize it or not. This Motion is just to allow Village Attorney Porteus to act as our agent in this process.

o) **RESOLUTION HIRING SUMMER SEASONAL PERSONNEL.**

Mayor Murray advised that this will be held over until the next Board meeting as this Resolution is contingent on the Resolution in [agenda item] (m).

7. **INFORMATION FROM OFFICERS AND DEPARTMENTS.**

a. Justice Court Reports – May 2010

Mayor Murray commented that he did not know if the residents were aware that that the Village of Buchanan does not have a prosecutor. Therefore there are a lot of dismissals. New York State and Westchester County have decided not to participate in our Village court system. It is not because of our judge, Police Department or the Village Board. It has to do with the other authorities who do not wish to prosecute. Trustee Knickerbocker noted that there were 49 dismissals in this report.

b. Zoning Board Minutes – May 2010

Read and reviewed.

c. Attorney's Report:

Village Attorney Porteus reported that she and Village Administrator Hay have been working on an employee policy handbook. She will be passing out drafts to the Board in the next week or two for their comments. They will have to be read and signed by all employees on a yearly basis. It will be very comprehensive. This is sorely missing.

Village Attorney Porteus reported on the Board of Health hearings. The next one is on July 13. She is hoping it will be the last one. She has been told that the engineers have received another schedule and that the Board of Health is in agreement with it.

Village Attorney Porteus reminded the Board that in the Workshop, they had discussed determining if the residents would want to see the presentation that Entergy does on cooling towers.

d. Trustee's Reports:

Trustee Zachary reported at the last meeting about a couple of residents who are not getting the Buchanan Channel (Channel 78) on Cablevision which broadcasts the Board meetings. He has looked into it and received a response from an attorney for Cablevision who deals with their Public Access. Trustee Zachary advised that the reason has to do with Cablevision going to all digital last February. There was a period where you could have received a free converter. If you did not do so at that time, you can contact Cablevision and get a cable box which costs a monthly rental fee; or you can get a TIVO or DVR recorder which will convert to a digital signal; or you

get a t.v with a QAM tuner. If any resident subscribing to Cablevision is not receiving the Buchanan Channel, they may contact Trustee Zachary and he will see what he can do.

Trustee Zachary reported that he and Trustee Knickerbocker started organizing a Buchanan Day event. They are looking at having it on the last Sunday in September. They will have food, vendors and activities for kids. They want to invite the Fire and Police Departments and have a Fall Celebration at the pavilion. If anybody would like to volunteer in any way, they can contact him or Trustee Knickerbocker. This is still in the early stages. They will let the residents know more as it is formulated. Mayor Murray asked Trustee Zachary to draft a letter to the Fire Department since they have a parade event on the last weekend in September. It can be discussed.

Trustee Knickerbocker reported on the Beautification Committee last month. She thanked the Perch family, the Girl Scout troop who did the boxes coming into the Village at the Peekskill entrance to the Village; and Bob Millen at the Palace Deli. Trustee Knickerbocker decorated the barrels in front of her building. All this spruces up the Village. She thanked Don Zern who did a great job of weeding and cleaning up in the Circle. She thanked all these people for volunteering and doing a great job to make the Circle look wonderful.

Trustee Knickerbocker commented on the use of the pavilion. It gets a lot of use. The gutters are clogged. If it is raining, water flows over. There are things growing in the gutters. It has to be looked at, especially since the pavilion gets such high usage at this time of the year. We want the gutters working properly to avoid flooding.

Trustee Knickerbocker reported on the Sewage Treatment Plant. Currently the second aeration tank is on-line. It has been working very well. They are the same blades that have been sitting there for years and years. The sewage has not yet been transferred to the other tank because George Smith is on vacation this week. Next week, they are going to transfer it over. The main tank will be empty and they will be able to see what work needs to be done. To put the other aeration tank on-line was approximately \$20,000. It most likely going to be the back-up tank. The Village Engineer is coming to the next meeting to discuss the different technologies. The Board can then make a decision on the best way to proceed. We are moving along and things are looking up.

Mayor's Report:

Mayor Murray thanked Laurie Pynch. He saw her out there. It was very hot. There are really putting a lot of hard work. It is all volunteering for the Village and he thinks it is great.

Mayor Murray wanted to recognize the Police Department for some things that occurred this past month. He has a letter which was written to Chief Tubbs from former Mayor Dan O'Neill commending Officer Dominick Benedetti for his expert handling of an incident on Catherine Street which he described in his letter as having been dangerous with the potential of becoming violent. Mayor Murray reported that also, while last month's Board meeting was taking place, there was a home invasion taking place just down the street on Tate Avenue. A quick response by Officer Farrell and his coordination with other police agencies led to three of the suspects being apprehended the next day and the fourth just days later down South. Mayor Murray thanked the two Officers and the Buchanan Police Department.

Mayor Murray thanked Village Attorney Porteus and Village Administrator Hay for putting in hours and hours. We are creating a lot of policies that have either never been in place or have not been updated in many years. The research that is required is extensive. We are getting a good value having these people employed by the Village.

Mayor Murray reported that Entergy asked us if we wanted them to have a Public Hearing to discuss wedge-wire screens and cooling towers. They have been doing these discussions in other municipalities in the area and across the river. Mayor Murray wanted to know if the residents

thought this would be of value for us. The Board could set up a time frame and it can be televised. The Board members attended this presentation at the plant or at the Town of Cortlandt. They have discussed it with them also. Mayor Murray asked residents to contact him or any Board member if you were interested.

8. COMMENTS FROM THE FLOOR:

Diane Tangen, 240 Catherine Street, commented on Indian Point. She is in favor of nuclear energy. She is concerned about safety at the plant, as she hopes everyone is. She commented on a meeting on July 20 at Colonial Terrace. This was in the Journal News. Mayor Murray advised that the meeting she was referring to is a hearing by the DEC concerning the Clean Water permit. That is different from the presentation he just referred to. It is the DEC who denied the water permit saying that they have to have a closed cooling cycle. Ms. Tangen wanted to know if the Village was going to be represented at this hearing. She is personally opposed to cooling towers. There are different points of view from the River Keeper and the environmental groups who say they are not as bad as Entergy maintains they are. Ms. Tangen thinks we should do something as a Village. She commented that years ago, there used to be demonstrators at Indian Point supporting the plant. They all went over there with signs. Peekskill, Cortlandt, Rockland County and a lot of people will be affected. She knew that Entergy did a presentation for the Seniors which she was unable to attend. Mayor Murray confirmed that they did. She hoped people would attend a presentation as proposed by the Board.

Mayor Murray directed it to be set it for the Workshop meeting on the third Wednesday in September. He will contact Entergy and see if they were willing to do the presentation at that time. Trustee Zachary requested that it be televised. The Mayor will arrange for that.

Diane Tangen commented on Stop signs for Second and Third Streets. She commented on also having signs on Church Street, Lake Street and Valerie Court. She was shocked that we do not have them on both sides of Second and Third Streets at any intersection with Tate Avenue. Mayor Murray directed the Village Attorney Porteus to revise the Resolution to include all the streets that intersect with Tate Avenue.

Ms. Tangen commented on technology. She knows it cannot be done right away but hoped that the Village web site would be enhanced to include Village Board meetings. Croton has its Board meeting on their web site within days after the meeting date. Mayor Murray advised that right now we do not have the capability to do that. The Board did some research it and found that the software is expensive. We are switching service providers for the phone service which will include the broadcast capability. We are going to upgrade from tape to digital. The Board will be using some of the grant money from Cablevision and Verizon which was \$3,000. They also found another grant left over from the mid-2000 time frame that they were able to get extended, to help upgrade that part of our infrastructure. That will give us better technology but the Mayor did not think they could simulcast the meetings since it is too expensive right now.

Ms. Tangen wanted to know if all the Board members read their e-mails from the web site. Mayor Murray advised that he checks his every day. Trustee Zachary commented that he reads his.

Trustee Zachary commented that the web site is not getting updated regularly so people are not going to use it. There are many things requiring the attention of the Village Administrator at this time. The intention is to get our computers set up with new software. Somebody in the Village will be taught how to use it so that it can be updated regularly. It has to be actively updated. Only when it is and being used by the Board on a constant basis, will the people use it. Ms. Tangen commented that we might need technological help. Mayor Murray commented that we are currently looking to reach smaller goals. Right now, we cannot scan documents into the computer. We are upgrading our capacity and changing the type of service we have. We will then be able to input our paperwork. Currently, things have to be typed to be sent to other people. It is cumbersome. In the next two months, we should have the capacity to scan information. They want to do things slowly, until they become accustomed to the new software,

and spread out the cost over a longer period of time. Trustee Zachary commented that everything that can be done on a home computer, the Village is trying to catch up to.

Mayor Murray commented that there will be a schedule for switching things over. Among the things that must be coordinated is the alarm system. There are other logistical considerations. This was all discussed in the decision to switch phone systems and servers. We were paying \$2400 to \$2500 a month. By switching over, the estimate is \$563 a month with everything in one bundle plus upgrades. They are working very hard on coordinating it and they should have it completed in the next couple of months.

Diane Tangen commented that she loved it when Jim Seirmarco was the liaison to Indian Point. She is very happy that Cheryl Murray is now going to do it. It is very commendable especially since it is a volunteer position. It is one of the most important liaison jobs in the Village. Mayor Murray noted that the Town of Cortlandt's liaison gets paid \$10,000 a year. Ms. Tangen thanked the Mayor for making that appointment.

Angelo Iacomini, 6 Donahue Court, commented that the Village could bring students in to help with administrative work and for the web site. His company brings students in and pays them for their abilities, such as for accounting. They write a letter for the students when their work term is completed which they can use when they go to college where they will get credit for the work they did. Mayor Murray commented that he and Village Administrator Hay discussed this in regard to record retention. We did not want to use our manpower to sort through the old records which need to be categorized and filed. Currently, we are not at the stage to hire someone. Mayor Murray advised that one of the reasons why we continue to fund Penny Pierce Baisley's job is for the intention of augmenting the office staff, which will save money. We cannot do it right now.

Trustee Zachary commented that his understanding is that the software is easy to use. One or two people in the Village office need to be trained to use it so that information can be entered on a regular basis. Once they are ready, he would like set up an advisory committee of residents who can make suggestions on how to improve the web site and its contents.

Mr. Iacomini commented on the Bleakley Avenue project. There are only 10-12 houses along that road. It is a major portion of the monies. He wanted to know why they do not put the money toward other roads within the Village like Burke Court and not a road that is on the far end of the Village. He questioned how many residents, who will be paying for it, use Bleakley Avenue. Mayor Murray advised that there have been several water main breaks there because of the condition of the road surface. There are collapsed storm drains that connect sewers. There are manholes and catch basins which are collapsed. Currently, they are covered over with asphalt and cannot be worked on. One of the reasons the Board is doing it this way is so they know how much money will be left over so we can go to the neighboring communities and jointly bid out the remaining projects. It cannot be jointly bid out because there is too much work to be done under the ground. You cannot jointly bid out replacing pipes. Mayor Murray hopes to do joint bidding for the asphalt work which will reduce the cost. The Board wants to get this work out of the Bleakley Avenue had been repaved within recent years and wanted to know if that damage was detected at that time. Mayor Murray commented that he did not know when Bleakley Avenue was last paved. He has been driving on that road daily for the last 21 years. They limited traffic there years ago because there was so much traffic. Semis can no longer drive there and truck traffic is limited to local deliveries to reduce the wear and tear on the road. He noted that Broadway was repaved two years ago after Con Edison put in new gas and electrical lines which ran down to the intersection of Broadway and Bleakley Avenue. That was repaved by Con Edison's contractors because of work they had done, at no cost to the Village. The work on Bleakley Avenue has to be done as it is the one that cost the most and is the worst condition. The Mayor would love to do other roads. There are businesses on Bleakley Avenue and another planned project for Greentown Road. It is not only houses but commercial as well.

There is room for expansion on Greentown Road. It is also our access to Lent's Cove. Mayor Murray advised that the project should be done in the September/October time frame.

Eileen Absenger, 138 Tate Avenue, commented that she went to the Town of Cortlandt for a presentation. Cheryl Murray and two employees from the Town were there, and that was it in the audience. There was a lot of information. The Seniors may have already gotten it in their presentation. She feels that the residents need to hear about the particulate matter from the cooling towers, Entergy's options if they do not get DEC approval, and the impact. She feels that the presentation should be on t.v. for the residents. If Entergy fights it, they may end up in court for the next 20 years, Indian Point could be decommissioned and all will be for naught. She commented that Entergy is in our backyard. They need us as much as we need them. She urged residents to send letters of support to Entergy and whomever else is involved, and to get the involvement of other municipalities. Mayor Murray advised that he will arrange for the presentation to be given to the residents and that it will be televised. He noted that it is the same presentation as that attended by the Board members and given to the Seniors.

Ms. Absenger commented in favor of the web site being updated. She understood the present status.

Ms. Absenger commented on the DEC hearing on July 20. That presentation will be in regard to the water from the Hudson. She noted that the presentation she attended was in support of screening. The DEC and River Keeper want the cooling towers. She wanted to know if the July 20 hearing was to present that. Mayor Murray advised that is not the purpose. Part of the process is that Entergy is contesting the DEC's findings. Prior to going to court, they have to have a Public Hearing. That will be on July 20. The court appearance is going to be the last week in July and the first week in August. This is part of the legal process of contesting the DEC's findings. Ms. Absenger wanted to know if there is a DEC rebuttal, would the residents be informed. Mayor Murray commented that there are volumes of paperwork the Village receives from the attorneys for this. That is why he asked Cheryl Murray to help out. They send material all over whenever somebody reviews anything pertaining to this issue. It is hard to sift through.

Ms. Absenger supported the suggestion for utilizing students to assist with the administrative tasks. She suggested students from Hendrick Hudson High School who have to put in community hours. She did not believe they would have to be paid. They would receive a letter of recommendation for use by colleges. Mayor Murray advised that when things get to that stage, the Board will explore that. They are not yet ready to do that. Mr. Iacomini commented that he could give the Board a letter they can use as a model. Trustee Zachary commented that you do not see young kids getting interested in municipal government and this would get them involved with the Village. Mr. Iacomini commented that it also provides them with useful, practical business experience.

On a question on the Master Plan by Mr. Iacomini, Mayor Murray advised that it is not legally binding. It is a guide.

Mr. Iacomini commented on authorizing the Village Engineer to advertise bids for the comminutor at the Sewer Treatment Plant (i.e. agenda item [e]). He wanted to know if that is part of the monies we pay to the Village Engineer or are they additional fees. Mayor Murray advised that the comminutor will come out of the bond and will cost \$35,000 or \$45,000. There is a nominal fee to prepare and put out specifications. Mr. Iacomini commented that a few years ago, there was a significant amount spent on the Master Plan. He did not know if anything came out of that. The Mayor commented that the Master Plan was very different from this project. He advised that the Village Engineer's contract has been the same for the last couple of years. There are duties specified within the budgeted amount of money. Anything outside of that contract, which this capital improvement falls into, is paid outside of the budgeted fees. It will come out of the bond. We do not have the bond money right now. The Board had to authorize the Resolution to spend money from the General Fund right now. It was done on the advice of our

bond counsel and legal counsel and is totally legal. This will get the Village into compliance with the Westchester County Board of Health. Mr. Iacomini commented that sometimes the preparation to do a job is more costly than the job itself. The Mayor commented that the bidding process is very cumbersome. This piece of equipment will cost between \$35,000 and \$40,000. We are bound by New York State law and the process it requires. They do not care what the cost of that process is to the Village.

9. **ADJOURNMENT:**

At 9:35 PM a MOTION to adjourn this meeting was made by Trustee Kinckerbocker, seconded by Trustee Zachary with all in favor and Trustees Funchion and Smith absent.

9. **AUDIT OF BILLS:**

General Fund: _____ Water Fund: _____

Capital Fund: _____ T&A Fund: _____

See Abstract of Audited Claim Vouchers for details.

Kevin Hay