

**Village of Buchanan
Mayor & Board of Trustees
Village Board Meeting
October 1, 2012**

PRESENT:

Mayor Sean Murray

Trustees Theresa Knickerbocker, Richard A. Funchion, Nicholas Zachary and Duane M. Jackson

Village Administrator Kevin Hay

Village Attorney Stephanie V. Porteus

ABSENT:

Village Board Secretary Susan F. Matthews (out of state)

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. PRESENTATION OF CERTIFICATES OF APPRECIATION:

Mayor Murray announced that we would be presenting Certificates of Appreciation to two of our young residents. On September 10, they heard something that was not normal. They heard a fire alarm going off in a neighbor's house where there was nobody home. They smelled some things that did not seem right. They notified some adults. The Fire Department was able to respond and stopped a tragedy from happening to one of their neighbors. The Mayor called the family to come forward.

Mayor Murray presented Certificates of Appreciation to Samantha Queen and Makayla Zambrano. The Mayor read the certificates. He thanked them and commended them for helping one of their neighbors and for doing what we always say, that if you see something strange to say something.

3. APPROVE MINUTES: August 2012 Workshop

Trustee Funchion amended on page 6, paragraph 1, under parade permit, to change "of individual" to "small segment of the Village"; and page 7, paragraph 1, amend "there nothing" to correctly read "there is nothing".

A Motion to approve these minutes as amended was made by Trustee Funchion, seconded by Trustee Knickerbocker with all in favor.

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

None.

5. NEW BUSINESS:

a) PUBLIC HEARING: ON A PROPOSED LOCAL LAW AMENDING CHAPTER 137 OF THE VILLAGE CODE.

At 7:35 PM, a MOTION to open the Public Hearing was made by Trustee Funchion, seconded by Trustee Knickerbocker with all in favor.

Mayor Murray said this is concerning portable storage units. We have complaints from residents concerning pods or sea/land containers being placed in residents' front yards for many months at a time. We have also had discussions concerning dumpsters. This Public Hearing has been set to propose to amend the law. The Mayor asked for comments from the Board.

Trustee Knickerbocker noted that the permits would be granted for a period of 30 days. At the end of that time, applicants may seek to extend it for an additional 30 days. She commented that if someone is interested in getting a pod, they need to know the time limits and the requirements they would have to fulfill. Before, there was nothing. The Mayor commented that at the Workshop meeting, they discussed trying to include dumpsters because we have also received complaints about them. Not only on how they are being used in residents' yards but also for advertising purposes along main highways. The Village has talked with some of the property owners and remediated the majority of the issues. But since we are talking about temporary storage containers on private properties, we will try to encompass both things at once. He asked if the Board had any further comments. The Mayor would like to have a Motion to hold this over to next month to discuss some of the finer points concerning dumpsters.

Village Attorney Porteus suggested that there is a section of the Code on solid waste where she thinks the issue of dumpsters would fit in. We can still do this one as is because it is where it talks about container sizes and sizes of the garbage containers. She advised that the Board could easily put in a paragraph. She could prepare that for a different Public Hearing rather than putting it into Property Maintenance because it gives you two different areas where they are talking about waste containers like dumpsters. She has shared this with the Building Inspector as well. Mayor Murray advised that the memo from the Building Inspector did say that there is a dumpster problem that could possibly be addressed by amending Chapter 163, Solid Waste, which would better enable the Building Inspector to deal with the dumpster issue when it arises. Village Attorney Porteus advised that if the Board would like, they can pass this one and then she can give them a draft of one, which would be very small, dealing with the dumpsters, maybe at the Workshop. They could then set the next Public Hearing. The Mayor commented that they could do that. He noted that the meeting tonight was sparsely attended and he did not know if the public received enough notification or were just unable to attend this evening. He prefers keeping Public Hearings open for more than one month especially when it pertains to storage or impacting other people's neighbors.

Trustee Funchion wanted to let residents know that this is an exception to any kind of a disaster like a major snow storm, a hurricane, a fire or anything like that where it would necessitate a homeowner needing extended time. Watching television following this recent storm, you realize there is an exception to that. The Mayor read the section of the proposed law that Trustee Funchion referred to. The Mayor would like to have more public comment. Trustee Knickerbocker wanted to know if a copy of this proposal was available at the Village Hall. The Mayor advised that it is.

Trustee Zachary feels that what they have here is very fair. For the first 30 days, you need a permit but there is no fee. A renewal for an additional 30 days would require a \$25 fee. The Board is not looking to keep people from getting these storage devices when they need them. We are just looking to keep them from being permanent fixtures which become an eyesore in the community.

A Motion to leave the Public Hearing open and continue it at the next Village Board meeting was made by Trustee Zachary, seconded by Trustee Knickerbocker with all in favor.

b) RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE ADOPTION OF LOCAL LAW NO. 6 OF 2012 AMENDING CHAPTER 137 OF THE VILLAGE CODE.

Mayor Murray announced that that this will be held over to the next Village Board meeting

c) PUBLIC HEARING: ON A PROPOSED LOCAL LAW AMENDING CHAPTER 171 OF THE VILLAGE CODE.

At 7:46 PM a MOTION to open the Public Hearing was made by Trustee Funchion, seconded by Trustee Zachary with all in favor.

Mayor Murray advised that the section of the Code to be amended concerns the sub-division of land and specifically the section concerning the Recreation Fund. He advised that as previously written, it stated the acquisition and equipping of new park land. The Village Attorney has done the research of New York State law and the legislative intent. We do not have purchase new land to equip it. We can expand our facilities. There is a caveat in there stating that that under no circumstances can these funds be used for general recreation facilities and/or equipment. We are proposing to change that language that says we have to purchase new land and equipment.

The Mayor called for any comments from the public. There were none. The Mayor asked for comments from the Board.

Trustee Zachary commented that a few members of the public have commented to him with some ideas. He has put forth a few ideas of his own. He commented that right now, the Board is not deciding on any specific thing to use this money for. They are just rewording the terms of the Recreation Fund so that it is clearer as to what we can use it for. It is specifically not going to be used for repairs and maintenance. It will only be used for things that improve the

recreation program. We want to have a broader ability to use that money in positive ways that the Board might agree on in the future. At the Workshop, he will present some of the ideas that he has heard from the residents, rather than discuss them now. If anyone is interested in what recreation improvements can be done in the Village, he encouraged them to come to the next Workshop meeting and share them with the Board. One idea he has is to build a shade structure at the pool. The Recreation Supervisor thought perhaps new tables with good shade umbrellas would be just as good. It will all be discussed and planned. Nothing is definite at this point.

The Mayor asked for any further comments from anyone. There were none.

At 7:49 PM a MOTION to close the Public Hearing was made by Trustee Funchion, seconded by Trustee Knickerbocker with all in favor.

d) 12-45 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE ADOPTION OF LOCAL LAW NO. 7 OF 2012 AMENDING CHAPTER 171 OF THE VILLAGE CODE

Mayor Murray read the Resolution (*copy attached*).

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

e) 12-46 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE EMPLOYMENT OF SEASONAL HIGHWAY PERSONNEL

Mayor Murray read the Resolution (*copy attached*).

Village Administrator Hay advised that he talked to people exploring all the options and Trustee Zachary wanted to know if it was our intention to hire additional workers as the Fall goes on. The Mayor advised that at this point, it is only one seasonal employee. Village Administrator Hay advised that at this time there was only one person. He advised that he had gone through and contacted all those with applications on file including for full time positions. It was also posted on the Buchanan Channel TV screen. We will have to reevaluate. Mayor Murray advised that we do have money left in the budget to hire two people. Only one person was willing to accept employment under these terms and conditions, so that is why we just hired the one.

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

f) 12-47 RESOLUTION APPOINTING HIGHWAY PERSONNEL

Mayor Murray read the Resolution (*copy attached*). This is an opening for an MEO.

The Mayor advised that we had moved everyone last month when our Highway Foreman had retired and we moved the Water Department Superintendent to become the new Highway

Foreman and other moves. Somehow Mr. Swankee's name was not included. This will transfer him from the Sanitation to the Highway Department.

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

g) 12-48 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING USE OF A VILLAGE FACILITY

Mayor Murray read the Resolution (*copy attached*).

Trustee Funchion wanted to know who would be doing the clean up. The Mayor advised that as stated in the letter from Ms. Costello of the Hendrick Hudson LEOS, they would be doing the clean up. He noted that it has been our custom to waive the fee for non-profits. The Guiding Eyes For The Blind helps out the community and it is great that we can help the people who work with them.

A MOTION to adopt this Resolution as presented was made by Trustee Funchion, seconded by Trustee Jackson with all in favor.

6. INFORMATION FROM OFFICERS AND DEPARTMENTS:

a) Justice Court Report – August 2012

Received.

b) Fire Inspector Reports – May 2012 – July 2012

Received.

c) Planning Board Minutes – July 19, 2012

Received.

d) Zoning Board Minutes – April-June 2012

Received.

The Mayor asked if the Board had any comments on any of the above reports. There were none.

e) Attorney's Report

Village Attorney Porteus reported that at the Planning Board, LaFarge and AAA were still in. She will be working with the Building Inspector to prepare some memos for the Board to review as directed by the Mayor, concerning recommended changes to the Code.

Trustee Knickerbocker asked for the status of the matter of the house on White Street. Village Attorney Porteus reported that there has been some progress. We have had some people in and out and they are doing some testing on the inside. That should be moving along very shortly.

f) Trustees Reports

Trustee Funchion reported that he attended the 9/11 Memorial when they erected the structure in Croton. It was very touching. He commented that he spent much of his life in the World Trade Center. Looking at that steel beam brought back a lot of memories and put an accent on how terrible a day that was. He thanked everyone on the committee for putting the memorial together. It is a very nice location on the bank of the river where you can sit and think about that day and what happened. He knows that for him and other survivors, it will be nice to have that.

Trustee Funchion commented that he would let Trustees Zachary and Knickerbocker report on Buchanan Day since they were the ones who started it. He did want to thank everyone they worked with, especially the school volunteers who were a great help. He feels that it was a great success. He commented that Mother Nature did not cooperate. It was windy and cold. But everything went off well. This year, the event was extended with a band playing at 4 PM. He noted that unfortunately, the banner showed the hours as from 11 AM to 4 PM. Next year, they will do better getting that out to the public. They would like to bring in an older crowd from 4 PM on. Trustee Funchion noted that by that time of day, kids would be ready to go home

Trustee Funchion reported that he and Trustee Jackson met with Mr. Bob Lupica concerning possible development sites within the Village. It was an initial meeting. They went over a lot of issues. At the next Workshop meeting, they will be speaking about that more.

Trustee Funchion reported that the Saint Patrick's Day Parade committee is close to naming a Grand Marshal. He was unable to attend the last meeting because of another Village commitment. He urged anyone who is interested to get involved. It is a good parade and an event that brings the Village together.

Trustee Funchion wished to address what he feels are a resident's vile and untrue comments to the media. He commented that this Board will not stand for bullying. That includes bullying toward the Board, Village employees and Village residents. The purpose of this administration is to address the needs of all, and he wished to emphasize "all", residents; not a select few. This administration has encouraged all residents to bring their concerns to members of the Board and has fostered open discussions to determine appropriate remedies for these concerns. Recently, Village residents who live in close proximity to St. Christopher's Church have brought concerns about the number of parades that have occurred and the amount of noise that has been generated by various church sponsored events. The Board discussed these issues in a public forum. Included in the discussion were the complaints of disruptions to residents' lives and the cost to the Village taxpayers. The core issue involved is not religion. Rather it is an issue of the amount of noise and disruption to a group of Village residents. Each of us has a responsibility to be a

good neighbor. Businesses and churches have the same responsibility as individuals. Trustee Funchion commented that he personally takes offense to resident Donahue's unfounded allegations of bigotry and discrimination. He finds his remarks to be vile and maliciously bordering on legal slander. Trustee Funchion commented that he has been a practicing Catholic all his life. He noted that he was educated for 17 years in Catholic schools and has been a member of St. Christopher's and St. Patrick's parishes for the past 35 years, having taught CCD at St. Christopher's for 6 years. His wife taught at St. Patrick's School until its closing. Both his children have attended Catholic schools and were baptized at St. Christopher's. He commented that for someone to say that he discriminates against his own church is both preposterous and insulting. He has taken an oath to represent all Village residents. Our Constitution is based upon separation of church and state. He commented that he again states that this issue is based not on an issue of religion but one of a quality of life and being a good neighbor. He commented that people who make use of derisive and divisive rhetoric, unfounded allegations and a lack of knowledge of the issues do not speak to the Village of Buchanan's best interests. He feels that in fact they make a mockery of the concerned, caring residents who live in Buchanan.

Trustee Jackson reported that he also attended the 9/11 Memorial ceremony and echoed Trustee Funchion's sentiments. He commented that although he was not on the Village Board at the time we chose to participate in this and contributing funds, it is a great idea. He noted that he was on Wall Street with his business on 9/11. He feels that to have a piece of that part of history and a remembrance of those who we lost on that day is very appropriate. He feels that the setting in Croton could not have been better. He urges all residents to go down there and look at Phase I. Also to get involved as we go forward to raise private funds for Phase II. He met the artist and the architect who were involved with the project. He is glad that Buchanan was involved in this effort.

Trustee Jackson congratulated the Explorers who won a trophy at the parade in Mohegan Lake. He commented that we have fine young gentleman involved in the Explorer program. Trustee Jackson noted that he is a recent member of the Buchanan Engine Company. He would encourage any youth in the Village to get involved with this program. He commended the young men who are in the program.

Trustee Jackson said that as Trustee Funchion reported, they had a meeting to try to ascertain concerning what lands in the Village might be available and what ideas we can bring to the table. He looks forward to bringing back to the public some ideas in terms of what we might do in terms of development here in the Village.

Trustee Zachary reported that he also attended the ceremony for the 9/11 Memorial. He highly recommends people to go there. The parking area in Croton is by Half Moon Bay. You can drive about half way out to it. It is about a 15 minute walk to the monument. He noted that some people feel that is a drawback because if you have a hard time getting around it would be

hard to get to see it. He commented that is unfortunate. It is a wonderful memorial. It is a short walk for most people and he highly recommends seeing it. It is very touching.

Trustee Zachary reported that everyone seems to have had fun at Buchanan Day. They tried to count the number of people but everyone kept moving around. At one point, they counted 150 people just watching the show by the man who had the hawks and owls flying around on the ball field. Trustee Zachary estimates the total attendance was around 450 for the day. It went over well. They will work out some timing issues on a few things, in the future. He thanked the people who were involved with the committee. He thanked Trustees Knickerbocker and Funchion. Trustee Zachary appreciated Trustee Funchion having thanked him but he feels that he did not have as much time for it as he would have liked. He thanked Colleen Lonergan, Cathy Brennan and Mary Ingenito. He thanked all the volunteers, including the Fire Department Explorers who were very helpful. When things had to be moved around, the Explorers were very willing to help. He thanked the volunteers from the school groups.

Trustee Knickerbocker wished to continue the thanks by thanking Bob Wheeler from the Highway Department who worked very hard that day and very well with the committee. She thanked the Buchanan Police Department. The officers came in on their own time and set up a table for the kids with games and give aways. She thanked Officers Palmietto, Guida, Cobelli and Farrell. They really showed true community spirit. She thanked the Cortlandt Community Volunteer Ambulance Corps. She thanked Buchanan Engine Company who had fire trucks and a vendor table set up with food. They were also the support for the helicopter had it been able to come in. Unfortunately, the weather prevented it from coming. She thanked everyone on the Buchanan Day committee and apologized if she inadvertently overlooked anyone by name. Trustee Knickerbocker commented that the whole community came out. Among them were the Girl Scouts and the cheerleaders. Among the vendors were Taste and The Backyard Grille. We had local vendors and some of our local businesses who supported the event. They included Steve Trend who is an insurance agent located on the Circle, and Crissy's Cupcakes, who is a local person. Trustee Knickerbocker commented that those who were there late in the afternoon got to see her sing with the band. Buchanan Day was a great event and a great opportunity to bring the community together and have some fun.

Trustee Knickerbocker said that she would leave it to the Mayor to report on the roads and the crack sealing.

Mayor's Report:

Mayor Murray announced a correction to an item in the Newsletter. Fire Prevention Day at Buchanan Engine Company will be on October 14 from 1-4 PM, not October 28 as given in the Newsletter. The Village Administrator will correct in on the Buchanan Channel screen. The Mayor commented that this annual event has been well attended. They are improving it every

year. There are demonstrations for the adults on how to help yourself in times of emergency. There are jumpy castles for the kids.

The Mayor thanked everyone who made Buchanan Day a success. He commented that a lot of hard work goes into it. Logistically, it is very difficult to out together as many events as they have done, getting all the vendors to come in and to get the events together to showcase what the Village has to offer. It is very important. He appreciates everybody's efforts.

The Mayor reported that paving has been finished on Westchester Avenue. It came in at approximately \$20,000 under budget from what we had estimated. We were going to take approximately \$10,000 from the Contingency. We do not have to do that now. The next phases of the project will be the road striping, stop bars and crack sealing. The Mayor wanted to know if we have a schedule for that. Village Administrator Hay advised that he met with the Village Engineer and Highway Foreman today. They drove the Village streets to finalize which ones would have crack sealing. They have narrowed that down. The Village Administrator has already been working with New York Bituminous about scheduling a date. Next he is going to meet with their regional representative. We will show him where the roads are. He has advised that we have plenty of days left. The Village Administrator will advise the Board when a schedule has been set. We have already gotten our quotes for the line striping. We are ready to go with that. Village Administrator Hay thought that maybe we would do the crack sealing first, then have them come in. Mayor Murray commented that there are a lot of logistics with these. They are State bids. We do not have to bid them out. They are from the State. We had budgeted for them back during the budget process because we wanted to expend these funds. We have spoken to the Highway Foreman. He is talking about putting some arrows in the Circle. The Mayor commented that he was not aware that people go the wrong way in the Circle. So we are putting together the packages for that.

The Mayor announced that the Halloween Parade will be on October 27 at 10:15 AM. It starts at the pavilion. The kids will march up to the Village Hall where the Recreation Supervisor has some events planned.

The Mayor congratulated the Explorers. They won the Best Junior Corps. award at the Westchester County Volunteer Firemen's Association convention. It is a Junior Corps. that has a lot of great people in it. They marched at the County convention which had 50-60 companies in it. They were the best overall in their class. The Mayor commented that it is a great accomplishment. They have good dedication to their mission and the guidance that is being provided is outstanding.

7. COMMENTS FROM THE FLOOR:

Angelo Iacomini, 7 Donahue Court, commented on an affidavit responding to a complaint that was filed with the New York State Division of Human Rights against the Village for the use of a term that he said the Board does not use any more. He commented that Mayor Murray made a

statement written of oath which he read. Mr. Iacomini commented that he was confident that he has been an integral contributor to the Zoning Board. At their monthly meeting held in September, he read and displayed those statements to the Zoning Board and asked its members if they had any concerns with his contributions as a board member. He commented that not only did the Zoning Board members respond that there were no concerns with his contributions but it was disclosed that they had no discussions with the Mayor about him. Mr. Iacomini commented that the purpose of bringing this up tonight was to set the record straight that the Mayor's statement was not supported by the members of the Zoning Board that he said he had talked to.

Al Donahue, 156 Second Street, commented that he would make comments, some of which are his and some were from reporters who were in the area on certain days. The Journal News had an article on September 18, 2012 mostly about St. Christopher's Roman Catholic Church where he is a member. Also, Eyewitness News was in our village on the same day for several hours interviewing people. They interviewed the Mayor, himself and other people. Mr. Donahue noted that Eyewitness News, at 4 PM on September 18, had as its lead story "St. Christopher's Roman Catholic Church in Buchanan, a village in Westchester County." He quoted the story. "There are neighbors who say Sunday celebrations are just too loud. Also the village could be forcing parishioners to pray a little quieter. During the Stations of the Cross on church property, acting out the Passion of Christ, that very day on Good Friday the church was slapped with a summons. Several days later that summons was dismissed. Mayor Murray stated, 'We are having an open meeting about the processions and reacting to what residents have complained about.' Chief Tubbs stated, 'There are no complaints on record about the parades.'" Mr. Donahue noted that it is in a memo, Chief of Police, Buchanan Police Department, dated August 20, 2012 which he is sure the Board members have a copy of.

Mr. Donahue commented that he filed several FOILs which disclosed that no overtime was paid to police for processions held by St. Christopher's Roman Catholic Church. He commented that true open government would be discussing St. Christopher's Church at the regular meeting of the Board of Trustees where it is televised and all the Village residents can watch it if they cannot be here.

8. BOARD MEMBER REBUTTALS:

Trustee Funchion commented that he feels that the statement he made covers most of this. He feels it is unfortunate that this individual's goal seems to be to bring divisiveness to the Village at the cost of all the residents of the Village. This individual seems to want to drag the good residents of Buchanan through the press. Trustee Funchion commented that naturally a station like Channel 7 would make light of something like this. He noted that he watched every bit of this and that's what they did; made light of the whole situation. Trustee Funchion wanted to point out that among many of the inaccuracies, the summons was issued to an individual, not to the church. He said that to reiterate, he is a practicing Catholic. He is a very proud Catholic and a staunch supporter of the Catholic church. He commented that he would never let anybody on

this Board do anything to segregate against his church but that most of all, nobody did. He commented that this Board of Trustees, and especially our Mayor, encourages everybody to come to open meetings and discuss things. We have Workshop meetings where everything is put on the table. We do not want to put any individual in a situation where if they make some outlandish statement that they want to build a pod for people from outer space to come down, let's put everything out on the table and discuss it, then come to a conclusion. This Board did not come to any conclusion. We are merely discussing things. Trustee Funchion commented that this individual saw fit to bring this to the press and drag us through the press for, what Trustee Funchion himself sees as, his own personal reasons. He finds it to be really discouraging. He does not think that any of the people in the Village of Buchanan looking at any of those articles or Channel 7 News. Here in Buchanan everybody know what is going on. He commented that maybe outside of the Village, they do not and that is what is very unfortunate; that Mr. Donahue has dragged this village through the mud that he has created.

Mayor Murray commented that as alluded to by the previous speaker, the Board did receive some communications from the Police Chief. The Board actually started a discussion at the request of the Police Chief. We have a letter dated July 9, 2012, which the Mayor is sure has been given to certain people through FOIL. The Mayor read from the letter. It states that "Parades in the Village of Buchanan can be a form of enjoyment for people. But they can also be burdensome to the residents of the streets where they take place, as well as financially burdensome to the tax payers of the Village. While it is not my desire to prohibit parades within the Village of Buchanan, I do believe that the cost associated with the parades should not fall solely upon the tax payer but also upon any organization which holds multiple parades throughout the year. Therefore, I respectfully request that an ordinance be passed by the Buchanan Village Board which would allow any organization, including any subsidiary of that organization, to hold two parades in a calendar year without incurring any charges. However, if the organization wishes to hold any additional parades they would be required to pay the equivalent of three hours of the salary of the Patrolman who is at top pay grade, at the rate of time and one-half, for the cost of holding the parade. Currently, the 2011-2012 fiscal year, the cost would be \$203.85. Should parades last longer than three hours or require more than one officer to be called in on overtime, the parade organizer should also be responsible for those additional costs. Thank you for consideration of my request. If you have any questions about my proposal, please do not hesitate to contact me."

Mayor Murray commented that when the Police Chief sent him this letter, he brought it up to the Board. They discussed it in the open meeting and had several questions. The Mayor commented that of the questions they asked only one was answered by Mr. Donahue. They were what the costs of the parade were and how many complaints do we have. The Mayor noted that they also wanted to talk about bike rider safety and putting things in the Newsletter. The response received was that if the parade is relatively small and only one additional police officer is needed, then the cost to the Police Department would be somewhere between \$203 and \$291 for

a three-hour call, depending on the rank of the officer or that officer would fall within the pay scale. However, should the parade last longer than three hours or be larger and require extra officers, then the cost would rise. Currently there are no costs for the use of the Sheriff's Emergency Force who assist us with parade coverage. We never request assistance from the State Police or the regular Westchester County officers. The Mayor commented that there were no complaints on record about the parades. He advised that very often however, a resident will engage a police officer in a conversation and voice their unhappiness about a parade. The Mayor noted that is not the type of complaint that would cause an officer to write a report. The Mayor commented that it is very easy to take sentences out of responses to try to focus it away from what the real issue is and what the real response is. He commented that that was the real issue and that was the real response and that is what the Board discussed. Not that there were not any written complaints. The Mayor commented that some people do not want to put their name in writing. They will stop an officer and ask them a question. He commented that these are the types of things the Board discussed and will continue to discuss. Nobody on this Board will be intimidated by anybody's tactics whether they have to talk to a reporter or not. The Mayor commented that he welcomes the press. He would be happy to give interviews to everybody and has given plenty before. He commented that as long as we are truthful and honest, we have nothing to fear. People who try to distort the truth are the ones who try to push their will on other people. The Mayor wants to tell the residents of the Village that no one on the Board will be intimidated and no one will allow a resident to be intimidated when they make a public comment or make a complaint.

Trustee Zachary commented that one thing he found troubling was that when the Board got an indication that there were people who were disturbed by the noise, there was no mention of any ethnic group. When the Board discussed this as a group, like should we limit the number of parades or charge fees, none of which led to any action, they were just discussing it. When they discussed this as a Board, they were talking about weighing the needs of the community versus the rights of an individual; in this case, St. Christopher's Church. There was no discussion of any ethnic group. Then suddenly in the newspaper there is an editorial from Mr. Donahue, "Bigotry is alive and well in the Village of Buchanan." Trustee Zachary commented that the Board was nowhere near that and wanted to know where that came from. That disturbed him.

Mayor Murray commented that concerning Mr. Iacomini's comments, he did not think it was appropriate for him to comment on his response or Mr. Cherchia's complaint against him until the New York State Human Rights Commission issues its opinion which he has been told will be forthcoming some time in October. The Mayor advised that he will then read the entire complaint filed against him by Mr. Cherchia as well as his response. He may have the Village Engineer give his response also.

9. ADJOURNMENT:

At 8:25 PM a MOTION to adjourn was made by Trustee Funchion, seconded by Trustee Zachary with all in favor. The Mayor thanked everyone for attending.