

**Village of Buchanan  
Mayor & Board of Trustees  
Village Board Meeting  
December 2, 2013**

**PRESENT:**

Mayor Sean Murray

Trustees Theresa Knickerbocker, Richard Funchion, Nicholas Zachary and Duane Jackson

Village Administrator Kevin Hay

Village Attorney Stephanie V. Porteus

Village Board Secretary Susan F. Matthews

**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. PROCLAMATION TO ORDER OF THE PURPLE HEART:**

Mayor Murray presented a proclamation to Eugene Lang of the Military Order of the Purple Heart making the Village of Buchanan a Purple Heart Community. Eugene Lang works closely with all veterans' causes. The Mayor said that the Village supports all the veterans' causes including efforts to keep the VA in Montrose open. The Purple Heart is given to those who are wounded or killed in action. The people who are wounded in action definitely need the services of the VA. It is important that we keep it open. Mayor Murray said that we will do everything we can for the returning veterans. Any time we talk about the veterans, whether it is the Purple Heart or the American Legion or the Veterans of Foreign Wars, it is a reminder for young people and their education. When people see the Purple Heart or the protests to support the VA and our veterans, it is a good way to introduce and educate the young people of our community to let them know that it takes a lot, especially from people in the military, for us to have what we have.

Mayor Murray presented and read the proclamation officially designating the Village of Buchanan as a Purple Heart community. This is to remember and recognize veterans who have received the Purple Heart medal. This is honoring the services and sanctity of the men and women wounded or killed serving our country. Mayor Murray thanked Mr. Lang for his service and for helping out as many Purple Heart recipients as possible.

Mayor Murray commented that nobody wants to get a Purple Heart. You do not wish to get it. It is important to remember the sacrifices of all our residents. The Mayor noted that he just recently learned that there are two residents on his block who received the Purple Heart. He

commented that often you do not know who was in the military and what they did until you take the time to talk with them.

Eugene Lang thanked the Mayor and the Village on behalf of the Military Order of the Purple Heart Chapter 21. He noted that they are always looking for more members.

### **3. APPROVE MINUTES:**

October 15, 2013 Workshop Meeting: Trustee Funchion amended page 13, paragraph 4, beginning of line 11 to add “originally”; and line 13 to change “that” to “three bedrooms”. Trustee Zachary amended page 3, 11 lines from the bottom, to change “exposed” to “not exposed”; page 15, paragraph 1, line 13, and change “290” to “90”. A MOTION to accept these minutes as amended was made by Trustee Funchion, seconded by Trustee Knickerbocker with all in favor.

November 4, 2013 Regular Board Meeting: A MOTION to accept these minutes as read was made by Trustee Jackson, seconded by Trustee Zachary with all in favor

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

None

### **5. NEW BUSINESS:**

#### **a. 13-40 RESOLUTION SCHEDULING A PUBLIC HEARING ON A PROPOSED LOCAL LAW OVERRIDING THE NEWLY ENACTED PROPERTY TAX CAP OF THE NEW YORK STATE LEGISLATURE.**

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

Mayor Murray noted that this is something we have done every year. This is a stop gap measure in case we have to override the New York State property tax cap. This will be discussed more at the Public Hearing. There has been some legislation introduced into the State Legislature in this legislative session that will allow municipalities to follow some of the rules that the school districts are allowed to. The main issue that the Mayor had voiced his concern about to our State representatives was that school districts are allowed to exempt their repayment of bonds from the tax cap whereas municipalities cannot. The Mayor has stated to State Senator Ball and Assemblywoman Galef that if the public approves a referendum for the Board to take out a bond that tells us that we can repay that bond. Therefore it should be exempt. It is exempt from the school districts and should also be exempt from the municipalities. It has not been approved yet.

If it is, it will be easier to abide by the 2% cap. It is one of the issues we have run into our budget. This resolution is a fail safe. We have done this every year.

Trustee Zachary commented that Mayor Murray pretty much summed it up. He said that we have trimmed a lot of the fat and it is going to get harder and harder. This year, it is not a 2% tax cap. It is a 1.7% tax cap because the State law is written as 2% or the rate of inflation, whichever is less. This year, the State Comptroller has set the tax cap maximum increase at 1.7%. It is not getting easier. The expenses from the State keep getting passed down to the smaller municipalities. Trustee Zachary commented that in his opinion, it is an essential stop gap.

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

**b. 13-41 RESOLUTION SCHEDULING A PUBLIC HEARING ON A PROPOSED RESOLUTION ABOLISHING THE OFFICE OF VILLAGE JUSTICE.**

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

Trustee Funchion commented, as a follow up to what Trustee Zachary said on the previous resolution, that this is an example of where the Board is trying to cut every possible nickel and dime to save the taxpayers' money. The Board found that essentially we can save some money in this particular area by not having our own Village court. He feels that it is important to try and save money in every which way.

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

**c. 13-42 RESOLUTION SCHEDULING A PUBLIC HEARING ON A PROPOSED LAW AMENDING CHAPTER 167 OF THE CODE OF THE VILLAGE OF BUCHANAN.**

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

Mayor Murray noted that this law is talking about road opening permits. We had an incident that occurred a month or two ago. Road work was being done to repair some gas lines on Bleakley Avenue. The home owners were not able to get out of their property. They went to the people doing the work and tried to have them remove the backhoe to get egress out of their property. They were denied the ability to leave their property. There is nothing in our Code that prevented them from moving. We want to put an amendment to this Code stating that anyone obtaining a road opening permit must notify any property owners who may be affected within 24 hours of the road being opened. The failure to comply would result in a fine. Some of the fines that we

had for this type of thing were \$25. The draft resolution calls for fines of \$100 and \$250. Mayor Murray wanted to amend it to be a minimum fine of \$500 for a violation and a maximum of \$2,000. He would like to have some language so that the Police Department would be able to order them to move. He asked the Village Attorney if that is legal and feasible. Village Attorney Porteus will look into it. The Mayor feels that if some company has to pay only a \$500 fine that we are not really meeting the goal of the intent of this legislation which is to allow the Village residents entrance and egress to their property. He commented that we understand that there will be times when they cannot but at least they must be notified so they can make alternative arrangements. The Mayor would like, if it is legally possible, to have our Police Department order them to move and if they do not, to then enact these penalties and fines. The Mayor asked for the comments from the Board on this proposed amendment.

Trustee Knickerbocker felt that \$100 minimum is way too low for what the residents had to go through to not be able to get out of their property and the contractor's not working with the residents. She feels that \$100 is nothing for a contractor. A \$500 fine gets people's attention. It was not right that the homeowner had this happen. Mayor Murray advised that this was not a contractor hired by the Village. He noted that the Village has been doing road work every year for the last four years with no complaints from anything that we had contracted out. This work was for separate gas lines being replaced. Trustee Zachary wanted to know if giving a range would leave a vague discretion. The Mayor advised that the discretion is for the judge. Trustee Zachary feels that a higher minimum is in order. The Mayor commented that it gives the ability to go up to \$2,000.

The draft will be amended from \$100 to and no more than \$250, to now be a minimum of \$500 and a maximum of \$2,000.

A MOTION to approve the draft as amended was made by Trustee Funchion, seconded by Trustee Knickerbocker with all in favor.

#### **d. EXECUTIVE SESSION TO DISCUSS POLICE CHIEF'S CONTRACT.**

At 7:50 PM a MOTION to enter into Executive Session was made by Trustee Funchion, seconded by Trustee Jackson with all in favor.

At 8:05 PM a MOTION to come out of Executive Session was made by Trustee Funchion, seconded by Trustee Knickerbocker with all in favor.

Mayor Murray advised that that the Board entered into discussion to discuss the Police Chief's contract. No action was taken and no Village funds were expended.

## **6. INFORMATION FROM OFFICERS & DEPARTMENTS:**

### a) Justice Court Report – October 2013

Received

Mayor Murray had a question on the Justice Court Report. He commented that as everyone knows, we have had some zoning issues with some businesses in the area. On one of the reports, it has the WIC building for a soil disturbance permit on the site plan approval. We issued violations for the continuation of a lot of violations that have been going on down there. The Mayor asked the Village Attorney what “CD” on the disposition meant. Village Attorney Porteus advised that means “conditional discharge”. She advised that the Village has a conditional settlement to prepare engineering plans by January 2 to remove the soil for which the violation was written. The property owner had to hire an engineer to engineer the plans. There is a manhole cover and other issues. The plans have to be given to the Village Engineer. The two engineers will work out the how, when and where. We are worried about erosion control. The stipulation was signed and submitted to the judge conditionally because if it does not happen, we go back in. Mayor Murray commented that this situation cannot then be remedied until at least May because the plans will be submitted but you cannot do that type of excavation in the winter. Village Attorney Porteus said that is that she understood it that way but that is not the way the Village Engineer seems to understand it. He thinks that we can remove the soil during the time. The Mayor wanted to know what the “drop dead” date was. Village Attorney Porteus advised that if we do not get the engineering plans, we go back to court in January. If we do get them, we are assuming that the two engineers will come up with a decent time frame and schedule. The Village Engineer is more concerned with the manhole, removing it and making it safer. There are other issues besides the fill.

Mayor Murray wanted to know about the site plan approval, which he noted had nothing to do with the engineer. Village Attorney Porteus advised that has nothing to do with the violation that was written. She was told last week that WIC and counsel were fully prepared to come in and close out all the open items. She has not seen anything yet. They are trying to schedule a meeting. She has advised them that she is more than willing to meet with them. There are 4 or 5 open issues out of 45. The Mayor wanted to know what the date was of that conditional discharge. Village Attorney Porteus advised that was not a violation. The violation was written for violating the site plan by putting in the fill. Mayor Murray commented that these two violations are tied together. Village Attorney Porteus confirmed that was correct. She commented that we are trying with the others. The Mayor commented that she and the Planning Board have been very diligent on this. The soil disturbance has impacted the neighbors and a lot of flooding. That is why we are trying to remedy that. He was concerned that the discharge on that was conditional. Village Attorney Porteus advised that it gave them 45 days to come up with some plans which would show some good faith in addressing the issues and removing the

fill. The Mayor wanted to know if they do not agree, can we go in there and take care of it and charge them for it. Village Attorney Porteus advised that we can. The Mayor directed that in the next correspondence with this applicant, if they fail to meet the 45 days, advise them that within 30 days the Village will remove it and bill them with a 25% handling fee on top of the charges incurred by the Village.

Mayor Murray noted that we had talked about intervener status concerning West Point Partners and that we are waiting for the administrative law. He wanted to know if we have received that. Village Attorney Porteus advised that she has not gotten that. She has gotten all the other correspondence and filings concerning every other municipality that is in. She will check. You can go on-line and see.

Mayor Murray explained that West Point Partners is a plan to bring a DC line from Athens, NY upstate down to Verplanck, into a DC-AC conversion station on Eleventh Street, then sent to a Buchanan switch yard on Broadway and transmitted down to New York City. They have requested a waiver of all our planning and zoning laws and all our Public Hearing processes; our wetlands and height requirements; a waiver of everything. It is up to the State DEC to grant that. The application has not been deemed complete by the State. It is necessary for us to be able to give input to the State and receive these types of correspondence to be certified as an intervener where we are allowed to give these types of input and be notified of Public Hearing phases and the whole list of things that must occur. This project is slated to cost approximately \$1 billion, which is \$1.2 million per megawatt. The fees would be incurred by the rate payers of our area. 43% of the fees would be absorbed by Con Edison. The rest would be absorbed through New York State Independent Service Operators (NYSIO). They would put a fee on all the electricity that would be distributed in New York State. The reason why the State has determined that 43% would be assessed to Con Edison is because they seem to feel that Con Edison customers would benefit the most from receiving those 1,000 megawatts of electricity. This is all part of Governor Cuomo's "energy super highway" infrastructure to import electricity from Canada. There are 3 or 4 lines that are slated at a cost of \$6 million to bring electricity down here to close Indian Point. That 1,000 megawatt line does not even have to be used once it is built. There is no source of generation for this line to be used. All West Point Partners is going to do is put the infrastructure in and make it the State's responsibility to supply the electricity. They are not going to operate it. The Mayor does not know who is.

Mayor Murray does not think that it is a good deal for our residents or any of the rate payers. He wanted to make sure that along with several municipalities and the Town of Cortlandt, we would be able to give our input and voice the opinion of our residents. That is why he directed our Village Attorney to file for intervener status. Town Attorney Tom Wood has filed for the Town of Cortlandt. The Town was granted the intervener status. A committee has been set up to try to fight this. Mayor Murray is a member. He will see if another member of the Board wishes to

become involved with it. There are a lot of groups involved. He commented that it is not a good deal for our area.

b) Wastewater Reports – November 2013

Received

c) Planning Board Minutes – October 17, 2013

Received

d) Zoning Board Minutes – September 11, 2013; October 9, 2013

Received

e) Police Reports – October 2013

Received

f) Attorney's Report

Village Attorney Porteus had nothing further to report other than the matters already discussed concerning the local laws and the Justice Court.

g) Trustees' Reports

Trustee Jackson thanked all the volunteers who volunteered for the Historical Society. They have Lillian Stein, the wife of our former Village Historian, as president. There are seven members. They are excited to get underway. Trustee Jackson has spoken to a few other historical society people in the area. He commented that we have a gorgeous room that a lot of our residents may not be aware of. They will be doing an inventory of it and getting it ready to invite the public for an Open House in the Spring. They will be putting out their official list of the officers.

Trustee Jackson gave his personal thanks to our volunteer Fire Department. They had two calls in frigid weather. One was with leaves on the other side of the lake on Westchester Avenue. Later that same day, there was a car fire in the Village that was put out. Trustee Jackson commented that he takes his hat off to all those volunteers who come out, participate and do their job. He commented that our first responders are number one and that the recent Metro North wreckage could have been right here in our area. Their training and preparedness is to be commended. He wanted the public to realize that those things are ongoing and that we have to be prepared. He is and continues to be very supportive of their efforts.

Trustee Funchion attended the Veterans Day ceremony at the Town of Cortlandt on November 11. He commented that Supervisor Linda Puglisi runs a very nice affair for the veterans. It is

very fortunate that we take time out and appreciate our veterans. He commented that one of the things that came up that day was that there are a lot of public places that remain open on Veterans Day which he feels is a shame because the whole country is supposed to take that day to give the veterans the support and publicity they deserve.

Trustee Funchion gave a cautionary warning about Christmas lights. A friend at U.S. Customs told him about the counterfeiting of UL approval signs on Christmas lights, especially with all the products coming out of China. Trustee Funchion advised that if you are leaving the house, make sure that the lights are off. Never go to bed with the lights on. He commented that no matter where you buy the lights, they may be counterfeit lights.

Trustee Funchion reported that on an item in the news of concern to anybody expecting Federal Express and UPS deliveries. In New York City and other locales, there have been dishonest people following the trucks around and stealing the packages that are left. He commented that at his house, the delivery companies did not wait for him to open the door to get the packages. He advised to also look out for your neighbor if they are not home.

Trustee Funchion reported that on Friday he will be attending the Pearl Harbor Day Remembrance observation in the Town of Cortlandt. He commented that Pearl Harbor Day, President Kennedy being shot and 9/11 are events where everyone can remember where they were when they heard about them. He referred to Mayor Murray's remarks and commented that our younger people realize the significance of Pearl Harbor. It was not just a battle that began WWII but how close we came as a country to be taken over if it was not for the heroics of the people in Pearl Harbor getting our fleet back together.

Trustee Funchion reminded everyone that this Sunday is the Christmas tree lighting in the Circle. He encouraged everyone to come out. He wished everyone and their families a Merry Christmas and Happy Holidays.

Trustee Zachary reminded everybody that if you have not already done so to re-register for the STAR discount. It is a New York State program. If you have been enrolled for years, you still have to re-register. The State has been pretty good about sending reminders. If you have not, you need to do it by December 31 to continue getting it. There is the standard STAR discount which anybody can get who makes under \$500,000 as a family income. There is the Enhanced STAR discount that Seniors are eligible for. It is a little more elaborate application process. There are income requirements to meet. It exempts the first \$63,000 or \$64,000 of your home value from taxes. He wanted to remind people that they will stop getting this discount if they do not re-register. You can do it on-line. If you are internet knowledgeable, do a search on STAR discount and it will bring you to the New York State government web site to re-register. You can also call their phone number, (518) 457-2036.



Trustee Zachary commented that people complain to him that a lot of what is said in the t.v. broadcast of the Board meetings is hard to understand. He thought we had resolved that.

He was glad that some people from the Seniors Club were present. He does not know if the STAR registration has come up at their meetings. A member of the Seniors advised that they checked it out. The enhanced program is guaranteed. You do not have to re-register if you are in the Enhanced program.

Trustee Zachary thanked Mayor Murray for giving the information on the West Point Partners. They are a consortium of different companies, each with a different function that will be looking to run this high voltage cable under the Hudson. If it goes through, about 4 acres of property behind Letteri Field in Verplanck will be replaced by 46 foot high transformers that buzz. Trustee Zachary feels that people in the area have to become aware of it, as well as the proposal by Spectra Energy to enlarge the Algonquin gas lines that comes into this area. That would also be landing on the shore close to where that high voltage line comes in and would also have an impact on us. They are looking for routes for new gas lines coming from shale gas, which is the “fracking” method. New York State has not yet approved this but there is also gas coming from Pennsylvania. People should start becoming aware of it because it can impact us.

Trustee Zachary wished everyone Happy Holidays.

Trustee Knickerbocker reported that this Saturday, December 7, at the Cortlandt Community Volunteer Ambulance Corps (CCVAC) there will be free training in CPR, first aid and the defibrillator. It is 2 to 3 hours. You will receive a heart saver certificate. It is good to know. You never know when there will be an emergency and you could save someone.

Trustee Knickerbocker reminded everyone about the Christmas tree lighting. It is always a great community event. We have many nice community events. This one is really great, being around the holidays. She is looking forward to seeing a lot of people there. Trustee Knickerbocker wished everyone a Merry Christmas, Happy Holidays and a healthy, Happy New Year.

#### h) Mayor’s Report

Mayor Murray reported that the Pearl Harbor Day Remembrance ceremony will be on Friday, December 6 at 3:00 PM at the Cortlandt Town Hall. The Mayor encouraged everyone who is available to attend. There will be some speakers. A lot of WWII veterans come to the ceremony. The Village hosted the ceremony in 2007. It is moved around between Peekskill, Croton and the Village of Buchanan. It will be held again in the Village next year.

Mayor Murray said in the Town one thing Trustee Zachary talked about was the Algonquin pipe line. The Mayor noted that in his earlier remarks, he did not speak about Spectra Energy. There are two gas pipe lines that come across between Indian Point and the Lafarge plant. They run through the Village of Buchanan and cross under Bleakley Avenue. The expansion is a plan to have a 46 inch main come across in almost the exact location as this DC conversion station in Verplanck and run through the Village of Buchanan along the same route as the current Algonquin pipe line. A couple of committees have been set up to try to get a lot of information. There are a lot of committees to try to stop it because this gas is not going to be used in this area. It is going to be used in Massachusetts and Rhode Island. This pipe line goes all the way from Pennsylvania and the Midwest all the way to the East Coast and up to Massachusetts. There are several compressor stations along that line. It must be compressed into a liquid to keep it moving. These compressor stations put out a lot of pollution. Some of them will be across the river. The Mayor does not know the location of them all. There will be an informational meeting on Wednesday, December 11 at the Hendrick Hudson Free Library between 7 and 9 PM. There will be a couple of speakers. There will be the Eastern Program Coordinator for Oil & Gas Accountability Projects and the Community Outreach Coordinator for the Clean Air Council. There will be a lot of information about these pipe lines and some of the effects that have taken place due to “fracking”. The Mayor noted that New York State has not approved any “fracking” as of now. Some of our neighboring states have. If anyone would like to get information on the effects of these pipelines and their compressor stations, they can do so at the Hendrick Hudson Free Library on December 11. They will also be at the Mahopac Library, 668 Route 6, Mahopac on December 12 between 7 Pm and 9 PM. The Mayor noted that during the summer you may have seen surveyors out on Bleakley Avenue and in Peekskill. They have been doing their research and are submitting their paperwork to get it approved. Trustee Knickerbocker wanted to know if this was on the Buchanan Channel screen. The Mayor advised that it will be. He just received this information.

Trustee Knickerbocker wanted to know, concerning the compressor stations, if one of them is what looks to be a sub-station near the diner coming in from Peekskill. The Mayor advised that it was not although it is a gas facility for the Algonquin pipe line. He does not know its function.

Mayor Murray reported that he received a letter from County to advise Seniors about scams, especially during the holiday season. There are unscrupulous people who try to take advantage of people’s willingness to give, especially during the holiday season. They target Seniors. The Mayor advised that unless you are familiar with the charity, to research it before you give. Never give them any of your bank account or Social Security information. You can check with the Better Business Bureau. You can check the County’s web for any that they have had problems with. We did have some incidents in the Village last year. The police were involved and the calls stopped.

Mayor Murray wished everyone a Merry Christmas and hopes to see everyone at the Christmas tree lighting.

## **7. COMMENTS FROM THE FLOOR:**

Don Zern, Westchester Avenue, commented on the proposed resolution to abolish the Justice Court. He wanted to know why that is being proposed. Mayor Murray advised that currently we are losing money on our Village Court. The budget is approximately \$35,000 per year. We have not made \$35,000 or even broken even. State law states that if municipalities within Towns decide to give up the court services, the Town has to take it over. You can only do that once every four years in the Village. You cannot do that when there is an elected Justice. The other issue is that other State Senators and Assembly representatives have entered legislation into this year's legislative session to abolish the ability of municipalities to negotiate their tickets. If they take the ability to plea bargain away from us, we would lose every nickel we have in the court plus some because there are other administrative costs. If that legislation is successful, we would have to raise taxes approximately 2.5% just to cover the costs of the court. The Mayor commented that he does not like having to bank on the hope that something will not pass in the State, especially if it is going to give the State more revenue. The State has always wanted to try to do legislation that takes the revenue away from the municipalities and puts it in their coffers. If we do not do this and we do not pass it onto the Town, we would stand to lose approximately \$135,000-\$140,000 over four years.

Mr. Zern commented that he understands what the Mayor is saying. He said what if the State does not. What then happens is we turn around and abolish the court here. He commented that everyone is innocent until proven guilty. The problem he sees is when the police officer has to go to court. We will have to bring him out to the Town of Cortlandt, pay for overtime at time and a half for perhaps 4-6 hours. Mr. Zern wanted to know if this weighed into the factor. The Mayor advised that he researched that. The only time an officer would have to go out there to testify would be if there was a trial. We have not had a V&T trial in the 6 years that Mayor Murray has been an elected official. He asked the Town of Cortlandt. He does not believe that they have had a V&T trial in the last 4 years. So we would not be incurring those costs. We do not currently transport our prisoners from Westchester County. We did away with that agreement last year. The only prisoners that we have to transfer are the ones that are outside of the county. We would have to do that whether we kept a court or not. So that would not be an increase in fees. We would be able to keep our parking tickets and fines that were incurred through Code violations - Zoning or Planning Code violations, noise, any Code violation. We would still keep that revenue even though it would be tried by the Town Court.

Mr. Zern feels that once we start with the court, then we move forward to the Police Department, the Highway Department. He remarked where will it stop. He commented that we want to keep

this Village. He has four generation living here. He wants to keep the Village as it is. He knows it is hard. He commented that he knows the situation as it is but he feels to start chipping away and start taking away a department is the beginning of the end of this Village. Mayor Murray commented that he disagrees. He said that he has always supported our Police Department and our Highway Department. He commented that you have never heard a word out of his mouth saying to get rid of either one of those. He commented that he has been and will continue to be a staunch supporter of them. He noted that he had stated that in each of his election campaigns since 2008 and even when he was on the Planning Board. That is not the goal. The goal is not to get rid of the Police Department. The goal is to keep the Police Department and make the Village more economical for them to stay here. The Mayor commented that if we can trim costs in other areas to keep these services that you and I want, we have to take certain measures. Mr. Zern commented that we have a contract that the Board was in negotiations on tonight. He wanted to know what the Chief of Police is making per year in salary and benefits and retirement package. The Mayor advised that is public record and the contract can be obtained with a FOIL request. The Board went into Executive Session to discuss forward looking on that contract. Mr. Zern wanted to know if anyone on the Board had a ball park number on that salary, benefits and retirement as of this year. Trustee Knickerbocker believed it was around \$100,000. The Mayor advised that the Police Chief's contract was settled in 2010 before any member of the current Board negotiated it. It was signed by the former administration. It was and still is a matter of public record. If Mr. Zern would like a copy of it, he can get one. Mr. Zern commented that if we want to save money, to trim money, to think about it.

**8. BOARD MEMBER REBUTTALS:**

None.

**9: ADJOURNMENT:**

At 8:35 PM a MOTION to adjourn this meeting was made by Trustee Funchion, seconded by Trustee Jackson with all in favor.