

Mayor & Board of Trustees
Village Board Meeting
September 4, 2018

PRESENT:

Mayor Theresa Knickerbocker
Trustees Richard A. Funchion, Duane M. Jackson and Cesare Pasquale
Village Administrator Kevin Hay
Village Attorney Stephanie V. Porteus
Village Board Secretary Susan F. Matthews
Highway Foreman Bob Wheeler
Officer Shane Farrell

County Executive George Latimer

ABSENT:

Trustee Nicolas Zachary

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

At 7:00 PM a MOTION to enter into Executive Session to discuss pending litigation was made by Trustee Jackson seconded by Trustee Pasquale with all in favor and Trustee Zachary absent.

At 7:25 PM a MOTION to exit Executive Session was made by Trustee Funchion seconded by Trustee Jackson with all in favor and Trustee Zachary absent.

1. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

Mayor Knickerbocker called the meeting to order at 7:30 PM. Officer Shane Farrell led the Pledge of Allegiance. The Mayor informed every one of the fire regulations. The Mayor announced that County Executive George Latimer would be stopping by. The meeting will be interrupted at that time and restarted when he has finished his presentation.

2. APPROVE MINUTES:

June 26, 2018 Workshop Meeting: A MOTION to adopt these minutes as read was made by Trustee Funchion, seconded by Trustee Jackson with all in favor and Trustee Zachary absent.

3. GEORGE BOYLE, VILLAGE HISTORICAL CONSULTANT:

Mayor Knickerbocker announced that George Boyle, our new Village Historical consultant, was in the audience and called on him to speak.

Mr. Boyle said that between them he and his wife have lived in Buchanan for 160 years. He was born in the former Peekskill Hospital and his wife was born in a shack near the railroad bridge. In the 1950s he was a one of the part-time police officers here. Fred Presher was another. He noted that Chief Tubbs has a list. Mayor Knickerbocker commented that Mr. Boyle has seen a lot of changes. He was a mailman over 9 years. He retired from Sing Sing Prison after more than 25 years of service. The Mayor commented that he knew Indian Point Park before Entergy. Mr. Boyle said that he was over there in the 1950s, right after high school. He also worked at the leather factory which he said after that was called Standard Oil Cloth Products. During WWII their contribution was that they made camouflage. He remembers getting pieces for his tent. Mr. Boyle commented that there are 2 or 3 guys in the Buchanan Seniors who are a couple of years older than him whom he is pumping for information. They came to some dead ends because everybody is gone. He will make a project out of it and will take care of it. Mayor Knickerbocker thanked him.

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

None

5. OLD BUSINESS:

a. PUBLIC HEARING ON A PROPOSED LOCAL LAW AMENDING CHAPTER 163-4 ENTITLED “PLACEMENT FOR COLLECTION; STORAGE; REFUSE CONTAINERS” OF THE CODE OF THE VILLAGE OF BUCHANAN.

At 7:38 PM a MOTION to open the Public Hearing was made by Trustee Funchion, seconded by Trustee Jackson with all in favor and Trustee Zachary absent.

Mayor Knickerbocker explained that we are not looking to make it more difficult to pick up garbage. We have an issue with animals getting into the plastic bags and the garbage gets all over the road. It is a health hazard that we are trying to curtail. Plastic bags with food have to be in a garbage container with a lid. You can still use plastic bags for non-food items. Going forward, any food items placed in a plastic bag needs to be placed in a garbage can.

Trustee Funchion commented that when the Board talked about it, he thought we said that the containers should be uniform, have handles and tight-fitting covers. If you lost the top of the garbage can, do not use it for food. Plastic bags are used for other non-food garbage. Trustee Funchion noted that as it stands right now it would be considered a Code violation without a cover. The Village Administrator noted that it is how it has always been. Trustee Funchion commented that you get one windy day and you lose the garbage can top. He uses the ones without the lid for non-food items. He does not think that any person wants animals to attack their garbage all over their properties and have to clean it up. He wanted to know if anyone else saw the necessity of changing this. Mayor Knickerbocker commented that in reality it is almost going to be impossible to enforce. The reason we are trying to change this law is that we are trying to curtail the animals getting into the bags. Trustee Funchion commented that he does not

have a problem. He knows the purpose of this change is to make sure that the people who are throwing out food garbage in plastic bags know that it has to be in sealed plastic containers. There are other types of garbage. He will go along with it as it is. The Administrator and the Mayor both commented that it has been that way for a long time. We are trying to alleviate a problem by tuning up the Code.

Eileen Absenger, 138 Tate Avenue, thinks that the large construction bags can go out along side the garbage bags if they do not have food or perishable items. She commented that the cans are not cheap. They are talking about \$20-\$30 for a garbage can. She commented that if you lose the top, you cannot put the garbage out and you would then have to go out and buy a new garbage can. She feels that it would be nice if they sold the tops. Trustee Funchion commented that he had one can with a top and one without. The only thing he puts in the one without are other types of things, not food. Ms. Absenger asked for suggestions to secure the tops. Trustee Funchion asked the Highway Foreman if it would be a problem if the tops were permanently attached. The Highway Foreman advised that if a bungee cord is too tight, it could snap back and hit the guys. Ms. Absenger commented that they might put it in the garbage. It may not stay attached. The Highway Foreman said that they throw it next to the top. Trustee Funchion had no problem with pickup as it is very good. If there was a wind storm, the can can blow away. Eileen Absenger commended the Sanitation Department saying that they do put the tops in the garbage cans. If you lose your garbage can, it is a different story.

At 7: 45 PM a MOTION to close the Public Hearing was made by Trustee Jackson, seconded by Trustee Pasquale with all in favor and Trustee Zachary absent.

b. 18-40 RESOLUTION ADOPTING A LOCAL LAW AMENDING CHAPTER 163 OF THE CODE OF THE VILLAGE OF BUCHANAN.

Trustee Pasquale read the Resolution (*copy attached*).

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

6. NEW BUSINESS:

a. 18-41 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE ENGINEER TO PREPARE SPECIFICATIONS AND FOR THE CLERK TO ADVERTISE FOR BIDS FOR SLUDGE REMOVAL.

Mayor Knickerbocker read the Resolution (*copy attached*). She advised that this is something we do every year because we need to have the sludge removed from the Sewage Treatment Plant.

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

b. 18-42 RESOLUTION APPOINTING A POLICE OFFICER.

Trustee Pasquale read the Resolution (*copy attached*).

Mayor Knickerbocker advised that we are replacing Sergeant Mike Guida who retired in May. We were short an officer and we will now be up to full staff.

Trustee Pasquale feels that this police officer is really qualified and the Village will be pleased with him. Trustee Jackson agreed and said that he presented himself well in his interview. He has experience having served in Poughkeepsie and before that in Saugerties. He will be an excellent addition to our force. Trustee Jackson commented that we look forward to his being here and hope that he will have a long and great service with the Buchanan P.D. Trustee Funchion spoke for himself and Trustee Zachary who is not present in saying that it was unanimous that he was a very good candidate. He is well spoken and has a lot of experience. He also had S.W.A.T. training from the NYPD. We are lucky to get somebody like that. We now have a full complement in our police department.

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

c. 8-43 RESOLUTION APPOINTING A SERGEANT TO THE VILLAGE POLICE DEPARTMENT.

Trustee Funchion read the Resolution (*copy attached*).

Mayor Knickerbocker announced that she was going to swear in Shane Farrell as a Sergeant.

Trustee Funchion thinks that Sergeant Farrell is an excellent candidate. The Board will enjoy working with him. He commented that the Buchanan Police Department is going into a new era since Mike Guida left. Trustee Funchion commented that their personalities are different. He would like to see Sergeant Farrell create his own job as a Sergeant and have his own way of doing things. Trustee Funchion thinks that some changes are needed and that Sergeant Farrell is the man to do it. Trustee Funchion commented that Sergeant Farrell was easy to talk to and it was an excellent choice.

Trustee Jackson commented that Sergeant Farrell's experience and his attitude with what he has been doing over the years with the Village is commendable. He hopes that we continue along those same paths and prove that as he brings new ideas and new spirit to that position and sets his own course working with the Trustees and the Mayor in making the Village a very beautiful place to stay and raise a family. Trustee Jackson thanked him for being a part of it. The Board looks forward to his continued service and leadership going forward.

Trustee Pasquale congratulated Sergeant Farrell. He thinks that Sergeant Farrell has been an asset as a police officer here and will be an even bigger asset as a sergeant. Trustee Pasquale wishes him all the best.

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

Mayor Knickerbocker swore in Sergeant Shane Farrell. Everyone congratulated him and gave him a round of applause.

Sergeant Farrell commented that Buchanan is a special place and has become a part of his and his family's life. He thanked the Village Board and Village residents for their support. He thanked his wife and family for their support.

d. 18-44 RESOLUTION SCHEDULING A PUBLIC HEARING ON A PROPOSED LOCAL LAW REPEALING LOCAL LAW 1 OF 2016 AND AMENDING THE CODE OF THE VILLAGE OF BUCHANAN TO REFLECT SAID REPEAL.

Village Attorney Porteus explained that in 2016 the Board enacted a Local law. It was a zoning change to allow Senior multi-family housing. It became a use by special permit. We put in a sunset provision with certain deadlines that had to be met. Those have now come and gone. We are now repealing that law in accordance with that sunset provision. What happens is that the zone goes back to the uses it was prior to that law's enactment. You cannot have Senior multi-family housing by special use permit in a 1 zone. If someone else came in asking for this, they would have to ask for a zone text amendment. Mayor Knickerbocker explained that the affordable housing that was proposed on Bleakley Avenue across from Entergy and the park will no longer be. The Village Attorney confirmed that was correct.

The Village Attorney advised that CHI, Community Housing Innovations, has sent a letter. She reminded that they came in when Bill Balter dropped out. Alan Roberts from CHI came in. They got the zone text amendment and got the site plan approved. Time passed. They put in for funding twice. They were denied by the State for funding. They put a letter before the Planning Board requesting extra time. The Planning Board time periods are one year for a site plan. They were supposed to send the same request to the Village Board. They did not. We received a letter from CHI on August 30 stating that they are withdrawing that request for an extension of time, that they were not able to obtain State funding and that the project is not going forward.

The Village Attorney recommended that the Board have her write a letter in reply primarily because CHI used words stating that they are not going to do that now but "without prejudice" would come back before the Village Board. A letter in response from us advising of the sunset clause would put that on the record. The Local law will return the Code to the way it was prior. Mayor Knickerbocker directed the Village Attorney to do that.

Mayor Knickerbocker commented that there was an article in the LoHud newspaper. It said that the reason that they said they did not get their funding was because of Buchanan pollution. She wanted to clarify that there is no pollution in Buchanan. She noted that when we were going through the process, she said several times that it was not the best place in the world to put housing. Behind the rock mountain there is a garbage company that stores their garbage trucks. You get odors in the summer time and noises in the morning, and next to that is our Sewage Treatment Plant. We cannot guarantee no odors coming from that. People would be living in close proximity there, so it is not a good place for housing. One of the things they did mention was truck traffic. We know that with the Entergy closing eventually there will be decommissioning so there will be excessive truck traffic. Some of the nuclear waste will be going out on barges. The Mayor thinks that they failed to remember that we also have a gypsum plant, Continental, that produces sheet rock. There are tractor-trailers on a daily basis. With all those things together, that is what they called "Buchanan pollution". The Mayor feels that is very misleading.

Trustee Funchion is very happy that there is finally an end to this. He commented that Buchanan should never have been led down this path. CHI came to the very first meeting and were insulting to the Village Board. It disgusted him. They wanted to intimidate us. They were David and we were the Goliath. We had to make a decision based upon how it would impact the money of our Village. It would have been difficult to go to court, to hire attorneys. Thankfully this has been resolved. He does not think it will ever come up again because we should never have been on the list for affordable housing. We tried to say to everybody involved that Buchanan is one of the most affordable places in Westchester. How we got on that list was based on a 2010 census of how many minorities you have in your area, city, village or town. He commented that we just fell a tiny bit short but by 2020 we will be well over and will not be on any list. He feels that the way they came at us was insulting. He feels that we were led down the road by the owner of the property. Trustee Funchion described it as a sympathy road, that the owner said he was paying taxes on this property and not getting anything out of it. Trustee Funchion commented that we were not given a clear picture. At first the suggestion was that he put in Senior housing. Everybody thought it was a good idea. Then he comes in with affordable housing and who gets it. What Trustee Funchion felt was extremely unfair was that the people of the communities of Buchanan, Verplanck, Peekskill, Cortlandt and Croton did not have first shot at it. It was going to be advertised down County and in New York City. It was a forced type of community movement. He was always against it. He voted for it only because he did not want to have the Village expend all those monies fighting these things in court as they threatened to do. He grew up in the South Bronx and saw what some of these housing developments did. It changed the communities. It basically took out the whole idea of community by having it forced down your throat as to what the community thinks is best for them. He is very happy about this decision and hopes in the future we will be off the list. Mayor Knickerbocker commented that we look forward to the 2020 census.

Mayor Knickerbocker announced that County Executive George Latimer has arrived, and we would continue with this Resolution when he has finished.

COUNTY EXECUTIVE GEORGE LATIMER:

Mayor Knickerbocker welcomed the County Executive to the Village of Buchanan. County Executive Latimer apologized for interrupting in the middle of our business. He came to update us on a particular policy that the County has established and to take any questions. He knows that we probably have a lot of questions regarding the Indian Point closure. He will be happy to come back to discuss that. He is making an effort to go to every Village Board, Town Board and every City Council in the County. It is his 35th visit out of 45 and it has given him the chance to visit all the communities. He did not know if any of the other County Executives have ever done that. He started his governmental career on a council just like this, so he thought it was appropriate to come and share this.

It is an Executive Order in the County that started the first of the year. It changes the way that the County will make decisions on any County owned properties or facilities as it affects a local municipality. It is called The Good Neighbor Policy. If any County decision needs to be made on a County piece of land or a County asset, if it is within their authority to make it just like in the Village if we decide to make it for a village park or facility, the County cannot make that decision until they make a formal presentation to the village, town or city council to explain what exactly they plan to do. It could be a sewage treatment plant, a road, a park, major construction or anything. He cited the third or fourth paragraph which said that anything that they or we think is a significant proposed action or significant change can trigger the policy.

The first part of the process is that part of the County administration would come before our Village Board and present what that proposed action is. Before they can implement it, after they have the questions and answers, a 60 days clock starts. It is at least 60 days discretion for the local municipality. The representatives from the County will come and explain whatever this decision might be and then we have time to discern what our opinions are and the opinions of the community are. You can ask for more information. At the end of the 60 days the County will request a letter from the Village Board which would either express support, opposition or neutrality on whatever they are planning to do. If it is neutrality, then no action is needed. If opposition, we have to lay out whatever concerns we have. The County has to formally respond to those objections and explain what they plan to do, what they are going to modify and what they are going to do or not do. He said that the difference is that it gives us a guaranteed seat at the table before something happens that we think would affect the people of our community.

The County Executive reiterated that he started his public career in a setting like ours. He was frustrated with the County doing whatever they wanted to do when they wanted to do it and he had no say. He commented that the Village Board is duly elected by the Village as he was in those days. He never thought that he would be County Executive but he said that now he is. Now he gets to put in place the policy that he would have liked to have seen all those years ago. He commented that our County government are sitting in their seats and are miles away. They do not know what it is going to do to local municipalities. They make the decisions and it is the end of it. They do not see the local impact. All these things could be objectionable to the people of the community. By opening it up to our input where we decide that we want the County to

mitigate this or look into that or think of doing it this way rather than that way, at least there is a fighting chance that if there is a negative impact they will be able to adjust it. Sometimes the County is mandated to do things by the State or Federal government. Those decisions are out of their hands. But if it is within their authority to make that decision then we will have a seat at the table. Then because it sits within a village there is a Town overlay to it. So they are obliged to go to both the Village and Town to make sure that they are both in sync. It is not that they go to just one or the other. He is not sure what will happen in Buchanan that might trigger this policy but the Village Board and our Village Administrator will know and we will dialogue after that.

Trustee Funchion commented that we have had a problem with Con Edison. They now contract out so much of their work. Those people show up and start digging up roads. They are County roads. He asked if they contact the County. The County Executive advised that they inform the County if it is a County road but they have the right to do the work as an override to whatever the County's objections might be. But if they do inform the County, that would trigger the policy. They have the ability to act as a utility to override local decisions but they cannot override State decisions. The State Assembly is the first line of defense. He advised to let the County know immediately if it is a County road and it will trigger the policy. The County Executive is trying to get the professional work force of the County to change the way they think on these issues. Historically they would not think about what the Village and Town is thinking. The County Executive cannot promise that on Day 1 they might not miss one of the issues. But he hopes that with their professional staff working with our professionals that they will hear about it and act on it.

Mayor Knickerbocker thinks that it is a good policy. We do not have any County roads here. We have a State road. We have George's Island Park in Montrose and Blue Mountain Reservation. The County Executive commented that if the County has any County owned sewer mains that might have to undergo some reconstruction. The County Executive asked the Mayor to put together a list of any issues that we wished to talk about. He will come back for a work session if we wish. Our County Legislator is John Testa. We can work through him.

The County Executive commented that obviously the most important issue for us is the economic development following the closure of Indian Point. The County understands that the economic impact is going to be dramatic here. He has met with the head of the Teamsters Union and UWUA. He commented that the State has to step up. He noted that he was in the State legislature. He commented that sometimes the State pays even less attention than the County. But the County will work with us. Mayor Knickerbocker commented that we appreciate all the support. It is a challenging time for our Village. We are reinventing ourselves as a community. It is a tough road ahead but we are working on different things. She commented that we will be happy to accept any support the County can give and any extra money they can give.

Trustee Funchion thanked the County Executive for coming to talk with us. He thinks that it is important that people sit down and talk to each other. He is glad to see that the County Executive is on board with that. Trustee Jackson commented that communication is a start. The County Executive's first step in enacting this legislation will go a long way in making sure that

this communication is a two-way street. The County Executive thanked the Mayor and Village Board for allowing him to interrupt our meeting to present this.

The Mayor announced that we had a special gift for the County Executive. She presented him with a commemorative cup from the Village of Buchanan's 90th birthday party. She noted that he is the first County Executive who has come to one of our meetings.

NEW BUSINESS (resumed):

Mayor Knickerbocker announced that we would resume New Business which was in progress when the County Executive arrived.

Trustee Funchion read the resolution for a Public Hearing that was being discussed when the County Executive arrived. (*copy attached.*)

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

e. 18-45 RESOLUTION ACCEPTING A MAINTENANCE BOND.

Trustee Funchion read the Resolution (*copy attached*).

Mayor Knickerbocker reported that the Bannon Avenue Water Pit project has been completed. We do this with all the contractors. We asked for a Maintenance Performance Bond. It is held for two years.

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

f. 18-46 RESOLUTION APPOINTING A SEASONAL EMPLOYEE

Trustee Jackson read the Resolution (*copy attached*).

Mayor Knickerbocker advised that this is something we do every Fall season. We are also looking for more part-time employees for the Fall. Anyone who is interested should go to the Village office and fill out an application.

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

g. 18-47 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING BUDGET TRANSFERS

Trustee Jackson read the Resolution (*copy attached*).

Mayor Knickerbocker noted that budget transfers are something we do throughout the year. It is standard operating procedure.

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

i. 18-48 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE NEGOTIATION, EXECUTION, AND DELIVERY OF AN ENERGY PERFORMANCE CONTRACT AND RELATED LEASE PURCHASE AGREEMENT WITH SIEMENS INDUSTRY INC. BUILDINGS TECHNOLOGY DIVISION FOR IMPROVEMENTS AT VARIOUS VILLAGE FACILITIES.

Trustee Jackson read the Resolution (*copy attached*).

In reply to a question from the Mayor, the Administrator explained that they guarantee the savings which would in the budget each year going forward to be used to pay back the bond that they finance. Whatever the payment is they guarantee through their performance guarantee. After 15 years, it is paid off. It is a savings for us. It is a 15 year pay back.

Trustee Jackson commented that as we found in our discussions, doing all these projects individually the cost could overrun what they are proposing. Over the 15 year period the savings will be in the energy efficiency. He thinks it is a good thing to pursue. He commented that they did a good job with the Hendrick Hudson school system and their energy related needs. Hopefully we will get those same type of savings.

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

6. INFORMATION FROM OFFICERS & DEPARTMENTS:

a. JUSTICE COURT REPORT: July 2018.

Mayor Knickerbocker noted that \$4,785.00 was reported.
Received and filed.

b. FIRE INSPECTOR'S REPORT: August 2018
Received and filed.

c. POLICE REPORTS: June 2018-July 2018
Received and filed

d. ATTORNEY'S REPORT:

Village Attorney Porteus wanted to know if the Board was aware of a letter from the applicant Sani Pro that was written to the Planning and Zoning Boards. She wanted to know if they all had copies. Mayor Knickerbocker advised that she saw it on Friday. The Village Attorney recommended that the Board have her write to the Chairman of the Planning and Zoning Boards directing that before they take any action, they should refer it to the Village Board. The Mayor reminded the Village Board that in 2010 an applicant came in here that wanted to do a garbage recycling company. We told him no because when they have these big garbage hauling trucks they would be going through the Village ripping up our roads. The Mayor directed the Village Attorney to send a letter directing the Planning and Zoning Boards to not take any action. The Village Attorney thinks that the applicant needs a letter advising that this would take a Zoning text amendment which is from the Village Board, not the other boards.

The Village Attorney reported that a final trial date for WIC will be the first week in October.

e. ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT:

Village Administrator Hay reported that the paving will be started within a month. They are making good time moving ahead with the water read. We will be getting letters out shortly. Everybody should receive a letter to schedule an appointment to have your water meter changed.

Mayor Knickerbocker asked if the contractor looked at and given us a price for the storm drains. The Administrator advised that it will be time and materials. We will decide how much we can do because each one will be a different cost. One might take half a day and maybe three could be done in another day. Some are worse than others. So it is not a set price per drain. The Mayor commented that some may have been last done back in the 1960s. It is time to upgrade some of them.

f. MAYOR'S REPORT:

Mayor Knickerbocker thanked George Boyle for agreeing to be our Historical Consultant to help us find some of our missing our history. She congratulated Sergeant Farrell and knows that he will do a good job for us.

Everyone is encouraged to join us for Buchanan Day. It is always a fun day and a wonderful opportunity to get together.

g. TRUSTEE'S REPORTS:

Trustee Pasquale reminded that today was the first day of school. We should be mindful of the school buses and all the children crossing the street.

Next Tuesday he will be attending the 9/11 Remembrance Day ceremony in Croton. He commented that if you have never been there, it is amazing what they did with the piece of steel from one of fallen towers. It is a solemn and wonderful ceremony. He commented in addition to representing the Village of Buchanan it means a lot to him as a first responder.

Trustee Pasquale reported that the Buchanan Police Department has recently responded to calls about suspicious people going into parked cars after dark. It is most likely drug abusers. The Police Department would like to remind everyone to keep your car doors locked and keep nothing of value in sight. If there is anything that raises suspicions, call the police.

Trustee Pasquale wished happy holidays to those who celebrate the upcoming Jewish high holy days.

Trustee Funchion reiterated for people to come out and have a great time on Buchanan Day when the people in our Village get together. It is on Saturday, September 22 from 10 AM to 4 PM. Colleen Lonergan is the driving force behind this for the last couple of years. It is a lot of work to put the whole thing together. He congratulated her for doing all the work.

Trustee Funchion said that this will be the first 9/11 Remembrance that he will miss. It means a lot to him. He thanked Trustee Pasquale for covering for him. Trustee Funchion was one of the survivors so it has a special place in his heart. The monument is so different from the day itself. It is similar when you have a nice day because the weather on 9/11 was also a nice day. It became a horrific day because so many people lost their lives. The setting for the monument is so peaceful. He commented that you see all these government investigations but you never see any investigation on why the air was supposedly clean but we have lost so many first responders who were there. Everybody told them it was clean and it was not. So many firefighters and other people who worked there are dying from cancer. He commented that nobody at any level of government has seen fit to determine who gave the go ahead to go in there and why, when they did. He fervently hopes that something like this never happens again and that the same thing is not repeated. He commented that it is easy to be cynical and think that the money to be made on Wall Street was more important than the police and firefighters who are dying now. It has always been a sad day for him and continues to be. He commented God rest the souls of all the police and firefighters who have passed away. They were down there to help and were not given the right information or equipment.

Trustee Funchion congratulated Trustee Pasquale who is now the Safety Officer at the Blue Mountain Middle School. He commented that you can take Trustee Pasquale out of the NYPD but you cannot take the cop out of him. Trustee Pasquale commented that it is going to take a while to know all the children. Have them come to him and introduce themselves. Trustee Funchion congratulated Sergeant Farrell. Trustee Funchion is going to enjoy working with him. He commented that it is important that we all work together and share the bad and the good times. He thanked Sergeant Farrell and said they appreciate his work.

Mayor Knickerbocker commented about the air quality on 9/11. She remembers Christine Whitman, the former head of the EPA. The Mayor recalled that she was the one who said that it was okay to in there. What Mayor Knickerbocker found ironic was that when Ms. Whitman was there with other politicians, they all had respirator masks. The Mayor agrees that was a sad outcome.

Trustee Jackson echoed Trustee Funchion's sentiments. He was 7 blocks from the World Trade Center that day and lost 2 customers. He commented that it is an eerie feeling when it comes

around, even here in Buchanan, whenever he sees a plane or helicopter fly over because he was there when both towers collapsed. The memorial in Croton is beautiful. It is a beautiful place to go to and reflect on 9/11 and see the scenery of the Hudson River. The beautiful Hudson Valley is open to all of us. He commented that as a Vietnam veteran he cannot help but think about a couple of his fellow veterans who died from Agent Orange. He commented that the eerie coincidences of the foliage being destroyed by a pesticide but not examining the effects on humans and how that would go forward. One good friend of his died in 2002. He did not even know that he had been affected until 1999. He had a three year window. He had a compensation of \$80,000 but in 3 years he was gone. Trustee Jackson commented that when we talk about our first responders and veterans and people in uniform, the money of Wall Street cannot replace the loss of lives. We should all take a moment each day to appreciate the life we have here in America but also those who have sacrificed to give us that life.

He congratulated Trustee Pasquale for being back on patrol at the Middle School. School is back in session and be aware of the children and bicycles.

Trustee Jackson reminded everyone to curb your dog and not on other people's properties. It is just being respectful of your neighbor. Mayor Knickerbocker commented that what he is saying is that your dog should not be on other people's properties doing "number one or two". They should be out on the road and people should pick up after them. It is a persistent issue in the Village.

Mayor Knickerbocker noted that regarding the steel that is part of the 9/11 Memorial in Croton, she was on the Village Board at the time and Sean Murray was our mayor. He could not make it that day. There was going to be a convoy where the Fire Department and ambulance corps and others were going down to the hangar to pick up the piece of steel. It was very emotional. She was thrilled to be a part of that. She went to go for the formation. She met Bob Ferguson. She did not know a lot of people. There was Bob Ferguson in the ambulance Corps. He was a new resident in the Village at the time. They went there together and have been friends since that day. They had a lovely chat going down. It was very sad but emotional and dignified bringing back that piece of steel so that they could use it for the memorial.

7. COMMENTS FROM THE FLOOR:

None

8. ADJOURNMENT:

At 8:45 PM a MOTION to close the meeting was made by Trustee Funchion seconded by Trustee Jackson with all in favor and Trustee Zachary absent.