

Village of Buchanan
Mayor & Board of Trustees
Village Board Meeting
August 4, 2015

PRESENT:

Mayor Theresa Knickerbocker
Trustees Nicolas Zachary, Richard A. Funchion and Cesare Pasquale
Trustee Duane M. Jackson (arrived late)
Village Board Secretary Susan F. Matthews
Village Administrator Kevin Hay
Village Attorney Stephanie V. Porteus

1. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

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

2. APPROVE MINUTES:

May 19, 2015 Workshop Meeting: Trustee Zachary amended Page 1, paragraph 3, Administrator's Report: change "attendance" to "attendant". A Motion to adopt these minutes as amended was made by Trustee Funchion, seconded by Trustee Zachary with all in favor and Trustee Jackson absent.

June 2, 2015 Board Meeting: Mayor Knickerbocker commented that there are a lot of things going on. At that meeting there was a mention of possibly setting up something for Village residents for HAZMAT disposal. Village Administrator Hay advised that is still being worked on. The Mayor said that we also discussed a crosswalk or a walking sign at Fat Sal's Restaurant. The Administrator advised that he spoke with the Police Chief who feels that it would give people a false sense of security. The Administrator advised that former mayor Dan O'Neill had discussed this and the NYS DOT felt the same way. People would walk in the cross walk and feel a false sense of security but because of the turn arrow people come around the corner from Route 9A very quickly. It was suggested to possibly put a mirror there. Trustee Zachary suggested a "Pedestrians Crossing" caution sign for the cars as you come around the turn. The Mayor suggested something that catches the driver's eye to slow them down. She said that we will follow up on this. She commented that it seems to be when people are entering the Village, not when they are leaving.

A MOTION to adopt these minutes as read was made by Trustee Funchion, seconded by Trustee Zachary with all in favor and Trustee Jackson absent, and Trustee Funchion abstaining as he was not present at that meeting.

June 17, 2015 Workshop Meeting: A MOTION to adopt these minutes as read was made by Trustee Funchion, seconded by Trustee Zachary with all in favor and Trustee Jackson absent, and Trustee Funchion abstaining as he was not present at that meeting.

Trustee Funchion noted that he was not at this Workshop meeting and wanted to know if we know the exact route of the upcoming firemen's parade. Trustee Zachary thinks that they are coming to the next Workshop. Mayor Knickerbocker said that someone might be here tonight. The Police Chief is going to meet with Bob Outhouse from the Fire Department. Trustee Pasquale advised that he would be present for that next Tuesday. Trustee Zachary thinks that it might be easier to discuss it with the Board at the next Workshop. The Mayor advised that there will be more information about the parade route and that the Fire Department will be doing a mailing. They want residents to know what the route is so if they need to get somewhere they will know. Trustee Funchion said that they also need to give the times when they are going to close things and when they will be reopened.

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

None

4. NEW BUSINESS:

a. PUBLIC HEARING: INSTALLATION OF "NO PARKING" SIGNS ON BLEAKLEY AVENUE.

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

Mayor Knickerbocker said that we have had some complaints about people driving over the double yellow lines on Bleakley Avenue. There have been some near accidents. We have a business over there. Some of the parking is for that and some is for something else going on across the street. We tried to work with the business there. She does not want to hurt anyone. She commented that the unfortunate part is that the road is so narrow that we cannot move the double yellow line to allow parking on one side. The Mayor went there one Friday morning because of a complaint about another business on the other side of the street. She parked at 7:15 AM and watched for the next 45 minutes. She noted that every car that went on Bleakley Avenue went over the yellow line. There have been several complaints. One was about a bus going over the double yellow line. The reason why it is coming up is that we want to put up "No

Parking” signs because the Village is on notice. We have been notified that it is a hazardous situation. We do not want anyone to get hurt. Currently, we have put up temporary No Parking signs. We will install permanent ”No Parking” signs there if the Resolution is approved tonight. Trustee Zachary wanted to know how we got put on notice and by whom. The Mayor advised that we are on notice once we are aware that a situation exists. We were notified by a resident and someone from Verplanck. The Mayor wanted to see it for herself.

Trustee Zachary commented that there is a similar situation on Tate Avenue. If anybody parks on either side, cars have to cross the double yellow line. We do not have the bulk of business there like we do on Bleakley Avenue. The Mayor said that there is not a good sight distance. The road slopes down. She does not know if we can look at Tate Avenue to see if we can adjust the double yellow line. The Bleakley Avenue corridor is more commercial with people going to Entergy and the other businesses. There is more truck commercial traffic in that area. Trustee Zachary commented especially in the early morning and late afternoon. The Mayor commented that even though tractor trailers and semis should not be going on Bleakley Avenue - they should be using the Louisa Street Exit - we have the potential for a big accident there. We are trying to avoid that. Trustee Pasquale commented that on Tate Avenue nobody parks there the whole day or if they do, they do not stay long.

Former Trustee Joseph Tropiano, Burke Court, asked if this would be on Bleakley Avenue from Route 9A all the way in. The Mayor advised that it is the whole side of the road. On different parts there are cut outs for off-street parking. It is a narrow road. We did try to work with one of the businesses there. We do not want to hurt anybody but there was no easy resolution. Mr. Tropiano wanted to know if there was the possibility of making additional parking on the property there that the Village owns. The Mayor advised that was mentioned. Mr. Tropiano thinks that even though people may have to walk a little that might alleviate part of the problem. He noted that the Village owns some property on Greentown Road. The Mayor added and also the strip on Route 9A.

Eileen Absenger, Tate Avenue, wanted to know in that little piece of property if the no parking is going from the businesses from Route 9A on both sides or just one side. The Mayor advised that it would be one side, as you are heading toward Entergy. You cannot park on the other side because you would block the road. Ms. Absenger wanted to know if there is a problem with the other businesses like the automotive and the electrical businesses as you come in off Route 9A by the deli. The Mayor commented that it is dangerous there because it is a sight distance problem. On another question by Ms. Absenger, the Mayor advised that we are starting from Route 9A down. She noted that if you actually drive from Route 9A going toward Entergy there is a little hill. It is a sight distance problem. Ms. Absenger wanted to know if there was a sight distance problem on the other side. The Mayor advised that you cannot double park on either side of the road. Ms. Absenger asked about the automotive garage. The Mayor believes that

there is a sidewalk there. They can park further in. It is really on the other side that is dangerous. She thanked Ms. Absenger for asking.

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

b. 15-36 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE INSTALLATION OF “NO PARKING” SIGN ON BLEAKLEY AVENUE

Mayor Knickerbocker 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 and Trustee Jackson absent.

c. 15-37 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING BUDGET TRANSFERS:

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

Village Administrator Hay advised that we passed one of these resolutions in May. At that point, we still had about a full month left in last year’s fiscal year. These are some of the transfers that happened after the meeting. He noted that vendors who may do something for us in May do not bill us until June or later. He had therefore recommended one more resolution to take care of this before the auditors come in September. The Administrator advised that we had about \$18,000 left in the budget. We ran it right to the end. This should have no effect on the Fund balance. These were just transfers throughout the different lines. We did not over-spend on our budget. Mayor Knickerbocker commented that it was very good. Trustee Zachary commented that it was probably due to Village Administrator Hay’s meticulous planning in making out the budget. The Mayor commented that the Board also had a great budget. It was a rough year. She was happy to see that we did not spend the whole budget and that it went into our Fund balance, which is something that we have to work on building up. This \$18,000 is a start.

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

d. 15-38 RESOLUTION REPORTING THE STANDARD WORK DAY AND HOURS

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

The Mayor noted that this is for the employees’ retirement system. She read the details. She noted that for example, the Village Administrator’s standard work day is 7 hours, although she

noted that he is often here much later. It is calculated on 20 days per month. The Mayor directed that the Village Attorney should be removed from the resolution because she is not covered by this, and thanked Village Attorney Porteus for advising her of that. Trustee Zachary wanted to know if every Board member is given the option to be in the retirement system when they come in. The Administrator advised that every employee gets an option. That includes the people at the summer camp. Trustee Zachary wanted to know if then they make a small contribution. The Administrator advised that it is a variable rate. Trustee Zachary commented if you were one of these people who work one day a month would you actually get a pension from this or does it just lock you into a tier should you get a Civil Service job in the future. The Administrator advised that some people do it for both reasons. But working one or two days per month it would take a long time to get the required amount of time. The Mayor advised that with elected officials it is done quarterly and they would have to keep track of their time. The Administrator advised that if you are not a full-time elected official that you have to do a 3 month log and record your hours.

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

e. 15-39 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF AN INTER-MUNIIPAL AGREEMENT WITH WESTCHESTER COUNTY FOR MUTUAL AID AND RAPID RESPONSE PLAN FOR POLICE DEPARTMENTS IN WESTCHESTER COUNTY.

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

Mayor Knickerbocker advised that this is a 5 year span. We want to be part of the IMA because it helps all the communities but especially ours because we are so small. If something catastrophic happens then we would have the support.

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

f. 15-40 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE USE OF A VILLAGE FACILITY.

This is for Saturday, September 19, 2015 for the 75th Anniversary of Buchanan Engine Company and the Westchester County Volunteer Firemen's Association annual convention. More information will be coming out to the residents about the times and what streets are going to be closed. The parade will start at 2 PM. Any questions, please call the Village Administrator or the business number for the fire house. They will be coming with information to our August Workshop and will be present at the September Village Board meeting.

Trustee Zachary noted that the application includes the request to serve draft beer. The Board has to vote to override the Open Container law so that should be in this resolution. He wanted to know if it can be amended. Mayor Knickerbocker directed that to be done and thanked Trustee Zachary for noting that. We would also have the September meeting to do it but it is better to take care of it now.

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

g. 15-41 RESOLUTION GRANTING A VENDOR'S PERMIT.

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

Mayor Knickerbocker thinks we need to talk about limiting the times. She called for comments from the Board. Trustee Zachary agreed. People do not want someone at their house at 7 AM. There should be no early mornings. He suggests 9 AM. The Administrator advised that the Code currently allows 9 AM to 9 PM. Trustee Zachary commented that a lot of people might be uncomfortable with that and suggested 9 AM to one half hour before sunset. Village Attorney Porteus noted that it is tough to enforce because of when dusk would be. The Mayor commented that in December when it gets dark at 4:30 PM, she does not want somebody knocking at your door at 6 PM. Trustee Zachary suggested to then just say 9 AM to 6 PM. In the dead of winter it would then just be slightly after dark.

Mayor Knickerbocker asked how long this vendor expects to be here. The Administrator will find out. He advised that if they get the full year, it is \$125. You can buy daily for \$50. In response to a question from Trustee Zachary, the Administrator advised that in January 2014 we had given a permit to another solar supplier. Village Attorney Porteus asked if they have to show the permit license. The Mayor thinks that they should. She directed to have that put in the Newsletter. The Village Attorney recommended that they should be required to show some type of Id. In response to Trustee Zachary, Trustee Funchion commented that they do not come to your house if you have any blocked southern exposure. Trustee Zachary said that he has full southern exposure.

Eileen Absenger, Tate Avenue, asked that the name of the company be spelled and was advised that it is Vivint Solar. She asked if they are in competition with the Croton-Cortlandt solar company. The Mayor advised that they are not the same people. Ms. Absenger commented that now there are three of them out there. The Mayor advised that there is another company from Croton who is advertising solar. They were part of the Town of Cortlandt-Croton solar. They were selected and vetted through the Town, and chosen by them to market in the Town of

Cortlandt. We allowed them to come here to do their presentation. There are 4 companies that the Mayor knows of.

Trustee Zachary commented that when we give a permit, they are actually given a piece of paper. He thinks we should require them to show that when they come to someone's door. They should have to have something to identify themselves. A photo Id does not mean that they have a permit. He advised the residents that vendors are not allowed to come to your door unless the Board has given them a permit. If anyone ever has a problem with anybody coming to their door and cannot verify that they have a permit to do vending in the Village, to call the Village Hall and inform them. The Mayor commented to keep the Police Department in the loop so that if residents have a complaint they can call there on weekends and evenings when the Village office is not open. She noted that at times we have had people coming through the Village without permits. Trustee Pasquale commented that he just had someone show up at his door wanting to do siding. Trustee Zachary commented that he likewise had someone who also said that he had done the siding on Trustee Zachary's house for the previous owner. The man appeared to be in the siding business but did not have a vending permit for the Village. The Mayor commented that the Board wants to make sure when we approve someone that it is a company that is registered. So if they come to your door, ask them if they have a permit. Trustee Pasquale commented that they are making door to door sales. Trustee Zachary commented that it also includes non-profits such as religious groups. The Mayor asked the Village Attorney if that is under their constitutional rights. The Village Attorney advised not that she is aware of. She will look that up to be sure. Trustee Pasquale commented that they are ringing his doorbell every weekend. The Mayor thinks that when it comes to that, people do not answer the door. Sometimes it is every weekend. She does not know how our Code might apply to that and what is covered by constitutional right. Trustee Zachary commented that for sure soliciting donations falls under the same category. The Village Attorney commented that they are just preaching, just talking to people. The Mayor commented that some people do not like strangers coming to their doors.

A MOTION to adopt this Resolution as amended to be 9 AM to 6 PM was made by Trustee Funchion, seconded by Trustee Zachary with all in favor and Trustee Jackson absent.

Trustee Jackson arrived at the meeting.

h. 15-42 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO AN ENERGY EFFICIENCY CONTRACT WITH LUMEN LIGHT SOLUTIONS LLC.

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

Mayor Knickerbocker advised that this is going to be a contract with Lumen Light Solutions LLC for the replacement of our current street lights to switch to LED. It will be paid for over 5 years. The total cost is \$140,000. Currently we pay around \$64,000 each year for our street lighting. So we will be saving money once we switch over to this. Right now, if we continue with NYPA we will be paying \$64,000 per year. We will pay \$28,000 if we switch over. The money will be put into the equipment which will be ours in 5 years. Trustee Zachary noted that we will still be paying electric bills but they will be less than \$64,000. The Mayor advised that they are going to do an energy audit. After they give us the results, we will come back with what the potential savings are. Basically, it will be paying for itself. Trustee Zachary advised that they will do an audit and come up with a projection of how much we are going to be saving. The Administrator advised that they gave us preliminary audit which the Board reviewed. It projected savings of approximately \$33,000 over a two year average based on the amount of electricity that we currently use. The next step is that they will do a physical audit. We give them our Con Ed street lighting inventory. They will confirm that everywhere that Con Ed says there is a street light that there actually is one. They will inventory all of them with their wattages. They will then put together a plan for what LED lighting they will replace them with. We will then give them the go ahead for the installation phase which they expect would take 3-4 weeks. The Administrator noted that in the contract it specifies no longer than 2 months. Once we get to the state where they are primarily completely installed, noting that there could be an issue where a head is broken or there are trees around that they cannot get access to, we will move to the leasing phase where we start the 5 years of payments. After the 5 years and the last payment, we will then own the equipment for \$1.00.

Trustee Zachary thinks this will work out well. He noted that on page 6, in doing the energy audit they assess what we currently have and do a projection of what it is currently costing us. He wanted to know if we have that number. He wanted to know if the \$64,000 is a projection based on how many lights we have and their wattage, or is an actual meter telling us that where we have an actual history to tell us what we paid for that bill. The Administrator advised that we pay on wattage and number of lights and the hours they estimate that they will be on. Trustee Zachary commented that it is not a projection. The Administrator advised that we know how much we pay. It varies from year to year because of the price. There is not a meter on each light.

Trustee Zachary noted that on page 9 it talks about change orders or amendments. He wanted to know if they will assess any areas of the Village where we might need additional lighting, like Lent's Cove or where there might be too much space between street lights. He wanted to know if their audit will include suggestions of any additional lighting that may be needed. The Administrator advised that they will do a physical audit and take feedback from us. If there are areas that we feel have too much or too little lighting, or never had lighting, we can do that. It would probably be a change order.

Trustee Zachary noted on Page 20, \$8,000 per year for 5 years comes to \$40,000. He wanted to know if a finance charge is built into that figure and if so, what the percentage is. The Administrator believes that there is and that it is about 4%. He will get the specific number. Trustee Zachary asked if it was 4% annually. The Administrator advised that it is 4% total. Trustee Zachary commented that conceivably if we wanted to pay it off in a lump sum, theoretically it would be \$5,000 or \$6,000 less. The Mayor directed the Administrator to run the numbers and then the Board can make a decision. She commented that the good thing is that we are going to save money by doing this. Trustee Zachary commented that it is not an exorbitant interest rate. It is very reasonable. But we could consider that.

Eileen Absenger commented that right now the lighting goes on and off at certain times. She wanted to know how the LED is going to work. The Administrator advised that it is a photocell. Ms. Absenger wanted to know if it comes on quickly or slowly. Trustee Zachary thinks that there is a brief period when they come to full intensity. The Administrator advised that the regular street lights take longer. Trustee Zachary said that LEDs take about a minute to get to full intensity. The Administrator noted that there is still a photo sensor to go off and on.

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

5. INFORMATION FROM OFFICERS & DEPARTMENTS:

a) Justice Court Report – June 2015.

Received and filed. Mayor Knickerbocker noted that the amount for June 2015 is \$3,500.

b) Zoning Board Minutes – May 13, 2015.

Received and filed.

c) Planning Board Minutes – June 18, 2015.

Received and filed.

d) Fire Inspector's Report – July 2015.

Received and filed.

Trustee Zachary asked why there is no Police Report this month. The Administrator will check. Trustee Zachary noted that we had been getting one that listed the calls and nature of the calls. We have not had them for a month.

e) Attorney's Report:

Village Attorney Porteus reported that she gave the Board a paper with our Code and the matter of parking. It is a suggestion by our Engineer for an amendment to the Code. She noted that there is a strike through one of the lines and the penalties. The Village Engineer's suggestion is that we amend the Code. There is an issue with trucks parking and saying that they are loading and unloading. The Village Attorney would like the Board to review and discuss this at the Workshop and make any other suggestions.

Trustee Zachary commented that it is an absurd technicality but according to the way this is worded, somebody can hook a tow truck to a vehicle even if it is working and park it there. He is not sure if the wording must specifically say that it has to be disabled. Wherever we have "No Parking" if somebody had a disabled vehicle and they were working on it or waiting, no one would summons them. He commented that "No Parking" means no parking. It does not mean that you cannot break down. Nobody can control where you break down. He commented that a lot of the stuff we have written in that Code book does not make sense. He thinks that we need to do a comprehensive tour of the Code book. He wants to leave out the whole thing about the tow truck. He noted that it says "No Parking" and questions what that means. He commented that you still need to have the truck from the store pull up to your house and unload the furniture or refrigerator in front of your house. He questioned if that is not called parking? Is it called standing? He wanted to know if it has something about deliveries elsewhere in our Code. He commented if somebody moves in the truck is going to be there for several hours. He commented what is in the Code that allows for the realities of life? The Administrator commented that he was looking at it and believes there is an area in the Code that allows a truck to park on a Village road for a period of no longer than 3 hours for loading and unloading. Mayor Knickerbocker asked if he could pinpoint that in the Code along with our parking requirements and provide it to the Board. We should have it all in one place. Trustee Zachary commented that otherwise if you just say "No Parking" of those types of vehicles period and not it is okay if it is attached to a vehicle capable of towing. The Mayor commented that it is kind of comical when you look at it as worded. Village Attorney Porteus advised that they can talk about this at the Workshop and tweak it then. Trustee Zachary wants to make sure that there is something in the Code to allow people to get deliveries or have the moving truck there if they are moving. We do not want garbage trucks, buses, concrete trucks, semis or trailers parking on any Village streets or highways. He does not think somebody delivering a dishwasher would be interpreted as parking by our police officers. The Mayor commented that she can understand the Code. We do not want any large commercial tractor trailers parking on the side of the road. She thanked the Village Attorney for bringing this forward now so we can look at it ahead of time.

Village Attorney Porteus talked about junk e-mails and what is she going to do.

Village Attorney Porteus reported that we have an applicant in front of the Zoning Board with respect to a non-conforming lot which they want to enlarge. The Zoning Board has asked that the Village Board look at that section of the Code. She advised that she will put something in the Board members' boxes and they can look at it before the Workshop. She will pull some other municipalities' Codes to see how they deal with it. She commented that it is a tough issue. Basically, people who buy non-conforming lots cannot expand it or move within 5 feet of the road. Trustee Zachary wanted to confirm that this is not non-conforming uses. The Village Attorney advised that was correct. It is not non-conforming use. Trustee Zachary commented that you cannot expand a non-conforming use. But when he was on the Zoning Board for 10 years, they would often grant variances for non-conforming lots. People would come in for a bay window or a porch, for example. The Zoning Board used their discretion. The Village Attorney advised that the way our Code reads is that they do not have any discretion unless the enlargement conforms to the current Code. So for example, if you wanted to go to the side, it would be fine. You could expand that because you were still within 10 feet of the side. But you could never do that if you were going to make it within 3 feet of the side because you would no longer be in compliance with our Code. Trustee Zachary commented that every variance allows you to exceed the Code limitations. The Village Attorney advised except when you are dealing with the wording for a non-conforming lot. Then it becomes problematic. She commented that you could have a whole street of houses where the Zoning Board has given everybody permission to come within 5 feet of the front yard. But if you bought the house where it is 8 feet, you cannot get that. It is coming up. Some municipalities say you can exceed by 5% or 10% and some municipalities say that you bought the house as non-conforming and you cannot expand it.

Village Attorney Porteus advised that George Pommer is working on another proposal concerning curbing that she may have ready for the Workshop if he finishes it.

Village Attorney Porteus reported that she had written everyone concerning the Senior multi-family housing draft of the local law to say that we need to send it down County. The County Planning has to have the opportunity to comment before the Public Hearing. We are not going to do that now because the Public Hearing did not take place and because Bill Balter, the sponsor, has asked her to hold off on that. She wanted the Board to know that it has not been sent down. She noted that if we are going to have a Public Hearing this takes us into October to give the County time to respond once we do decide to send it.

f) Administrator's Report:

Village Administrator Hay reported that starting this month, we will start working on a bond rating because when we took out that bond we rolled it over into a bond anticipation note. Mayor Knickerbocker noted that was 5 years ago. It was for Bleakley Avenue. The

Administrator advised that it was for all the road paving we did including Bleakley Avenue. It was for \$950,000. The Mayor explained that is when we went to bond to do those roads, especially Bleakley Avenue which was in tough shape. The Administrator advised that over the years we paid \$50,000 per year on the principal plus the interest. This year, we cannot roll it over again to another bond. We have to go to a serial bond. This year we are starting on the process earlier because we have to get a bond rating and there is more entailed. We are working on it. The Mayor wanted to confirm that since we are down to \$700,000, we are paying about \$50,000. The Administrator advised we pay \$50,000 plus the interest which is about \$14,000. The \$64,000 should be in the same area as our bond payment will be. We have to put that in the budget.

The Administrator reported that the road work is out to bid. The bid opening date is August 27. Currently we have budgeted \$255,000. We are hoping that the bids will come in in that range. Hopefully at next month's meeting we will be accepting the bid for the roadway work.

The Administrator reported that the air conditioning unit on the roof at Village Hall went up last week. It was installed and accepted. One of the breakers tripped downstairs. In these rooms we have the ventilation. This floor, the court, the Building Inspector's office, mostly it feeds the top floor of the Village Hall and the hallways. Trustee Zachary wanted to know if there is a separate a/c in each of the offices downstairs. The Administrator advised that each of the offices downstairs has a supplemental unit like in this meeting room. With the new unit, the supplemental units in this room will have less work. The new unit will do heat as well for the hallways and the top floor.

We just have to get that breaker.

The Administrator reported that last week we submitted a grant in the amount of \$350,000 for the Lent's Cove Park project. It is a 50/50 grant so it would be a \$150,000 contribution. The one we applied for is the local water fund revitalization program. Hopefully we will be successful. Mayor Knickerbocker thanked Village Administrator Hay. He did a lot of work submitting that grant. She advised that we had submitted a grant to Westchester County. They asked for an application to be submitted but their Board of Legislators did not approve money for the grant. The County was trying to compensate for the CDBG money they lost because of the HUD agreement. We did submit the grant but there is no money for that. We found that this 50/50 grant was available through the State. It is the same as the County's. The Administrator did a lot of work on that last week to submit it. We will now see what happens. There is no guarantee on getting it but the Mayor is glad to see that we are trying to get some grant money.

g) Mayor's Reports:

Mayor Knickerbocker wants to update everyone that if you see Spectra working in the Village, we were notified today that beginning on August 5 they will be working on Bleakley Avenue in their right-of-way. They will use a vactor truck there along with other equipment. They will be doing some soil samples and core testing. They are not starting construction. They are doing pre-construction work. They cannot do construction in our area because in the back strip behind the Village Highway Department where they will be working there is a rare species of bat. So they cannot touch the trees until October 1. There are groups that are still fighting this; SAPE and a few other groups. The Mayor reported that she was at a recent meeting held at the library where questions were put to the NRC. The Mayor had asked them to please answer all of the questions that concern the safety around the nuclear power plants. The NRC felt it was safe with the enhancements that Spectra was going to do. Entergy hired their own people. They felt it was safe. But there are still people questioning that, including the Mayor. We want to make absolutely sure that it is safe. There have been some questions by nuclear experts and pipeline people. The Mayor's comment to the NRC is "Please, you need to answer these questions. People need to know it is going to be safe construction with this gas line." The Mayor commented that she does not want anyone to panic yet because they are going to see some activity. We are still trying to do different things. She commented that between the electric line and the gas line, this was the tougher of the two fights. There are many people who have not given up yet.

The Mayor reported that this Thursday, August 6 at 7 PM on the second floor of Village Hall, she will be having "Coffee With The Mayor", ice tea and lemonade, to talk about different things. If anyone has any questions or concerns, they should please come. One of the things will be Lake Meahagh. We have hired an environmental engineer to look at the lake to see what we can do with it. On the Westchester Avenue side is our only access to the lake. There is some over-growth and other things. This environmental engineer will do a review of parts of the lake and come back to us with a report and his recommendations. There will be a special meeting about that in September. We want to hear everyone's input because it is everyone's lake. The Board is interested in hearing people's thoughts on what we should do with that.

Mayor Knickerbocker asked the Administrator about Zoning Board members who met their qualifications. The Administrator advised that all the members on our Zoning Board went to the Rockland Planning Federation. The Mayor advised that all the members of the Zoning and Planning Boards need to complete certain courses for so many hours each year. Some of the Planning Board members have done their training. She commented that their Chairman, Don Zern, stays on top of his training.

h) Trustee's Reports:

Trustee Pasquale reported that lately he has noticed a problem that upsets him. That is the speeding on Tate Avenue. A week and a half ago, somebody lost control of their car and used

his driveway as a launching pad. He wants everyone to slow down on Tate Avenue. He commented is it going to take somebody hurting themselves or killing someone. People need to just slow down. Trustee Pasquale noted that we have a lot of deer crossing Tate Avenue. They are coming out of everywhere. That is another reason to have to slow down. Trustee Pasquale reported that people are slinging bags and bottles from their cars onto the street. He commented that it is not the Village dump. He asked people to stop throwing garbage out of their cars. Our Police Department cannot be in five places at once. He urged people to slow down on Tate Avenue. There are some other areas here where there is a problem with speeding. He commented that what happened recently was troubling to see. Mayor Knickerbocker commented that goes for the whole Village. We have received different complaints about speeding. Our speed limit is 30 miles per hour, in case some people do not know. Trustee Zachary commented that it is a tough one. The people watching this meeting on t.v. are not the people doing this. They are the concerned and actively involved residents. He thinks that we need some other enforcement or speed bumps. It is good to make people aware of it. He thanked Trustee Pasquale for bringing this up. Trustee Pasquale commented that about a month and a half ago, there was an SUV going down Tate Avenue with a teenager riding on the luggage rack with three cars behind him. He commented that it was very disturbing to see that.

Trustee Zachary reported that Buchanan Day will be on September 26. Everybody in the Village is encouraged to come. We hope to see all 2200 plus residents. The rain date is Sunday, September 27. They are trying other ideas. A flyer will be coming with the September Newsletter. They are having planning meetings on Tuesday, August 11 and on August 25 at 7 PM at the Highway Department building.

Trustee Zachary reported that there will be two more concerts on the lawn at Village Hall. This Sunday from 5-7 PM will be Apostrophe. They were a lot of fun last year. They do classic rock songs. On September 13 from 5-7 PM will be The Big Easies, a Dixieland jazz band.

Trustee Funchion reported that he has been involved with the negotiations with the local PBA. He hopes we can come to some middle ground that will be satisfactory to both the PBA and our taxpayers. He commented that it is more bumpy than he thought it was going to be.

Trustee Funchion reported that he is also involved with Buchanan Day. He commended Trustee Zachary, Colleen Lonergan and Norma (*last name?*) who have been doing all of the work. He commented that he really hands it to them. He asked residents to please come out. It is a great time. We always have a good day and everybody genuinely enjoys themselves.

Trustee Funchion thanked the Board for the proclamation that was presented to him and his wife Mary. They really appreciated that. It was a nice surprise. Mayor Knickerbocker commented that she had asked his daughter to not tell them anything in advance.

Trustee Jackson reported that he had an off-hand meeting with Trustee Pasquale and the Police Chief about the traffic situation that exists around Fat Sal's. He thinks that as a Board, we may need to look further into what those activities are and what we can do to mitigate any problems that may exist currently or in the future. Mayor Knickerbocker advised that we had mentioned this earlier in the meeting. She knows that Trustee Jackson is around on Mondays so perhaps we can talk with the Police Chief at that time. Trustee Jackson suggested to maybe put the electronic speed warning sign that is on Kings Ferry Road on Tate Avenue. He was not sure if it belonged to the Town or the County. The Mayor commented that years ago it was on Henry Street.

Trustee Jackson reported that he met with the Superintendent of the Hendrick Hudson School District. They talked about an open house for the Historical Society where we would have the Fourth and Fifth Grade classes come. We would have some re-enactors for Abraham Lincoln and Frederick Douglass. They will ask Joe Ryan. Trustee Jackson advised that he has been in touch with the Yorktown and Cortlandt Historical Societies. The tentative date is October 5 from 10 AM to 2 PM. They are working on making sure that it works for getting the school kids in and out. Mayor Knickerbocker confirmed that she would handle some of the refreshments. The Mayor advised that it will be open to all our residents. It will be announced in the Newsletter. Trustee Jackson announced that the Historical Society meeting will be on September 8 at 6:30 PM. It will be in the Newsletter. Anyone who wants to get involved can show up or contact him if you have some information or artifact that you want to put in the Historical Room.

Trustee Jackson reported that they did the taping with News 12 about what Indian Point was like when it was an amusement park. We have some great pictures of what it was like back then. He thanked Lillian Stein and Diane Tangen. We do not have a date for when it will be aired. He commented that it will shine a light on Indian Point in terms of what it was prior to becoming a nuclear plant.

Trustee Jackson reported on the Buchanan Engine Company's 75th Anniversary Parade on September 19. He encouraged anyone who would like to put an ad in the journal. You will be giving support to the Fire Department. You can do it for your family or your business. He urged everyone to save the date. There will be apparatus from all over Westchester and Putnam Counties coming to participate. It is a really big deal. Trustee Jackson commented that as a member of the Westchester County Volunteer Fireman's Association, which he believes is in its 108th year, they will also be involved. He noted that his birthday is September 17.

Trustee Jackson reported that as Don Zern always says, everyone should be aware of throwing trash out on the street. Stuff goes down to the lake. If you see a can or something in the catch basin, take the time to pick it up so that does not go down there.

Trustee Jackson commented on the problem with deer. He said that they are coming from Eileen Absenger's property or from in front of his property on Lake Drive and coming onto Tate Avenue. They usually travel in groups of 5 or 6. He cautioned to be aware of your movements, like early in the morning, because the deer are out there.

Trustee Jackson reported that school is still out. There are children riding their bikes. Stay safe and slow it down, especially on Tate Avenue and Westchester Avenue. When it comes to speeding, if you see something, say something. Jot down a license plate and let us make sure that people who are running through the Village at a high speed know that we have eyes on them.

Mayor Knickerbocker commented that we have mentioned Fat Sal's several times tonight. She reported that Fat Sal's was sold to a new owner last week. It is somebody from the Bronx.

6. COMMENTS FROM THE FLOOR:

Don Zern, Westchester Avenue, commented that in 5 more weeks school is going to begin. He commented that he understands the problem with speeding on Tate Avenue. We have a school on Westchester Avenue. The school zone speed limit is 15 miles per hour. He wanted to request if we could have a little sit down with the Police Chief. He said that a few months ago he requested to know how many summonses were issued on Westchester Avenue for March, April and May and of those, how many were for speeding. He did not get a response from the Board or anybody. He commented that is over and gone. He wants to move forward. He commented that we are getting a new, unmarked police car. He hopes that we can get a new computer system in it. Mayor Knickerbocker advised that we are looking into that. Mr. Zern would like to hook it up with the State Police's system and make it easy for our police officers. He commented that they live in that car 8 hours per day. He commented that they get a summons and pump it out. If they get 100 summonses that is great. He commented that if the judge decides to take all the summonses and dismiss every one that is fine. That is a totally different department. He would appreciate it if Trustee Pasquale would look into that. The Mayor noted that Trustee Pasquale is the Board's liaison to the Police and Fire Departments.

7. BOARD MEMBER REBUTTALS:

None

8. EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Mayor Knickerbocker advised that the Board will now go into Executive Session to discuss a personnel matter. No monies will be spent and no decisions will be made.

At 8:50 PM a MOTION to enter into Executive Session to discuss a personnel issue was made by Trustee Funchion, seconded by Trustee Jackson with all in favor.

Mayor Knickerbocker thanked everyone for coming.

9. ADJOURNMENT:

At 9:40 PM a MOTION to return from Executive Session and adjourn this meeting was made by Trustee Zachary, seconded by Trustee Jackson with all in favor.