

Village of Buchanan
Mayor & Board of Trustees
Regular Meeting
Monday, December 6, 2010

PRESENT:

Mayor Sean Murray
Trustees Richard A. Funchion, Theresa Knickerbocker, Brian Smith and Nicholas Zachary
Village Administrator Kevin Hay
Village Attorney Stephanie V. Porteus
Village 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.

MOMENT OF SILENCE:

Mayor Murray called for a Moment of Silence for the passing of Web Pierce who passed away last week.

2. APPROVE MINUTES: October 4, 2010 Regular Board meeting Minutes; October 20, 2010 Workshop meeting.

October 4: Trustee Zachary had a change on page 5, paragraph 1, line 6, change four to there are five billboards, four of which are currently active. Mayor Murray had a change on page 5, paragraph 2, and line 4, change bonds to bids. Mayor Murray had a change on page 8, second to last sentence of the page, add the word differently – may have paced it out differently.

A MOTION to approve the minutes of October 4, 2010 as amended was made by Trustee Smith, seconded by Trustee Knickerbocker with all in favor.

October 20: Trustee Funchion had a change on page 6, paragraph 4, and take out Funchion in the first line.

A MOTION to approve the minutes of October 20 as amended was made by Trustee Funchion, seconded by Trustee Knickerbocker with all in favor.

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

None

4. NEW BUSINESS:

a) 10-78 RESOLUTION AWARDING BID FOR SLUDGE COLLECTION EQUIPMENT AT THE WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT.

Mayor Murray read the Resolution (copy attached).

Trustee Smith commented that his concern is he still sees us doing the plant in a piecemeal fashion. He wanted to know if the Board felt that piecemeal fashion was the most efficient way to do this.

Mayor Murray commented that they were making sure that we are going to be in compliance with the Westchester County Board of Health. That is the primary focus. In order to do this, we are taking what the County says we have to do and doing it immediately. Trustee Smith wanted to confirm that after that they were all on the same page. The Mayor agreed that they were. He advised that he has signed the compliance order stating that we will be in compliance by October 2011. With the EFC, it takes a couple of months to get the money.

New York State is not telling us whether we have to do the ammonia or nitrogen remediation. We cannot wait for them. We have to do what is necessary to get in compliance. He does not like doing this way either. We just have to get it done. If the State would give us what we have been requesting for months, we would not have to do it this way.

Trustee Knickerbocker commented that whatever happens with the DEC, we still need the sludge collection equipment. Mayor Murray noted that none of this work will have to be redone. This equipment is always going to be needed and always will be. It is unfortunate that this is the way we have to do this.

Trustee Funchion wanted to know if we are getting any answers about the nitrate question. The Mayor advised that we are not. It is holding up the entire engineering process. We cannot get the EFC money until we get the specs. We cannot get those until the State tells us what we have to do.

Trustee Knickerbocker advised that in a conference call she had this morning with Kaitlyn Penner of the EFC and Village Engineer Jim Hahn, she learned that the State is looking at a six month time frame. It could continue on to a year. By doing what we have done so far, it will put the Sewage Treatment Plant (STP) in compliance and make it stable.

Mayor Murray advised that the sludge collection equipment is the equipment in the bottom of the tank that removes the solids to another collection tank. This equipment now is for the tank that was drained and exposed to UV radiation treatment. There were a lot of plastic pieces involved that were brittle and began to break when it was tested out. That is why this one is being done right now. The other one is not in as bad condition. The tank was drained a couple of months ago to inspect it and adjust the chains. It is still in functioning condition. The plan is to have the second sludge collection equipment purchased in case it breaks down. But that is not what this bid is for now. The bid will be put in the entire project once we get the EFC money.

Trustee Zachary commented that as he sees what we are doing now, none of this is capital improvement. It is all repairs to equipment that is broken or defective and should be included in the total operation and maintenance of the plant. He wanted to be sure that when we do the calculations for Entergy's assessment based on the proportion of their usage of the plant that we are not overlooking that.

Mayor Murray wanted to know when we would next be meeting with the auditors. Village Administrator Hay advised that they had to reschedule last week's meeting. He believes they are trying to get in by the end of this week. The Mayor directed that we get from them the standard accounting practices pertaining to operation and maintenance and we can charge Entergy next year for them, since that is the next budgeted year.

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

- b) 10-79 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE ENGINEER TO PREPARE SPECIFICATIONS AND FOR THE CLERK TO ADVERTISE BIDS FOR THE PURCHASE AND INSTALLATION OF PRELIMINARY SEWAGE TREATMENT PLANT SCREENING EQUIPMENT AT THE WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLAN.

Mayor Murray read the Resolution (copy attached).

Mayor Murray noted that this is one of the things that we are not in compliance with that we were cited for. Our original design was for a comminutor. We have not had a comminutor for 15 or 20 years. We have to put in a comminutor or bar screen device to become in compliance. Right now, it seems the comminutor is cheaper. That is why it says "preliminary sewage treatment". That is the removal or grinding up of solids. This is a piece

of equipment that would have to be replaced regardless. It does not matter what type of aeration or nitrates we use. It will not be replaced once it is installed.

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

c) 10-80 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING INTER-FUND BORROWING FROM GENERAL FUND TO CAPITAL FUND.

Mayor Murray read the Resolution (copy attached).

Trustee Zachary noted a typo on the first paragraphs. It shows a period instead of a comma on the one and a half million figure. This will be corrected.

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

d) 10-81 RESOLUTION SCHEDULING A PUBLIC HEARING TO DISCUSS A TRAFFIC CHANGE CONVERTING CRAFT LANE INTO A ONE-WAY STREET.

Mayor Murray read the Resolution (copy attached).

Mayor Murray commented that this issue has come up several times in the past couple of years. People driving in an easterly direction making either a left or right turn onto Rte. 9A stated that there is trouble with visibility because of overgrown bushes or the curvature of the road. The Mayor feels that the only way to solve this is to prevent people from going in the easterly direction. There have not been any accidents there but there have been several complaints not only from residents there but people traveling on that road. The Mayor asked people to come out to this Public Hearing, especially those who use that road, to discuss any issues they may have. He commented that the public has to come out and talk to the Board. We have had these complaints for the past couple of years. He looks forward to discussing it in January.

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

e) 10-82 RESOLUTION SCHEDULING A PUBLIC HEARING ON A PROPOSED LOCAL LAW ADDING CHAPTER 90, ENTITLED "FEES" TO THE CODE OF THE VILLAGE OF BUCHANAN.

Mayor Murray read the Resolution (copy attached).

Trustee Smith wanted to know whose idea this was. Mayor Murray advised that this was discussed a couple of times. Two years ago, the Board changed a lot of our fee schedules. They were fees that were not in the Village Code. Our Codes have a lot of fees and penalties associated with them. In order to change the fees, you have to change the entire Code. What we are proposing, and what the Mayor has discussed with the Village Attorney, is to pull all of the fees out of the Codes so you would just have to amend the fee schedule instead of having a Public Hearing to change various Codes. The Mayor feels it is a good idea. It makes it much easier. We have things we do not charge a fee for, such as road openings. There are many things we want to change concerning fees and penalties in the Code. It is easier to do them all at once.

Trustee Zachary commented that he looked at some of the fees. Some are straightforward and easy to understand, like electrical permits and for returned checks. There are fees he wants to get clarification on, such as the wetland activity permits. He wanted to know if this is about building in a wetland. Mayor Murray advised that this would be for whenever anybody does any construction within a certain distance of a waterway. You cannot do anything within a certain distance of a wetland without a permit.

Trustee Zachary thought if we are having a Public Hearing, we should have a glossary explaining what each of the fees pertain to. As an example, he wanted to know about a demolition permit and an excavation permit. Mayor Murray advised that all this information can be made available by January. All of the definitions are in different sections of the Village Code, Building Code and Zoning Code. Trustee Funchion commented that what they are voting on is to have a Public Hearing to move the fees to a fee schedule, not to discuss them individually. Trustee Zachary thought they were also discussing the amounts at this time. Village Attorney Porteus advised that he was partially correct. She was going to bring it up in her Attorney's Report that if the Board adopted the local law, what they should do is then pass a resolution passing a master fee schedule. The public does not really comment on that. It is just the Board, not the public. Mayor Murray commented that the last time they changed the fees, it was done by resolution. That is how the fees would be changed. The issue is that when they are within the Code, in order to change the Code you have to change the law. Trustee Zachary understood. He had thought they were linked.

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

f) 10-83 RESOLUTION RELEASING BOND TO LAFARGE NORTH AMERICA.

Mayor Murray read the Resolution (copy attached).

Mayor Murray noted that all the engineering bills are attached to the Resolution. He advised that several years ago a law was enacted in the Village stating that any commercial entity that does improvements that require engineering through the Planning or Zoning Boards, those fees are passed on to the applicant. We still absorb any fees and costs for any residential applicants.

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

EXECUTIVE SESSION TO DISCUSS EMPLOYMENT ISSUES:

At 7:49 PM a MOTION to enter into Executive Session was made by Trustee Funchion, seconded by Trustee Knickerbocker with all in favor.

At 8:13 PM a MOTION to return to the meeting was made by Trustee Funchion, seconded by Trustee Smith with all in favor.

Mayor Murray advised that what they did at the Executive Session was to discuss employment issues. They did conduct some business. The Mayor announced that they were transferring two employees: Tim Donahue will move from the Sewage Plant to become Caretaker at the Village Hall, and Mike Baisley will move to the Sewage Treatment Plant.

5. INFORMATION FROM OFFICERS AND DEPARTMENTS.

a) POLICE REPORT – October & November 2010.

Filed.

Mayor Murray noted that they had a very active month.

Mayor Murray asked Village Administrator Hay why the Board did not receive a Court Activity Report which he believes the Board should receive on a monthly basis. The Mayor asked him to find out why they have not submitted one this month and to get a written response.

b) FIRE INSPECTOR'S REPORT: August – October 2010

Filed.

c) PLANNING BOARD MINTUES: July 15, 2010 & August 12, 2010

Filed.

d) ZONING BOARD MINUTES: July 14, 2010; August 11, 2010 & September 8, 2010

Filed.

e) ATTORNEY'S REPORT:

Village Attorney Porteus reported that the master fee schedule will be occurring provided the proposed Local Law is adopted by the Board. She requested the Board to review it and discuss it again so that there will be no time lag between having a Local Law and a fee to go along with it. She and the Village Administrator have been methodically going through the Village Code chapter by chapter. They have found up to 15 that have fees which they will pull out. They have found several which they feel are in need of updating and amendment. Village Attorney Porteus will write a memo to each Board member. She requested that they review it thoroughly and give their comments on a timely basis to avoid duplication because each time they do this, it requires a Public Hearing, a Local Law adopted and legal notices. She and the Village Administrator proposed making the changes chapter by chapter. She requested the Board to advise her and the Village Administrator of any chapters they feel may be more important to deal with first. They would like the Board's comments on each chapter within a week or two. That way, she feels they do a chapter every two months and the entire Code can be updated expeditiously and efficiently. Mayor Murray commented that the Village Code is very thick and has not been changed very often. He appreciates the effort they are putting in to do this. Village Attorney Porteus commented that that they may do this at a Workshop so it will not be delayed.

Mayor Murray requested an update on the title search on the house on White Street which the Board authorized to be done. Village Attorney Porteus advised that there was a title search. We have an owner who is deceased. We have a lien filed by the County on the proceeds of any sale. The situation is complicated. Village Attorney Porteus did a search on "last record owner", who is deceased. There are some living children and grandchildren. She advised that if the Board wishes to move on this, there are several things they can do. She does not know if the Village filed tax liens for the unpaid taxes. The Town of Cortlandt has not done anything and they are not going to move. It puts it back to the Village Board. The property is dangerous. The Board can condemn it. We can go to court. It gets expensive because when the last owner died, she left no Will. No one put the property into Surrogates Court so it still in the name of the deceased. It is complicated in that you have to "notice" the family members. The burden is on the Village. Legal notices have to be published. She has been advised that none of the family members want anything to do with this but the Village must still reach out and give notice. She does not know what the taxes are on this property. Mayor Murray wanted to know if the Village could sell the tax lien. Village Administrator Hay advised that we do not sell our tax liens. We hold our own tax liens. He noted that many villages do. Some do sell them. If a property goes into sale that is when we collect because when a title search is done it will show a tax lien.

Mayor Murray asked for the Village Attorney's recommendation. Village Attorney Porteus hoped that if we give notice to the County that we are moving on, they might jump in and say to hold on. Proceeds of the sale, does not mean that we are selling it. She needs permission to put people on notice that we are going to be moving toward this. If that is done and anyone does appear, then you have to move forward. Mayor Murray wanted to know what it would cost to do that type of notification. The Village Attorney Porteus did not know. It is around \$220 to file the petition. We would get an order out of the court to put everybody on notice. They will issue papers. She does not know how many children or grandchildren who would have to be put on notice. The publishing requirements are stringent. She commented that these people have to read the local papers. We have put notice on the house. Building Inspector Barbara Miller posted it a year ago and did so again. Mayor Murray directed to move with the notification. Trustee Zachary wanted to know if the family members were identified. The Village Attorney

advised that her title searcher has gone to the County to see who the owner is. They were hoping that it had been deeded out to one of the relatives who were alive but it was not. There was a relative who was living there whom they reached out to but who said that he wanted nothing to do with it. She commented that does not mean that he speaks for everyone and that there are other relatives. If it had been put in Surrogates Court, there would be a list of all the children and grandchildren. Because it was not, we do not have that. So we will do our best to find whom we can and will publish the rest in the newspaper. The burden shifts to the owner of the property and whoever feels has an inheritance interest. If they do not show, the court will order it. Mayor Murray directed that if it is only a couple of hundred dollars, to do the preliminaries. He does not want to spend \$20,000 or \$30,000 to demolish a piece of land.

f) TRUSTEE'S REPORTS:

Trustee Smith reported that the old snowplow truck is back. He does not know if anybody has seen it. He has taken photos which he set to the Village Administrator. The truck looks brand new from the outside. He is happy it worked out. It did go over budget. The frame was cracked, leaf springs had to be replaced and there was broken bearing, among other repairs. The price we paid was very good. He believes we can get another 30 years from the truck if it is maintained. Mayor Murray commented that they discussed it during the budget hearing last year. They put money aside to rehab the truck. Several had not been done in years. We do not want to buy all new trucks. They are too expensive. The Board put aside money to do the rehab. It cost a 1.5% to 2% tax increase. It was around \$20,000. They budgeted \$17,500 so it was not grossly over budget. The Mayor commented that what we got, you could not put a price tag on. He feels that \$20,000 was a good deal.

Trustee Smith commented that he was advised by the Highway Foreman that leaf collection is going as scheduled. It will be completed within the next two weeks.

Trustee Smith was sorry he was unable to be at the Christmas Tree Lighting.

Trustee Funchion reported that this week he will be attending the Historic Hudson River Towns meeting. They will be discussing the new Smart Growth Legislation and Regional Cooperation. He hopes to report any new ideas from other communities and towns.

Trustee Funchion has finalized the letter he wants to send to the local businesses to ascertain any interest in forming a local business association that could bring any of their concerns to the Village Board and meetings.

Trustee Funchion wished everyone a Merry Christmas and Happy Hanukkah. The Christmas tree lighting was a success. He thanked everyone involved.

Trustee Zachary enjoyed the Christmas Tree Lighting very much. He commented that he has lived in the Village for 20 years but had not been to one before. It was a lot of fun. There were kids all over the place. He thanked Recreation Supervisor Nancy Bayer and all the people who worked to make it a success. Trustee Zachary wished everybody Happy Holidays.

Trustee Zachary reported that at the last Workshop, Mayor Murray handed him a letter from the Hudson River Greenway, a non-profit organization helping communities to reclaim their resources, both natural and their downtowns. They make grant money available for various projects including public projects that enhance public access and to restore downtown areas. It is something that at some point he wants to look at with somebody who is versed in grant writing. He is on their e-mail list and will keep everyone posted.

Trustee Knickerbocker wanted to know about the Village's video equipment. Some of the residents spoke to her about poor transmissions and reception. Village Administrator Hay advised that they have all the equipment. The problem is that the new equipment requires a different connection than our old equipment. He had someone in on Friday to look to do the conversion and to make sure that the sound comes across well. They will run them side by side

for one meeting to insure they are getting a good transmission. Once the new switcher is on-line, we will be able to send multiple events at the same time. There may be a little learning curve but the company has good product support. He thought they would have had it done by now but did not because of the discrepancy between the old and new connections. Mayor Murray noted that all of this is from a State grant. It is not from the budget. It is money that is left over from 2007 that the Board discovered when they went through some reports. The upgrade to digital is not coming from taxes.

Trustee Knickerbocker commented that last night's Christmas Tree Lighting was a great community event. A great comment was made by the priest from St. Christopher's Church. He said we are very blessed for the community we have. Trustee Knickerbocker commented that as he was speaking, she was thinking that we are very fortunate here, not only for the services we have but for the people in the community that volunteer their time. She thanked Kristen Pynch who decorated the barrels and entrance planters as part of her Project Silver Award for the Girl Scouts. She thanked Don Zern, whom she called our "unofficial clock decorator". She commented that we have people who do so much in the Village. She saw a mother and daughter, residents, who were planting tulips at the entrance to the Village. It what the people here, not only in the Fire Department and Ambulance Corps., who participate to make our community a better place who make our community through their willingness and the time they volunteer. She thanked the Beautification Committee. She apologized if she inadvertently missed mentioning anyone else. They are all what makes this community great.

Trustee Knickerbocker wished everyone a very Happy Holidays, Merry Christmas and a very Happy and healthy New Year.

g) MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Murray commented that Recreation Supervisor Nancy Bayer put a great program together for last night's Tree Lighting. He noted that this is her first year here. She and Mike Baisley organized everything. They obtained donations from the local businesses. Mayor Murray encouraged everyone to patronize our local businesses whenever they can. Whenever we ask for anything, they always help us out.

The pastor and choir from the Trinity Boscobel Church came and led the singing of carols. Father Marcho from Saint Christopher's Church brought some children who also sang some carols.

Mayor Murray read from the Village of Buchanan's Ethics Code, Sections 7-5, Sub Part F, Section 2 and Section G (1&20) and Penalties for these offences, Section 7-6. He feels that these Codes have not always been followed. These applied to the disclosure by of information Village officers and employees of the Village for the furtherance of personal interests or the private interests of others. He read sections covering undue influence. There are ethics standards that Mayor Murray did not feel were always being adhered to. The penalties included removal or suspension. He commented that these are our laws and everyone has to be on the same page. Mayor Murray wanted to remind people of the Ethics Code.

Mayor Murray reported that Trustee Funchion will be attending the Hudson River Towns meeting. This was an organization we had not been a member of for many years. They help out communities on the Hudson to obtain grants and with planning. Even though we only have a small strip of river front, the entire Village is eligible. He hopes Trustee Funchion can get some good information.

Mayor Murray reminded the Board that when they audit the vouchers to insure that there is a budget code and department head signature if we received goods that were fully received. These were some of the requirements that were not being adhered to that came from the State Comptroller's office audit. The Mayor commented that we cannot have sloppy paperwork. We have to make sure all the components are on there.

Mayor Murray announced that tomorrow, we will be having a ceremony for Pearl Harbor Day. It is a Remembrance Day that has been rotating around through the different communities. Last year it was in Croton. Peekskill does it, as does the Town of Cortlandt. It will be tomorrow at 4:00 PM in the Community Room at Village Hall.

Mayor Murray wished everyone a Merry Christmas, Happy Hanukkah and a Happy New Year.

6. COMMENTS FROM THE FLOOR:

Sam Cherchia, Westchester Avenue, commented about the paving of Henry Street and Second Street. He commented that in the past couple of months, he and Trustee Smith have been accused of blocking the paving of those streets. The Board had four votes that said they would pave those streets. He wanted to know why they have not. All of the Town of Cortlandt's streets have been paved. On Red Mill Road, they did twice as much as the contract called for. Nothing has been done in Buchanan. He wanted to know who authorized the halt on the paving. Mayor Murray advised that the contractor decided not to do the paving in the Village of Buchanan. The Board is not going to force a contractor who does not want to do the work here to do it. Mr. Cherchia commented that they could not force him anyway since they were not part of his contract. The Town of Cortlandt is not going to enforce it. He does not want it enforced because he feels the Board was being chiseled. Mr. Cherchia felt that the contractor was not going to do it at that price because it would not be profitable for him. Mayor Murray commented that none of the terms and conditions concerning the length or the price was changed. The contractor decided not to do the work. Mr. Cherchia commented that the contractor did not have the choice. The option was with the Town of Cortlandt who was allegedly acting on behalf of the Village of Buchanan. He commented that the Village was not a party to it. It is a contract. You just do not say, "I am not going to do it" and that is the end of it.

Mr. Cherchia commented about George Pommer coming to the meeting last month, which Mr. Cherchia remarked he does not do for free. Mayor Murray advised that he came here without charge. Mr. Cherchia commented that Mr. Pommer claimed that Hahn Engineering had nothing to do with Second and Henry Streets. It is Mr. Cherchia's understanding that Hahn Engineering billed the Village \$1300 for the paving of Henry and Second Streets. This is what he hears. He does not have it in front of him but he can FOIL it. Mayor Murray wanted to know if Mr. Cherchia FOIL'ed the other information. He wanted to know if Mr. Cherchia FOIL'ed for the contract that he quoted out of. Mr. Cherchia commented that he did not have to tell Mayor Murray how he got the information. He noted that the Code of the Village of Buchanan does not supersede the laws of the State of New York or the United States Constitution. He remarked that the Mayor thinks it is very forceful but it does not supersede them.

Angelo Iacomini noted that he came in late. Since the contractor has decided not to do those roads, he wanted to know when they are going to be done. Mayor Murray advised that it is his intention to take the money that we are not going to be using for paving this year and send it back to the Town of Cortlandt for another joint bid. Mr. Iacomini referred to Mr. Cherchia's comments about roads being paved in the Town, adding that work has been done in Verplanck near St. Patrick's Church. He commented that at a previous meeting, the Mayor had commented that weather was a consideration and affected whether blacktop would be laid down. Mayor Murray advised that there are multiple stages to blacktopping. What is on Bleakley Avenue now is the base. In order to do the final coat there can be no frost on the ground. They must wait for a couple of warm days. The contractor feels he will complete it this year. The Village has told him that if he cannot, he must leave it in a safe condition. Mr. Iacomini's understanding was that the Mayor had stated that the work would be done by November. Mayor Murray advised that he has responded to this in past meetings, as he believes the minutes will confirm. He did not anticipate this going past November. When the Board awarded the bid, they felt we were able to do the work. The bids were opened in August. The contract was awarded in September. There was some difficulty getting the insurance and bonds which delayed the work approximately three weeks. The original agreement from the contractor had them finishing two days before

Thanksgiving if they were able to start at their anticipated start date, which was delayed two weeks. The Mayor commented that originally, back in the summer, he did not anticipate it going past November specifically because the schedule they were given showed it ending then. But we ran into some difficulties. We should now see that completed.

Mr. Iacomini wanted to know if there was a contingency plan for situations like this where pot holes would be filled. The Mayor wanted to know if he meant potholes in other roads. Mr. Iacomini commented that we did not want people walking, hitting a pothole, falling down and the Village ending up with a liability situation. The Mayor advised that he has discussed this with the Village Attorney concerning Henry Street and Second Streets. We tried to get these roads paved. The Village has not acted negligently. The Board has done everything it can to get them done. The Mayor does not know why the contractor decided not to do them. He commented that he can guess why but his guess work is not fact.

7. AUDITING OF VOUCHERS:

The Board audited and signed vouchers.

Angelo Iacomini wanted to know if there is any sort of list of who signed what in a given month and for what and the dollar amount. The Mayor advised that there is not. Mr. Iacomini commented that he is watching the Board signing, legitimately, but he does not know what is being signed, who signed it or the value of it. When he signs his bills at work, he knows what they are for and so does his boss. Mr. Iacomini wanted to know if there is a way that information is available. Mayor Murray advised that if he has a question concerning a specific expenditure or expenditures, he can FOIL them. He will be given the voucher along with any associated documentation. Trustee Zachary commented that 9 out of 10 have to do with maintenance and parts and expenses relating to the Police, Highway and Recreation Departments, along with obligatory expenses related to things like insurance and Medicare coverage for retirees. He would say that nine out of ten fall into those categories. Vouchers could be for expenditures for services from one dollar to several thousand dollars.

8. ADJOURNMENT

At 8:43 PM a MOTION to adjourn this meeting was made by Trustee Funchion, seconded by Trustee Knickerbocker with all in favor.

General Fund: _____ Water Fund: _____

Capital Fund: _____ T&A Fund: _____

See Abstract of Audited Claim Vouchers for details.

Kevin Hay