

**Village of Buchanan
Mayor & Board of Trustees
Village Board Meeting
October 7, 2013**

PRESENT:

Mayor Sean Murray

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

Village Administrator Kevin Hay

Village Attorney Stephanie V. Porteus

Village Board Secretary Susan F. Matthews

1. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

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

2. MOMENT OF SILENCE:

Mayor Murray called for a moment of silence for former Trustee Theresa Baxter and our former judge Eric Scaringi who passed away this past month.

3. CHANGE TO THE AGENDA:

Mayor Murray announced that the Buchanan Engine No. 1 Explorers will not be able to attend this evening.

4. APPROVE MINUTES:

A MOTION to adopt the minutes of the August 20, 2013 Workshop as read was made by Trustee Funchion, seconded by Trustee Knickerbocker with all in favor.

A MOTION to adopt the minutes of the September 3, 2013 regular Board meeting as read was made by Trustee Funchion, seconded by Trustee Knickerbocker with all in favor.

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

6. NEW BUSINESS:

a) 13-34 RESOLUTION AWARDING THE SLUDGE REMOVAL CONTRACT:

Mayor Murray read the Resolution (*copy attached*)

Mayor Murray noted that we bid this out every year. As long as he can remember, Fred Cook Jr. has been the winner of these bids. We have not had any issues with them. This bid also includes five days worth of televising our drainage to help with the IMI mitigation. They send a camera down into our pipes to look for leaks. This helps to limit the amount of infiltration into our Sewage Treatment Plant. We have to process the end leakage of ground water as we do any type of sewage. The way that we can try to prevent that and lower the cost to our plant is to fix the leaks in our drainage system. Trustee Jackson wanted to know if we had that last year. Mayor Murray advised that we did not have that in there last year. The original specifications were part of the de-watering contract when Cook had a special permit to open a de-watering facility. They had fulfilled that requirement of the contract. We wanted to have more updating and more investigation to see if we have any other problems.

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

b) 13-35 RESOLUTION AWARDING THE ROADWAY IMPROVEMENT PROJECT

Mayor Murray read the Resolution (*copy attached*). He noted that Village Administrator Hay will fix the typo that was found in the Resolution.

Trustee Zachary noted that the third bid is significantly lower than all of the other bids including somebody we have not used before. He commented that obviously, we have looked at all their paperwork and insurance but he wanted to know if we checked their track record and their references. Village Administrator Hay advised that the Village Engineer checked on their references. They all checked out positively. Mayor Murray advised that when they spoke to the contractor, he assured us that the work would be done in about a week. One of the stipulations we made was that all the work was to be completed by November 1 to prevent problems with the temperature of the roadway. It has to be maintained at 45 degrees. These contracts also include some curb repairs. We are not repaving entire sections. We are doing repairs. We are milling some sections. Everyone received a proposal prepared by the Village Engineer. The Mayor noted that we are right around the maximum amount we have left over for the bond. He has directed the Village Administrator to leave the ban open for one more year. The cost of the interest is currently 0.9%. Once we roll it over it will be in the range of 3%. When we first started budgeting for the roadway repair bond repayment, we began paying the principal as soon as we started using the money. That was back in 2010. So it is reducing our principal every year. Once we roll it over into the long term bond, our principal will be lower and a lower cost to the residents.

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

c) 13-36 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE HIRING OF SEASONAL HELP

Mayor Murray read the Resolution (*copy attached*). The Mayor advised that this is to assist us with the leaf removal.

Trustee Jackson wanted to know how many hours constitute “part time”. Village Administrator Hay advised that one of the employees was also summer help this year. He is in school and will only be working two days. Another person will be working two to three days and one person will be working full time hours. Overall it equals two full time employees which is what we budgeted for.

Mayor Murray wanted to know why this is going until December 23. He commented that it is not customary. Village Administrator Hay advised that we usually go to right before Christmas. This year Christmas falls in the middle of a week. That is why we gave them that last Monday. It pushes it into that next week. Sometimes we end it on the Friday before. We do not know what kind of a season we might have. Last year, we did not have a lot of rain so we were able to get it done much quicker. But we do not know how it will go this year.

Mayor Murray advised that a few years back we set a policy on the amount of time that part-timers can work for the Village. He noted that two of these people are holdovers from the summer help. He wanted to know if they are aware that this might exclude them from being employed full time next year. The Village Administrator did not know if the Highway Foreman had advised them of that. He will make sure that they know. The Mayor explained that several years ago, we had temporary employees who were essentially full time. It is not fair to our union employees. It is not fair to a person who is a temporary employee for many years thinking that they are going to become full time. When those events occurred, the Board set forth a policy that there is a limited number of months for any calendar year that a temporary employee can work for the Village. The Mayor directed the Village Administrator to let these people know that if they meet that criterion, they will not be considered for next year. Trustee Zachary commented that if it is a question of how many months they worked in this calendar year that would not be affecting their being able to work next summer. The Mayor advised that we need to check the policy. He thinks that we said it is a rolling 12 month schedule. He recalled that when we had this discussion that question came up. We did not make it a Village Code. We made it a hiring policy. The Mayor directed that a copy be left in his box.

Trustee Zachary wanted to know if the part-timers will work on the same days or different days. Village Administrator Hay advised that we are trying to schedule them so that the one who is in school works on Monday and Friday and the other person fit in in the middle of the week.

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

d) 13-37 RESOLUTION WAIVING THE RESIDENCY REQUIREMENT FOR THE VILLAGE ADMINISTRATOR

Mayor Murray read the Resolution (*copy attached*)

Trustee Zachary thinks that to limit the residency of the Administrator to within one mile of the immediate area limits us now and in the future. It is a kind of narrow range. To give us the best pool of people, he does not think that we need to be that restrictive. He supports this resolution.

Trustee Knickerbocker noted that we are not changing the Code. Mayor Murray advised that it is waiving the one mile residency just for our current Administrator.

Trustee Zachary commented that in terms of future hiring, to have a one mile residency requirement is something that we might want to change. He feels it would be restrictive. Mayor Murray commented that a similar resolution came up in 2008 or 2009. He voted against it. He has always felt that it is important that our employees have the feel of the people and are in constant contact with the people that they are representing. That is why he was against it when we discussed this in Executive Session. But everybody has the right to vote as they choose which is why he brought before the Board for a vote. He commented that it is nothing against Village Administrator Hay. He is doing a good job. But the Mayor thinks it is important that the residents see their officials on a daily basis so they can get a feel of what they feel is important in the Village. Trustee Funchion commented that he agrees with Trustee Zachary that one mile is limiting too closely. He understands the Mayor's comments about getting a feel for the people. He can see not hiring someone who lives far away, in New Jersey for example. But he sees the one mile concept as being a little too tight. He noted that if we look at the one mile, it would include people across the river in Stony Point and places like that who would have far less knowledge of Buchanan than somebody who lived in Croton, for example.

A MOTION to adopt this Resolution as presented was made by Trustee Funchion, seconded by Trustee Jackson and approved by a vote of 4-1 with Trustees Funchion, Jackson, Knickerbocker and Zachary in favor, and Mayor Murray opposed.

e) EXECUTIVE SESSION:

At 7:48 PM a MOTION to go into Executive Session to discuss employee hiring was made by Trustee Jackson, seconded by Trustee Zachary with all in favor. The Mayor advised that this was for the purpose of discussing executing a stipulation with the Teamsters Union Local 456 as well as the hiring of office staff.

At 8:15 PM a MOTION to return from Executive Session was made by Trustee Funchion, seconded by Trustee Knickerbocker with all in favor.

Mayor Murray announced that the results of Executive Session would be heard in the next two resolutions.

f) 13-38 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF A STIPULATION WITH LOCAL 456 INTERNATIONAL BROTHERHOOD OF TEAMSTERS

Mayor Murray read the Resolution (*copy attached*)

Mayor Murray advised that this position is not currently in our contract as a title. The contract allows us to create a title within the Village. We have negotiated the pay scale for the title with the union. We have a stipulation (which the Mayor read).

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

g) 13-39 RESOLUTION APPOINTING VILLAGE OFFICE ASSISTANT – FINANCIAL SUPPORT PERSONNEL

Mayor Murray read the Resolution (*copy attached*)

Mayor Murray noted that this position is contingent upon the applicant being able to pass the Civil Service exam. If for some reason the applicant does not pass, we will go back to the interviewing process and hire another person. The candidate does know that this is a requirement. Village Administrator Hay advised that he advised all the candidates of that. Trustee Funchion wanted to know what the probationary period is. The Village Administrator advised that as of Civil Service, it can be up to 52 weeks.

Trustee Knickerbocker thanked Village Administrator Hay. She knows that it was a long process and that he interviewed many people. It is not easy to do that. She commented that since being on the Board, one thing she knows is that the hardest decision and the toughest job for the Board is hiring somebody because you hire one person and many other people are

disappointed. A lot of the applicants were from Buchanan. It is a difficult decision to decide who to hire. Village Administrator Hay did a great job going through the resume's, speaking to and interviewing them. It is a tough decision that we have to make. She remarked that if we could hire everybody in these tough economic times, we would. But there is only one position open.

Mayor Murray asked for any other comments or questions.

Mayor Murray commented that there were many applicants who were qualified. It is difficult to choose, especially when you have lived in the Village all your life and know almost every one of them. We had 35 applicants. Half were Village residents. It is tough to say no to somebody, especially when you know them and you are friends. You have to do what is best for our residents. As we had done with the previous people whom we hired, we took the recommendations of the interviewers. The Mayor said that many years ago he wanted to set up a committee but we stick to what our advisors say. Our Village Attorney advised us of some legal ramifications if we were to take certain actions. The Mayor commented that although there can be improvements to a process, it is a fair process. It is not an arbitrary one. It goes by the facts. It is up to each individual on the Board whether they want to vote for who is on the resolution.

Trustee Zachary thanked all the people who applied for the job. At the end, it was narrowed down to a pool of four people. There are other qualified people who applied. He feels that ultimately it is important that we trust the Village Administrator's recommendation. He is the one who talked with them. He is the one who has not only seen what is shown here on paper but he is the one who is spending time with all of them personally. He is the one who will be working with them day in and day out. So Trustee Zachary feels that we have to give him that benefit of the doubt. Trustee Zachary commented that he does not want to do any interviewing. He thanked Village Administrator Hay and all those who applied.

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

7. INFORMATION FROM OFFICERS & DEPARTMENTS:

- a) Justice Court Report – August 2013
Received
- b) Wastewater Reports – August 2013
Received
- c) Zoning Board Minutes – August 14, 2013

Received

d) Planning Board Minutes – August 15, 2013

Received

e) Fire Inspector's Report – July 2013

Received

f) Police Reports – August 2013

Received

Mayor Murray asked for any comments from the Board. There were none.

Mayor Murray commented that one thing he noted on the police reports was that we had more arrests than moving violations. We had a total of 15 arrests. Usually we have more medical aid calls. It is unusual that we get that many arrests. The Mayor attributed one reason for that to our police officers being out constantly. They have been pulling over anybody violating any of the laws in our Village. Subsequent investigations lead to a lot of arrests. It is great that the officers are out there doing the best to protect us.

g) Attorney's Report

Village Attorney Porteus noted that she has been reporting on WIC and it has before the Planning Board for many months. It is finally settled. We signed a stipulation with them. The project will be wrapping up. It was a long time coming.

Village Attorney Porteus reminded everybody to register for the STAR school tax relief. Unlike in previous years where it was automatically renewed, if you do not register now you will not be entitled to the reduction. Everyone will get something in the mail from the tax department. She just got hers. There is a password on the top that you can use on-line or you can do it in person. Mayor Murray advised that you cannot do it in person. People have to call. If you go up to the Assessor's office they will tell you that you have to deal with the State. The Town of Cortlandt Assessor has sent everything to the State; the lot block, addresses, names and everything. Each individual is assigned a specific code. That code is to be used by the computer or on the phone. When the Mayor tried to go there last week, the Town advised him that he had to wait for the State. You need your original piece of paper. The State assigned each property an individual code. Everyone is supposed to receive them from the State in the next seven to ten days. When you get it, you have to save it because it has an individual property code associated with your name.

Village Attorney Porteus reported on another Planning issue. AAA has been in for two years with an original approval and an amended application. She believes that is wrapping up this month. She believes there will be an approval with conditions. It is moving along, which is a good thing.

h) Trustee's Reports

Trustee Zachary reported that he attended the 9/11 Memorial Service on September 11 at the Buchanan-Croton-Cortlandt 9/11 Memorial at Croton Landing. It was a beautifully done ceremony. He encouraged everyone to visit the memorial. The Mayors of Buchanan and Croton, Town Supervisor Puglisi and Assemblywoman Sandy Galef were there. Everybody from this Village was there. He noted that nobody from Croton other than the Mayor was there. He commented that is okay. People are busy. It was a very rewarding ceremony to be part of.

Trustee Zachary reported that Buchanan Day went well. He welcomed anybody who has feedback, any ideas that work and improvements for next year. Anybody who would like to be involved with the planning should contact Trustee Zachary. He thanked Colleen Lonergan. She was the main energy behind planning the event, contacting everyone, coordinating the volunteers and other things. She did a lot of work and deserves a lot of thanks. Trustee Zachary reported that he had the 1940 Census printed out and at the Seniors' table. He is going to give it to the Seniors. It has been enlarged up to a size that you can read. He had it blown up. There is a lot of information. Whether you have been around the Village for a long time or not, you can start breaking down the information. He went through and found the number of Seniors in 1940. Approximately 1600 people lived here. The life expectancy was a lot shorter then. There were only three people over 90 years old in the Village at that time. All of them were Conklins. A quarter of the people living in the Village were Conklins. Only 10 people were 80 years old or above, which he noted is a very small percentage when you consider the number of Seniors we have today who are 80 and above. One of his neighbors is 82 and very active. Trustee Zachary remarked that being 80 in 1940 was very different than it is today. He is giving this to the Seniors to hold onto and bring to Buchanan Day next year.

Trustee Jackson thanked the Police Chief and Police Department for the job they have been doing and continue to do in service to the Village. He commented that the idea a lot of times when you pull people over is you do not know what is going to happen. They are always in harm's way. When we get to the point of buying new firearms or possible equipment they need, he will support it.

Trustee Jackson reported that the Explorer Program and Buchanan Engine Company were at Buchanan Day and also at Cortlandt Day where their tent was destroyed by the helicopter from Westchester County. When they landed, they came through like real troopers and made do with

what they had and had a good program at both Buchanan Day and Cortlandt Day. Trustee Jackson commented that anyone who did not show up missed a terrific time. He congratulated Colleen Lonergan and all the folks involved. It was a fun day as it continues to grow.

Trustee Jackson reported on the Buchanan Historical Society. Their first meeting was last week. Seven residents are going to be part of it. The next meeting is on November 7 at 6:00 PM. A notice will go out on the Buchanan Channel and in the Newsletter. He commented that the legacy of what we have inherited in the Village needs to be carried on as well as the history we make today. Anyone who wants to become involved should call the Village office. He reminded everyone that we have a Historical Room at Village Hall. Many may not know that it exists. It is quite fascinating. Some of the stories that he heard associated with what went on here are very significant.

Trustee Jackson reported on the VA. He commented that he is a Vietnam War veteran and someone who does out-patients at the VA Hospital in Montrose. There will be a protest there on October 23 about several of the buildings there that the VA intends to close. The Montrose campus is a big employer not only to Buchanan but to the Hudson Valley and is a service for our veterans. Trustee Jackson said that it was very important to come out and show support that we do not need to cut back services but need to enhance them for those men and women overseas now who are protecting our way of life. He encouraged everyone, veterans and non-veterans to be supportive of that process. Representative Nita Lowey will be there. Hopefully Senator Chuck Schumer will be there as well as Senator Gillibrand. The Town Supervisor and a lot of our local politicians will be there. People are urged to come out, be supportive of our veterans and be involved in what is happening to them and how our tax dollars are being spent, even though they are supposedly not being spent right now. These facilities are very important to our veterans.

Trustee Funchion reported on Buchanan Day. Colleen Lonergan has done so much for it. She puts her heart and soul into it. Trustee Funchion commented that there are only four of us that actually put Buchanan day together. He described himself as one of the least as to what goes on. He commended Trustees Zachary and Knickerbocker. They have done a huge amount of work all three years, as has Colleen Lonergan. He commented that it illustrates to everyone in the Village, to look at the event that is put on basically by three and a half people. It was a great day and for once nature gave us nice weather.

Trustee Funchion commented that the 9/11 Memorial Day Ceremony was very touching. As a survivor of 9/11, he was very pleased to have been asked to read out the names of those from our area who were not so lucky. It was an absolutely beautiful ceremony.

Trustee Funchion reported as a member of the Saint Patrick's Day Committee that it is time to put in your nominations for the Grand Marshal for the parade. Contact anyone on the committee. Tentatively they are scheduling the parade for March 16. It is the day before the big one in New York City.

Trustee Funchion wanted to reiterate what Trustee Jackson said about the VA Hospital. It is very important to the community, not only to the veterans, especially with the treatment of Post-Traumatic Distress Syndrome which is done there. Trustee Funchion commented that it is almost beyond belief that the Federal Government is considering closing down this hospital at a time when it is most needed. It leads you to start thinking that there is something else behind it. He commented that you do not have to be blind. It is a beautiful area and he is sure that developers would like to get their hands on that property and have nice buildings that they can sell for a lot of money. He believes that is the main reason behind this, not cost efficiency because there is no cost that should be drawn as a line in the sand when it comes to our veterans; and for our community as well because it makes it easier for our local veterans to get medical help.

Trustee Funchion reported that a lot of people have stopped to comment to him about the Village Circle. He thanked Don Zern who has done so much to beautify it with the flowers and everything he does there. People have seen him out there on his hands and knees working. Trustee Funchion wanted to give him a pat on the back.

Trustee Funchion wished a Happy Columbus Day to all his Italian friends.

Trustee Knickerbocker commented that it has been a pleasure working with the committee for Buchanan Day: Trustees Zachary and Funchion and Colleen Lonergan. She would like to see more people come out and be involved with it. Buchanan Day was originated three years ago. We felt there was a need to bring the community back together. There were some things happening and some angry situations. So they decided to set up a day to highlight our community and what a great Village this is; to bring out the residents to get to know your neighbors; to get to meet everybody; to bring our community back together because it is such a great place to live. She cannot say enough about the committee. They are great to work for. It is a fun group. She hopes to see more people involved with new ideas. Trustee Knickerbocker thanked the Buchanan Fire Department and all the volunteers that day. Our Buchanan Seniors had a table and the 9/11 Committee had a raffle.

Trustee Knickerbocker reported on our food bank basket for the VA. The food that we collect here did go to the food bank. They are very appreciative of whatever we bring. Duke constantly sends letters and thank you notes. The veterans gave to support us and whatever we can do for them, it is important to do that.

i) Mayor's Report

Mayor Murray reported that, as Trustee Jackson said, at 4:00 PM on Wednesday, October 23 there will be a rally on the front lawn at the Montrose VA Hospital. The rain date is October 24. Right now, they are slated to bulldoze five buildings. These are not small buildings. They are gigantic. They make up 25% of the capacity of the Montrose VA. Last year, a couple of buildings were decommissioned that were transferred into office space. They moved some of the administrative services up here from the Bronx. The amount to refurbish the buildings in the Bronx was a lot of money so they did it up here. It is important to maintain and even expand the services at this VA. They do a lot of rehabilitation. The swimming pool has been out of commission. The first estimate to repair it is \$1.5 million. When we were able to find someone who was willing to do it, the VA said that changed from \$1.5 million to \$8.5 million. The Mayor commented that some of the things the Veterans Administration is doing are not for veterans. It is aggravating when you come up with what they asked for and then they change the terms and conditions. It is just like what they are doing now with changing the terms and conditions of the hospital itself. The hospital was made in the 1940s for returning veterans. The Mayor noted that our country has been in a war for over 10 years and now they are going to close the hospital. There are more veterans than any time in the history of our country. That hospital is needed and there is no reason why parts of it should be bulldozed. If you come down on Wednesday, October 23 you will hear from lot of veterans - WWII veterans, Korean War veterans, Vietnam era veterans - who currently use the facilities as outpatients. There will be people from all walks of life who all served our country. There will be family members. They will all express their concerns on the need to maintain that facility. It will be on the grounds of the VA. We usually set up a stage next to the sign. If there is some drizzle, they usually have a tent and will do it. If it is pouring rain, October 24 is the rain date.

Mayor Murray reported that last week, he and Trustee Knickerbocker attended a meeting at the Town of Cortlandt from West Point Partners. West Point Partners is a company that lays infrastructures for Governor Cuomo's "energy super highway". The Mayor commented that many residents have heard about Governor Cuomo's plan to take renewable energy sources from upstate New York and hydroelectric power from Canada and distributing it through New York State. Right now, West Point Partners is proposing a project to take energy from Athens, NY to Verplanck for a 1,000 megawatt DC line; building a conversion station down by the baseball field, which would take up around 5-7 acres; then running an AC transmission line over to the Buchanan switch yard into another building. The cost is around \$1 billion. That is \$1.25 million per megawatt. There is some creative financing involved. The Mayor commented that if you sift through it, you can see that the New York Power Authority (NYPA) is financing a lot of this. Also New York State Independent Systems Operators (NYSO) would be charging rate payers a tariff to use that line. The Mayor advised that two weeks ago, the Village received a rate

increase of 12.7% from NYPA on our electric charges. He commented that you can look at the two and sometimes a coincidence is too much to be a coincidence. It is his belief that these rate increases are going to be used to finance Governor Cuomo's "energy super highway" for these DC conversion stations and lines in order to bypass Indian Point. The Mayor does not think it is right that the rate payers should have to pay an increase in fees to take jobs and a tax base away from the residents of the Village and the Town.

Mayor Murray said that he questioned the president of the company on several issues. He received no response. He would like the Village Attorney to do something similar to what the Town of Cortlandt has done. He wants the Village of Buchanan to file for intervener status. One reason is what is called an Article 7 proceeding with New York State. These West Point Partners have put in an application to basically request relief from every zoning and planning requirement that the Village of Buchanan has, as well as every planning and zoning requirement the Town of Cortlandt has. They are requesting a waiver for basically everything including noise, the height of buildings and expansion of the Con Ed substation, to prevent the Village of Buchanan and the Town of Cortlandt from having any say in this project. The majority of the project will be in Verplanck. The conversion station will be in Verplanck if so passed. The Mayor has a meeting with another committee on Wednesday to discuss this project. It is in the preliminary stages. The application has not been deemed complete by New York State. Once it has been deemed complete, there will be public hearings and financing set forth. The taxpayers will be taxed no matter if that line is used or not. They will build the infrastructure and be paid by several creative financing schemes that have been set up by Governor Cuomo. The Mayor does not believe it is right that if that line is not used that we should have to pay for it. Trustee Knickerbocker advised that the height of the building is 65 feet. Mayor Murray commented that the whole construction violates every planning and zoning law in the Village of Buchanan and Town of Cortlandt. That is why New York State sent West Point Partners questions about how they were going to get around all these laws. West Point Partners had applied to New York State for what they call relief of zoning and planning requirements. They detail each one. The rationale behind each one is cost and expediency.

The current planning of this project is set to be completed and come on-line around 2017. That is right around the time when Entergy is supposed to have a response from the NRC concerning their relicensing. West Point Partners stated at the public meeting that they can operate the 1,000 megawatt DC conversion with Indian Point being at 100% power. The Mayor said that when he went through their January 25th application, that is not correct. Unit 2 would have to reduce power.

The Mayor advised that there are several things that we will be discussing with the committee set up by the Town of Cortlandt. The Town has already filed and been accepted for legal status as an intervener.

Trustee Knickerbocker commented that the Verplanck residents did their homework and came to the meeting prepared. They had phenomenal questions. She thinks it surprised the president of the company because he was not expecting many of the questions that were asked of him. The homework was done and they were well aware of the potential that could happen with this. One of the things is that there would be a constant humming from that station. She noted that Mayor Murray was well prepared and asked some very good questions.

Trustee Zachary wanted to know if the site they are looking at is Con Ed property. Mayor Murray advised that currently it is Con Ed property. Currently, they do not have a contract with Con Edison to purchase the property. They are in negotiations. It is on Eleventh Street near the baseball field. The line will run up Broadway into the transformer yard across from Indian Point. They said they do not have to expand it. The Mayor does not see how that is possible because there are only four breakers there, two for each plant. He questions where they are going to get the other 1,000 megawatts of distribution without expanding the plant. That is why they are requesting a waiver for all planning and zoning laws. Trustee Zachary wanted to know if this line from Athens, NY is the hydroelectric line that has been discussed in the last year or so. Mayor Murray advised that there are several lines that are going to be interconnecting. They want it to be in the river instead of being overhead.

Mayor Murray had a question for the Board members about the proposed Seniors' housing project. He was not able to attend the last Workshop meeting. He wanted to know if the other Board members received a proposed draft zoning text amendment. They had not. The Mayor directed the Village Administrator to get them a copy. It is a draft amendment. It talks about our zoning laws as well as our comprehensive Master Plan. There is some good and bad language in it. He wants the Board members to review it. We will discuss at the next Workshop meeting. Trustee Zachary wanted to confirm that it is a draft for the zoning amendments that they feel would be needed. The Mayor said that was correct. Trustee Zachary wanted to confirm that it was not a draft of what they proposed to build at this point. The Mayor advised that they actually have some specifics in it such as the number of units, number of bedrooms, number of parking spots and locations. There are a lot of things in there. Trustee Knickerbocker noted that the next Workshop is next Tuesday.

Mayor Murray reported that he, Village Administrator Hay and the Village Engineer met and discussed the final stages of the Sewage Treatment Plant (STP) repair. We received our five year SPEDES permit. There are no changes in our de-nitrification which is something we had been threatened with. We had some more details on the maintenance of the small bubble diffusion versus the manual aerators. Small bubble diffusion would be much more expensive, as well as having much more costly maintenance expenses because you have to pull up the rigs and change all the heads. We have come to a basic course of action. What we are going to do is

change the fans on one of the tanks. We are going to monitor the dissolved oxygen (DO) level. We have a company that is currently working on Tappan Zee Bridge. They have some slack in their schedule where they can manufacture some of these fans and we can install them at an extremely cost effective price. Once we put those fans in and repair some of the steel work, basically the project will be completed. Because our SPEDES permit has been approved for at least 5 years, the Mayor does not see any need to stop the type of aeration that we are going to use. We are going to install those fans, fix the steel work and monitor the DO to see if we are going to get what we expect to. If it proves successful, we will continue on to the second tank and the project will be completed. The Mayor said that we threw around a ball park number of \$150,000 for completing the project. It is a rough estimate. We are putting together a fragment of the work schedule. We should have the full fan cost in the next couple of weeks. We have to send it out to bid because it is over \$35,000. If for some reason we have to use one vendor, we have that ability within our loan. We can sole source it for certain reasons. We are following the law on that. Hopefully we will have a swift conclusion within the next couple of months.

Mayor Murray wished everyone a safe Halloween. We will have people stationed around. Our police will be out in full force along with volunteers from Buchanan Engine Company who will be driving around. We are lucky being a small community having so many volunteers. We never have any incidents. We have no vandalism. It is great that the residents are policing themselves along with our police and volunteers. He reminded everyone to be careful and enjoy themselves.

Mayor Murray thanked everyone for being at this meeting.

Trustee Jackson commented that also one of the other strategies for the VA Hospital is trying to have a landmark status for the VA Hospital. There is a petition for that circulating. One is at the Fire Department and he does not know if we have one in the Village Hall. Village Administrator Hay advised that there was not. Mayor Murray advised that we have to check with Village Attorney Porteus if we can legally have one in the Village Hall. If we can, we will have a copy placed there. If it is determined that we cannot, one of the Board Members can direct people to some place where they can put their name on it.

8. COMMENTS FROM THE FLOOR:

None.

9. BOARD MEMBER REBUTTALS:

None

10. ADJOURNMENT:

At 9:00 PM a MOTION to adjourn this meeting was made by Trustee Funchion, seconded by Trustee Jackson with all in favor.