

Mayor Leon opened the April 20, 2011 Regular Meeting at 8:05 p.m.

Present: Mayor Jay Leon
Deputy Mayor/Trustee Peter Porcino
Trustee Gary Malone

Village Manager George F. Calvi
Village Attorney Robert J. Ponzini
Village Clerk Barbara A. Berardi

Absent: Trustee Larry Nardecchia
Trustee Beverly Levine

I. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Trustee Porcino: Resolved, that the Village Board of the Village of Ardsley hereby approves the minutes of the regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of April 4, 2011 as submitted. **Seconded by Trustee Malone and passed unanimously.**

III. DEPARTMENT REPORTS

LEGAL REPORT: Attorney Ponzini had nothing to report other than those items submitted in memorandum form. He has met with several staff members on various items.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Mr. Calvi read the Treasurer's Report on behalf of Marion DeMaio. For the last two weeks the bills from the General Fund totaled \$189,196.59, the bills from the Capital Fund totaled \$4,940.99, and the bills from the Trust & Agency Fund totaled \$1,143.39.

Trustee Malone: Resolved, that the Village Board of the Village of Ardsley hereby authorizes the Village Treasurer to pay the following amounts. From the General Fund \$189,196.59, from the Capital Fund \$4,940.99 and from the Trust & Agency Fund \$1,143.39. **Seconded by Trustee Porcino and passed unanimously.**

IV. MANAGERS REPORT

**VILLAGE MANAGER REPORT
PREPARED BY GEORGE F. CALVI
FOR WEDNESDAY, APRIL 20, 2011**

1. GARDEN CLUB EVENT: On behalf of Trustee Beverly Levine and President Mary Keehan, I am announcing tonight that the Ardsley Garden Club will be holding its annual flower show on Wednesday, May 4, 2011 from 2:30 pm to 8:00 pm at Saint Barnabas' Episcopal Church located at the corner of Revolutionary and Heatherdell Roads. This year's theme is "Poetry and Flowers." Admission is free and all are invited to attend!

2. GOOD FRIDAY: Village offices, along with DPW, will be closed on April 22 in observance of Good Friday. This means that trash collection will be conducted throughout the entire village on Thursday, April 21. If by chance you miss Thursday's collection, please do not leave it curbside so that your neighbors have to stare at it all weekend long. Thank you in advance for your consideration. Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact the DPW office at 693-0117 which by the way will also be open on Saturday from 7:00 am until noon.

3. MARK YOUR CALENDARS NOW: April will be over soon, and May will be upon us before you know it. During May, Village residents will witness two of their favorite events. The Fire Fighters Annual Carnival, sponsored by Volunteer Engine Company No.1., returns on Wednesday, May 11 and goes through Sunday, May 15 in Ashford Park. The annual Memorial Day Parade takes place on Monday, May 30. The parade, sponsored by the Ardsley American Legion, traditionally steps off at 10:00 am from Park Avenue and winds its way down to the circle in Ashford Park where Memorial Services for our deceased Veterans are held. Signs and other publicity advertising both events will be around shortly, but we wanted to give you an opportunity to plan ahead.

4. 2011-2012 VILLAGE BUDGET: Our Village Board has been busily working away at the Tentative Village Budget released on March 21 with a proposed tax rate increase of 5.63%. Budget work sessions were held on March 30, April 6 and April 13. The public hearing on the budget was held on April 4, and another budget work session will be held on April 25. The budget for 2011-2012 will be adopted at the Village Board meeting of Monday, May 2nd.

Lastly, a Happy Passover and a Happy Easter to all who observe!

V. DEPARTMENT REPORTS

FIRE REPORT:

Chief Coulehan gave the fire report for the month of March 2011.

POLICE REPORT:

Chief Califano gave the police report for the month of March 2011.

BUILDING INSPECTOR'S REPORT: On behalf of Larry Tomasso, Mayor Leon read the building inspectors report for the month of March 2011.

VI. VISITORS

Mr. Michael Kolesar, 35 Park Avenue, Ardsley, presented himself to the Board to further discuss the Village budget as was begun at the last meeting.

The issue of serial bonds was discussed and Mayor Leon explained that this was being considered, however, the library reconstruction will not be included in this proposed budget change.

Mr. Kolesar spoke regarding unresolved parking tickets in the Town of Greenburgh and the upcoming water rate increases.

Mr. Kolesar expressed concern regarding the financial matter of the Water Wheel project.

Ms. Patricia Hoffman, 69 Bramblebrook Road, Ardsley, presented herself to the Board regarding the Ridge Hill project. A brief background was given regarding the \$5M for road improvements. Ardsley is earmarked to receive approximately \$2M for road improvements.

Ms. Hoffman expressed concern regarding the progress and development of the projects. One major question is the time element involved since the money needs to be used by August, 2014. Ms. Hoffman requested a schedule of submissions dates and target deadlines for completion of the projects.

Tr. Porcino responded that an informal timeline exists but he would request something in writing.

Ms. Hoffman referred to the February 1st meeting whereby the residents were invited to attend and the issue of the takings was addressed. Ms. Hoffman requested if the taking projects have moved forward.

Tr. Porcino and Mr. Calvi did not have any information regarding the takings.

Mayor Leon reminded them that State Assemblyman Tom Abinanti was to have followed up with them. Attorney Ponzini stated that he contacted Mr. Calvi regarding this situation and Mr. Calvi responded that there was a imminent meeting upcoming and he would advise Atty. Ponzini thereafter. Mayor Leon requested Mr. Calvi follow up every day until the project was moved forward. Mr. Calvi advised that if he was being charged with the task, he would accept handling it.

Attorney Ponzini suggested dealing directly with the property owners.

Mayor Leon stated that public hearings for the takings will be required which Mr. Calvi with the assistance of the Village Attorney will finesse.

Ms. Hoffman urged the Board to expedite the process and not jeopardize the \$2 million from the Ridge Hill settlement.

VII. MAYOR AND BOARD REPORTS

MAYORS ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- 1) The Little League Parade took place on April 9, 2011.
- 2) The last two budget meetings are scheduled for April 25 and, tentatively, April 27.
- 3) Village resident Will Gonzalez will become an Eagle Scout on April 30. The ceremony will take place at the Community Center.
- 4) The MTA tax is budgeted at \$18,000 this year, up 13% from the proposal of two years ago. Hydrant rentals are up to \$108,715, up 19% over this year's projection. The State retirement is \$810,000, up 72% from 2010-2011, not including the library employees. These items are all mandated by the State legislature. The hydrant rentals were approved by the Public Service Commission, which is a State commission.
- 5) Happy Passover and Happy Easter was wished to all.

Tr. Porcino:

- 1) Attended the Little League Parade along with Trustees Malone & Nardecchia, and the Village Manager
- 2) Attended the fireman's installation dinner.
- 3) Regarding the Dobbs Ferry Rivertowns Square project, scoping additions were suggested. These additions were requested to be posted on our web site.
- 4) Recycling by the County will be accepted on June 1st. The County has reconfigured the recycling center and has mandated that items 1-7 be recycled at that time. Further information will be forthcoming.
- 5) Ate at the new Calcutta Wrap and Roll on Saturday night and was pleasantly surprised.

Tr. Malone:

- 1) Attended the Little League Parade.
- 2) Attended the firemen's installation dinner.
- 3) Ate at the Calcutta Wrap and Roll and enjoyed it.

8:30 P.M. - PUBLIC HEARING - STAGIONI PIZZERIA – to be continued.

Trustee Porcino: Resolved, that the Village Board of the Village of Ardsley hereby adjourns the Public Hearing to consider to place a maximum of six tables and a maximum of fifteen seats on the sidewalk in front of Stagioni Pizzeria at 2 Bridge Street, Ardsley, New York on May 2, 2011 at 8:30 p.m. **Seconded by Trustee Malone and passed unanimously.**

RESOLUTION TO CLOSE THE PUBLIC HEARING ON THE 2011-2012 VILLAGE BUDGET

Trustee Porcino: RESOLVED, that the Village Board of the Village of Ardsley hereby closes the Public Hearing regarding the 2011-2012 Village Budget. **Seconded by Trustee Malone and passed unanimously.**

RESOLUTION REGARDING ATTENDANCE OF POLICE SERGEANT AT INTEGRATED JUSTICE PORTAL SEMINAR IN ALBANY

Trustee Malone: Resolved, that the Village Board of the Village of Ardsley hereby authorizes Police Sergeant Evan Kanigher, at the recommendation of the Police Chief, to attend training for the new unified “eJusticeNY Integrated Justice Portal” (IJAB) sponsored by the Integrated Justice Advisory Board, the NYS Department of Corrections, the Division of Criminal Justice Services, the State Police, the Division of Parole, and Homeland Security and Emergency Services in Albany from May 16 through May 18 at an amount not to exceed \$350.00 to cover meals and lodging [two nights @\$104 + \$142 meals & incidentals]. Sgt, Kanigher will be provided a patrol car for transportation, and there is no cost for registration or training. **Seconded by Trustee Levine and passed unanimously.**

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF 2011-2015 STOP DWI IMA

Trustee Porcino: Whereas, in January 2007 the Village Board authorized the Village Manager to sign a four year agreement with the County of Westchester for the provision of a STOP DWI PATROL PROJECT REIMBURSEMENT AGREEMENT, and that agreement expired on December 31, 2010

Be it resolved, that the Village Board of the Village of Ardsley hereby authorizes the Village Manager to execute a five year inter-municipal agreement with the County of Westchester for the provision of a STOP DWI PATROL PROJECT REIMBURSEMENT AGREEMENT for the period January 1, 2011 through December 31, 2015 for an amount not to exceed \$8400 annually. **Seconded by Trustee Malone and passed unanimously.**

RESOLUTION MODIFYING 2010-2011 VILLAGE BUDGET – “BUCKLE UP NEW YORK CAMPAIGN”

Trustee Malone: Resolved that the Village Board of the Village of Ardsley hereby authorizes the Village Treasurer to modify the 2010-2011 Village Budget by increasing revenue line item A3989 by \$5,980 to reflect the anticipated receipt, and increasing appropriation line item 3120.210 by \$5,980 to reflect a grant awarded by the NYS Governor’s Traffic Safety Committee to participate in the “Buckle Up New York!” campaign. **Seconded by Trustee Porcino and passed unanimously.**

RESOLUTION MODIFYING 2010-2011 VILLAGE BUDGET – “CHILD PASSENGER SAFETY” PROGRAM

Trustee Malone: Resolved, that the Village Board of the Village of Ardsley hereby authorizes the Village Treasurer to modify the 2010-2011 Village budget by increasing revenue line item 3120.210 by \$4,500 and appropriations line item A3989 by \$4,500 to reflect the anticipated receipt and expenditure for funds from a grant awarded by the NYS Governor’s Traffic Safety Committee to participate in the “Child Passenger” program. **Seconded by Trustee Porcino and passed unanimously.**

RESOLUTION REGARDING SERVICE AWARD PROGRAM – VANGUARD TRANSFER OF FUNDS

Trustee Porcino: Resolved, that the Village Board of the Village of Ardsley hereby authorizes the Village Manager to transfer \$75,000 from the Vanguard US Treasury Fund into the Vanguard Small Cap Growth Index Fund (Symbol: VISGX) for the Village’s

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Volunteer Fire Fighter Length of Service Award Program also known as LOSAP. **Seconded by Trustee Malone and passed unanimously.**

**RESOLUTION ACCEPTING RESIGNATION OF
PATROLMAN MICHAEL PETRUOLO**

Resolved, that the Village Board of the Village of Ardsley hereby accepts, with regret, the resignation of Patrolman Second Grade Michael Petruolo for the purpose of transferring to the Westchester County Department of Public Safety, effective midnight April 17, 2011

**RESOLUTION CONSIDERING REQUEST TO ERECT TEMPORARY SIGNS
FOR MEMORIAL DAY**

Trustee Malone: RESOLVED, that the Village Board of the Village of Ardsley hereby approves a request from Ardsley American Legion Post 458 to erect two 4' x 8' signs with information regarding the Memorial Day ceremony and parade; one sign to be placed at the southwest corner of the intersection of Route 9A and Ashford Avenue, and the other to be placed at the jug-handle corner of Ashford Avenue and McCormick Drive, as in prior years. The signs will be erected approximately May 18th and will be removed on May 31, or June 1st. **Seconded by Trustee Porcino and passed unanimously.**

Mayor Leon wished everyone a Happy Passover and a Happy Easter.

Mayor Leon reminded the public that garbage collection would be on Thursday for the entire Village since April 22nd offices would be closed in observance of Good Friday.

ADJOURNMENT OF MEETING: Trustee Porcino: Resolved, that the Village Board of the Village of Ardsley hereby adjourns the rescheduled meeting of Wednesday, April 20, 2011 at 9:06 p.m. to enter Executive Session to discuss personnel matters. **Seconded by Trustee Malone and passed unanimously.**

Respectfully submitted,

Lorraine McSpedon
Recording Secretary