

**Village of Buchanan
Mayor & Board of Trustees
Regular Board Meeting
August 2, 2016**

PRESENT:

Mayor Theresa Knickerbocker
Trustees Richard A. Funchion, Duane M. Jackson, Cesare Pasquale and Nicolas Zachary,
Village Administrator Kevin Hay
Village Board Secretary Susan Matthews

ABSENT:

Village Attorney Stephanie V. Porteus who is ill.

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:

April 6, 2016 Budget Workshop: A MOTION to approve these minutes as read was made by Trustee Funchion, seconded by Trustee Zachary with all in favor.

May 3, 2016 Regular Board Meeting: Trustee Zachary amended by page 11, paragraph 4, line 8, add “% demolished” after “50”. A MOTION to approve these minutes as amended was made by Trustee Zachary, seconded by Trustee Pasquale with all in favor.

June 7, 2016 Regular Board Meeting: A MOTION to approve these minutes as read was made by Trustee Funchion, seconded by Trustee Zachary with all in favor.

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

None

4. NEW BUSINESS:

a) 16-35 RESOLUTION ACCEPTING A BID FOR THE 2016 ROADWAY PAVING PROJECT.

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

e) 16-39 RESOLUTION IN OPPOSITION OF THE PLAN TO ANCHOR BARGES ALONG THE SHORE OF THE HUDSON RIVER.

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

Mayor Knickerbocker advised that this is something that just came up recently. The comment period is until September 7. She commented that she was fortunate today to be with State Senator Murphy and other officials. They had a press conference and rally in Verplanck at the boat launch. The Coast Guard has suggested that there be different anchorages from Yonkers to Kingston. The Mayor commented that unfortunately for the Town of Cortlandt they are planning on doing one in Montrose and one in Verplanck by Tompkins Cove. She commented that it is another thing. We have a sheet rock gypsum plant. We have the Entergy plant and you have a resource recovery plant. We have all this industrial on the river. We have just gone through the Spectra pipeline. She commented it makes you say "What next?" At the turn of the century, you had a lot of industry on the river. But things have changed over the years. You still have the commerce with the oil and tankers going up and down the river. But what has happened is the trend now is that people and municipalities have realized the beauty of the river. In Tarrytown they are re-developing the former GM site. All along the river we can talk about what is going on. The Town of Cortlandt has put money into doing the river front and making it beautiful. Down by Steamboat Dock they purchased for over \$2 million to do the river front all along there. You can look at the City of Peekskill. She commented that all along the river municipalities are refurbishing and making everything nice so that everyone can enjoy the river. We all enjoy the river. The Mayor sees a lot of Village residents down at Steamboat Dock. Everybody is doing this going all the way up to Kingston. We are still trying to get grants to help us do work at Lent's Cove. She commented that you have to shake your head because this is something else we have to fight. All the elected officials are banding together. They feel that September 7 is too short a time to make all comments heard. There will be different places where you can make your public comment including on-line. The Mayor commented that this is not a benefit to our area. It is an ugly thing. We are not even completely sure when they anchor these barges what exactly will be in them. The Mayor has heard different things like oil and hazardous materials. She commented that it is crazy and remarked who thinks this stuff up? She is not sure how many acres it would be in Montrose. She believes that it is 97 acres in Verplanck. As you are sitting on the river front what you would see instead of the other shore would be these big barges. Mayor Knickerbocker urges everyone to come out when these Public Hearings are held. The Village Board is doing this Resolution tonight so that we can send it to the Coast Guard. She commented that once again we are dealing with the Federal government. We will do our best to try to fight this. She commented that it seems like every year there are a couple of things that we

are fighting. As Mayor Knickerbocker gets more information, she will let everyone know. We will put it on Facebook.

Trustee Pasquale commented that he saw today that if you go to State Senator Terrance Murphy's web site on NewYorkState.gov, he has a petition. You can do it right on-line. They will deliver it to the Coast Guard. The Mayor advised that the Senator spearheaded this effort today.

Trustee Funchion asked if the Coast Guard gave any reason for this. He wanted to know if it has anything to do with the Tappan Zee Bridge. Is it temporary or permanent? The Mayor advised that it would be permanent. Trustee Funchion wanted to know if they said what the reason is for it. He commented that we have not had any barge sites up and down the river before. He wanted to know if there are a massive amount of barges coming in. The Mayor advised that what she understands from what she heard today is that there is such a jam in the Albany area so instead of a bottle neck there they are trying to stack it up.

Trustee Jackson wanted to know if there has been any kind of environmental impact assessment done. The Mayor commented that we are dealing with the Federal government and we saw how that worked with the Spectra pipeline. She commented that environmentally if there is a problem with the barges, some people are saying that if the barges leak it is a problem in the river. These are the same barges that go up and down the river every day. Somebody talked today about security. What is in these barges? It is close to Entergy and close to people. These barges are coming in from the Atlantic. Who is monitoring it? Are they going to be secure? Who is going to monitor them? Is there going to be security? There are a lot of questions.

Trustee Zachary commented that as a kid he remembers the "mothball fleet" of WWII vessels stored in the Hudson for more than 20. It was kind of a novelty. As a kid, he thought that was enjoyable. But he does not think there is anything enjoyable about having these barges stored here. He remarked that we should suggest a couple of "beautiful" sites to put those barges like Dobbs Ferry and Irvington. He commented that they did not attempt to put anything across from those municipalities. The Mayor commented that up here we seem to be the melting pot for everything. It is not a good thing.

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

f) 16-40 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE USE OF A VILLAGE FACILITY.

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