

Minutes of the **Regular Meeting** of the Board of Trustees of the Village/Town of Mount Kisco held on **Monday, March 27, 2017 at 8:00 pm** in the Frank J. DiMicco Board Room, Village Hall, and 104 Main Street, Mount Kisco, New York.

Present: Mayor J. Michael Cindrigh
Trustee Peter Grunthal
Deputy Mayor Anthony Markus
Trustee Karen Schleimer

Also Present: Edward W. Brancati, Village Manager
Whitney Singleton, Village Attorney

Absent: Trustee Jean Farber

Regular Village Board Meeting

Mayor Cindrigh opened the Village Board Meeting and led everyone in the Pledge of Allegiance. Mayor Cindrigh asked everyone to please remain standing for a moment of silence, so that we may reflect on why we are here and ask for guidance in the decisions that we make here this evening so that they may benefit all of the people of our community. He asked that we keep in our thoughts and prayers three (3) individuals that were important to the fabric of our village Joyce Wall, Palma Terlizzi and Patrick Coyne. All of these people donated their time to the village and will all truly be missed.

Prior to the start of the Regular Village Board Meeting the Board of Trustees conducted two (2) informal interviews with Kristine Mullen (Beautification Committee) and Grace Bueti (Economic Development Council).

1) Communications:

a. Letter from the Mount Kisco Little League re: Opening Day Parade request.

The following motion was offered by Mayor Cindrigh and seconded by Trustee Schleimer; authorizing the Mount Kisco Little League to hold their Opening Day Parade on Saturday, April 22, 2017 at 10:00 am; all in favor.

Motion Adopted

Mayor J. Michael Cindrigh	Aye
Trustee Grunthal	Aye

Deputy Mayor Markus	Aye
Trustee Schleimer	Aye

b. Letter from St. Francis of Assisi Church re: Stations of the Cross procession request.

The following motion was offered by Deputy Mayor Markus and seconded by Trustee Grunthal; authorizing the St. Francis of Assisi Church to hold the Stations of the Cross process on Friday, April 14, 2017 at 5:00 pm; all in favor.

Motion Adopted

Mayor J. Michael Cindrich	Aye
Trustee Grunthal	Aye
Deputy Mayor Markus	Aye
Trustee Schleimer	Aye

c. Arbor Day Proclamation.

Mayor Cindrich read the following proclamation into the record:

- Whereas,** In 1872, J. Sterling Morton proposed to the Nebraska Board of Agriculture that a special day be set aside for the planting of trees;
- Whereas,** this holiday, called Arbor Day, was first observed with the planting of more than a million trees in Nebraska and is now observed throughout our nation and around the world;
- Whereas,** trees can reduce the erosion of our precious topsoil by wind and water, cut heating and cooling costs, moderate the temperature, clean the air, produce oxygen, and provide habitat for wildlife;
- Whereas,** trees are a renewable resource giving us paper, wood for our homes, fuel for our fires, and countless other wood products;
- Whereas,** trees in our Village/Town increase property values, enhance the economic vitality of business areas, and beautify our community;
- Whereas,** trees, wherever they are planted, are a source of joy and spiritual renewal, and

Whereas, the Village/Town of Mount Kisco will commence restoration of the stream buffer along Branch Brook in Shopper’s Park this year, which will include the planting of trees and native plants.

Now, Therefore, I, J. Michael Cindrach, Mayor of the Village/Town of Mount Kisco, do hereby proclaim **Saturday, April 29, 2017** as Arbor Day in the Village/Town of Mount Kisco and I urge all citizens to attend our Arbor Day Celebration at Wallace Pond in Leonard Park at 9:00 a.m., and

Further, I urge all citizens to support efforts to protect our trees and woodlands, and plant trees to gladden the heart and promote the well-being of this and future generations. Thank you.

Mr. James Gmelin, Chairman of the Tree Preservation Board stated that in the past Mount Kisco was recognized as a “Tree City USA” and one of the requirements to be a Tree City is to have an Arbor Day Celebration. This year we plan on having a tree planting in Leonard Park, near Wallace Pond. As part of the celebration we have also worked with the Mount Kisco Elementary School Principal and this year the 4th Graders will be submitting posters with the theme being specimen trees in Mount Kisco. We eventually would like to display some of their art work that the youngsters are doing right here in Village Hall.

Mr. Gmelin asked for the Village Board’s permission to place a small plaque honoring a man who devoted his life to the environment, Stanley Bernstein. Stan volunteered his time for many years as a member of the Conservation Advisory Council and Planning Board. We would like to honor him with a small plaque placed by the tree when it is planted for Arbor Day.

Mayor Cindrach and the Village Board of Trustees stated that Leonard Park is under the jurisdiction of the Leonard Park Committee and recommended that Mr. Gmelin meet with the Leonard Park Committee to let them review the plaque proposal.

2) Petitions: NONE.

3) Board, Committee and Commission Reports: NONE.

4) Village Manager’s Reports:

a. Westchester County Mobile Shredder.

Village Manager Brancati announced that the Westchester County Mobile Shredder will be coming to the Fox Senior Center on Thursday, April 20th from 9am to 12 noon. It is best to shred documents you're no longer using, that contain personal identifying information such as name, address, phone number, credit card number or social security number. Such document should be shredded before they are thrown out for recycling. For more information about identity theft, call the Department of Consumer Protection at 914-995-2155. For questions about recycling, call the Recycling Helpline at 914-813-5425

c. 2017-2018 Proposed Budget Public Hearing.

Village Manager Brancati announced that the public hearing on the proposed budget will be held on Monday, April 3, 2017 at 7:30 pm. Copies of the proposed budget are available on line or in the Village Manager's office during normal business hours 9:00 am to 4:00 pm.

d. Traffic Promulgations for West Street and Grove Street.

Traffic Promulgation West Street;

The Traffic Rules and Regulations Register is hereby amended to include the following;

West Street

No Parking Monday – Friday 7am to 10am and 2pm to 4pm

On the easterly side from a point beginning at the stop sign at its intersection with Locust Street and ending at a point approximately 110 feet north of its beginning point.

Traffic Promulgation Grove Street;

The Traffic Rules and Regulation Register is hereby amended to include the following;

Grove Street

Rescind 2-Hour Parking 8 am to 6 pm Monday thru Friday.

On both sides of Grove Street from its intersection with Lundy Lane to its intersection with East Hyatt Avenue where it was previously promulgated on September 21, 2016.

5) Board Reports –

Trustee Grunthal stated that he had the honor of working with Joyce Wall for 18 years on the Byram Lake Committee. She had a tremendous memory about the history of the Byram Lake about what it needed, and what should be planned for the future of the Byram Lake. It was always a pleasure to work with her. She was a wonderful lady and we will certainly miss her.

Trustee Schleimer stated that she thought the idea of dedicating a tree/plaque in memory of Stanley Bernstein is a wonderful thought. I think that nothing could be a better tribute to him.

Trustee Schleimer announced that on Saturday, April 1, 2017 at the Northern Westchester Hospital is the annual Teddy Bear Clinic. It will be held from 9:00 am to 12:00 pm and it will be held in the Northern Westchester Hospital Conference Room. It's a wonderful program that gives children a chance to go through the hospital getting to know the physicians, the nurses, and all of the people who work there.

Trustee Schleimer announced that time is running short for tax day. Volunteers from AARP will be available at the Fox Senior Center on Friday's from 9 am to 2 pm, until the Friday before April 15, 2017 to help with tax returns. It's a free service and you don't have to be a member of AARP to participate.

Trustee Schleimer cautioned everyone about yet another phone call tax scam. The IRS wants you to know that they never demand specific payment, they mail a bill if monies are owed, they never threaten to arrest you if payment isn't made and they never ask you for credit card information. Once again this is a seasonal scam, please be careful.

Trustee Schleimer announced that the Mount Kisco Public Library is holding a Blood Drive on April 27, 2017 from 12:00 pm to 5:00 pm in the Library. Please register on line with the Mount Kisco Public Library.

Trustee Schleimer read the following resolution into the record and asked if residents where interested in seeing the Village Board adopt this kind of resolution to please contact her and let her know if this is something that you would like us to consider. Similar resolutions were adopted in the Towns of Bedford and Lewisboro.

Fellow community members, in recent weeks and months, both the nation and our community have suffered acts of antisemitism, racism, bigotry, xenophobia, religious discrimination, hatred and divisiveness; such acts including racial slurs, defacement of buildings with swastikas and bullying Latino students in our schools. Because of this, the community members would like to ask the Town Board of the Village/Town of Mount Kisco to consider the adoption of a resolution affirming its policies and practices as an open and

welcoming community and one which decries and denounces acts of antisemitism, racism, bigotry, xenophobia and hatred, and opposes federal policies which tend to fuel such acts. We wish the Village/Town of Mount Kisco will formalize their commitment to upholding and protecting the civil and human rights of ALL individuals regardless of their race, religion, sex, sexual orientation, gender identification, ethnicity or national origin.

Trustee Schleimer stated that she will post this resolution on her Facebook page, and if that is not convenient for you, please feel free to write me at TrusteeSchleimer@gmail.com or through the Village. Thank you.

Deputy Mayor Markus stated that the Finance Committee's next meeting will be held on April 6, 2017 at 7:00. We are continuing to look at capital projects for the Water Department and evaluating financing options, so that we can make a presentation to this Board as to what is involved in terms of the costs for those projects.

Deputy Mayor Markus asked Village Manager Brancati for an update on the electronic speed monitors.

Village Manager Brancati replied that he, along with DPW Foreman Joseph Luppino did receive a proposal for the electronic speed monitors. However, the pricing is still missing and we expect to get it tomorrow morning.

Deputy Mayor Markus stated that he appreciated Mr. Brancati following up on this and that he was looking forward to moving ahead on the project.

Village Manager Brancati replied that the data collection technology in the speed monitors is critical because it allows for a more effective follow-up of enforcement.

Mayor Cindrich stated that he had received a letter from Mr. And Mrs. Ciliberto (111 Grove Street) expressing their disappointment that the Residential Parking Permit System was not enacted by the Village Board of Trustees for Grove Street. Mayor Cindrich stated this issue is a continuing dilemma and is not going away. Grove Street is a very difficult street because it is used for a by-pass. I agree with the assessment that speed monitoring is appropriate for this street. We did reduce the speed limit to 25 miles per hour on the entire street. We have been issuing tickets for people running stop signs at the corner of Brookside and Grove Street. It has been a very successful program and the people that live there are appreciative of the Police being out there. Maybe we can have another meeting with the residents on Grove Street to discuss various alternatives.

Mayor Cindrich brought up the subject of the Westchester County Communications agreement. After a lengthy discussion regarding the fee for this Westchester County Communications IMA the Village Board agreed to have the Village Attorney and the Village Manager review the IMA and place it on the April 3, 2017 agenda for a vote.

Mayor Cindrich stated that he has received a number of pieces of correspondence on the empty stores in the downtown and regarding Economic Development. We are trying to do things to improve the situation. However, my disappointment is emphatically with the business owners. They haven't rallied around myself or the Village Board in trying to come up with collaborative ideas to help get the stores occupied. We are not going to be successful without the help of the business owners. I've talked to a lot of people that have constructive ideas and one idea that I thought had some merit that we should consider is a directory sign for retail businesses and maybe place a couple of those signs near Kirby Plaza and the railroad station. There just doesn't seem to be any action from the property owners. The real estate agents are constantly making overtures, but I think they have hit a stone wall, with some of the rents. We will have an informational meeting on April 6, 2017 from a consultant that we are considering to assist us with Economic Development. It is not a Q&A session because we don't have a contract with them. I'm hoping that they can provide us with a laundry list of businesses that could be successful in this environment.

Mayor Cindrich stated that, very quietly, he has started a fund to memorialize the memory and contributions of Henry V. Kensing to this community. So far we have received approximately \$2,400.00 and we want to do something special in his memory. So if you have any ideas please let me know.

Mayor Cindrich read the following proclamation into the record.

Whereas, The primary mission of the Social Work profession is to enhance the well-being and help meet the needs of all people, especially the most vulnerable in our society;

Whereas, Social Workers are well trained and highly educated professionals who work daily to help people overcome the full spectrum of mental disorders, fears, depressions, and anxieties brought on by our complex environment;

Whereas, Social Workers help people adjust to changes in their lives, such as, death of a loved one, illness, or even unemployment, they respond to those in crisis, offering hope and that much needed shoulder to lean on;

Whereas, Social Workers have made a positive change in the lives of people by offering immediate care and follow up therapy, in an effort to improve and stabilize the lives of others; and

Whereas, The greater Mount Kisco community is grateful to the Social Worker staff of Northern Westchester Hospital, Northwell Health, for the help they provide to those seeking happiness, health, and stability in a challenging world.

Now, Therefore, in recognition of the efforts of Social Workers, those who give of themselves to make the world a better place **I, J. Michael Cindrich, Mayor of the Village/Town of Mount Kisco,** do hereby proclaim **Tuesday, March 21, 2017 “Professional Social Worker Day”** in the Village/Town of Mount Kisco and I ask that all the residents of our wonderful community join with me in honoring those who have dedicated their lives to help others.

6) Old Business: NONE.

7) New Business:

a. Resolution to provide Capital Project Financing for future projects.

The following motion was offered by Deputy Mayor Markus and seconded by Trustee Grunthal in connection with the recommendation of the Finance Committee, the Board adopted the following resolution to move Unassigned Fund Balance money to the Restricted – Designated fund for Capital Projects.

Resolution to Transfer Fund Balance

001.0000.0911 Designated for Capital Projects:	\$2,600,000.00
001.0000.0913 Designated for Tax Stabilization	\$ 200,000.00
Net	\$0.0

This budget modification will establish project funding of \$2,600,000 for future capital projects (General Fund Village Wide) and increase the Tax Stabilization Fund by \$200,000.00

The net impact on the total overall fund balances is \$0.00 (zero).

Motion Adopted

Mayor J. Michael Cindrich	Aye
Trustee Grunthal	Aye
Deputy Mayor Markus	Aye
Trustee Schleimer	Aye

b. Resolution authorizing the Village Manager to sign the 2017/2018 SPCA Contract.

The following motion was offered by Mayor Cindrich and seconded by Deputy Mayor Markus authorizing the Village Manager to sign the 2017/2018 SPCA Contract renewal in the amount of \$5,566.43, all in favor.

Motion Adopted

Mayor J. Michael Cindrich	Aye
Trustee Grunthal	Aye
Deputy Mayor Markus	Aye
Trustee Schleimer	Aye

- c. Schedule a public hearing to discuss a proposed local law to establish a Hotel Occupancy Tax for April 17, 2017 at 7:30 pm.

The following motion was offered by Mayor Cindrich and seconded by Deputy Mayor Markus to discuss a proposed local law to establish a Hotel Occupancy Tax for the Village/Town of Mount Kisco for April 17, 2017 at 7:30 pm; all in favor.

Motion Adopted

Mayor J. Michael Cindrich	Aye
Trustee Grunthal	Aye
Deputy Mayor Markus	Aye
Trustee Schleimer	Aye

- d. Appointment to the Beautification Committee.

The following motion was offered by Deputy Mayor Markus and seconded by Mayor Cindrich appointing Kristine Mullen to the Beautification Committee, all in favor.

Motion Adopted

Mayor J. Michael Cindrich	Aye
Trustee Grunthal	Aye
Deputy Mayor Markus	Aye
Trustee Schleimer	Aye

- e. Appointment to the Economic Development Council.

The following motion was offered by Trustee Grunthal and seconded by Trustee Schleimer to appoint Grazia Bueti-Fedele to the Economic Development Council for a two (2) year term to expire on (12/3/18); all in favor.

Motion Adopted

Mayor J. Michael Cindrich	Aye
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Trustee Grunthal	Aye
Deputy Mayor Markus	Aye
Trustee Schleimer	Aye

f. Resolution Authorizing the Mayor to execute a letter to the NYSDOT and the Town of Bedford regarding Interstate 684.

The following motion was offered by Mayor Cindrich seconded by Trustee Grunthal authorizing the Mayor to execute the letter dated March 27, 2017; all in favor.

Motion Adopted

Mayor J. Michael Cindrich	Aye
Trustee Grunthal	Aye
Deputy Mayor Markus	Aye
Trustee Schleimer	Aye

8) Bills -

The following motion was offered by Trustee Schleimer and seconded by Deputy Mayor Markus to pay the bills as presented to the Board dated March 22, 2017 for the months of February and March, 2017 with the exception of one bill as previously discussed; all in favor.

General Fund	\$	138,403.37
Water Fund		59,691.09
Sewer Fund		16,998.84
Library Fund		6,327.54
Capital Fund		30,816.99
Trust Fund		<u>4,198.25</u>
TOTAL	\$	256,436.08

Motion Adopted

Mayor J. Michael Cindrich	Aye
Trustee Grunthal	Aye
Deputy Mayor Markus	Aye
Trustee Schleimer	Aye

9) Approval of Minutes -

Village Board Meeting Minutes of February 27, 2017

The following motion was offered by Trustee Schleimer and seconded by Trustee Grunthal approving the minutes of the Village Board Meeting Minutes of February 27, 2017, all in favor:

Motion Adopted

Mayor J. Michael Cindrich	Aye
Trustee Grunthal	Aye
Deputy Mayor Markus	Aye
Trustee Schleimer	Aye

Village Board Meeting Minutes of March 13, 2017

The following motion was offered by Deputy Mayor Markus and seconded by Trustee Schleimer approving the minutes of the Village Board Meeting Minutes of March 13, 2017, all in favor:

Motion Adopted

Mayor J. Michael Cindrich	Aye
Trustee Grunthal	Aye
Deputy Mayor Markus	Aye
Trustee Schleimer	Aye

10) Non-Local Business: None.

11) Public Comment: None.

Meeting closed at 9:30 pm.

Edward W. Brancati
Village Manager