

Minutes of the **VILLAGE BOARD MEETING** of the Board of Trustees of the Village/Town of Mount Kisco held on Monday, February 26, 2018 at 7:00 p.m. in the Frank J. DiMicco Board Room, Village Hall, 104 Main Street, Mount Kisco, New York.

Present: Mayor Gina Picinich  
Deputy Mayor Jean Farber  
Trustee Isidoro Albanese  
Trustee Peter Grunthal  
Trustee Karen Schleimer

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

Mayor Picinich opened the Village Board Meeting and asked everyone to rise for the pledge of allegiance. She asked everyone to please remain standing for a moment of silence and asked that everyone that comes to this table does so with open hearts and open minds to serve the will of the people of Mount Kisco. She asked also that everyone think about those who were recklessly murdered in Parkland, Florida. I don't want to make a political statement I just want to say that the government is here to serve the people, but they can only serve if you make your voice heard. So I ask that everyone make their voice heard. Thank you.

Presentation by the NYS Department of Transportation regarding  
Route 172 at Route 117 – Intersection Improvement Project.

Mayor Picinich stated that there are changes that are going to be made at the intersection right in front of the Northern Westchester Hospital and representatives from the New York State Department of Transportation (NYSDOT) are going to share with us what the plan is, the thought behind the plan, and the different parts and pieces that are relevant.

Mayor Picinich introduced Mr. Doug Cotton and Mr. Mike Schaffer from the NYSDOT to outline the project.

Mr. Cotton and Mr. Schaffer stated that the proposed improvements are being made because of several pedestrian accidents that have occurred at this location and that the area is also a high accident location for vehicles, mostly at the slip ramps. The combination of the pedestrian and vehicle ramps accidents gave them reason to improve the intersection. There really aren't any crosswalks for protected pedestrian's facilities across Route 117. Our proposed improvements are straight forward for this type of intersection. We are not taking lanes away, we are going to reconfigure the lanes from slip ramps and bring them to the intersection and control them with the traffic signal. The islands will come out between the main lane and the slip ramps. We recognize that the community likes the trees that are currently in the island area and we will have some replacement trees planted on the outside road. Our landscape architects have picked out some American Smoke Trees, but we can always adjust those plantings if that is what the Village is looking for. We also recognize that there is congestion in the intersection and we've looked at that. Unfortunately, when you are talking about making pedestrian improvements versus motorist actions, they are sharing the same space and time. So there is a tradeoff there and we think that it is a reasonable tradeoff. Looking at this signal we think it's just going to be a small extra delay, approximately 7 seconds in the morning and 12 seconds in the afternoon, which is based on our computer models. There are two (2) signals nearby, one on Route 117 to the north, and the other on Route 172 to the east. These signals back-up into the intersection and have an influence on the intersection. We are going to upgrade those signals with some new technology to make sure that those signals can talk to each other and coordinate better, and we will look at signal timing to see if we can't make some improvements to how the signal operates. We don't think there will be huge additional delays because of this intersection and we think whatever you do experience is going to be minor and well worth the improvements to the pedestrians and vehicular safety.

Trustee Grunthal stated we have experienced traffic congestions along Route 172 coming from Bedford towards the hospital. During peak hours the traffic often backs-up as far as McLain Street which is two (2) traffic lights back, so there is a serious back-up concern. So if you have a 7 second delay in the morning and a 12 second delay in the afternoon, I could spend 10 minutes getting through that light, based on your calculations. Secondly, have you thought about putting pedestrian crossings with pedestrian push button signals across the configuration that we have right now, without altering the slip road configurations.

Mr. Schaffer replied you could do that, but unfortunately it's not a safe situation. Especially with the slip ramp configuration the way it is now, to be able to come around the ramp at potentially a high rate of speed and to be all of the sudden faced with a pedestrian in the crosswalk, is not desirable from a safety perspective. Also our NYSDOT Traffic and Safety Group have looked at various options that could be looked at here to make it a safe crossing and function in an acceptable level of service, and we do have strict guidelines for these proposed revisions. The potential back-ups that you are referring to will be mitigated by the interconnection of the signals and those improvements will improve the traffic flow through the entire corridor over what it is today. We can look into what options were

exactly considered early on, we have involved the Village in our preliminary design going back during the scoping of the project, and we've been down here on other occasions to make sure that the community's needs are met. One key issue that is paramount to the NYS DOT is the safety of the traveling public and the safety of the pedestrians, which this project meets and exceeds, especially over the conditions that exist there today.

Trustee Grunthal replied that we understand, but we also don't want people waiting for long periods of time and getting road rage. That is why I just asked if the option of putting up pedestrian crossing signals on the existing configurations was considered, and that it be considered, if we go ahead.

Mr. Schaffer replied just putting crossings along the facility as the configuration is today will not be as safe and it would add to travel time, so it would make travel time worse than it is today without having the improvements to interconnect the signal with the adjoining signs along this corridor.

Trustee Schleimer wanted to make sure that in your configuration, you were aware that going from the CVS parking lot, where both of the crosswalks are, is a wall and fence and no one can get from the CVS to those crosswalks. People would have to walk out of the CVS lot and now they will have to walk entirely around the parking lot and around this wall to get to the new crosswalk and to go to the hospital it's the same scenario. So in fact it will never be used because it's just not convenient.

Mr. Cotton replied from our observations and our field trips here we've seen people crossing where we are proposing crosswalks on Route 117. They are crossing right now without any crosswalk or signal protection at those locations. We are trying to design this for as many people as possible and there may be instances where people come out of a building and may have to walk a little further than somebody else, but we can't necessarily accommodate everybody. Building stairs will not meet ADA requirements, either. We will also be adding sidewalks and curbs in the areas. We will also be adding 3 inch size trees in the area.

Trustee Albanese asked about the right hand turn because curbing and concrete doesn't last that long with all of the truck traffic.

Mr. Schaffer replied that right now it is designed and bid as concrete curbing. He asked if the Village was willing to pay for the betterment to change the curbing from concrete to granite.

Mayor Picinich replied if there is an opportunity to have that conversation, we might want to.

Mr. Brancati replied, we can, however the plans for the streetscape improvements with the granite curbing and the sidewalks that we are looking at is really just for the downtown area, we weren't going Village wide or that far south, because it does start to become cost prohibitive.

Village Attorney Singleton stated to the extent that the Village wishes to fund some betterment to this project, i.e. landscaping, stone, lighting, sidewalks, etc. How much of a period of time will the Village currently have before this project goes out to bid?

Mr. Schaffer replied we would have to come up with what the proposed change would be from the contractor that has already put in a bid for the contract, to see what the cost increases would be to the department. We would have to notify the Village and it would have to be a very quick turnaround to come up with the agreement and money to put in place to make that change.

Deputy Mayor Farber replied one of her concerns was once Readers Digest was built out, we are going to have use and abuse from large trucks, and how often will you be able to double check the concrete to make sure that it is in workable condition.

Mr. Schaffer replied I understand your concerns, but the concrete curbing is durable and it is being designed to meet the truck and bus turning radius. It shouldn't be hit on a regular basis, if it does it is the Department of Transportation's responsibility to maintain and replace the section that is damaged, if it does become damaged, which we don't anticipate that it will.

Trustee Schleimer asked what the anticipated schedule for this project was and how long the construction might last.

Mr. Cotton replied the way that the contract is step-up right now is for construction to begin sometime in the spring and be completed by the end of December.

Deputy Mayor Farber stated we understand that it is your roadway, but what kind of choices can you give us.

Mr. Schaffer replied if there was some consideration to the type of trees that you are looking for other than what our landscape design architects have proposed we can take that into consideration and probably make those changes. Going from concrete to granite curbing is something that we can potentially do, but we would definitely need to have the money in place before we make that change.

Mayor Picinich thanked Mr. Cotton and Mr. Schaffer for being here tonight. We really appreciate it. There are just a few very specific concerns which I think you've heard here tonight and one of the biggest ones deals with the actual backup of vehicle traffic. We understand that balancing pedestrian safety and vehicle traffic is a fine line. What other types of smart technology can be used at that intersection and also are there any sensors that can be put in to place so that the light can be changed or modified. What type of smart technology is used to mitigate this great concern that we have for traffic.

Mr. Schaffer replied that there are loops that are going to be installed in the pavement to detect if vehicular traffic is present and adjust the signal timing accordingly and give priority to where the traffic is. Also the interconnection between the traffic signals will work together to help platoon the flow of traffic in a more efficient manner and will be of benefit. Overall, pedestrian safety is most critical to us and that is the biggest improvement you are going to see, is vehicular safety and pedestrian safety along with some improvements to traffic flow through the corridor with the interconnection of traffic signals.

Mayor Picinich stated with reference to beautifying the area, this is a big effort that we are putting forward as a Village and both our Planner and Engineer did take a look at the plans from the NYSDOT and there were some recommendations that were made and it is my hope that we can get them to you ASAP and you'll determine if there is a cost variance that needs to be evaluated.

Mr. Schaffer replied that we have our Construction Project Manager with us here tonight Mr. Jamil Alter, along with the Engineer-in-Charge (EIC) who will be in charge of the construction for the project, Steve Germinator. They are more than happy to work with the Village in making adjustments as needed.

Mayor Picinich replied we always seek to have a partnership, and so we thank you again for being here. Our concern is both the pedestrian safety and also that vehicles not be backed up at that intersection, so any actions that you can take or any technology that you can use to mitigate that to the greatest extent possible is really what we need here. Mount Kisco is a wonderful place that lots of people choose to come to. I guess traffic is a quality problem to have, but it is one that we would like to reduce as much as possible.

Trustee Grunthal asked if any consideration has been given to opening up an Exit 5 on Interstate 684, because that would go a long way to solving a lot of our traffic problems in Mount Kisco.

Mr. Schaffer replied that he was not aware of a study being done to this point, but a letter from the Village to our Regional Planning and Program Manager who would be the one to institute and coordinate such a study. So if that request did come in, the department could undertake a study to look into the feasibility of opening up an exit. That would require more of an environmental assessment and some more work to the department, than just a simple improvement project. It is something that we would be happy to consider if it's something that the Village is strongly in favor of wanting us to pursue.

Mayor Picinich stated in closing that Mount Kisco is a very busy town around the holiday time, so we really hope you can wrap this up long before then. Thank you again for your time.

#### Public Hearing – Proposed Local law re: to amend Chapter 61 – Energy Conservation.

Mayor Picinich noted that the Board was in receipt of the proper affidavits of service and the proper affidavits of public notice regarding the public hearing to discuss a proposed local law to amend Chapter 61 – Energy Conservation.

Mayor Picinich stated that this Code was written with reference to the PACE (Property Assessed Clean Energy) Legislation. The State of New York made changes in the PACE Legislation in order to promote greater use of clean energy by individuals. Because those changes were made with this legislation at the State level, in order to adopt it locally we've made changes to our Code.

Mayor Picinich asked if there was any public comment at this time and there was none.

Trustee Grunthal stated that we are taking an older piece of legislation and cleaning it up. In the light of experience, to make it more effective for the appropriate financing to take place. I am in favor of going forward with these changes.

Trustee Schleimer stated the way this works is the Village acts as the collector of monies and bills them as part of the Real Estate Taxes and if the Real Estate Taxes are not paid timely, the Village has to front the money. My concern is what happens if for some reason we end up with a lot of defaults and the Village is out of pocket and we want to opt out and discontinue participation, because we simply can't afford to keep putting the money out.

Village Attorney Singleton replied that was an issue on the first go around on this and to the extent that your fears could be allayed, they were allayed. It's a fairly negligible amount and the Village is entitled to a priority position with regards to creditor's debts.

Mayor Picinich stated with reference to your question on how many residents took advantage of this and defaulted in the Village of Mount Kisco since this legislation has been in place.

Village Manager Brancati replied none to my knowledge, but we can confirm that.

Mayor Picinich replied so there is no potential downside to this legislation.

Village Attorney Singleton replied that he did not see this as being problematic.

The following motion was offered by Deputy Mayor Farber and seconded by Trustee Schleimer to close the public hearing and to leave it open for written comments only for 30 days; all in favor.

#### Motion Adopted

Mayor Picinich	Aye
Deputy Mayor Farber	Aye
Trustee Albanese	Aye

Trustee Grunthal                      Aye  
Trustee Schleimer                      Aye

Public Hearing – Amendment to Chapter 54-14 Penalties for Offenses in Conservation Areas.

Mayor Picinich noted that the Board was in receipt of the proper affidavits of service and the proper affidavits of public notice regarding the public hearing to discuss amendments to Chapter 54-14 Penalties for Offenses in Conservation Areas.

Mayor Picinich stated that we have rules and regulations that protect our Conservation Areas and we have an expectation that people will abide by those rules and regulations. In instances where people have not, we are now going to assign penalties, so that violations of these regulations would be a Class II Violation for a first time offense, that starts with a fine of at least \$250.00 and second offenses would be considered a Class I Violation with a fine that starts at \$1,000.00.

Mayor Picinich asked if there was any public comments at this time.

Mr. Mike Kirsch read the following statement into the record: My name is Mike Kirsch and I live at 7 Gerber Court in Mount Kisco. I am a member of the Mount Kisco Historical Society and through this organization, have been active in the development and maintenance of our trails.

I would like to offer three suggestions concerning our historic Trail One that will result in it becoming even more inviting to our residents:

1. Place additional trash receptacles at each of the trailheads. In addition to the three that are currently in place, add two on the East side of Route 117, one near the 1828 bridge and the other past the playground in Leonard Park. Also, add one at the South entrance to the trail on Lexington Avenue and one next to the path that leads from the Sterling Bank property to the trail. These receptacles must be emptied by the Town on a regular basis.

2. Place signage that will stand a legal test. The Town's attorney should be able to be most helpful with this. The current signs, for example, do not indicate that alcohol may not be consumed on the property nor do they indicate the hours when the site is open to the public. One of the signs, near Sterling Bank, is not readily visible to those entering from this location. The brush is all over grown and you really can't see the sign very well at all.

3. We need active, regular, on-going assistance from law enforcement in order to make certain that the regulations are followed. An analogy to highway driving may be helpful. Even though speed limit signs may be posted, as they are on I-684, actual speed adherence to the legal limits is greatly enhanced when the traveling public knows that the police are actively monitoring their speed.

I thank you for your efforts on behalf of our Town/Village and wish you to know that our organization looks forward to working closely with you.

Mr. Harry McCartney, Mount Kisco Village Historian and MK Trail Team Leader stated that by strengthening the Conservation Ordinance it will help and add sustainability to the multi-prong approach our Trail Team has taken in working with Village with respect to other elements with regards to safety. Specifically, the enforcement aspect is one element that will absolutely re-enforce what we do and the Village does, in sustaining these trails, and the enforcement aspect with respect to the Conservation Ordinance absolutely reinforces and strengthens what we are doing. I want to thank our Trail Team, a few of our members are here tonight, the Village Board, Ed Brancati, and Joe Luppino for all of their hard work.

Mr. John Rhodes thanked the Village Board for this ordinance. It looks like a small change, but I know a lot of work went into this event to make this small change. It's very welcomed and will be very helpful to us. I would like to talk about enforcement. Just having the penalties in place really is not going to have as much of an impact on the problems that we are having in that area. I think we need to ask our police to really assist us in this in a fairly concrete way. Because of the hidden nature of a lot of these offenses it really doesn't make sense if I see something on the trail and I call the police and a half hour later somebody shows up and the violators have moved on. So I think we need some sort of police presence. Even if on a regular basis the police would park their cars near the trail head as that in itself would discourage the illegal use on the trails. What would be better would be patrols on the trails, which I know would be difficult, but even a little bit of prevention in that type of enforcement would do wonders, especially if it was done at the times when most of the offenses occur, which is very early in the morning or very late in the afternoon. I think just the very presence of the Police there would deter a large percentage of these offenses. Since the main object of this is prevention, I think that we would want to consider talking to the Town Justices and instead of the fines being imposed we consider a community service alternative. This would provide a direct awareness on the part of people who are littering, and if you have a fairly large fine this would be an alternative which would provide a benefit to the community. This is not something that is in the law now, but it could be recommended. I would like to thank you again for doing this. We've been hoping for this for a long time and we are thankful for everyone for moving this forward.

Mr. Jim Gmelin stated that he hoped that sometime in the near future, we can sit down and discuss changing the ordinance itself in terms of what is a violation. This

ordinance is well out dated and I would be willing to sit down with the Village Attorney and anybody else who would like to work on revising the entire statute.

Trustee Grunthal stated with regards to item 54-11 N with regards to commercial activities. I think we should change it to read "to carry on any commercial activities except with permission of the Village Board of Trustees". The reason for that is we may want to have events on some of these areas, which might involve food or catering for a few hours on some occasions.

Village Manager Brancati replied that he would review it further. It depends how we define commercial activity.

Village Attorney Singleton replied that he agreed with Mr. Gmelin the ordinance needs to be updated because there may be other activities that the Board may want to allow.

Trustee Albanese stated that he thought that this was a great addition to the law and this will really help to keep the area clean.

Deputy Mayor Farber stated that she thought this ordinance gives a lot more teeth to exactly what all of us are looking forward to which is cleaner trails and the enjoyment for all of the people in Mount Kisco.

Mayor Picinich stated that we have an upcoming meeting scheduled to broaden and strengthen our relationship with the Westchester County Police and this is one of the items on the agenda and we are looking forward to sharing your comments and concerns with them.

Village Manager Brancati noted that the penalty section existed in the code, it just never specifically delineated what Class Violation it was. So that is what this amendment does, which then gives the County Police the ability to write an appearance ticket sighting a Class II Violation. This allows them to undertake the enforcement that was lacking.

Trustee Schleimer stated for the public's edification, the Class II Violations also include the possibility of imprisonment, so it goes further than just a monetary fine.

The following motion was offered by Trustee Grunthal and seconded by Deputy Mayor Farber to close the public hearing and to leave it open for written comments only for 30 days; all in favor.

<u>Motion Adopted</u>	
Mayor Picinich	Aye
Deputy Mayor Farber	Aye
Trustee Albanese	Aye
Trustee Grunthal	Aye
Trustee Schleimer	Aye

**1. Communications:**

a. Letter from the Italian American Club re: Summer Festival Multi-Cultural Event.

The following motion was offered by Deputy Mayor Farber and seconded by Trustee Schleimer authorizing the Italian American Club to hold their Summer Festival Multi-Cultural Event and Car Show on August 4, 2018 (rain date of August 5, 2018) from 9:00 am to 6:00 pm as detailed in their letter dated February 6, 2018; all in favor

<u>Motion Adopted</u>	
Mayor Picinich	Aye
Deputy Mayor Farber	Aye
Trustee Albanese	Aye
Trustee Grunthal	Aye
Trustee Schleimer	Aye

b. Letter from Carey Civitello re: vacancy on the Leonard Park Committee.

The following motion was offered by Mayor Picinich and seconded by Trustee Grunthal to schedule an informal interview with Ms. Civitello regarding her interest in serving on the Leonard Park Committee for Monday, March 5, 2018; all in favor.

<u>Motion Adopted</u>	
Mayor Picinich	Aye
Deputy Mayor Farber	Aye
Trustee Albanese	Aye
Trustee Grunthal	Aye
Trustee Schleimer	Aye

c. Email from Alice DuBon re: vacancy on the Conservation Advisory Council.

The following motion was offered by Mayor Picinich and seconded by Trustee Albanese to schedule an informal interview with Ms. DuBon regarding her interest in serving on the Conservation Advisory Council for Monday, March 5, 2018, all in favor.

Motion Adopted

Mayor Picinich	Aye
Deputy Mayor Farber	Aye
Trustee Albanese	Aye
Trustee Grunthal	Aye
Trustee Schleimer	Aye

**2. Petitions: None.**

**3. Board, Committee and Commission Reports: None.**

**4. Village Manager’s Reports:**

a. Byram Lake Water Report – January 2018.

Village Manager Brancati reported that the Byram Lake Water production for the month of January averaged 1,467,372 gallons per day (gpd). This is up a little from our December average of 1,228,337 gpd. The total monthly production from the wells was 4,978,538 gallons for a daily average production of 160,598 gpd. On January 1<sup>st</sup> Byram Lake Reservoir was at 86% of capacity. On January 31<sup>st</sup> the lake capacity was 86%. The Leonard Park Wells were in service as of December 20<sup>th</sup>. The gauge is frozen at this time.

b. Senior Recreation Award – Lifetime Arts.

Village Manager Brancati introduced Senior Recreation Leader Liz Dieter who explained the Creative Aging In Westchester County initiative grant that the Senior Center received for \$2,500.00. Ms. Dieter explained that Mount Kisco was 1 out of 5 communities to receive this grant which will be used to engage a teaching artist approved by Lifetime Arts to facilitate the program.

The Village Board thanked Ms. Dieter for obtaining this grant for the benefit of Mount Kisco Senior’s.

c. Reminder Comprehensive Plan Public Workshop#1 – March 1<sup>st</sup> at 7:00 pm.

Village Manager Brancati reminded everyone, once again, that on Thursday, March 1, 2018 at the Mount Kisco Public Library, the Village will be holding the first of a number of workshops on the Comprehensive Plan Update that the Village is undertaking. The Comprehensive Plan Steering Committee wants to hear your ideas and talk about opportunities to make the Village an even better place. For more information and to learn about upcoming events, please visit the Mount Kisco Comprehensive Plan website: [www.envisionmk.org](http://www.envisionmk.org)

**5. Board Reports:**

Trustee Albanese reported that he met with the Beautification Committee last week and we are going to start a program called Adopt-an-Area Program in Mount Kisco. You’ll hear more about it on Facebook and it will be your chance to make Mount Kisco better.

Deputy Mayor Farber stated that the Mount Kisco Arts Council is sponsoring a special tour of the William Louis Dreyfus Art Collection which is housed right here in Mount Kisco. The tour is scheduled for Wednesday, March 7<sup>th</sup>, but in order to participate you must reserve a spot before March 5<sup>th</sup>. Please contact the Mount Kisco Arts Council at our Facebook Page or send an email to [MountKiscoMKArtCouncil@gmail.com](mailto:MountKiscoMKArtCouncil@gmail.com). It’s going to be a really amazing wonderful, private event.

The Mount Kisco Historical Society is also teaming up with the Arts Council and we are sponsoring a Photography Exhibit at the Library. This show will be opening on Thursday, April 19<sup>th</sup> and there will be more details to follow.

Remember that the first public hearing for the Comprehensive Plan is scheduled for this Thursday, March 1<sup>st</sup> at 7:00 pm.

Finally, don’t forget about the St. Patrick’s Day parade which will march down Main Street on March 10<sup>th</sup> at 2:00 pm. So spring is almost around the corner, very exciting.

Trustee Schleimer stated with regards to the photo show that it really is a project and an initiative to encourage amateur photographers to get out and photograph natural and cultural Mount Kisco and have an opportunity which they may never have had before to display their art work. I’m very excited and I encourage all of you to keep an eye out for the formal announcements.

This Saturday, March 3<sup>rd</sup> at 10:00 am in our Library our new County Executive is coming with our new County Legislator to meet with us. It’s an open dialogue, it’s not scripted, and there are no barriers. It’s going to be an informal face to face opportunity to chat with our County Executive. He’s trying to hit all of the towns in Westchester and he’s hitting us pretty early in the process. So I’m really excited, we welcome him, and we hope

that all of you take this opportunity to come out and raise your issues, meet him, and take advantage of this opportunity.

I'm happy to report that the PACE Women's Justice Center is coming to our Mount Kisco Public Library. They will be here on Wednesday, March 14<sup>th</sup> from 3:00 pm to 5:00 pm. The Center provides free legal services to victims and survivors of domestic violence, sexual assault, and elder abuse. They have training and outreach. They do a tremendously wonderful job and if you know someone who could take advantage of it or if you want to hear what they have to offer please come to this event.

Trustee Grunthal reported that the Energy Advisory Panel met last week. We had Ron Kamen join us from Sustainable Westchester. Mr. Kamen is the expert and the advocate of electric vehicles in the County and moving in that direction. We considered a transition of our Village fleet to hybrid electric vehicles and fully electric vehicles. The intention is to consider that every time a vehicle comes to the end of its useful life and we are in the process of replacing it, we look at both traditional gasoline or diesel vehicles and also hybrid and electric vehicles. We came to the conclusion that at the present time the additional cost of hybrid vehicles isn't really justified by the savings, even if we want to have icons of sustainability. There is still a large cost involved in getting a hybrid vehicle and the savings in a town where we have relatively small mileage driven by Village vehicles and relatively little gas to be saved, the cost does not make it worthwhile. This situation is different with fully electric vehicles. A fully electric vehicle doesn't have the maintenance cost associated with traditional gas or diesel vehicles which have an engine and transmission and thousands of parts, whereas electric vehicles have just a few parts usually about 30 or 40 just to drive the vehicle. So as we move towards electric vehicles the potential for savings is much greater. The problem is that there are no viable electric pick-up trucks or dump trucks at the present time. I understand that a revised Intermunicipal Agreement for Sustainable Westchester has been received, and I am in favor of getting that approved and signed so that when we are ready to buy an electric vehicle we can do so at the discounted price from Sustainable Westchester.

Today in the Town of Bedford there was a meeting on the whole issue of reusable bags being used for shopping. The general push is to stop the use of single use plastic bags. However, as we look at the use of paper bags, we are learning now that they are in many ways equally destructive to the environment partly because of the production process. So we really have a challenge here and that is whether to go along with the original idea of banning plastic and moving the use to paper bags in our stores or whether we place a fee on both of them with the intent of providing incentives and motivation for people to start using their own reusable shopping bags as our grandmothers used to do. Many municipalities are looking at this, there is some coordination going on by Supervisor Burdick of Bedford, but we should push ahead on our own and I have no doubt that our Conservation Advisory Council will come back to us with some suggestions.

Mayor Picinich stated that she wanted to share a couple of things with the community. In reviewing recent Police Reports there has been some quality of life issues that seem to be repeated offenses in our community and I just want to point out to everyone that all are welcome in our community. There is a responsibility to that welcome. There are laws, rules, and regulations and we expect that people will abide by them. If you find instances in which they are not, we ask that you please reach out to the Westchester County Police.

Mayor Picinich also wanted to share with everyone that at our last Work Session Meeting we spent a substantial amount of time as a Board identifying some goals and things that we would like to achieve this year. We are wrapping those together and we plan on sharing those with the public in the very near future. None of them will be a surprise, they are all things that we heard from you because, in the end, we are here to meet the needs of the community.

## **6. Old Business:**

### **a. Appointment to the Leonard Park Committee for a 3 year term.**

The following motion was offered by Deputy Mayor Farber and seconded by Trustee Albanese to appoint Barbara Schainman to the Leonard Park Committee for a three (3) year term, all in favor.

#### Motion Adopted

Mayor Picinich	Aye
Deputy Mayor Farber	Aye
Trustee Albanese	Aye
Trustee Grunthal	Aye
Trustee Schleimer	Aye

### **b. Action on proposed local Law #2-2018 – Incorporation of the Natural Resource Inventory into the Village Code.**

The following motion was offered by Trustee Grunthal and seconded by Trustee Albanese to adopt Local Law #2 for 2018 – Natural Resource Inventory into the Village Code, all in favor.

<u>Motion Adopted</u>	
Mayor Picinich	Aye
Deputy Mayor Farber	Aye
Trustee Albanese	Aye
Trustee Grunthal	Aye
Trustee Schleimer	Aye

**7. New Business: None.**

**8. Bills:**

The following motion was offered by Deputy Mayor Farber and seconded by Trustee Grunthal to pay the bills as presented to the Board dated February 21, 2018 for the months of January & February 2018; all in favor.

General Fund	\$167,970.97
Water Fund	\$ 65,077.75
Sewer Fund	\$ 23,910.02
Library Fund	\$ 20,042.19
Capital Fund	\$303,047.57
Trust Fund	<u>\$ 12,152.25</u>
TOTAL	\$592,200.75

<u>Motion Adopted</u>	
Mayor Picinich	Aye
Deputy Mayor Farber	Aye
Trustee Albanese	Aye
Trustee Grunthal	Aye
Trustee Schleimer	Aye

**9. Minutes:**

The following motion was offered by Trustee Schleimer and seconded by Deputy Mayor Farber approving the Regular Meeting Minutes of February 5, 2018 as submitted.

<u>Motion Adopted</u>	
Mayor Picinich	Aye
Deputy Mayor Farber	Aye
Trustee Albanese	Aye
Trustee Grunthal	Absent from meeting
Trustee Schleimer	Aye

**10. Non-Local Business: None.**

**11. Public Comment: None.**

There being no further business to come before the Board, a motion to close the Regular Village Board meeting at 9:00 pm was made by Deputy Mayor Farber and seconded by Trustee Schleimer, all in favor.

<u>Motion Adopted</u>	
Mayor Picinich	Aye
Deputy Mayor Farber	Aye
Trustee Albanese	Aye
Trustee Grunthal	Aye
Trustee Schleimer	Aye

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Edward W. Brancati  
Village Manager

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