A Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Village of Port Washington North was held on Monday, September 22, 2008 at 7:30pm at the Village Hall, 71 Old Shore Road, Port Washington, New York.

Present:

Mayor - Robert S. Weitzner
Trustees - Steven Cohen - Michael Malatino - Sherman Scheff - Michael Schenkler
Attorney - Brian Stolar
Clerk - Palma Torrisi
Public Stenographer - Joanne Horrocks

1. Public Hearing – Verizon Cable Television Special Franchise Application

Mayor Weitzner opened the public hearing, duly advertised in the September 11, 2008 Port Washington News, to consider the application of Verizon New York, Inc. for a franchise agreement for cable television service in the Village of Port Washington North. A stenographic transcript of the hearing is on file with the Village Clerk. All those present wishing to speak having been heard, the Mayor closed the hearing. On motion of Trustee Scheff, seconded by Trustee Malatino, the following resolution was adopted:

WHEREAS, the Village has negotiated and reviewed a proposed cable television Franchise Agreement submitted by Verizon and forwarded it to the Board of Trustees for its consideration and review; and
WHEREAS, the Board of Trustees has determined that the agreement is in the best interests of the Village, since it gives Village residents competitive options for cable television service; and
WHEREAS, a public hearing was held on September 22, 2008 to obtain citizen input from interested persons on the proposed cable television Franchise Agreement; and
WHEREAS, the Franchise Agreement shall become effective on the date that the New York Public Service Commission issues a Certificate of Confirmation of this franchise; and
WHEREAS, the terms of the Franchise Agreement have been negotiated and are determined to be fair and equitable and acceptable to this Board;
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Village enter into a Franchise Agreement with Verizon New York Inc. for the provision of cable television service and that the Mayor be and hereby is authorized to execute said cable franchise agreement in such form as is approved by the Village Attorney.

Vote was recorded as follows: Trustee Cohen-abstains, Trustee Malatino-aye, Trustee Scheff-aye, Trustee Schenkler-abstains, Mayor Weitzner-aye. Motion carried.

2. Clerk

On motion of Trustee Schenkler, seconded by Trustee Malatino, it was RESOLVED that the reading of the minutes of the meetings of the Board of Trustees of July 28, 2008 be waived and that they be and hereby are approved as prepared by Clerk Torrisi.

Vote was recorded as follows: Trustee Cohen-abstains, Trustee Malatino-aye, Trustee Scheff-aye, Trustee Schenkler-aye, Mayor Weitzner-aye. Motion carried.

3. Treasurer

A. On motion of Trustee Schenkler, seconded by Trustee Malatino, it was RESOLVED that the reading of the Abstract of Vouchers #78, totaling $80,460.60, and the Abstract of Trust & Agency Vouchers #45, totaling $3,710.00, be waived and that they be and hereby are approved as prepared by Treasurer Stack.
Vote was recorded as follows: Trustee Cohen-abstains, Trustee Malatino-aye, Trustee Scheff-aye, Trustee Schenkler-aye, Mayor Weitzner-aye. Motion carried.

B. On motion of Trustee Scheff, seconded by Trustee Schenkler, it was RESOLVED that the Budget Report as of August 31, 2008, showing the General Fund Balance to be $2,650,787.33, and the Trust & Agency Balance to be $93,343.95 and hereby is accepted as prepared by Treasurer Stack.

Vote was recorded as follows: Trustee Cohen-abstains, Trustee Malatino-aye, Trustee Scheff-aye, Trustee Schenkler-aye, Mayor Weitzner-aye. Motion carried.

C. On motion of Trustee Schenkler, seconded by Trustee Scheff, it was RESOLVED that $1,976.00 be moved from the contingency line to the grants line, as set forth in the August 2008 Budget Report.

Vote was recorded as follows: Trustee Cohen-abstains, Trustee Malatino-aye, Trustee Scheff-aye, Trustee Schenkler-aye, Mayor Weitzner-aye. Motion carried.

D. On motion of Trustee Schenkler, seconded by Trustee Malatino, it was RESOLVED that the rate of pay for the Building Inspector, effective September 16, 2008, shall be $83.00 per hour.

Vote was recorded as follows: Trustee Cohen-abstains, Trustee Malatino-aye, Trustee Scheff-aye, Trustee Schenkler-aye, Mayor Weitzner-aye. Motion carried.

4. Reports

A. Building Department

1. On motion of Trustee Schenkler, seconded by Trustee Malatino, it was RESOLVED that the Building Department report for August/September 2008 be and hereby is accepted as submitted.

Vote was recorded as follows: Trustee Cohen-abstains, Trustee Malatino-aye, Trustee Scheff-aye, Trustee Schenkler-aye, Mayor Weitzner-aye. Motion carried.

2. Alk Abello Sign

The Board reviewed the Sign Permit application, submitted by Alk Abello Inc. for a 44.4 square foot wall front sign at 35 Channel Drive, Port Washington, (Section 4, Block 123, Lot 4).

3. The Board directed the Building Department to issue a violation to Red Wind Property Group if its sign was erected without a permit.

B. Public Works

1. On motion of Trustee Schenkler, seconded by Trustee Scheff, it was unanimously RESOLVED that the Public Works Department report for the month of September 2008 be and hereby is accepted as submitted by Superintendent Novinski.

C. Environmental Commission

On motion of Trustee Schenkler, seconded by Trustee Scheff, it was unanimously RESOLVED that the Environmental Commission report for the month of September 2008 be and hereby is approved as presented by Commissioner Keane.
5. Business

A. Regulating Parking on Avenue C

Jean Marie Posner, a member of the Port Washington Board of Education, said that the School District is installing steps between the secondary parking lot and the annex building on Avenue C. The Board stated that it will revisit the regulation of parking on the north side of Avenue C, between the intersections of Pepperday Avenue and Shadyside Avenue, once the steps have been installed to ascertain whether the problem has been alleviated.

B. Park Maintenance Contract

On motion of Trustee Cohen, seconded by Trustee Malatino, it was unanimously RESOLVED that the Village of Port Washington North hereby invites the submission of sealed bids on the Park Maintenance 2008/9 & 2009/10 contract. Bids for the Contract will be received until 10:00 a.m. on Monday, October 27, 2008 at the Village Hall, 71 Old Shore Road, Port Washington, New York 11050.

C. Street Light Maintenance Contract

Clerk Torrisi reported that, although bidding is not required for the Street Light Maintenance 2008-2009 contract, competitive prices will be obtained to continue the current contract terms.

D. Port Washington Emergency Management Representative

On motion of Trustee Malatino, seconded by Trustee Scheff, it was unanimously RESOLVED that Alex Moschos is hereby designated the First Alternate representative of the Village to site on the governing board of the Port Washington Office of Emergency Management, and that Mario Truglio is hereby designated the Second Alternate representative of the Village to the Port Washington Office of Emergency Management.

E. Bay Walk Park

Mayor Weitzner announced that the Groundbreaking Ceremony for Bay Walk Park will be held at the site on Friday, October 10th at 11:45 a.m.

6. Executive Session

On motion of Trustee Schenklr, seconded by Trustee Cohen, it was unanimously RESOLVED that the Board enter into Executive Session to seek advice of counsel.

On motion of Trustee Malatino, seconded by Trustee Scheff, it was unanimously RESOLVED that the Executive Session be adjourned and the regular meeting reconvened.

On motion of Trustee Schenklr, seconded by Trustee Scheff, it was unanimously RESOLVED that the meeting be and hereby is adjourned at 10:15 p.m.

Palma Torrisi, Village Clerk