

June 19, 2008

Special Meeting  
Board of Trustees  
Called to Order at 7:00 PM

PRESENT: Mayor Fitzpatrick  
Deputy May Ecklund  
Trustee Marcoccia (absent)  
Trustee Gorman  
Trustee Coleman

Present from the public was Bronia Lewin of Verdi Avenue.

Mayor Fitzpatrick motioned to open the meeting; Trustee Ecklund seconded the motion with all present voting in favor.

The board met to consider an amendment to the Home Rule Request in support of Assembly Bill Number A11501-A and Senate Bill Number S8445-A.

Mayor discussed the amendment with the Board. A letter from Chief John Costanzo was read into the record.

## “Memorandum

To: The Honorable John Fitzpatrick, Mayor  
The Honorable Village Trustees

Cc: John Cavallaro, Village Attorney

From: John Costanzo, Chief of Police

Date: June 19, 2008

Subject: Amendment to NYS Vehicle and Traffic Law Section 1640-g

I apologize that I will not be able to attend the special meeting of the Village Board of Trustees this evening; however, my son will be receiving an award at a senior class recognition ceremony at Eastchester High School. Since I will not be attendance, I am writing to recommend that the Board pass a resolution in support of the New York State

Senate Bill #S8445A and Assembly Bill #A11501A. These bills will enact a compromised change to the Vehicle and Traffic Law from those originally proposed by the Village to expand the resident parking permit system. A brief history of this home rule request is that it was first proposed in July of 2006 to address commuter parking issues in the residential areas of the north-end of the village, which are not covered under the existing law enacted in 1998. When the home rule legislation was drafted in 2006, the intent was to also include an area of the south-end of the village, east of Midland Avenue that was also not covered under the law. Although there were not any commuter parking problems in this area, it was an attempt to plan for potential future issues.

In recent weeks, after speaking with residents of Sylvan Avenue, Mayor Fitzpatrick inquired into the status of the legislation with Senator Klein and Assemblywoman Paulin. Apparently, there had been no progress and the issue was dormant. The mayor had the legislation fast-tracked so that it could be enacted before the legislative session closes for the summer. However, in recent days, the legislative transportation committee would not approve the village's proposed version because they felt that it was too broad, encompassing almost the entire village. Although, we do not agree with the transportation committee's findings; in the interest of having this important legislation approved in order to provide relief to an area negatively impacted by commuter parking, I suggested to the Mayor that a compromise be sought. The compromised version would add the north-end area to the new law, but not include the expanded area in the south-end. The mayor was able to negotiate a compromise and the amended version of the law is what is before the Board for consideration. It is my recommendation that the Board pass a resolution in support of the amended bills."

Motion by Trustee Ecklund, seconded by Trustee Coleman and unanimously carried supporting Assembly Bill Number A11501-A and Senate Bill Number S8445-A.

There being no further business, the board voted to adjourn the meeting.

Susan Ciamarra,  
Village Clerk