

APPROVED MINUTES of the Regular
Meeting of the City Council of the City of Rye held in
City Hall on January 11, 2012 at 8:00 P.M.

PRESENT:

DOUGLAS FRENCH Mayor
LAURA BRETT
RICHARD FILIPPI
PETER JOVANOVIK
SUZANNA KEITH
CATHERINE F. PARKER
JOSEPH A. SACK
Councilmembers

ABSENT: None

The Council convened at 7:35 p.m. Councilwoman Parker made a motion, seconded by Councilman Jovanovich and unanimously carried to immediately adjourn into executive session to discuss real estate matters. Councilman Sack arrived at 7:55 p.m. Councilwoman Keith made a motion, seconded by Councilman Filippi and unanimously carried to adjourn the executive session at 8:06 p.m. The regular session began at 8:12 p.m.

1. Pledge of Allegiance

Mayor French called the meeting to order and invited the Council to join in the Pledge of Allegiance.

2. Roll Call

Mayor French asked the City Clerk to call the roll; a quorum was present to conduct official city business.

3. The State of the City Address by the Mayor

“Good evening, it is an honor to once again stand before you as Mayor of the City of Rye to present the *State of the City* on this night and in this year – the year when the City celebrates its 70th anniversary of becoming a City.

“Mayor Platt, Rye’s first Mayor and whose portrait hangs in the Mayor’s Conference room said in his inaugural address, given less than one month after World War II had been declared, said that the world “...was in troublesome times ...had we known such times were coming I sometimes wonder whether we would have undertaken this course ... In any event we have a job to do, we will carry on...”

“70 years later, while the circumstances are far different, the same spirit now is called for all of us – for now is the time for the City to once again be pioneers and look forward, and not be historians and look back. Government as we know it needs to continue to change and we need to lead it.

“There is a basic pact when each of us moved to Rye – great schools, great services, great value. That pact was threatened in 2011 as two forces – the prolonged economic recession and Mother Nature – put significant financial and emotional strain on the residents who make up our community.

- ❑ Residents like the retired couple who have spent their lives in Rye and now on a fixed income can no longer afford the rapid rise of School, City and County property taxes.
- ❑ Residents like the working couple who need two incomes to be able to afford to live here – but one has lost their job and remains unemployed.
- ❑ Or, residents like the working professional who is under-employed and has experienced a significant drop in their compensation and retirement plan; yet have incurred spikes in their healthcare coverage expenses.
- ❑ Or residents whose homes have faced drops in property values based on market conditions or flood waters.

“Those are the conditions that shape the actions and policies of this Mayor, this Council and this City Management.

“So, the state of the City tonight is one of resilience. Here are the highlights of what to expect in 2012 and the New Year.

“Property Tax Relief – In the Spring of 2009 we began calling for property tax relief. The prior 10 years at that time had an average property tax increase for City services of 6.5% for each year for 10 years. Since then, the property tax increase has totaled only 5.4% for the last 3 years -- or an average of 1.8% per year. While the average property tax levy increase per year in the prior 10 years was about \$1M in each year, for the last 3 years that amount has totaled to roughly that amount. So, we will continue to manage costs and explore new revenue sources such as the transfer tax on cash sales for example.

“Healthcare – At a time when property values are declining or holding flat, mandated federal healthcare legislation and New York State pensions are growing at double-digits – putting enormous strain on local governments. While New York State manages the pension system and seems unlikely to make any meaningful reforms, the City will need to address the growing unfunded liability of employee healthcare to include reviewing with our City Manger and Finance Committee healthcare plan design, plan savings, and employee contributions.

“Preventative Litigation -- Two things we know, one, everyone wants to sue the City; and two, every municipality has a different structure for their law department. We took a different approach and looked at legal services from a business perspective. Rather than pay attorneys hourly rates to get us out of disputes, we changed the model and are paying a fixed rate to help pre-empt disputes by having Corporation Counsel at City Hall working with staff, Council and our boards. We also have one of the leading municipal law firms in the state at the ready should we need additional legal support. The results speak for themselves. Legal expenses and the litigation hourly rate are down, our docket is shrinking, and we have either settled favorably or won our cases.

“The One-Taxpayer Approach – Along with coming together in 2011 to settle the long-standing Osborn Home dispute, the School district and the City have worked together on pedestrian safety and recreation initiatives. This has carried through in coordinating capital planning and exploring shared services. This will continue in 2012.

“Fair and Affordable Labor Deals – The ability to pay for Rye taxpayers during the continued economic recession and in particular with the consolidation of the financial services industry of which Rye residents are tied closely to, calls for the City and its Police and Fire Department unions to agree on new fair and affordable labor deals as those contracts expired years ago.

“Flood Mitigation. Rye has flooded and will flood again. This chamber has been filled the last 5 years with residents – and rightfully so, who are frustrated that the City (the people who have sat and sit at this dais) have not done more. But real mitigation is going to need real investment. The message from the Federal, State and County is clear; the local stakeholder needs to make a significant financial commitment first. Yet, Rye is divided on this issue. We will let the people decide and will work to put forth a flood mitigation measure for a public vote by the end of this year. Our plan is to retain more water upstream, starting behind Bowman Dam and to ensure that individuals and businesses make smarter/safer decisions for preparedness downstream.

“Capital Investment -- The City’s roads and infrastructure are worn. Purchase Street for example, the heart of the City, has not been fully re-paved since 1985. The City will review with the community infrastructure priorities for immediate need, to include recommendations from our Shared Roadways Committee, and will review how best to fund capital improvements that may include a potential bond at the end of this year.

“Trash Collection – One of the basic staples of living in the City is to have your trash picked up – no one does it better than our DPW department. But are there ways to save money for the long-term? The City Council will ask the City Manager and our Finance Committee to tap into the experts on waste management to identify and make recommendations.

“The Fire Department – The Fire Department has served the City extraordinarily well for decades and is a pillar of our community. Few residents realize though that our volunteer firefighters and paid firefighters each report into 2 separate entities. In any organization, especially when dealing with public safety and in a tax-cap world, the buck needs to stop with one person. The City Manager and I have spent the past year speaking with the Board of Wardens, Fire Chiefs, paid personnel, and volunteer firefighters discussing better alignment and we hope to finalize a plan in the coming weeks to meet these objectives.

“Emergency services -- To supplement the great work by our first responders in emergency situations, the Council since Tropical Storm Irene has met with local organizations and leaders to discuss the creation of a volunteer network that could assist the community in many ways to include housing, transportation, working at shelters, communication and outreach, or clearing up debris to name a few. More on this to come. In addition, our public notification e-mail and text system – nixle.com that complements the reverse 911 phone calls continues to expand. Every Rye resident should sign up for this notification service to stay informed of emergency, public safety, weather and traffic issues around our City.

“Recreation Services – Our recreational facilities, fields and open space are foundational to our quality of life here in Rye, but now is time to review them in a broader strategic context collectively to see if there are ways to optimize recreation opportunities. Why is it that Rye Recreation Summer Camps do not use Rye Town Park, or why Rye organizations go outside of Rye to hold their functions and not at the City-owned Whitby Castle, or that organizations such as the YMCA and others are in need of space for community programming, but the Damiano Center sits dormant. I would like to propose a Recreation Taskforce that is made up of key stakeholders to see where opportunities can be accelerated and scaled. And of course, we will continue to have our voice heard with the County as they look at the future of Playland and appreciate their inclusion of us in the process.

“Environmental Sustainability – In response to public interest, we established an environmental sustainability committee to put together a sustainability plan for the City to look at our community carbon footprint, recycling improvements and community education. Their efforts have reflected the growing interests of a broad cross-section of Rye residents.

“Preserving History -- Our history is what ties our generations together and we have continued to make it a priority of who we are as a community. One example is the public-private partnership to restore the Friends Meeting House and the Bird Homestead has proven very successful and is bringing a community spirit to that area after 10 years of being dormant.

“So, as the City Council of the City of Rye pauses at this address and to recognize the 70th Birthday of the City; we want to acknowledge the contributions of all

those who have served before us; and also that we will heed the words spoken by Mayor Platt at his inauguration "... to govern wisely for the greater benefit of all."

"So thank you to our City Manager Scott Pickup, his management team and the City employees. Thank you to our many committees, groups, and organizations -- the volunteers who spend hours advocating for their organizations, serving government committees and planning for the future.

"A special thanks to my colleagues. Let me again be the first one this year to say thank you for your public service to Rye. Our role as Mayor and Council is to balance the needs by making decisions – sometimes very tough ones. We have done that and will continue to do so. So, on behalf of the Council, we look forward to 2012, ready to represent you, work with you and ready to serve. Thank you."

4. Resolution to accept a donation from the Key Bank Foundation to the Rye Nature Center in the amount of \$4,000

City Manager Pickup said this was the second year that Key Bank had given grant money to the Nature Center. Mayor French read a Resolution from Key Bank Foundation regarding a donation of \$4,000 to the Friends of Rye Nature Center in support of the Summer Camp Scholarship Fund for Inner-City Students. Lisa Sadler, representing the Friends of the Rye Nature Center, accepted the check for \$4,000 and offered thanks on behalf of the Board and staff of the Nature Center.

5. General Announcements

- The death of Robert Schubert was noted and condolences were offered to his family.
- People were reminded not to let their cars idle for more than three minutes.
- The City will be working with the NYU Capstone Graduate School on the complete streets model for planning. A meeting will be held at City Hall on February 6 at 10:00 a.m.

6. Draft unapproved minutes of the Regular Meeting of the City Council held December 21, 2011

Councilwoman Keith made a motion, seconded by Councilman Jovanovich and unanimously carried to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of the City Council held on December 21, 2011, as amended.

7. Mayor's Management Report

- Update on the Flood Mitigation Sluice Gate Project

David Weiss from WSP Sells provided an update on the Sluice Gate Project. He said the project is entering the final steps in order to get the sluice gate constructed in 2012. The engineering design has been completed and all the necessary environmental permits have been

secured. The process now involves final coordination between the City and the Village of Rye Brook and the Town of Harrison. There is a Rye Brook Planning Board meeting on January 12th and it is hoped that the project will be referred back to the Board of Trustees for a public hearing on January 24th. An Intermunicipal Agreement (IMA) has been executed between the City and Rye Brook. They have met with the Harrison Planning Board and they are requiring the execution of another IMA between the City and the Town of Harrison and Village of Rye Brook as a stipulation of their approval, as well as receipt of the Emergency Action Plan for the Bowman Dam. The draft IMA from Harrison is currently being reviewed. After approvals are received from both Rye Brook and Harrison, the project can be advertised. This should happen by early spring at the latest, with construction commencing in early summer. The construction duration for the project is about 8-12 weeks and should be completed by end of summer or early fall. City Manager Pickup said that the goal is to have the sluice gate operational by September 1st. He said that the project is still within the initial budget that Sells developed almost three years ago. The City has dealt with six agencies (state, federal and local) in order to get this project done. The City has always maintained the dam property and will continue to do so. Mr. Weiss was asked to expedite the approval process in the other municipalities due to the public safety nature of the project.

- Update on Upper Pond Expansion Project

City Manager Pickup said one of the projects looked at along the Blind Brook corridor was an expansion of detention behind the dam. The City must: (1) find out what the rock profile is by testing multiple sites to determine how deep it could go before hitting rock; (2) the material must be tested for contamination and, if found to be contaminated, it must be dealt with in a different method; and (3) determine how much additional storage can be gained behind the dam, in order to estimate what the project would cost. Mr. Weiss said the exploratory work on the rock must be done first because it is important to know how much the pond can be expanded before the overall cost can be estimated. The project could provide for more storage, which would have a positive effect on water surface reduction down stream, especially when worked in tandem with the sluice gate. Mr. Pickup said that he has been told the grant application, which has been fully submitted for a long time, is undergoing federal review. As soon as the money is released the City will be ready to start the work in the field. The timeframe for the field work on the rock surface profile would be about two weeks and then Sells would analyze the data and refine the model, which could be done in a few weeks.

- Update on 2 Central Avenue – Black Bass Grill property

City Manager Pickup said there was a contractor issue with the asbestos contractor regarding the disposal and removal methods that is delaying the project. It may require the City to take the owners back to City Court and have the Court set a new timeframe.

- Update on Central Avenue Bridge Project

City Manager Pickup said that the State has put in a 5% retainage requirement that is new to the project. Staff is working on the project financing to make sure the City is still within that dollar amount. If not, the City will have to ask the State for more money.

- 76 Bus Route

Councilwoman Parker spoke about the recent cancellation of the Route 76 bus by the County Executive and said she has heard from many people who rely on the bus and are affected by the cancellation. She said she has questions regarding the legality of the County Executive's decision, which was made without notification to the City. Councilman Sack said that the City should have been given an opportunity to provide input to the County on why the bus route should have been maintained, even if the ultimate decision had been the same. Councilman Jovanovich said he had been told by the County Executive's Office that the Milton Point loop of the bus route was the least efficient in the Bee Line system and suggested that it would have been helpful if this information has been shared earlier in the discussion. Councilwoman Parker reiterated that the City Council needs to take a stand because the decision negatively impacts citizens of Rye and said the County should make cuts somewhere else in their budget. Joe Murphy and Ted Carroll urged the Council to challenge the County's decision.

- Library Agreement

Mayor French said the annual Agreement with the Library will reflect a reduction in hours of operation by eight hours to 41 hours. Kitty Little, Director of the Library said the Library would maintain the same hours in summer and winter.

8. Discussion on a Resolution to establish a Flood Advisory Committee

The Council discussed the current draft Resolution. A suggestion was made to add a clause regarding the Committee seeking funding opportunities.

Councilman Jovanovich made a motion, seconded by Councilwoman Keith, to adopt the following Resolution:

WHEREAS, the City of Rye has suffered from numerous floods dating back decades and has seen valuable private and public property lost and significantly damaged on numerous occasions; and

WHEREAS, the City would like to incorporate best practices as it relates to flood mitigation into its decisions and activities; and

WHEREAS, there are state, regional and local initiatives that could be considered in developing methods to prevent and mitigate damage from flooding; and

WHEREAS, it is desirable to have a Flood Advisory Committee (the "FAC") to research, study and recommend actions that the City could consider in mitigating flood impacts both on a local and regional level;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the City of Rye Flood Advisory Committee (FAC) is hereby established; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the FAC shall consist of no less than seven (7) members and no more than nine (9) members, all residents of the City of Rye, to serve three-year terms; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the initial appointments shall be staggered with three one-year terms, three two-year terms; and three three-year terms, and be it further

RESOLVED, that if only seven members are initially appointed, the appointments shall include three one-year terms, two two-year terms and two three-year terms; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the members of the Committee shall be appointed by the City Council and that one member shall be designated by the Mayor as Chairman, and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Committee shall have the following duties and powers:

1. Establish FAC rules and procedures for meetings;
2. Identify, research, and recommend various flood mitigation measures that the City Council could consider adopting or incorporating into its practices;
3. Report directly to the City Council any policy changes that could decrease the impacts from flooding;
4. Develop “best practices” for private homeowners to protect their property during storms;
5. Advise the City Council on any regional or state-wide policy changes including local legislative enactments that address flooding; and
6. Assist in seeking funding and grant opportunities to help mitigation efforts.

ROLL CALL:

AYES: Mayor French, Councilmembers Brett, Filippi, Jovanovich, Keith,
Parker and Sack

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

The Resolution was adopted by a 7-0 vote.

9. Consideration to opt into legislative relief enacted by New York State granting tax relief to property owners whose properties were catastrophically impacted from Hurricane Irene/Tropical Storm Lee

City Manager Pickup said that legislation was adopted by the State in December. Based on damage reports that were done by the Department of State CEDAR teams in the City about 63 residential and 13 commercial structures were considered to have major damage. The threshold that will trigger the reduction in assessment is 50% of the total value. Because of property values in the City it is extremely difficult for Rye to meet the types of damages, but if the Council approves the legislation, the Assessor will be able to accept documentation submitted by individual homeowners for review in order to make a determination. Applications must be submitted by March 8th. The legislation must be approved by January 23rd in order to allow for an appeal process for tax payers who do not agree with a determination made by the Assessor. The legislation only covers a one-year period and should apply to school taxes as well as city taxes.

Holly Kennedy said that because of FEMA rules she did not believe any homes in Rye would qualify for the relief and suggested it was more important that residents be made award of the normal annual process of grieving their tax assessments in June.

Councilman Jovanovich made a motion, seconded by Councilwoman Keith, to adopt the following Resolution:

RESOLVED that the City Council of the City of Rye hereby opts into the legislative relief enacted by New York State granting tax relief to property owners whose properties were catastrophically impacted from Hurricane Irene/Tropical Storm Lee.

ROLL CALL:

AYES: Mayor French, Councilmembers Brett, Filippi, Jovanovich, Keith,
Parker and Sack
NAYS: None
ABSENT: None

The Resolution was adopted by a 7-0 vote.

10. Residents may be heard on matters for Council consideration that do not appear on the agenda

Ted Carroll, Jim Amico, Jordan Glass, Esq., and Ray Tartaglione all read statements in honor of Robert Schubert and the situation regarding his pond and the actions of the City.

Sis D'Angelo spoke about the environment in Rye and said the City should force houses to get on sewers in order to keep garbage from leaching into waterways. She also said something must be done to clean up the area around Purchase Street and stop people from putting garbage out during the day.

Charmaine Neary spoke about clear-cutting of trees on Midland Avenue due to construction. She said the City should consider the affects of clear-cutting of old growth trees. Mayor French said that this issue is addressed in a draft Tree Ordinance that is being reviewed.

11. Appointment of the 2012 Deputy Mayor by the Mayor

Mayor French appointed Councilman Peter Jovanovich as Deputy Mayor for a one-year term commencing January 1, 2012, to serve as Deputy Mayor in the Mayor's absence.

12. Appointment of a Council Member as Trustee of the Police Pension Fund, by the Mayor with Council approval, for a one-year term

Mayor French made a motion, unanimously approved by the Council, to appoint Councilwoman Catherine Parker as Trustee of the Police Pension Fund for a one-year term commencing January 1, 2012.

13. Designation of the City Council's Audit Committee by the Mayor

Mayor French appointed Councilwoman Suzanna Keith and Councilman Peter Jovanovich to the City Council's Audit Committee, along with himself, for a one-year term commencing January 1, 2012.

14. Designation of the days and time of regular meetings of the City Council

Councilman Jovanovich made a motion, seconded by Councilwoman Parker and unanimously carried, designating the following dates for regular meetings of the City Council in 2012:

January 11

January 25

February 8

February 29

March 14

March 29

April 4

April 18

May 9

May 23

June 13

July 11

August 6 – Presentation of the CIP

August 8
September 12
October 10
October 24
November 7
November 14 – Presentation of the Budget
November 28
December 5
December 19

15. Designation of the City Council Liaisons by the Mayor

Mayor French designated City Council liaisons as follows:

Mayor French -- Rye City School Board, Rye Town Park, Audit Committee, Legal Case Management Committee, Rye Cable and Communications Committee
Councilmember Laura Brett -- Flood Advisory Committee, Government Policy & Research Committee, Landmarks Advisory Committee
Councilmember Richard Filippi -- Conservation Commission/Advisory Council, Recreation Commission, Board of Architectural Review
Councilmember Peter Jovanovich -- Planning Commission, Rye Free Reading Room, Audit Committee
Councilmember Suzanna Keith -- Traffic & Pedestrian Safety Committee, Finance Committee, Sustainability Committee, Audit Committee
Councilmember Catherine Parker -- Rye Playland Advisory Committee, Rye Merchants Association, Emergency Medical Services, Police Pension Fund, Rye Senior Advocacy Committee
Councilmember Joseph Sack -- Rye Town Park, Legal Case Management Committee, Board of Appeals, Rye Golf Commission

Mayor French said that he and Councilman Sack would continue to serve as voting members of the Rye Town Park Commission and Councilman Jovanovich would continue to serve as Council representative and voting member of the Planning Commission for a two year term.

16. Designation of official City newspaper

Councilman Jovanovich made a motion, seconded by Councilman Filippi, to designate The Journal News as the official City newspaper.

ROLL CALL:

AYES: Mayor French, Councilmembers Brett, Filippi, Jovanovich, Keith,
Parker and Sack
NAYS: None
ABSENT: None

The Resolution was adopted by a 7-0 vote.

17. Appointments to Boards and Commissions, by the Mayor with Council approval

Councilwoman Keith made a motion, seconded by Councilman Filippi, and unanimously carried to approve the following appointments to Boards and Commissions for three-year terms expiring on January 1, 2015:

- A) Alan Weil, Serge Nivelles and Maureen Powers to the Board of Appeals
- B) Carmen Aguilar to the Board of Architecture Review
- C) Edward Dunn to the Board of Ethics
- D) C. Nicholas Hodnett to the Conservation Commission/Advisory Council
- E) Warren Keegan to the Finance Committee
- F) Andrew Curtin, Elaine DiConstanzo and Matthew Thomas to the Government Policy & Research Committee
- G) Maurio Sax to the Landmarks Advisory Committee
- H) Nicholas Everett and Martha Monserrate to the Planning Commission
- I) Thomas Maloney, Esther Martensen and Steven Verille to the Recreation Commission
- J) Al Vitiello and Nicholas D. Loddo, Jr. to the Traffic & Pedestrian Safety Committee
- K) Russell Gold to the Rye Town Park Advisory Committee.

Mayor French designated the following people to serve as Chairs of Committees for a one-year term expiring on January 1, 2012:

- A) Alan Weil as Chair of the Board of Appeals
- B) Carmen Aguilar as the Chair of the Board of Architectural Review
- C) Nicholas Everett as the Chair of the Planning Commission.

The Mayor noted that the Finance Committee has chosen Paula Schaefer and Warren Keegan to serve as its Co-Chairs.

18. Designation of the amounts of faithful performance bonds:

Councilman Jovanovich made a motion, seconded by Councilman Filippi, to recommend the following amounts of faithful performance bonds:

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| A. | City Comptroller | \$ 1,000,000 |
| B. | City Clerk | \$ 500,000 |
| C. | City Marshall | \$ 100,000 |

ROLL CALL:

AYES: Mayor French, Councilmembers Brett, Filippi, Jovanovich, Keith,
Parker and Sack
NAYS: None
ABSENT: None

The Resolution was adopted by a 7-0 vote.

19. Resolution to accept a Local Government Records Management Improvement Fund Grant from the State Archives and Records Administration (SARA)
Roll Call

Councilwoman Keith made a motion, seconded by Councilman Filippi, to adopt the following Resolution:

WHEREAS, the City of Rye has been awarded a Local Government Records Management Improvement Fund grant in the amount of \$2,915 to hire an Archival Clerk to evaluate personnel records maintained in the City Manager's files from 1961 to 1977 in order to reconstruct the appropriate files for each employee for the period; and

WHEREAS, the 2012 Annual Budget made no provision for either the estimated revenue or appropriation of these grant funds; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the City Council accepts the award of this grant; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the City Comptroller be authorized to amend the 2012 Budget as follows:

Increase the General Fund Records Management estimated revenues for State Aide Records Management in the amount of \$2,915

Increase the General Fund Records Management appropriations for Consultants in the amount of \$2,915

ROLL CALL:

AYES: Mayor French, Councilmembers Brett, Filippi, Jovanovich, Keith,
Parker and Sack
NAYS: None
ABSENT: None

The Resolution was adopted by a 7-0 vote.

20. Consideration of proposed revision of the Rules and Regulations of the City of Rye Police Department

This agenda item was tabled until a later date in order to provide the Council with more time for review.

21. Miscellaneous Communications and Reports

Councilwoman Keith reported that Rye TV has a Facebook page. The Sustainability Committee is looking at having a meeting with the City Manager on bio-fuels. They are also looking for information on the carbon footprint of the City, which is a key point to start the Sustainability Plan. They are looking to work with City staff and other communities on a “No Idling Day” on April 30th. An Eye on Rye has been completed to promote community awareness of the new Plastic Bag Ordinance. TPS will be meeting on Thursday.

Councilwoman Parker said that she had attended a Chamber of Commerce meeting and had been asked what would be done about the graffiti in the walkway leading to Car Park 3. City Manager Pickup said that DPW crews have been busy with tree work, but would be taken care of it. Ms. Parker said that the members of the Chamber of Commerce are aware of the Plastic Bag Ordinance.

Mayor French said that the Government Policy and Research Committee will look into the transfer tax proposal and report back to the Council. He said that he and City Manager Pickup will be meeting with the School Superintendant and School Board President to see if a coordinated meeting should be set up between both Boards regarding bonding. A community forum was held on Rye Town Park last Saturday and the feedback was positive to the changes that have been made. He added that he believes labor at the park must be reduced in order to cut costs. Councilwoman Keith said that a meeting would be held at Village Hall in Mamaroneck on the baseline report on the issue of the dissolution of the Town of Rye.

22. Old Business

Councilman Filippi asked if the water poles have been put up by United Water yet. City Manager Pickup said the proposal was still before the Board of Architectural Review.

23. New Business

Councilwoman Keith said that the Shared Roadways Committee has recommended that the City pass a Resolution adopting a Complete Streets Policy. She said she would circulate the Committee’s proposal for review in order for it to come back on a future agenda. She also suggested that it might be time to revisit the “No Texting Pledge”.

Mayor French said he had spoken with Bob Clyatt about having artists put sculptures on Purchase Street in May. City Manager said he was waiting to hear back from Mr. Clyatt.

24. Adjournment

There being no further business to discuss Councilman Jovanovich made a motion, seconded by Councilwoman Keith and unanimously carried, to adjourn the meeting at 10:51 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Dawn F. Nodarse
City Clerk