

**CITY OF RYE  
MEMORANDUM**

TO: Honorable Mayor and Council Members

FROM: Scott D. Pickup, City Manager

SUBJECT: Enclosures - Council Packet

DATE: January 10, 2014

Enclosed with this memorandum are the following items:

- 1-5 Press Release regarding the appointment of two new police officers to the City of Rye Police Department.
- 1-6 Notice regarding a Rye City School District Board of Education meeting to be held on Tuesday, January 14, 2014 beginning at 8:00 p.m. in the Rye Middle School Multipurpose Room.
- 1-7 Legal Department Update from the Corporation Counsel dated January 10, 2014.
- 1-8 Notice regarding a Public Meeting of the Westchester County Rent Guidelines Board to be held on Tuesday, January 21, 2014 beginning at 7:00 p.m. in White Plains.
- 1-9 Meeting notice for the week of January 13, 2014 is available on the City website [www.ryeny.gov](http://www.ryeny.gov) under Calendar.



William R. Connors  
*Police Commissioner*

## **POLICE DEPARTMENT**

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### **PRESS RELEASE**

January 6, 2014

#### **FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

#### **POLICE OFFICERS APPOINTED TO CITY OF RYE POLICE DEPARTMENT**

Two new police officers have been appointed to the City of Rye Police Department, effective January 3, 2014.

Police Officer Lansing Hinrichs, 29, is a graduate of Boston University. He is a New York State Certified Paramedic, and previously worked at St. Luke's-Roosevelt and New York Presbyterian Hospitals in New York City. A native of Armonk, he lives in Rye with his wife, Taylor.

Police Officer Latoya Anderson, 33, is a graduate of Johnson and Wales University. Officer Anderson is a graduate of Rye High School and a long-time resident of Rye. She previously worked as a Customer Service Representative for Phillips Oral Healthcare in Stamford, Connecticut.

Both officers will be assigned to the Westchester County Police Academy for basic recruit training, after which they will begin the Department's field training program, a structured curriculum designed to familiarize newly hired officers with the community and Departmental procedures under the guidance of experienced officers.

Photographs are attached in digital format.

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#### **Photograph caption:**

Left to right: Police Officer Latoya Anderson; Police Commissioner William Connors; Police Officer Lansing Hinrichs.

*Photograph by Detective John Wood, City of Rye Police Department.*





## **The Rye City School District**

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*Elaine Cuglietto  
District Clerk  
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January 8, 2014

**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

### **January 14, 2014 Board of Education Meeting**

The Rye City School District Board of Education will meet Tuesday, January 14, 2014 beginning at 8:00 PM in the Rye Middle School Multipurpose Room, 3 Parsons Street, Rye, NY 10580.

Prior to the meeting, the Board will meet in Executive Session at Rye Middle School Multipurpose Room for the review of the employment history of current and prospective employees, negotiations pursuant to the Taylor Law, review of current litigation and litigation strategy.

On the agenda are fiscal, special education, personnel and business items that ordinarily come before the Board as well as curriculum presentations, construction update and student awards.

Members of the public are welcome and encouraged to attend this meeting of the Board and to speak during the public hearing.

**CITY OF RYE  
MEMORANDUM**

TO: Honorable Mayor and Rye City Council  
FROM: Kristen K. Wilson, Corporation Counsel  
SUBJECT: Litigation Update  
DATE: January 10, 2014

**CLAIMS**

**In December, I notified you that John Collins of Harrison had filed a notice of claim regarding damaged to tires on his automobile as a result of hitting a pothole on Boston Post Road. Our insurance carrier has denied the claim due to lack of negligence on the part of the City.**

**A notice of claim was filed against the City by Megan Dempsey of New Rochelle. The notice states that tires on her automobile were damaged when she hit a pothole on Boston Post Road. The claim has been forwarded to our insurance carrier.**

**TAX CERTIORARI**

**CARROLL v. CITY OF RYE**

This matter is fully submitted before the Second Department.

**THE TOWN OF RYE AND THE RYE TOWN PARK COMMISSION v. THE ASSESSOR and Board of Assessment Review of the CITY OF RYE**

A Notice of Appeal has been filed in connection with this matter.

**WESTCHESTER JOINT WATER WORKS v. CITY OF RYE**

The City of Rye has filed its brief with the Appellate Division, Second Department.

**LITIGATION**

**KATHERINE GILBERT and MITCHELL A. GILBERT v. THE CITY OF RYE, et al**

**A Summons and Complaint has been served against the City by Katherine and Mitchell Gilbert of White Plains claiming negligence and loss of consortium in connection with injuries sustained by Katherine Gilbert when she fell on a sidewalk in front of the Presbyterian Church. The papers have been forwarded to our insurance carrier. A notice of claim was previously filed in connection with this matter.**

**BEAVER SWAMP BROOK – (DEC Administrative proceeding)**

**A site walk with Administrative Law Judge Wissler (serving as mediator), DEC permit and wetland staff, DEC counsel, and intervening parties took part in a site walk on January 9, 2014. After the site walk, a confidential mediation session took place at Harrison Town Hall. Another mediation session is tentatively scheduled for mid February.**

BASSETT v. CITY OF RYE

The Appellate Division, Second Department issued a decision reversing the lower court decision of Judge Berliner that set aside the jury verdict and remitted the matter back to him to consider whether a new trial should be granted.

CASPI v. CITY OF RYE

Motions for summary judgment were denied without prejudice and will be refiled at the completion of briefing as part of the bundling rule. As a result, once the motion is fully briefed, all papers will be submitted to the Court for review at one time.

DELLI PAOLI V. ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS

The Board of Appeals reaffirmed the Board of Architectural Review's decision to deny the application at their May meeting.

PANETTA v. PLANNING COMMISSION (declaratory judgment/42 U.S.C. 1983 claim)

A trial date has been calendared for February 4, 2014.

BUTLER v. PLANNING COMMISSION

Oral arguments were held in the Appellate Division, Second Department. The bench was very interested in the timing of the decisions from lower court Justices Lorenzo and Lefkowitz. It appeared that all four judges understood the City's arguments. Judge Cohen, who has a municipal background, took the lead.

BOARD OF MANAGERS OF THE IVES AT RYE v. CITY OF RYE

The City has served its Answer with Affirmative Defenses.

OMNI CONTRACTING V. CITY OF RYE

**Omni's counsel filed an Order to Show Cause asking to be relieved as counsel due to nonpayment of legal bills totaling close to \$50,000. Currently, the trial is still calendared for March 3, 2014.**

AMERICAN LEISURE ACTIVITIES OF NEW YORK CITY INC. v. CITY OF RYE

In August I reported to you that a notice of claim had been served on the City claiming breach of contract on the part of the City. A summons and complaint was served by plaintiff seeking judgment in the amount of \$42,239.96.

CITY COURT

Routine calendar with no unusual dispositions.

Respectfully submitted,

*Kristen K. Wilson*

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<b>Rev. Emma Jean Loftin-Woods</b>	<b>Tenant</b>

**FOR INFORMATION:**  
**MICHAEL BERRIOS**  
**(718) 262-4816**

**NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING**

**DATE: Tuesday, January 21, 2014**

**TIME: 7:00 P.M.**

**PLACE: New York State Division of Housing & Community Renewal  
75 South Broadway, 3<sup>rd</sup> floor, White Plains, New York 10601**

**AGENDA**

- 1. Call to order.**
- 2. Review of the minutes of the September 25, 2013 meeting.**
- 3. Discussion of dates for 2014 meetings and public hearings.**
- 4. New business.**

**Dated: January 09, 2014**

**Jane Morgenstern, Chair**  
**WESTCHESTER COUNTY RENT GUIDELINES BOARD**