

**Pearl River Board of Trade Inc. DBA Pearl River Chamber of Commerce  
Pearl River Chamber Minutes for General Meeting  
September 13<sup>th</sup>, 2017, 7:00 pm – The Saloon**

**Call to Order by Matt Reid**

**Roll Call – see below list of attendees**

**Report of the Treasurer:**

Checking acct: \$ 26,958  
Cash on the Town: \$ 6,357

**Report of the Committees**

**Committee updates**

- **Membership:** 2017-2018 new membership is 100 total, 90 business, 10 residents
- **Promotions and Events:**
  - Pearl River Day: Brian Campbell reported all is running according to schedule. After 9/15 price increase for member and non member vendors. Tshirt deadline 9/20.
  - Easter Egg Hunt: Looking for someone to lead committee – 2018 possibly change to photo booth, Easter Bunny photos
  - Halloween: Keep Trick or Treating on Central Avenue for 2017, Annie & Kim, Dance Central will organize again – thank you! To send questionnaire to all retail business in Pearl River for next year's event.
- **Marketing:**
- **Beautification:**
  - Flags: Matt Reid reported fall flags will be up in next few weeks
  - Poles: Matt Reid reported \$250,000 grant is moving quickly – for 2 intersections at Main Street & Central Ave – lights, poles, wires
  - Holiday Lights: Matt Reid reported the Chamber would front money and town would refund following year. Brian Beaudry reported now have 6 snowflakes on Central Ave by park, 4 large snowflakes on Middletown Road on poles, side streets have garland and lights, large snowflakes on Rt. 304 and Main Street, 16 small flakes on posts, 12 large on telephone poles.

**Motions:**

Matt Reid made a motion to subsidize \$3500 cost to complete removal of poles from William Street to TD Bank (Town cannot pay).

- All in favor, no opposed

Mat Reid made a motion to pay \$15,000 to Christmas Décor – to be returned with refund by Town

- All in favor, no opposed

Matt Reid made a motion to approve the June meeting minutes. Brian Campbell seconded

- All in favor, no opposed

**Comments – Discussion**

**New Business:**

RBA discussion with Roger Scheiber & Al Samuels: Commission for Retail, changes how people shop and Constitutional Convention, people have opportunity to change things.

Jeff Gibs announced 9/26 Nanuet Chamber Yearly Kick Off Event, Networking at AquaTerra Grille, 6:00-8:30pm, register at Nanuet Chamber website: <https://nanuetchamber.com/2017-september-networking/>

ACS Relay for Life, Lisa Leote, event is June 9<sup>th</sup> and now 12pm-12am, no more stay through night. Fundraisers include: 10/21 Wine Tasting at Liquorland in Suffern, Shoe Drive, Shoot Out Cancer on 10/21 at RISE (Rockland Indoor Shooting Education). For more information, contact Donna at [dmh180@gmail.com](mailto:dmh180@gmail.com)

RCADD, Jane Murphy announced free film – General Found- on 10/11 at RCC, 6pm. Contact: [kkatt@rcadd.org](mailto:kkatt@rcadd.org)

**New Members:**

JB Protective Services – Welcome John Baker and James O'Brien – covers personal, property protection 24 hrs/day, install cameras but no monitoring and much more. Email: [jbprotectiveservices@gmail.com](mailto:jbprotectiveservices@gmail.com)

**Upcoming Meetings/Events:**

Saturday, October 7 – Pearl River Day, 11am-6pm

Wednesday, October 11 – Regular Meeting at Defiant Brewery

Thursday, October 12 – Joint Chamber Event at Hudson Water Club, West Haverstraw at 6:30

Tuesday, October 31 – Trick or Treat Halloween event 3-5pm on Central Avenue

**Adjournment** Matt Reid adjourned meeting

**Attendees – September 13th, 2017 General Meeting:**

Linda Shields  
Jeff Gibs  
Matt Reid  
Vince O'Rourke  
Bryan Beaudry  
Brian Campbell  
Antoinette Flynn  
Pat Heaphy  
Pat Holt  
Susan Perzigian  
Michelle Worob  
Debbie Paciello  
Mr. Carmelo  
Annie Paratore  
John Baker  
James O'Brien  
Lisa Leote  
Jane Murphy  
Roger Scheiber, RBA  
Al Samuels, RBA  
Eileen Carson  
Neill Acer  
Robert Tompkins  
Andy Martinez