

**MINUTES OF PUBLIC HEARING FOR THE
PROPOSED 2011-2012 BUDGET
HELD BY THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES
OF THE INCORPORATED VILLAGE OF MASTIC BEACH
ON APRIL 18, 2011 AT THE MASTIC BEACH FIRE DEPARTMENT,
SECOND FLOOR AT 7:00 PM**

The Budget Hearing was called to order at 7:15 PM

Roll Call was made: Present: Mayor Paul Breschard, Deputy Mayor Gary Stiriz, Trustee Olivo, Trustee Biondi, Trustee Morrow.

Also in Attendance: Village Treasurer Felix Wienclaw

Mayor Breschard led the Pledge of Allegiance, followed by a moment of silence for our troops

Approximately 20 residents in attendance

PUBLIC PORTION

A resident questioned the Public Notice published for the Budget Hearing and suggested that it was "deficient," in that it did not list trustee compensation. It was explained that the trustees do not receive compensation. Also questioned was the amount of the budget, at 4.1 million as opposed to the \$505,000 as originally claimed prior to the formation of the Village. Mayor Breschard explained that the original numbers were not a budget, but essentially a cost analysis.

Treasurer Wienclaw explained that since this was the first budget, there was no history that could be used in preparing same.

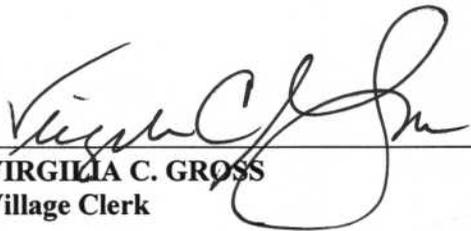
The following topics were also addressed during the Budget Hearing:

1. Who is picking up garbage after June 1st?
2. Are the garbage trucks to meet 2010 EPA standards?
3. Tipping and dumping fees were explained, and that the contractor will be responsible for tipping and dumping fees
4. No appropriations were made in the proposed budget for engineer and plans examiner, Deputy Village Attorney or Deputy Village Justice. Treasurer Wienclaw noted that he would add approximately 50,000 for Village Court.
5. Safety Inspectors/Code Enforcement Officers – a resident did not believe that \$12 per hour was sufficient, why code enforcement was going to be run on a 24/7 basis and asked if code enforcement officers had to be licensed. Trustee Biondi explained the Town of Brookhaven guidelines that were being followed on the Village level regarding hiring of same.
6. The Village will start exploring the possibility of hiring a grant writer.
7. Planning and Building Inspectors are being interviewed
8. Fire Marshall position is also being considered, can use Town of Brookhaven and Village would be back-charged for services rendered
9. Does the Village have adequate technical (computer) services in place?
10. Street lighting issued was raised and whether or not the village will amend the current lighting district.
11. Treasurer Wienclaw stated that we would have a surplus in our budget
12. A question was raised regarding adequate posting of hearing notice, due to low turnout; it was explained that notice was posted well in advance and in several locations
13. The PSC has the Cablevision Franchise Agreement and we will receive our franchise fees once they approve the agreement
14. A question was raised whether there is enough money included in the budget for extraneous expenses that the Village may not be prepared for.

15. A question was raised regarding the assessment and the exemptions that will be offered by the Village – Mayor Breschard stated that all of that is in the process of being worked out and that we are currently using the Town of Brookhaven assessment roll.

Upon motion made by Gary Stiriz and seconded by Bob Morrow and unanimously carried, the meeting was closed at 8:20 PM.

DATED: May 2, 2011
MASTIC BEACH, NEW YORK



VIRGILIA C. GROSS
Village Clerk

