

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES FOR THE INCORPORATED VILLAGE OF MASTIC BEACH HELD ON TUESDAY, JUNE 14, 2011 AT 7:00PM AT THE MASTIC BEACH FIRE DEPARTMENT**

The meeting was called to order at 6:57 PM with approximately 100 residents in attendance

**Upon motion made by Trustee Biondi, seconded by Trustee Stiriz and unanimously carried,** the Board of Trustees entered into Executive Session.

**Upon motion made by Trustee Biondi and seconded by Trustee Stiriz and unanimously carried,** Executive Session was adjourned at 7:15 PM

The public portion of the Regular Meeting reconvened at 7:15 PM

Roll Call was taken by Virgilia Gross, Village Clerk

In Attendance: Mayor Paul Breschard, Deputy Mayor Gary Stiriz, Trustee Biondi, Trustee Morrow and Trustee Olivo

Also in Attendance: Village Attorney Joseph W. Prokop

Mayor Breschard led the audience in the Pledge of Allegiance and Moment of Silence

**Upon motion made by Trustee Morrow, seconded by Trustee Biondi and unanimously carried, it was RESOLVED** to Authorize the Village of Mastic Beach to enter into a contract with Fundamental Business Services, 14 Front Street, Hempstead, for the collection of fines pertaining to Article 3 of the Village Code, Vehicle Offenses.

**Upon motion made by Trustee Stiriz, seconded by Trustee Morrow and unanimously carried, it was RESOLVED** to Approve the DEC Permit to Renata Zareba for property located at 20 Shore Drive for bulkheading and associated work, with all New York State DEC requirements have been met and permit has subsequently been issued by the NYS DEC (see attached).

**Upon motion made by Trustee Biondi, seconded by Trustee Stiriz and unanimously carried, it was RESOLVED** to Approve the Payment of Presented Bills as per Abstract No. 04-2011 (see attached).

**Upon motion made by Trustee Stiriz, seconded by Trustee Olivo and unanimously carried, it was RESOLVED** to Authorize the Village of Mastic Beach to enter into a contract with HINCK ELECTRICAL for the maintenance of traffic signals located within the Village boundary at a cost of \$12,000. Per year (see attached).

**Upon motion made by Trustee Olivo, seconded by Trustee Stiriz and unanimously carried, it was RESOLVED** to Authorize the Building Department to conduct inspections, etc. after normal business hours and on weekends for an additional fee of \$50 (see attached).

**Upon motion made by Trustee Morrow, seconded by Trustee Stiriz and unanimously carried, it was RESOLVED** to Accept the Minutes of the May 10, 2011 Regular Monthly Board Meeting(see attached).

**Upon motion made by Trustee Biondi, seconded by Trustee Morrow and unanimously carried, it was RESOLVED** to Accept the Minutes of the May 14, 2011 Special Meeting to Award the Solid Waste and Recyclables Collection Contract (see attached).

**Upon motion made by Trustee Stiriz, seconded by Trustee Olivo and unanimously carried, it was RESOLVED** To accept the Minutes of the May 23, 2011 Work Session (see attached).

**Upon motion made by Trustee Biondi, seconded by Trustee Stiriz and unanimously carried, it was RESOLVED** to Accept the Minutes of the May 24, 2011 Public Hearing to Adopt the Code of the Village of Mastic Beach (see attached).

Mayor Breschard read a letter written by resident John Milazzo thanking the Village for its quick response in repairing a sinkhole.

## PUBLIC COMMENT

Alyce Weitzel, Dogwood Road: Ms. Weitzel inquired if the Village has any recourse against the Town of Brookhaven for the repair of the sinkhole, and questioned why all the good things that are happening are not being reported in the local paper. The Mayor responded that the Village will be filing a Notice of Claim for the sinkhole repair and that we have an interim Public Relations person that has offered to help out with publicity. Trustee Stiriz also pointed out that all media outlets were invited to attend an event in the Village regarding a parcel of property and not one attended – hopefully, this will change.

Mayor Breschard announced that Peter Jakubowski will be our interim P.R. person and that Mr. Jakubowski has been videotaping the meetings for television airing. Mr. Jakubowski also attended the property transfer ceremony and that a press release was prepared.

Ewa Stankiewicz, Mill Drive: Ms. Stankiewicz stated that she is impressed with what is happening in the Village, but has a problem with the number of Mastic Beach residents that are paid employees. Ms. Stankiewicz would like residency requirement put in place and asked the Board to focus on hiring residents first.

Mayor Breschard stated that Trustees Morrow and Biondi will address the Code Enforcement and that the Village Building Inspector is from Shirley, the Assistant Building Inspector is from Mastic Beach. The Village Fire Marshal is certified and experienced and experience was the first priority in hiring Village Code Enforcement. Mayor Breschard also stated that the next round of hiring will focus on Mastic Beach residents.

Trustee Morrow explained that there was a need to get Code Enforcement up and running quickly and that the number of experienced applicants was overwhelming. Trustee Morrow stated that now we can train Mastic Beach residents for Code Enforcement positions.

Ms. Stankiewicz then asked if the Board would have a residency requirement from now on. Mayor Breschard stated that the Board could not commit this. Mayor Breschard also stated that the Highway services bid will be coming out and that the Village will look to Mastic Beach residents first.

Trustee Biondi stated that he has been involved in fire service for over 40 years and that the Village Fire Marshal has done more in 1 week than the Town has done in years. The Board is working hard to make this work and that many interviews were held – experienced applicants will make this work.

Val Kluber, Cypress Drive: Inquired as to the status of the thrift store on Neighborhood Road, abandoned houses that are in need of mowing and the debris on same properties. Trustee Stiriz stated that there are more lawns mowed than ever before and that in the case of an empty house, it is sometimes hard to locate the owner, many have simply left. The Village can provide the service needed and then charge the homeowner.

Wayne Fish, Phylis Road: Mr. Fish thanked the Mayor for the great job that they are doing and then asked Trustee Olivo to explain his position on the Mastic Beach Property Owners Association. Trustee Olivo believes that Mr. DeBona is doing a fine job and that since we are in litigation, did not want to discuss further.

Maura Sperry, Hemlock Drive: Complimented the Board on the garbage and wanted to inform the Board of problem overgrowth areas in the Village, especially phragmites breaking up pavement, etc. Attorney Prokop explained that the first 4 feet is to be cared for by the homeowner, up to right of way, which is the street). Blind corners have been discussed with the Town of Brookhaven.

Marsha Faison, Hemlock Drive: Asked if we back-bill the Town of Brookhaven for any of the services. Attorney Prokop answered that the Village can, and will, back-bill for same. Ms. Faison also thanked the Board for the improvements made regarding the house across the street (raccoons) and asked if the Village will be hiring residents for garbage contract. Mayor Breschard answered that he will contact Quickway to consider hiring Mastic Beach residents.

Anne Leonardi, King Road: Mrs. Leonardi stated that public relations is very important and is happy that Peter is taking it over. As for mowing lawns, can the Village hire high school students to mow. Trustee Stiriz explained that liability is involved and would be an insurance

matter. Trustee Stiriz also explained that services must go out to bid, but the Board will look into it.

Susan Steinmann: Reported that there is a double pole at the intersection of Locust and Neighborhood Roads, creating a blind corner. Ms. Steinmann also would like to see Mastic Beach residents have full access to waterfront.

Alan Chasinov, Mastic Road: Asked the Board to not bash the Town of Brookhaven and inquired to the status of 2 open work orders that he has had with the Town for the repair of the sidewalk in front of his home. Trustee Stiriz offered to look into the matter.

Steve Barber, Hickory Road: Mr. Barber expressed concerns of drug dealers, kids, pit bulls running in the street and Section 8 housing and apologized to the Board for telling his neighbor he was with Village code enforcement. Mr. Barber suggested that the annual rental fee be raised from \$350 to \$3,500.

Jane Powers, Phylis Road: Asked if the Town has to notify the Village when they are placing Section 8 rentals. Chief Building Inspector Palazzotto explained that the Building Department has the authority to inspect to insure safe dwellings, and that any building that is done without permits will be subject to treble fees. The Board will be giving people time to comply. Ms. Powers asked Attorney Prokop the status of the M.B.P.O.A. lawsuit and a possible timeframe for settlement. Attorney Prokop stated that a receiver was requested and that we are awaiting an answer to the motion; not appropriate to give a timeframe, it can take a few months or longer.

Michelle Wilkinson, Washington Drive: stated that the fencing along the Wm. Floyd Estate was in disrepair, and that there were trees in wires, etc. Trustee Morrow answered that he will be meeting with Congressman Bishop and will address the issue with him.

Larry T., Riverside Avenue: Commended the Board for hiring experienced personnel and explained that the land along the waterfront was never publicly held.

Michelle Girardi, Hemlock Drive: Explained a list of problems by her home, including mosquitos, ties, storm drains with trees growing out of them, etc. Mayor Breschard stated that he would personally take a look and that the County still handles Vector Control for the mosquitos. Trustee Biondi will also check into the situation.

Chris Ricciardi, Ducky Lane: Inquired if the Health Department has a cesspool capacity that applies to the amount of residents that occupy a home. Attorney Prokop thinks that it may be a possibility and will look into the matter. Inspector Palazzotto explained that the Health Department can determine size of cesspool required when applying for an addition and that a limit can be placed on a rental permit regarding the number of occupants.

Amy Schuler, Oakwood Drive: Stated that Section 8 renters are better than cash renters and that there are laws prohibiting discrimination against anyone.

Jennifer Griffin, Dogwood Road: Expressed concern over mosquito trenches that are being cut from the bay inland and that conduits are creating standing water. Can the Village address the issue? Mayor Breschard stated that he will look into it.

Barbara Scalafani, Magnolia Drive: Inquired to the possibility of having block captains to watch over the neighborhood and if it was possible to have federal funding pulled if someone is arrested. Mayor Breschard suggested that all residents should be block captains and stated that no one should go after people based on their economic conditions.

Arthur Kruse, Laurel Lane: Mr. Kruse praised the Board for the work done so far and asked if there would be a newsletter going out to residents. Mayor Breschard stated that the lack of a functioning website is the greatest failure. Trustee Biondi reminded the audience that we have been up and running for 15 days and that word will spread through the televising of meetings and work sessions. Mr. Kruse also volunteered to secure a POW flag for the lighthouse.

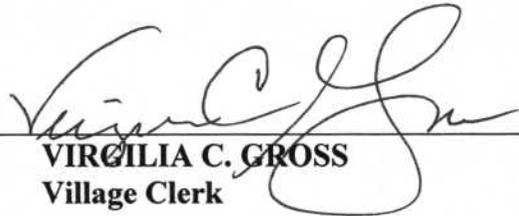
Alyce Weitzel, Dogwood Road: Handed Mayor Breschard a list of unregistered cars.

Marsha Faison, Hemlock Drive: Stated that as a day care provider Section 8 is not as bad as sex offenders and suggested that the Board focus on that instead. Trustee Stiriz stated that the Village will be looking into pocket parks to address that issue.

Upon motion made by Trustee Stiriz, seconded by Trustee Morrow and unanimously carried, it was **RESOLVED** to close the Regular Meeting and enter Executive Session at 9:12PM to discuss contractual matters.

Upon motion made by Trustee Morrow, seconded by Trustee Olivo and unanimously carried, it was **RESOLVED** to Adjourn Executive Session at 10:05 PM

DATED: June 28, 2011  
MASTIC BEACH, NEW YORK

  
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**VIRGILIA C. GROSS**  
Village Clerk

