

**MINUTES OF THE WEEKLY WORK SESSION HELD ON FRIDAY, JULY 8, 2011 AT
VILLAGE HALL, 427 NEIGHBORHOOD ROAD, MASTIC BEACH, NEW YORK**

The meeting was called to order at 4:00PM

Roll call taken by Virgilia Gross, Village Clerk

In attendance: Deputy Mayor Gary Stiriz, Trustee Bill Biondi, Trustee Bob Morrow, Trustee Ken Olivo

Absent: Mayor Paul Breschard

Also present: Village Attorney Joseph Prokop, Chief Building Inspector Palazzotto, Mr. Bill Doyle, representing State Senator Lee Zeldin

Abstract 05-2011 was submitted to the Board by the Village Clerk for their review and payment authorization at the next regular meeting scheduled for July 12, 2011

Mr. Bill Doyle expressed a desire to open the line of communication between the Village and Sen. Zeldin. The Senator would like to focus on quality of life issues within our community and would like to be involved in economic development through tourism, etc. Senator Zeldin is also organizing a group of politicians, historical societies and various other representatives to address issues – an August meeting is being planned, more details will follow.

Deputy Mayor Stiriz shared the tourism/trolley idea that is being looked into, Mr. Doyle expressed an interest in developing businesses and restaurants on Neighborhood Road to support same. A brief discussion of sewage systems took place. Mr. Doyle said that the Senator is also pushing for more signage on Sunrise Hwy. and the L.I.E., detailing area attractions. There was a brief discussion regarding the development of Violet's Cove.

A discussion was held regarding the hiring of two laborers. The Board will look into this further at another time.

A discussion was held regarding the purchase of 427 Neighborhood Road. Chief Building Inspector Palazzotto submitted a list of building issues to the Board. The Board voted unanimously to table a resolution to purchase the building. Attorney Prokop advised the Board that a decision must be made within a month, due to lease expiration.

The Board expressed an interest in purchasing the property located at 56 Mastic Road. Attorney Prokop will look into the status of the court case that is in litigation regarding same.

The Board voted in favor of adding two new Zoning Board of Appeals members for Tuesday's meeting.

The Board unanimously voted to table a resolution authorizing a stipend for the ZBA.

A discussion was held regarding the location of ZBA hearings – the Board is desirous of utilizing the Senior Nutrition Center. Attorney Prokop will draft an I.M.A. for same.

A discussion was held regarding hiring a landscaper. It was determined by the Board that the overgrown intersections and encroached roadways were top priority and authorized Timothy Brojer to clear as many as possible, especially Washington Drive. A resolution authorizing same was unanimously carried.

The Board will also address the hiring of a grass cutter when all necessary paperwork is received by the Village.

The Board is in favor of Associate Justice Frank Fineo and directed the Clerk to prepare a resolution regarding same.

A discussion was held regarding the placement of the benches along Neighborhood Road. An issue has arisen with one bench in particular, in front of the hair salon, just west of Elder Drive. The Board is in favor of the relocation of that bench and advised that Code Enforcement be made aware of the problem.

Regarding the "pig predicament" – The Clerk will refer the Town Animal Officer Haynes to Attorney Prokop.

A brief discussion was held regarding section 8 rental inspections. CBI Palazzotto recommended that the Village accept the Section 8 inspector's findings, since they are extremely thorough. Attorney Prokop suggested that we have a follow-up meeting with Martin Haley to discuss a list of items that need to be closed out.

The Board instructed the Clerk to draft a Resolution for Tuesday authorizing the Building Dept. to collect a fee of \$50 for all real property searches conducted by the Village.

The Board instructed the Clerk to draft a Resolution setting the Village speed limit at 30 miles per hour.

A discussion of Bayview Park was held.

Attorney Prokop stated that a condemnation for the traffic light at Cranberry and Neighborhood has been started by the Town. The Board reminded Mr. Prokop that the light was a part of Dan Panico's plan and that the cost of the traffic light and installation must be borne by the Town.

Tuesday's Public Hearing on Fire Code, Mass Assembly Permits and Housing Standards was discussed.

Attorney Prokop suggested to the Board that they may want to consider establishing a Housing Authority at some point in the future. This would give the Village authority over Section 8 programs, inspections and standards.

Attorney Prokop also advised the Board that the Highway contract documents should have been an annual bid, with no bid or performance bond required. Mr. Prokop expects that the revised Highway bid packet will be ready by the end of next week.

Trustee Stiriz asked for the MS4 from Town of Brookhaven – Mr. Prokop suggested that we get that from Commissioner Haley. Also, Trustee Stiriz would like a basketball hoop set-back of 5 feet from roadway established.

Trustee Stiriz spoke with Tom Farra regarding the clearing of the parking lot – Mr. Farra is in favor of same and Attorney Prokop will draft a letter for Mr. Messinetti.

Attorney Prokop discussed the Village Court run-through and gave Trustee Biondi credit for all that he has done in getting the Court up and running. A discussion was held regarding Tom "V" as Associate Prosecutor. The Board feels that his association with the Town of Brookhaven may present a conflict of interest.

Attorney Prokop presented his bill to the Board – he will not be billing us for the previous bid documents and will set a meeting fee rate at 2/3 to help out the Village. Attorney Prokop will also advise the Village regarding protocols for internet use, equipment use, sexual harassment policies, etc.

Upon motion made by Trustee Stiriz, seconded by Trustee Olivo, and unanimously carried, the Board adjourned the public portion of the Work Session and entered Executive Session at 6:35PM.

Upon motion made by Trustee Olivo, seconded by Trustee Stiriz and unanimously carried, Executive Session was closed at 7:15PM.

DATED: July 20, 2011
MASTIC BEACH, NEW YORK


VIRGILIA C. GROSS
Village Clerk

