

**MINUTES OF THE WEEKLY WORK SESSION OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF
THE INCORPORATED VILLAGE OF MASTIC BEACH HELD ON WEDNESDAY,
AUGUST 22, 2012 AT 5:00 PM AT THE TOWN OF BROOKHAVEN SENIOR
NUTRITION CENTER, 369 NEIGHBORHOOD ROAD,
MASTIC BEACH, NEW YORK**

Deputy Mayor Stiriz opened the Work Session at 5:15 PM and led the audience in the Pledge of Allegiance and a Moment of Silence.

Roll Call was taken by Virgilia Gross, Village Clerk

Present: Deputy Mayor Gary Stiriz
Trustee Bob Morrow
Trustee Gail Cappiello
Trustee Carol Bissonette

Also Present: Brian Egan, Village Attorney
Virgilia Gross, Village Clerk

Absent: Mayor Bill Biondi

Village Attorney Egan explained a proposed resolution extending the enforcement of certain Town laws.

Upon motion made by Deputy Mayor Stiriz, seconded by Trustee Bissonette and unanimously carried, it was RESOLVED to Extend the Enforcement of Certain Town Laws.

Attorney Egan updated the Board of Trustees regarding correspondence drafted and sent to the Town of Brookhaven. After a telephone discussion with Kevin Johnston, Town of Brookhaven Law Department, Mr. Johnston will forward a letter to the Village regarding the ownership and maintenance of Town sumps located within the village boundary, with Mr. Egan suggesting that the next discussion should concern the turning over of the sumps to the Village. Deputy Mayor Stiriz inquired as to the sumps being a part of the drainage system. According to Mr. Egan, the Town's response is that they are not. The T.O.B. Parks Department has responded to the Village's letter regarding the enforcement of codes at Town parks located within the Village, with the Parks Department confirming that it is the jurisdiction of the T.O.B. Public Safety Department. The Village will look for written confirmation of parks closing between dusk and dawn. Newsday has been contacted regarding the littering/disbursement of flyers, especially to empty homes.

Mr. Egan discussed the snow removal RFP, with the recommendation that it be put out first for response from independent companies and another draft for independent contractors. Trustee Morrow asked if the Village will consider tooling up our vehicles with plows to assist. Deputy Mayor Stiriz stated that the Village is looking into that option, along with the possibility of mounting plows onto QuickWay Sanitation vehicles as well.

Deputy Mayor Stiriz inquired as to the status of the storm debris removal RFP – Attorney Egan should have a draft of same at the next meeting. Mr. Egan also informed the Board of GML Section 103-4 regarding the suspension of bids necessary in case of emergency. Deputy Mayor Stiriz informed Mr. Egan that former Village Attorney Prokop had declared a state of emergency prior to Hurricane Irene, enabling the Village to solicit prices for debris removal from nine companies. Eight of those companies doubled their prices when it was obvious that Hurricane Irene was heading for Long Island.

Deputy Mayor Stiriz asked Attorney Egan how the Town of Brookhaven handles snow removal rates paid to independent contractors and of the possibility of storing salt and sand at the highway yard located by William Floyd High School. Trustee Bissonette called attention to page 13, item 4 of the snow removal RFP regarding materials. Attorney Egan stated that it was drafted that way for a purpose.

A brief discussion was held regarding double poles and repairs to sidewalks after pole removal and installation. Trustee Morrow has been contacting the utilities directly, and that they have all been addressed to date.

A brief discussion was held regarding the trimming of trees posing threat to wires by the utilities. Attorney Egan suggested that the Clerk draft a letter to LIPA identifying the areas, with pole numbers, to be sent to LIPA.

Deputy Mayor Stiriz reported on the repair to Riviera Drive, first layer is complete from Hemlock to Overlook, with Hemlock to Locust next. Holes are 3 ½ feet deep in areas, puddles and mosquitos in abundance. Material cost is \$2 per yard with the expectation of bike riding along Riviera to be possible once complete. STOP bars are almost complete south of Neighborhood Road with the reflective beading working well and motorists are stopping for same.

Deputy Mayor Stiriz informed the Trustees of the house demolition on Cypress Drive that had occurred today and that another will be removed tomorrow. The neighbors were happy to have the situation that existed for 30 years corrected and all are anxiously awaiting the new homes that will be built. Long Island Housing Partnership will present to the Board in two weeks.

Upon motion made by Deputy Mayor Stiriz, seconded by Trustee Cappiello and unanimously carried, it was RESOLVED to Enter Executive Session for the purpose of personnel discussions at 5:45 PM.

Upon motion made by Deputy Mayor Stiriz, seconded by Trustee Bissonette and unanimously carried, it was RESOLVED to End Executive Session at 7:10 PM.

Upon motion made by Deputy Mayor Stiriz, seconded by Trustee Morrow and unanimously carried, it was RESOLVED to re-open the Work Session at 7:10 PM.

Upon motion made by Deputy Mayor Stiriz, seconded by Trustee Cappiello and unanimously carried, it was RESOLVED to Authorize the appraisal of two parcels located on Neighborhood Road, with the cross streets of Mastic Road and Huguenot Drive.

Upon motion made by Deputy Mayor Stiriz, seconded by Trustee Cappiello and unanimously carried, it was RESOLVED to Hire Deborah Slack as the Village Grant Writer for a term of one year at a rate of \$25 per hour, not to exceed 20 hours per month; and, to Authorize the payment of 5 percent as previously agreed upon for three grants already secured by Ms. Slack.

Upon motion made by Deputy Mayor Stiriz, seconded by Trustee Morrow and unanimously carried, it was RESOLVED to End the Work Session at 7:15 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Virgilia C. Gross
Village Clerk

August 23, 2012

