

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING AND PUBLIC HEARING
HELD BY THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE INCORPORATED VILLAGE
OF MASTIC BEACH ON TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 13, 2012 AT THE MASTIC BEACH
FIRE DEPARTMENT AT 7:00PM**

The meeting was called to order at 7:14 PM by Mayor Biondi with approximately 85 residents in attendance

Mayor Biondi led the audience in the Pledge of Allegiance and a Moment of Silence, with special note of our armed forces, the men and women of our emergency services and the community volunteers who assisted our residents after Hurricane Sandy.

Roll Call was taken by the Village Clerk.

In attendance: Mayor Biondi
Trustee Cappiello
Trustee Morrow
Trustee Stiriz

Absent: Trustee Bissonette

Also Present: Village Attorney Brian Egan
Village Administrator Timothy Brojer
Village Clerk Virgilia Gross

Mayor Biondi thanked the various law enforcement agencies that provided protection during and after the storm with additional manpower and patrols of the Village.

Inspector Neubauer spoke regarding Sheriff's Department, National Guard and State Troopers regarding the anti-looting patrols that were created after the storm. There were 6 burglaries in the last 2 weeks attributed to storm conditions, with an average of 2 to 3 a week under normal conditions. Inspector Neubauer thanked the National Guard and Sgt. Striehl, who were greeted with a round of applause from the residents.

Sgt. Striehl acknowledged Deputy Mayor Stiriz in recognizing his property that was being stolen by scrapers out as much as possible.

Inspector Neubauer announced the monthly community meeting at the 7th Pct.

Trustee Cappiello thanked Bishop Garrett Richards and 90 volunteers that appeared on Saturday and Sunday to help clean up properties. Also, the Army came down and asked if they could help. The Mormons, affectionately called the "mucking Mormons" have 1,500 members available through December 22nd or longer. There is no charge for this service. The phone number to call is 347-709-0438.

Mayor Biondi also thanked Carlo Grover, Chief of the Mastic Beach Fire Department for his tireless help throughout and after the storm. Chief Grover made sure of residents' safety. Special thanks were also given to the men and women of the Mastic Beach Ambulance Company.

PUBLIC HEARING FOR 87 HEMLOCK DRIVE

Village Attorney Egan opened the Public Hearing, calling Minerva Garcia or her representative, HSBC Bank or their representative, to step forward. Having no response, Attorney Egan placed into evidence all exhibit entries regarding 87 Hemlock Drive. Since no appearance was made by the homeowner, Minerva Garcia or HSBC Bank, Attorney Egan advised the Board regarding the removal of the building.

Upon motion made by Mayor Biondi, seconded by Deputy Mayor Stiriz and unanimously carried, it was RESOLVED to Declare the premises located at 87 Hemlock Drive, Mastic Beach, as unsafe pursuant to Chapter 180 of the Village Code with an ordered removal of same within 60 days.

Upon motion made by Mayor Biondi, seconded by Trustee Cappiello and unanimously carried, it was RESOLVED to Accept the Minutes of the October 3, 2012 Work Session.

Upon motion made by Mayor Biondi, seconded by Trustee Morrow and unanimously carried, it was RESOLVED to Accept the Minutes of the October 9, 2012 Regular Meeting & Public Hearing.

Upon motion made by Mayor Biondi, seconded by Trustee Cappiello and unanimously carried, it was RESOLVED to Accept the Minutes of the October 24, 2012 Work Session.

Upon motion made by Mayor Biondi, seconded by Trustee Cappiello with Deputy Mayor Stiriz abstaining, it was RESOLVED to Authorize the payment of presented bills as per Abstract No. 06-2012 in the amount of \$282,076.47.

Trustee Reports

Trustee Morrow reported the following Code Enforcement actions for the month of October:

- 98 Complaints received
- 22 Warnings Issued
- 25 Appearance Tickets issued
- 23 Unfounded
- 28 Complaints closed through compliance

Trustee Cappiello reported the following for the Building Department, due to Hurricane Sandy:

- 101 Homes placarded "RED" for restricted, unsafe for occupancy
- 176 homes placarded "YELLOW" for restricted use with power unavailable until electrical inspection is complete
- A total of 277 homes were in need of electrical inspections

Homes placarded with "GREEN" are safe for occupancy – Temporary housing may be available through Suffolk County, with a sign-up sheet passed around for residents in need of shelter.

Upon motion made by Deputy Mayor Stiriz, seconded by Trustee Cappiello and unanimously carried, it was RESOLVED to authorize the hiring of Stephen Colaianni as Assistant Justice Court Clerk on a part-time basis at a rate of \$18 per hour, not to exceed 16 hours per week, pending Civil Service approval.

Mayor Biondi reported that while most roadways are still impassable, 100% of the roadways within the Village are now open; met with applause from the audience.

Deputy Mayor Stiriz thanked the volunteers that assessed the Village after the storm passed and the Village's quick action in dispatching crews for clean-up of downed trees. There was a preliminary estimate of over 4,600 yds of trees removed so far, with another 43 dumpster loads of storm debris. QuickWay has been on extra days to pick up debris; the Village of Mastic Beach is the cleanest in comparison to other south shore communities. Deputy Mayor Stiriz also announced that pick-up will cease for one week to allow residents to place debris at curbside and an explanation of proper piling of same. The storm has caused fuel oil tanks to become dislodged, with heating oil, mud and sewage affecting homes. Mastic Beach is well underway in getting back to normal; met with applause from the audience.

Public Comment:

Oliver Warren: Mr. Warren thanked the Board and everyone involved in the clean-up and relief effort. Mr. Warren suffered significant damage due to the storm as well, as stated by Deputy Mayor Stiriz.

Lucille Hynes: Thanked the Board for cancelling Halloween and for extra security measures.

Steven Burg: Thanked the Board and God for keeping everyone healthy and safe and questioned the Board about the possibility of raising his home to prevent damage in the future; Mr. Burg also asked the Board to put a flood plan in place. Trustee Cappiello advised that a meeting with FEMA will be set up to discuss the issue with individual homeowners and that funding is trying to be secured for the project. Mr. Burg thanked the Board again for a wonderful job and suggested that they give themselves a pat on the back for their hard work.

Michael Leonardi: As Fire Commissioner, Mr. Leonardi wanted to thank the Village and emergency services for coming together and doing a great job and special thanks to the Board, especially since they were personally impacted as well. As a former Deputy Supervisor of Highway for the Town, Mr. Leonardi stated that the Town would still be cleaning up and the quick action by our Board is why we became a Village.

Maura Spery: Ms. Spery wanted all said to be re-iterated and suggested a water rise committee; oil booms to be kept on hand; the creation of a Department of Environmental Protection for the Village. Ms. Spery thanked the Board for their great work.

Mayor Biondi recognized Ray Hubschmitt for his volunteerism in running the food bank at the Nutrition Center, the Red Cross for food, Alan Chasinov and the M.B.P.O.A. for serving hot meals with 600 meals donated by a Brooklyn organization.

Ray Hubschmitt: Thanked the many volunteers that came out and worked together at the Nutrition Center, the Red Cross who were stationed in Mastic Beach with encouragement to support the Red Cross. Mr. Hubschmitt also thanked Mayor Biondi and the Board, especially with three members devastated by the storm.

Mayor Biondi reported that the Marshall Tucker Band held a concert in South Carolina specifically for the residents of Mastic Beach and that there were numerous people who loved helping us out.

Trustee Cappiello stated that a truck was coming in from New Orleans with donations from Katrina victims.

Karen Stiriz: Thanked the Mayor, Board and residents for allowing her the privilege to come back to clean up.

Lucille Hynes: Ms. Hynes had the privilege of working with St. Jude's Outreach, which was an eye-opening experience; thanks to Sonoma Grill, Moriches Bay Diner, and citizens from California, Texas, Illinois and all over with donations of coats, blankets, gift certificates to Lowes and Home Depot. Ms. Hynes also thanked the Gross family for arranging the school building to be used as a donation holding area and that Mt. Sinai group is offering to come in and help as well.

John Mutt: Thanked the Village Clerk and staff for their help during the crisis, Karen and Don Stiriz for their effort in the clean-up and all the staff; met with applause from the audience.

It was announced that the November 14, 2012 Work Session is cancelled.

Upon motion made by Deputy Mayor Stiriz, seconded by Trustee Morrow and unanimously carried, it was RESOLVED to End the Regular Meeting at 8:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Virgilia C. Gross
Village Clerk

December 7, 2012