

**MINUTES OF THE WEEKLY WORK SESSION HELD BY THE  
BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE INCORPORATED VILLAGE OF MASTIC BEACH  
ON WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 19, 2012 AT THE TOWN OF BROOKHAVEN  
SENIOR NUTRITION CENTER, 369 NEIGHBORHOOD ROAD,  
MASTIC BEACH, NEW YORK AT 5:00PM**

The Work Session was called to order at 5:09 PM by Mayor Biondi with approximately 12 residents in attendance.

Mayor Biondi led the audience in the Pledge of Allegiance and a Moment of Silence.

Roll Call was taken by the Village Clerk.

In attendance: Mayor Biondi  
Trustee Cappiello  
Trustee Morrow  
Trustee Bissonette

Absent: Deputy Mayor Stiriz

Also Present: Village Attorney Brian T. Egan, Esq.  
Village Clerk Virgilia Gross

Mayor Biondi reported on the progress of the storm debris removal. FEMA and insurance companies have been giving the go-ahead to residents for repair, which is causing more debris to be placed at curbside. The Village will need to ascertain when FEMA will stop reimbursement for storm debris removal, awaiting an answer. Some areas have been cleaned four and five times, and some are taking advantage of the flooding situation. Mayor Biondi met with FEMA governmental affairs and concerns were addressed with same. Attorney Egan stated that it will have to stop at some point. Trustee Cappiello added that she had received an itemized breakdown of her claim from her insurance company, which included dumpster fees. Homes damaged at 60% or more are eligible for FEMA reimbursement.

A group is collecting information of residents in damaged homes with St. Andrew's Church. 50 Christmas trees are being donated and Local 138 has bought stands, lights and decorations which were delivered to NaNa's House. Mayor Biondi met with Red Cross, they are still in the area and will keep communication with the Mayor open. Bellport breach still open and high tide is being monitored, water has come up over roadway. The employee handbook has been distributed to the Board, Mayor Biondi would like to have that approved at January 8, 2013 meeting.

Attorney Egan reported to the Board that the Laviero property located on Orchid Drive is to be donated to the Village by the owner, with a complete title search to be conducted as well.

**Upon motion made by Mayor Biondi, seconded by Trustee Morrow and unanimously carried, it was RESOLVED** to Authorize the disposition of real property located at Orchid Drive, identified as SCTM # 0200-980.7-05.00-021.000 from Rosalie Laviero to the Village of Mastic Beach.

A discussion was held regarding the proposed credit card policy, with Attorney Egan explaining same. Trustee Bissonette suggested changing "may" to "shall" in paragraphs 1 and 4; all "mays" will be changed to "shall" as per Board discussion.

**Upon motion made by Mayor Biondi, seconded by Trustee Bissonette and unanimously carried, it was RESOLVED** to Adopt a Village Credit Card Policy, as amended.

Attorney Egan explained that the Village cannot operate in cash and that the Board should consider allowing the Village Treasurer to apply for a credit card for petty cash purposes.

**Upon motion made by Mayor Biondi, seconded by Trustee Bissonette and unanimously carried, it was RESOLVED** to Authorize the Village Treasurer to apply for a credit card for petty cash purposes.

Mayor Biondi led a discussion regarding the rescission of Resolution No 266-2012, Extending Terms of Office as passed on December 5, 2012. Mayor Biondi would like to see if it is possible to get it on the March ballot; Attorney Egan will look into same. A brief discussion was held regarding the upcoming special election.

**Upon motion made by Mayor Biondi, seconded by Trustee Bissonette and unanimously carried, it was RESOLVED** to Rescind Resolution No. 266-2012 which extended the terms of office for the Mayor and Trustees.

Mayor Biondi discussed a new timeline for agendas, with items to the Village Clerk by Friday prior to Work Session; walk-on items will be considered.

**Upon motion made by Mayor Biondi, seconded by Trustee Cappiello and unanimously carried, it was RESOLVED** to Authorize the hiring of Brittany Keely as Code Enforcement Dispatcher.

Mayor Biondi stated that a quote received for repairs to the F250, which needs a new transmission, was \$400 more than the \$1,895 quote received. The bid was still the lowest received and an amended bill is to be sent to the Village. Mayor Biondi also reported that two plows have been installed on two village vehicles, and that he will be meeting with other mayors to discuss salt and sand.

Mayor Biondi also reported that Senator Zeldin has informed him that mitigation money from Federal, to State for distribution to local communities will become available soon and not to forget Mastic Beach.

Mayor Biondi asked Attorney Egan for an explanation and clarification of the proposed Local Law regarding Chapter 230, FEMA changes. It was suggested that a FEMA representative be on hand at the January Board meeting to answer questions from residents.

Trustee Cappiello stated that Habitat for Humanity is offering to help rebuild for residents affected by the storm, for those that qualify – the village will help to identify same.

**Upon motion made by Mayor Biondi, seconded by Trustee Morrow and unanimously carried, it was RESOLVED** to Cancel the Work Session scheduled for December 26, 2012.

**Upon motion made by Mayor Biondi, seconded by Trustee Morrow and unanimously carried, it was RESOLVED** to End the Work Session at 6:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Virgilia C. Gross  
Village Clerk

Dated: January 2, 2013

