

**MINUTES OF THE WEEKLY WORK SESSION HELD BY THE BOARD OF
TRUSTEES OF THE INCORPORATED VILLAGE OF MASTIC BEACH ON
WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 16, 2013 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 5:15 PM by Mayor Biondi with approximately 19 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
Deputy Mayor Stiriz

Arrived Late: Trustee Bissonette

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

Mayor Biondi led the audience in the Pledge of Allegiance, a moment of silence and welcomed all in attendance.

Mayor Biondi introduced the first guest speaker, Mike Fusco and his associates Kelly and Glenn, from World Claims. Mr. Fusco discussed the processing of FEMA claims, different programs regarding repairs and mitigation, both immediate and long range and his company's expertise in potentially providing services to the Village of Mastic Beach.

Mayor Biondi and the Board of Trustees asked questions regarding reimbursement of charges incurred if hired through FEMA. Mr. Fusco stated that their billing would be a valid claim through FEMA.

Trustee Bissonette arrived at 5:25 PM.

Deputy Mayor Stiriz asked if cooperation between agencies and municipalities create a problem. Mr. Fusco explained status of claims regarding the first 30 days of an emergency and that mutual aid agreements may require documentation when presenting claim to FEMA. Attorney Egan asked for an estimation of fees for World Claims services; Mr. Fusco answered that it would depend on the scope of the project worksheet.

Mayor Biondi introduced the second guest speaker, Randall Parsons of the Nature Conservancy.

Mr. Parsons gave a brief history and scope of the organization and explained the goal of the conservancy is to preserve as much natural land as possible, especially in flood plain areas. A discussion was held regarding the pros and cons of different methods to protect the tidal flood plains from further storm damage and whether it would be more beneficial to allow the newly storm-created cut on Fire Island to remain open or be filled in. Mr. Parsons suggested that the damaged homes within 100 yards of the flood plain not be rebuilt and that future development be prohibited. Mr. Parsons stated that the current 38 homes in foreclosure should be acquired by the Village in partnership with the conservancy since most are in the flood plain. Mr. Parsons answered various questions from the Board regarding ownership, funding of acquisitions, pre-storm assessments, fair market value vs. assessed valuations and the like.

Attorney Egan inquired as to the intent of the Nature Conservancy in acquiring properties within the Village; Mr. Parsons stated that they will not initiate on their own and are desirous of forming a partnership with the Village for same.

A discussion was held regarding the proposed Employee Handbook with Trustee Bissonette remarking that it was a solid foundation on which to start and that non-substantive changes for consistency would be recommended. It was also noted by Trustee Bissonette that policies concerning alcohol use were not mentioned.

Upon motion made by Mayor Biondi, seconded by Trustee Bissonette and unanimously carried, it was RESOLVED to Adopt the Employee Handbook.

Village Attorney Egan explained a proposal to abolish Village Voter Registration Day and the reasoning for same. A brief discussion was held by the Board of Trustees, and

Upon motion made by Deputy Mayor Stiriz, seconded by Trustee Cappiello and unanimously carried, it was RESOLVED to Abolish Village Registration Day for Village Elections.

A discussion was held regarding the Village's Tax Grievance Day; since the Village is a non-assessing unit, refunds would need to be made on reassessed parcels. Attorney Egan advised the Board that the Village could become an assessing unit in the future.

Upon motion made by Mayor Biondi, seconded by Trustee Bissonette and unanimously carried, it was RESOLVED to Rescind a previous resolution scheduling a Tax Grievance Day.

Mayor Biondi led a discussion regarding waterfront use and development with a suggestion to form committee to investigate same. With the Board of Trustees in agreement, and

Upon motion made by Deputy Mayor Stiriz, seconded by Mayor Biondi and unanimously carried, it was RESOLVED to Appoint Tom Fox as Chairman of the Waterfront Use and Development Committee.

Mr. Tom Fox graciously accepted the appointment.

A closing on parcels held by Suffolk County will take place next week with the properties to be conveyed to Habitat For Humanity for affordable housing purposes.

A discussion was held regarding proposals received in answer to a request published by the Village for an environmental impact study in relation to the Village's proposed Zoning Code. Attorney Egan submitted a list to the Board and a final decision will be made at the next Work Session.

Mayor Biondi reported that the clean-up of the waterfront continues with approximately 550 tons of debris already removed and that final permitting to repair culverts along Riviera Drive is in process.

The Village Clerk was directed to publish notice that the Village Board of Trustees will be seated as the Planning Board for a Work Session to be held on January 30, 2013 at 5:00 p.m. A proposed Dunkin Donuts to be located at 402 Mastic Road will be discussed.

A brief discussion was held regarding the timeline of the proposed Zoning Code. Public Hearings will be held by the Board of Trustees on the proposed Zoning Code and Map, and a suggestion was made to wait until after meeting with the successful bidder of the Environmental Impact Study.

Trustee Morrow reported that Village Grant Writer Deborah Slack has been working on a recycling grant; the Board of Trustees will support a recycling initiative.

Trustee Bissonette asked if QuickWay Sanitation could be asked to be more consistent with pick-up schedule as to times of day.

Upon motion made by Trustee Morrow, seconded by Mayor Biondi and unanimously carried, it was RESOLVED to Enter Executive Session for the purpose of litigation discussion at 6:45 p.m.

Upon motion made by Mayor Biondi, seconded by Deputy Mayor Stiriz and unanimously carried, it was RESOLVED to End Executive Session at 8:07 p.m.

Upon motion made by Mayor Biondi, seconded by Deputy Mayor Stiriz and unanimously carried, it was RESOLVED to Re-Open the Work Session at 8:08 p.m.

Upon motion made by Mayor Biondi, seconded by Deputy Mayor Stiriz and unanimously carried, it was RESOLVED to Close the Work Session at 8:08 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Virgilia C. Gross
Village Clerk

DATED: JANUARY 22, 2013