

**MINUTES OF THE WEEKLY WORK SESSION HELD BY THE BOARD OF
TRUSTEES OF THE INCORPORATED VILLAGE OF MASTIC BEACH ON
WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 20, 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 5:13 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 Bissonette
Trustee Cappiello
Trustee Morrow
Deputy Mayor Stiriz

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

A discussion was held regarding the Village's insurance coverage.

Deputy Mayor Stiriz suggested that a payment for repair to a snow plow be withheld until submitted to the insurance company.

A discussion was held regarding the dedication of the Mastic Beach Post Office building in honor of Nathaniel Woodhull. Deputy Mayor Stiriz will coordinate and organize the event.

A discussion was held regarding a proposed resolution to hold a public hearing in order to pierce the 2% tax cap. Deputy Mayor Stiriz stated that the Village of Mastic Beach was in sound financial shape and that the 2% tax cap should not be pierced. After discussion the Board of Trustees felt that the resolution for same was unnecessary and motion was not made.

A discussion was held regarding the budget and worksheets for same, along with community development block grants and the village's participation with Suffolk County and the consortium. As per Deputy Mayor Stiriz' conversations with various contacts for the Town of Brookhaven and Suffolk County, it may be beneficial for the village to apply on its own, rather than join the consortium.

Upon motion made by Mayor Biondi, seconded by Trustee Cappiello with Trustee Bissonette voting in the negative, it was RESOLVED to Create the position of Assistant to the Mayor.

Upon motion made by Mayor Biondi, seconded by Trustee Morrow and unanimously carried, it was RESOLVED to Approve the hiring of Nicholas Scalafani as a Maintenance Mechanic II at a rate of \$12.75 per hour.

Mayor Biondi reported that FEMA money will be directed to the state, who will pass to Suffolk County and then to the Village of Mastic Beach. Mayor Biondi had the opportunity will visiting Tuscaloosa, AL to witness first-hand the efforts of the National Disaster Recovery Framework in relation to their response to an F-5 tornado and its destruction there. Mayor Biondi stated that they were doing an excellent job and is looking forward to their assistance in the village. Mayor Biondi will contact appropriate agents to begin work and that Suffolk County E.O.C. has stated that FEMA may be paying for 75% of the February 8, 2013 blizzard clean-up.

It was reported that 87 Hemlock Drive had been demolished and that a blighted house on Jefferson had been demolished as well with materials salvaged for recycling.

Upon motion made by Mayor Biondi, seconded by Trustee Cappiello and unanimously carried, it was RESOLVED to Cancel the Weekly Work Session scheduled for February 27, 2013.

A discussion was held regarding street signage with examples displayed by Mayor Biondi. Street pole height was also discussed, with a suggestion made of 8' instead of 6'.

Upon motion made by Mayor Biondi, seconded by Deputy Mayor Stiriz with Trustee Bissonette abstaining, it was RESOLVED to Authorize the purchase of street sign decals from Sign Source, Inc. at a cost of \$66 per pole.

Mayor Biondi announced that the new Nextel phones have been received and that all employees and Board members are to return their current equipment to Village Hall.

Deputy Mayor Stiriz reported that Linda Maiellano from NYS Office of Emergency Management and another agency are assessing roadways along the waterfront and are developing a plan for future mitigation.

Mayor Biondi discussed the possible purchase of equipment if FEMA does reimburse the village for costs associated with the February 8, 2013 blizzard clean-up.

Upon motion made by Mayor Biondi, seconded by Trustee Cappiello and unanimously carried, it was RESOLVED to End the Work Session at 5:44 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Virgilia C. Gross
Village Clerk

DATED: March 8, 2013

