

**Minutes of the Regular Monthly Meeting of the
Board of Trustees of the Incorporated Village of Mastic Beach
Tuesday, October 8, 2013
Mastic Beach Fire House
265 Neighborhood Road, Mastic Beach, NY 11951**

The meeting was called to order at 7:06 PM by Mayor Biondi with approximately 70 residents in attendance.

Mayor Biondi led the audience in the Pledge of Allegiance and a Moment of Silence for our servicemen past and present.

Roll Call was taken by Village Clerk Sue Draghi

In attendance: Mayor Biondi, Deputy Mayor Gary Stiriz, Trustee Busa, Trustee Cappiello and Trustee Morrow.

Also present: Village Attorney Brian Egan and Village Administrator Tim Brojer.

Mayor Biondi welcomed Inspector Neubauer and Sgt. Brasco of the Suffolk County Police department, 7th Precinct, who gave a report on criminal activity in the Village for the month of September. There were 8 burglaries, in this past month. 3 were copper pipes taken from boarded up homes, 1 commercial burglary, 1 home invasion on Diana Dr. Inspector Neubauer and Sgt. Brasco also discussed and gave an update of the incident of what happened at Manhattan Bagel on October 2nd.

The Mayor opened the floor for questions. The Inspector and Sergeant fielded questions from the audience. Mayor Biondi than thanked the Inspector and Sergeant for attending and keeping us informed.

Mayor Biondi introduced Maureen from Project Hope. She informed everyone that on Saturdays there will be free counseling services for anyone who was affective from Hurricane Sandy, located at St. Andrew's Church on Neighborhood Rd at 10am.

Upon a Motion made by Mayor Biondi, seconded by Trustee Cappiello and unanimously carried, it was RESOLVED to amend Section 380-4-A of Chapter 380 of the Village Code to create a rebuttable presumption of rent.

Village Attorney Egan read the Section and explained it.

PUBLIC COMMENT – Section 380-4-A of Chapter 380

Joe Mallia – What represents proof of Section 380-4-A?

Frank Cappiello – What about squatters?

James Duffy – Isn't this unconstitutional?

Upon a Motion made by Deputy Mayor Stiriz, seconded by Trustee Cappiello and unanimously carried, it was RESOLVED to close the Public Comments on Section 380-4-A of Chapter 380.

Upon a Motion made by Mayor Biondi, seconded by Trustee Stiriz and unanimously carried, it was RESOLVED to accept Section 380-4-A of Chapter 380 of the Village Code to create a rebuttable presumption of rent.

Upon a Motion made by Mayor Biondi, seconded by Trustee Stiriz and unanimously carried, it was RESOLVED to amend Article 1 of Chapter 470 of the Village Code to impose a gross receipts tax on utilities operating within the Village.

PUBLIC COMMENTS – Article 1 of Chapter 470

Danny McNamara – Is the Village working on getting the money that’s sitting in “never never land”?

Marsha Faison – Thanked the Village for all of the hard work they have done so far.

Upon a Motion made by Mayor Biondi, seconded by Trustee Morrow and unanimously carried, it was RESOLVED to close the Public Comments on Article 1 of Chapter 470 of the Village Code.

Upon a Motion made by Mayor Biondi, seconded by Trustee Stiriz and unanimously carried, it was RESOLVED to accept Article 1 of Chapter 470 of the Village Code to impose a gross receipts tax on utilities operating within the Village.

Upon Motion made by Trustee Morrow, seconded by Trustee Busa and unanimously carried, it was RESOLVED to amend the Minutes of October 2, 2013 Work Session.

Upon Motion made by Mayor Biondi, seconded by Deputy Mayor Stiriz and unanimously carried, it was RESOLVED to set a Public Hearing on November 12, 2013 at 7pm, amending the law restricting buses and trucks over 10,000 lbs., except for school buses and local deliveries to certain village roadways

Upon a Motion made by Mayor Biondi, seconded by Deputy Mayor Stiriz and unanimously carried, it was RESOLVED to Authorize the Payment of Presented Bills as per Abstract 5-2013 in the amount of \$315,706.83.

TRUSTEE REPORTS

Trustee Morrow reported the following for the Code Enforcement Department:

Complaints Received	176
Appearance Tickets Issued	94
Unfounded Complaints	11
Closed by Compliance	31
Warnings Issued	27

Deputy Mayor Stiriz reported about garbage pickup:

If you put out large articles and they don’t pick it up, please call Quickway Sanitation directly and you can make an appointment for them to pick it up. Mayor Biondi also informed everyone that Quickway does not pick up televisions and they need to call Village Hall.

Trustee Capiello reported the following for the Building Department:

Rental Permits	44
Building Permits	27
Certificates of Compliance	8
Certificates of Existing Use	5
Property Searches	28

Trustee Capiello also spoke about the construction has begun on 2 homes for Habitat for Humanity, one on Woodland and the other on Huguenot. Trustee Capiello also gave an update on the Robinhood Grant money, which has been completely distributed. Suffolk County awarded the Village an \$11,000 grant to create a “coffee table” program. We would like everyone to send in pictures, you won’t get paid for it, but you will get credit.

Trustee Busa reported on the following:

Trustee Cappiello, Trustee Morrow and myself, have all been working very hard on getting the first 8 of 72 security cameras installed. These will be up and running by next Friday.

Mayor Biondi informed everyone that there will be dredging shortly. They will be dredging the mouths of the canals starting in January.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Maureen DeMeo: Would like everyone in the Village to work a little harder regarding the recycling. I'm very impressed on how clean the roadways are. Also, asking for donations for the pantry.

Frank Figurano: Asked about the gazebo that was vandalized. Mayor Biondi responded by saying that Suffolk County and SCPD are working on it.

Lucille Hynes: Asked about the size of the buses about picking up the seniors. Mayor Biondi said that it will not affect them.

Michelle Wilkinson: Would like to see everyone go to the school board meetings and voice your opinions. Nothing will change unless you go.

Marsha Faison: The school board holds their meetings the second Tuesday of the month just like the Village. It's difficult because you can only go to one meeting. Mayor Biondi will send the superintendent of the schools an invitation to come to our next meeting.

James Duffy: Had pictures and questions regarding the various pictures. Mayor Biondi answered all of his questions to Mr. Duffy's satisfaction.

Mayor Biondi expressed to the audience that the Village is now looking for applicants for the new Village Planning Board and Village Zoning Board. If you are interested please submit a resume. We would like to have 5 people on board by October 24th.

A. Wetzel: Had various questions and would like an update on the Village and the MBPOA. Attorney Egan and Mayor Biondi addressed her questions.

Bill Hilder: The Village is doing a great job but is also concerned about the Notice of Claim from the MBPOA. Attorney Egan responded. Mayor Biondi also responded by saying that NY Rising put an article out about raising houses. People are now coming to the Village asking for inspections after they have repaired the homes. We cannot do that. We needed to do it before the repairs. We have tried everything to get everyone back in their houses. Unfortunately, we have not seen any money yet from the government.

Sylvia Green: Asked what Code Enforcement is supposed to do with dogs that are tied up outside 24 hours a day. Trustee Busa informed Ms. Green that she needs to contact SPCA and they will come down and evaluate the situation.

Upon motion made by Mayor Biondi, seconded by Trustee Cappiello and unanimously carried, it was RESOLVED to Close the Public Hearing.

Upon motion made by Mayor Biondi, seconded by Trustee Cappiello and unanimously carried, it was RESOLVED to Entered Executive Session at 8:49pm for the purpose of personnel discussion.

Upon motion made by Mayor Biondi, seconded by Trustee Cappiello and unanimously carried, it was RESOLVED to End Executive Session at 10:19pm.

Upon motion made by Mayor Biondi, seconded by Trustee Morrow and unanimously carried, it was RESOLVED to open Monthly Meeting at 10:22pm

Upon Motion made by Trustee Morrow, seconded by Deputy Mayor Stiriz and unanimously carried, it was RESOLVED to End the Regular Meeting at 9:15PM.

Upon motion made by Mayor Biondi, seconded by Trustee Cappiello and unanimously carried, it was RESOLVED to hire Tommie Lee Poitras, full time as Crew Leader at a rate of \$20.00 per hour effective October 5, 2013.

Upon Motion made by Trustee Morrow, seconded by Trustee Cappiello and unanimously carried, it was RESOLVED to End the Monthly Meeting at 10:26pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Susan Draghi
Village Clerk

Dated: October 9, 2013