

**MINUTES OF THE PUBLIC MEETING HELD BY THE
BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE INCORPORATED VILLAGE OF MASTIC BEACH
ON TUESDAY, MARCH 11, 2014 AT
MASTIC BEACH FIRE DEPARTMENT,
427 NEIGHBORHOOD RD, MASTIC BEACH, NEW YORK AT 7:00PM**

The Monthly Meeting was called to order at 7:18pm by Mayor Biondi with approximately 65 residents in attendance.

Mayor Biondi led the audience with the Pledge of Allegiance and Moment of Silence

Roll Call was taken by the Village Clerk.

In attendance: Mayor Biondi
Deputy Mayor Stiriz
Trustee Morrow
Trustee Cappiello
Trustee Busa

Also Present: Attorney Brian Egan
Village Clerk Susan Draghi

Guest Speaker: Inspector Neubauer - SCPD 7th Pct.

Mayor Biondi welcomed everyone to the meeting and opened the meeting with a public hearing amending Section 510-8-36 of Chapter 510 of the Village Code to implement a two (2) hour parking limit in the Neighborhood Road Business District.

Mayor Biondi informed the audience that the Business District is considered from Doris Dr. to Commack Rd. and Neighborhood Rd., which is right in front of Onofrio's. The reason for this, a lot of the business owners are complaining that people park their cars in front of the businesses all day and their customers have no place to park.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Victor Zeleny – What about carnivals, festivals, etc., will there be exceptions? Mayor Biondi answered by saying that when there's an event, all or most of Neighborhood Rd. is closed.

Ray Hubschmitt – Wonder if it could be changed to one (1) hour instead of two (2) hours? Mayor Biondi commented that if you are a hairdresser, it's very unlikely that a woman can get her hair done in less than an hour.

Cathy Rodezno – I work at Lee's Hair Salon and there are some people who have special things done and sometimes it takes more than 2 hours. What happens if they are there for 3 hours? Will they receive a ticket? Also, there is no parking behind the salon, so where are the people who will be in the salon for a few hours supposed to park? Would there be parking available behind Village Hall? Mayor Biondi responded by saying they would be allowed to park behind Village Hall.

John Mutt – Will there be parking meters? Mayor Biondi said there will not be any meters.

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

Upon motion made by Mayor Biondi, seconded by Trustee Cappiello and unanimously carried, it was RESOLVED to keep the two (2) hour parking on Neighborhood Rd. business district.

Mayor Biondi introduced Inspector Neubauer of the SCPD 7th Pct. Inspector Neubauer reported that there hasn't been much crime in the area for the month of February. No robberies but there

were 7 burglaries which 4 of them were copper. There was also an arson fire on Cranberry Drive. There was one high pursuit and it ended with an arrest on Brushwood.

Inspector Neubauer took various questions and comments from the audience.

Mayor Biondi addressed rumors that the SCPD do not get along with other enforcement agencies, that is not true.

Upon motion made by Mayor Biondi, seconded by Trustee Busa and unanimously carried, it was RESOLVED to approve the transfer between budget lines.

Upon motion made by Mayor Biondi, seconded by Deputy Mayor Stiriz and unanimously carried, it was RESOLVED authorizing the payment of Presented Bill as per Abstract 10-2013(a) in the amount of \$331,194.36

Upon motion made by Mayor Biondi, seconded by Trustee Morrow and unanimously carried, it was RESOLVED authorizing the payment of Presented Bill as per Abstract H3-2014 in the amount of \$59,418.80

Upon motion made by Mayor Biondi, seconded by Trustee Cappiello and unanimously carried, it was RESOLVED authorizing a Petty Cash Account in the amount \$100.00.

Upon motion made by Mayor Biondi, seconded by Trustee Morrow and unanimously carried, it was RESOLVED to authorize certain Village Officials to draft Village checks.

Upon motion made by Mayor Biondi, seconded by Trustee Cappiello and unanimously carried, it was RESOLVED to authorize certain employees and Village Officials to use the Village credit cards.

TRUSTEE REPORTS

Trustee Morrow – Code Enforcement

150 - Complaints Received (including street lights and potholes)

26 - Appearance Tickets Issued

25 – Unfounded Complaints

30 – Closed by Compliance

20 – Warnings Issued

Trustee Cappiello – Building Department

20 – Applications for Building Permits

30 – Rental Permit Applications

41 – Property Searches

10 – Certificates of Compliance Issued

0 – Certificates of Existing Use Issued

0 – Certificate of Occupancy Issued

Mayor Biondi

Mayor Biondi advised the audience that starting tomorrow morning new Village Hall will be open for business and that April's meeting will be held in the new Village Hall.

Starting the first or second week of April the buses will be taken off the back roads. The buses will be limited to Neighborhood Rd., Mastic Rd. and Mastic Beach Rd.

The bus stop will be moved from in front of Bow Wow and Mommy Lou's to between Onofrios and the former Village Hall.

Mayor Biondi had a discussion with Congressman Bishop, the Army Corps of Engineers, Lee Zeldin, along with various others that the sand dunes would start going back in September. Mayor Biondi also asked that people express their feelings in writing to Congressman Bishop.

Mayor Biondi is also waiting for a response from National Grid regarding the gas survey.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Frank Cappiello – Received his new insurance flood bill. In the past he paid \$1800. The new bill is now over \$6000. Just wanted everyone to expect their rates to go up.

Frank Fugarino – since we will no longer be using the firehouse for meetings, we will be saving money by having the meetings in Village Hall. What do you plan on doing with that savings? Also, is there an ordinance in place that can address the appearance of the thrift store? Mayor Biondi advised Mr. Fugarino that as long as the aisles are clear and not blocked, we can't do anything about it. Mr. Fugarino also questioned about the fire safety inspection of the MBPOA clubhouse.

Jon Seibert – Wanted to let everyone know about the deadline for NY Rising which will be on April 11, 2014.

Dick Westhoff – spoke about the abandoned or unoccupied houses. He also commented on the new barber in town, what a great job!

Pamela Przepiora – asked if the Village is going after the bank or county owned houses. Mayor Biondi responded by saying that the Village is going after bank and county owned houses.

Cathy Rodezno – asked about the Habitat for Humanity.

Mayor Biondi said that he wants to stop rumors that the Village is broke. He assured everyone that the Village is not broke and it's far from the truth.

Art Kruse – wanted to know about the blighted houses that are being taken down. Can the Village make a small park on that land? Mayor Biondi said the agreement with the county is that we turn it over to Habitat for Humanity to build a house. If someone donates land to us we could possibly do something like that.

Dick Westhoff – 2 hour parking on Neighborhood Rd., it is going to be timed?

Art Kruse – during a snowstorm, can you park on the lawn?

Upon motion made by Mayor Biondi, seconded by Trustee Cappiello and unanimously carried, it was RESOLVED to enter Executive Session for personnel issues at 8:13pm.

Upon motion made by Mayor Biondi, seconded by Trustee Morrow and unanimously carried, it was RESOLVED to End Executive Session at 9:50pm.

Upon motion made by Mayor Biondi, seconded by Trustee Morrow and unanimously carried, it was RESOLVED to open Monthly Meeting at 9:50pm

Upon Motion made by Trustee Morrow, seconded by Deputy Mayor Stiriz and unanimously carried, it was RESOLVED to End the Regular Meeting at 9:50PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Susan Draghi
Village Clerk

March 11, 2014