

**MINUTES OF THE WORK SESSION HELD BY THE
BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE INCORPORATED VILLAGE OF MASTIC BEACH
ON WEDNESDAY, MAY 7, 2014 AT
MASTIC BEACH VILLAGE HALL
369 NEIGHBORHOOD RD, MASTIC BEACH, NEW YORK AT 5:00PM**

The Work Session was called to order at 5:06 PM by Mayor Biondi with 36 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 Busa
Trustee Spery
Trustee Summa

Also Present: Attorney Brian Egan
Susan Draghi, Village Clerk
Tim Brojer, Village Administrator

Mayor Biondi welcomed everyone to the Public Hearing and Work Session.

PUBLIC COMMENTS – Amending Chapter 80

Frank Fugarino – opposed to this change.
Bill Fahey – opposed to this change.
Virgilia Gross – opposed to this change.
Ewa Stankiewicz – opposed to this change.
Anne Snyder – opposed to this change.
Susan Plunkett – opposed to this change.
Carmine (349 Cypress Dr.) – opposed to this change.
Mariette Turso – opposed to this change.
Jennifer Griffin – opposed to this change.
Lorraine Meyer – Perhaps we should have gone to a special employment agency looking for treasurers?

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

Attorney Egan read the changes to Chapter 80 – “Chapter 80-1 will remain the same. Chapter 80-2 will read, “any person appointed in the Village Treasurer may reside in Nassau or Suffolk County with a preference for qualified residents of the Village”.

Upon motion made by Mayor Biondi, seconded by Trustee Busa and unanimously carried, it was RESOLVED to accept to change to Chapter 80.

Upon motion made by Mayor Biondi, seconded by Deputy Mayor Stiriz and unanimously carried, it was RESOLVED to appoint James Olivo as Interim Village Treasurer.

Upon motion made by Trustee Busa, seconded by Deputy Mayor Stiriz and unanimously carried, it was TABLED to May 13, 2014 for the transferring amounts between budget lines.

Upon motion made by Mayor Biondi, seconded by Trustee Busa and unanimously carried, it was RESOLVED to authorize the payment of presented bills as per Abstract No. A11-2013 in the amount of \$77,784.94.

Upon motion made by Mayor Biondi, seconded by Trustee Busa and unanimously carried, it was RESOLVED to accept the Monthly Meeting Minutes on April 8, 2014.

Upon motion made by Mayor Biondi, seconded by Trustee Busa and unanimously carried, it was RESOLVED that there be levied and assessed against the real property of the Village of Mastic Beach the following sums for Village government and other charges for the fiscal year 2014-2015 with a tax rate of \$12.952 per hundred of assessed valuation.

Upon motion made by Mayor Biondi, seconded by Deputy Mayor Stiriz and unanimously carried, it was RESOLVED to exercise the Village's option to extend its agreement with Quick-Way Sanitation.

Upon motion made by Mayor Biondi, seconded by Trustee Summa and unanimously carried, it was RESOLVED to adopt the Village of Mastic Beach Official Village Board Meeting Procedures.

Upon motion made by Mayor Biondi, seconded by Trustee Busa and unanimously carried, it was RESOLVED to establish procedures for setting and noticing special meetings.

Upon motion made by Trustee Spery, seconded by Mayor Biondi and unanimously carried, it was RESOLVED to set dates of regular monthly meetings and adopting the Rules of the Open Meetings Law.

Upon motion made by Trustee Summa, seconded by Mayor Biondi and unanimously carried, it was RESOLVED to designate the South Shore Press as the Official Village Newspaper.

Upon motion made by Trustee Spery, seconded by Mayor Biondi and unanimously carried, it was RESOLVED to designate Chase Bank as the Official Village Bank and Depository.

Upon motion made by Trustee Spery, seconded by Trustee Busa and unanimously carried, it was RESOLVED to determine the cost of bonding Village Officers to be a Village Expense.

Upon motion made by Trustee Summa, seconded by Trustee Spery and unanimously carried, it was RESOLVED to set a fee of \$350 for the required registration of vacant properties.

Upon motion made by Mayor Biondi, seconded by Deputy Mayor Stiriz and unanimously carried, it was RESOLVED to approve Appointments of Village Officials.

Upon motion made by Mayor Biondi, seconded by Trustee Summa and unanimously carried, it was RESOLVED to appoint Nicholas Busa as Deputy Mayor.

Upon motion made by Trustee Spery, seconded by Trustee Stiriz and unanimously carried, it was RESOLVED to Set a Public Hearing on June 10, 2014 to Amend Chapter 380.

Upon motion made by Trustee Stiriz, seconded by Trustee Spery and unanimously carried, it was RESOLVED to Set a Public Hearing on June 10, 2014 to Amend Chapter 300.

Upon motion made by Trustee Spery, seconded by Mayor Biondi and unanimously carried, it was RESOLVED to Set a Public Hearing on June 10, 2014 to Add Article IV to Chapter 470.

Upon motion made by Trustee Spery, seconded by Mayor Biondi and unanimously carried, it was RESOLVED to authorize an agreement with Pitney Bowes Inc. for the use and maintenance of a Mail Barcode Scanner.

DISCUSSION:

- 65 Mastic Beach Rd. – there was a discussion regarding the zoning of this property by the Board of Trustees and Chris Riccardi, ZBA Chairman. Per Mr. Riccardi, this has never been classified as a commercial piece of property. Mayor Biondi suggested research been done and this will be discussed at a later date. Attorney Egan recommended that the Board of Trustees make a motion for a referral to the Planning Board to consider the restoring of the commercial zone.
- Signing an IMA with the Town of Brookhaven – a discussion was held regarding this issue. Trustees Spery and Trustee Summa feel the Code Enforcement should be able to open the gates for Bayview Park. Mayor Biondi explained that the Village doesn't have the authority to enforce in the park, only the Suffolk County Police. Mayor Biondi will contact Dan Panico to send over an IMA.
- Unwanted newspapers – Mayor Biondi contacted Newsday to pick up the unwanted circulars. Legally, Mayor Biondi informed the audience that legally we can't stop them. If there is an area or block(s) that do not want them, the Village can ask Newsday to stop

delivering to that certain area or block(s). Attorney Egan suggested that the Mayor and/or Trustees meets with Newsday to work something out.

- Business Permit Application – Trustee Summa feels that there should be no administrative fee for this. For people who don't follow through with their plans, there should be a \$150 administrative fee with the first \$2,000 free. A Resolution was passed to amend Village Code 178-16, \$150 administrative free minimum and \$5.00 for every \$1,000 after that.
- Prisoner Clean-up Program – Trustee Stiriz spoke with Sheriff DeMarco and agreed to have a Prisoner Clean-up Program for the Village of Mastic Beach. At this point there is no start date or where this will take place.
- Comprehensive Plan – Trustee Spery discussed a Comprehensive Plan for the Village. Trustee Spery advised the audience that Deborah Slack was helping the grants. Attorney Egan suggested an RFP for Professionals to draft a Comprehensive Plan. Trustee Spery will investigate and look into it further before a resolution. Trustee Spery also advised that Suffolk County has re Revitalization plan that needs to be in June 13th. Suffolk County is allowing the Village of Mastic Beach to use the Town of Brookhaven's plan. Hoping to get sidewalks from Neighborhood Rd to Bayview Park.
- Citizens Committees – Trustee Spery would like to start Citizens Committees: Beautification, Quality of Life, Waterfront Usage and Development, Housing and Human Services, Budget, Marketing and Green Alternative Energy. Deputy Mayor Busa suggested that there should be at least 2 people from the different civic groups. Trustee Spery and Deputy Mayor Busa motioned to have a Resolution for these committees.
- Solar Panels – Mayor Biondi spoke out the solar panels in the Town of Brookhaven saying the it was just installed on the Town of Brookhaven property and there is enough electric to supply 5,800 homes with electric. Asked Attorney Egan responded that the company rents those spaces from the town that they sell whatever electric they generate back to the grid.
- Mayor Biondi advised the audience that Village Hall will be open the first Saturday of every month, starting June 7th from 9am – 11am. There will be 1 or 2 trustees there for the people who have concerns or questions.
- Trustee Spery advised the audience that Deborah Slack is attempting to receive a \$2,500 grant for electric car charging stations.
- Trustee Spery is hoping to receive a grant for a raised boardwalk on Riviera Drive. She is hoping this will stop the dumping, drugs, sex and 4 wheel drives in this area. With this in place it would let the wetland re-establish under the raised boardwalk. This would go from Cedar to Locust.
- Trustee Spery reminded everyone that May 17th is Clean Up Day for the Village.
- Mayor Biondi said that he is working with Home Depot and the Ecology Site for flowers to be donated to the Village for Neighborhood Rd.
- Mayor Biondi reminded everyone about the Memorial Day Parade.

- Trustee Spery asked for an update on DMS. Mayor Biondi spoke with Marty Altman. He was hoping by the end of the 2nd quarter. It's all about releasing the money. The Federal Government has released it back to the State and we're just waiting to hear.
- Mayor Biondi – updated the audience about the sand dunes replenishment. The deadline was extended. The Army Corp of Engineers received quite a few letters from residents. The Mayor was notified by Tim Bishop's office that everything is still intact and waiting for the final report.

Upon motion made by Trustee Stiriz, seconded by Deputy Mayor Busa and unanimously carried, it was RESOLVED to enter Executive Session for litigation issues at 8:22pm.

Upon motion made by Mayor Biondi, seconded by Trustee Spery and unanimously carried, it was RESOLVED to close Executive Session at 8:40pm.

Upon motion made by Mayor Biondi, seconded by Trustee Spery and unanimously carried, it was RESOLVED to enter Executive Session close the meeting at 8:41pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Susan Draghi
Village Clerk

Dated: May 7, 2014