

**MINUTES OF THE WORK SESSION HELD BY THE
BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE INCORPORATED VILLAGE OF MASTIC BEACH
ON TUESDAY, MAY 13, 2014 AT
MASTIC BEACH VILLAGE HALL
369 NEIGHBORHOOD RD, MASTIC BEACH, NEW YORK AT 7:00PM**

The Monthly Meeting was called to order at 7:09 PM by Mayor Biondi with over 100 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 Busa
Trustee Stiriz
Trustee Spery
Trustee Summa

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

Mayor Biondi welcomed everyone to the Monthly Meeting.

Guest Speaker: Sgt. Doyle and PO Klammer of the SCPD 7th Pct. COPE Unit

Sgt. Doyle addressed the incidents that happened in the past month:

- April 27th – 38 Edgewater, has been classified as a reckless endangerment. There had been an altercation with a gentlemen from Grassmere firing shots at the male on Edgewater. No one was injured but the house was hit.
- May 9th – 122 Longfellow Dr. Shots were heard around 2am, when the resident woke up the next morning, they found evidence of bullet fragments in the house. Still an active investigation.
- May 11th – 124 Woodside around 4:30am. A party was going on a 911 call was made saying there were shots fired inside the house. An arrest was made. Gun was discovered stolen from Alabama in 2011.
- May 11th – 105 Hickory, a male was slashed in the arm during a party. The subject resides in Brentwood.

June 3rd between 6pm – 7pm at Paca Middle School there will be hosting with the Suffolk County Police Department in collaboration with the William Floyd School District and the Village of Mastic Beach on Heroin & Prescription Drug Abuse: What Parents Need To Know.

Sgt. Doyle then took questions and comments from the audience.

Mayor Biondi noticed that a group of Boy Scouts Troop 2010 were in the audience and asked if someone from the group would like to speak to the Board and audience. A spokesperson addressed the Board and said as a requirement for a badge for Citizenship in the Community, they needed to attend a Village meeting and observe and address one of the problems in the community and how the Troup could help. The Mayor suggested that the Troup could help the Village with Operation Clean-Up. The Mayor also suggested about helping out the seniors in the Village with yard work, etc.

Mayor Biondi introduced the Village's new Treasurer, Jim Olivo. Mr. Olivo introduced himself to the audience and spoke about his background. Mr. Olivo also commented that he has gone over the financials and the Village is in very good shape financially.

PUBLIC HEARING

Amending Section 510-8-36 of Chapter 510

Modifications will be parking from 9am – 6pm

Commack Road to Mastic Road, from Huguenot Rd to Elder Rd on the south side of the street.

Upon motion made by Mayor Biondi, seconded by Deputy Mayor Busa and unanimously carried, it was RESOLVED to close the Public Hearing.

Upon motion made by Mayor Biondi, seconded by Deputy Mayor Busa and unanimously carried, it was RESOLVED to authorize the payment of presented bills as per Abstract No. A12-2013(a) in the amount of \$253,921.82.

Upon motion made by Mayor Biondi, seconded by Trustee Stiriz and unanimously carried, it was RESOLVED to authorize the payment of presented bills as per Abstract No. H5-2013 in the amount of \$14,025.43.

Upon motion made by Mayor Biondi, seconded by Deputy Mayor Busa and unanimously carried, it was RESOLVED to ratify the polling of the Board of Trustees on May 8, 2014 regarding the approval of the budget transfer.

Upon motion made by Mayor Biondi, seconded by Trustee Spery and unanimously carried, it was RESOLVED to authorize a request for proposals for the design of Village sidewalks and related SEQRA analysis.

Upon motion made by Trustee Spery, seconded by Trustee Stiriz and unanimously carried, it was RESOLVED to authorize a request for proposals for the development of a Comprehensive Plan.

Upon motion made by Mayor Biondi, seconded by Trustee Spery and unanimously carried, it was RESOLVED to authorize an agreement with Pitney Bowes Inc. for E-Return Receipt Activation Kit.

Upon motion made by Mayor Biondi, seconded by Deputy Mayor Busa and unanimously carried, it was RESOLVED to accept the April 2, 2014 Work Session Minutes

Upon motion made by Mayor Biondi, seconded by Deputy Mayor Busa and Trustee Sperry abstaining, it was RESOLVED to accept the April 15, 2014 Monthly Meeting Minutes.

TRUSTEES REPORTS:

Deputy Mayor Busa – Building & Housing for the month of April 2014

Building Permits Issued – 9

Rental Permits Issued - 23

Certificate of Compliance – 9

Certificate of Occupancy – 1

Letter of Correction – 1

Searches - 53

Trustee Stiriz – Dept. of Public Works for the month of April 2014

Informed the audience about how busy the Village has been with drainage. We have had the supersucker out and have cleaned out hundreds of drains. There were lines that we didn't know existed because the Town of Brookhaven never gave us the information. We have developed a problem that we didn't foresee, and that is when the lines are cleared some of the roads are collapsing. The reason this is happening, the lines are very old and have rotted out. We are addressing this problem. We are also continuing to fill in the potholes

Trustee Sperry – Parks & Recreation for the month of April 2014

Trustee Sperry and Trustee Summa met with the County and they have 29 parcels they are interested in selling to the Village. 28 of these parcels would be sold to the Village for \$1 and would be used for parks. The 29th parcel is Violet Cove is for \$109,000.00. We are still waiting for a response for funding from NY Rising to have it raised and renovated. Bayview Park, the County will give us the key to open and close the park and we are working with them for an IMA.

Trustee Summa – Code Enforcement for the month of April 2014

Complaints received – 229

Appearance Tickets issued – 22

Unfounded Complaints – 50

Closed by Compliance – 83

Warnings Issued – 30

Trustee Summa plans on meeting with all code enforcers in the very near future.

Mayor Biondi announced that hurricane season is approaching and as of Friday there isn't any real update except that the project is still on target for the weekend after Labor Day. It is still for the dunes to be 13 feet high and 90 feet from Smith Point to Moriches Inlet. The Mayor also thanked everyone for sending in the letters to Congressman Bishop, there were over 500.

Mayor Biondi also updated everyone regarding the bus routes. By the end of April the bus routes, will be moved on Flower and Commack. The new bus stop is in front of Handy Pantry and directly across the street and the other one is by the canon on Commack. That will be the final bus stop in Mastic Beach before the bus driver drives down Commack to Palmetto to William Floyd Pkwy. Eventually the stop on Flower will be eliminated.

Mayor Biondi informed everyone that there will be “Clean-Up Day” on Saturday, May 17th.

Trustee Summa would like a 4-way Stop Sign on the corner of Elm and Whittier going north and south on Whittier.

Upon motion made by Trustee Summa, seconded by Trustee Spery and unanimously carried, it was RESOLVED to Set a Public Hearing on June 10, 2014 to amend Section 510-12 of Chapter 510 of the Village Code to add a Four Way Stop at the intersection of Whittier Dr. and Elm Rd.

Trustee Summa mentioned the street lights on Neighborhood Rd. The new LED’s are being installed.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Maureen DiMeo – thanked everyone for their donations. With the money that was donated this past winter, St. Jude’s Outreach was able to help heat 52 homes, most of them were seniors.

Bonnie Kujan – Representing the American Legion and gave details on the Memorial Day Parade.

Sharon Sturek – Inquired about the street sign that was taken down on Gooseberry and Laurelton, when will it be put back? Mayor Biondi will look into it.

Anne Snyder – would like the work session time changed to 7pm. Also, commented on the capacity of the meeting room.

Connie – (Barclay Rd) complained about a landlord about having illegals living in the house and in the garage. They were digging in the backyard in the middle of the night putting in a cesspool. The landlord has made this house into an illegal boarding house.

Frank DeLustro – questioned why we don’t have landlord tenant court here in Mastic Beach? Attorney Egan addressed the question by saying that you must go to District Court in Patchogue. The State would never allow us to have one.

Michelle Wilkinson – does not feel the Village should have contractors get permits to work in the Village. Feels she is being forced to hire people that she doesn’t want. She doesn’t feel that she’s not being protected with this.

Jennifer Griffin – commented about the art in empty shop windows. Loves the idea!

Frank Fugarino – asked about the problem with vacant houses. Doesn't believe the SCPD works closely with the Village. Announced that there is a new sex offender living at 98 Diana Dr. Also, addressed are the rumors by Trustee Spery and Trustee Summa - that if the lawsuit is lost by the MBPOA, those Trustees will dissolve the Village. Mr. Fugarino also commented on the different committees that are going to be formed.

Geoff Slack – Thanked the Board on the adoption of the Comprehensive Plan.

Bob Mittarando – asked about the lighthouse light and also reminded everyone about the Memorial Day Parade.

Upon motion made by Trustee Spery, seconded by Mayor Biondi and unanimously carried, it was RESOLVED to close Public Comments and enter Executive Session for litigation issues at 9:17pm.

Upon motion made by Trustee Summa, seconded by Trustee Spery and unanimously carried, it was RESOLVED to close Executive Session at 10:12pm.

Upon motion made by Trustee Spery, seconded by Mayor Biondi and unanimously carried, it was RESOLVED to close the meeting at 10:14pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Susan Draghi
Village Clerk

Dated: May 13, 2014