

INCORPORATED VILLAGE OF MASTIC BEACH
369 NEIGHBORHOOD ROAD
MASTIC BEACH, NY 11951

BOARD MEETING
MARCH 31, 2016

PRESIDING OFFICER: Maura P. Spery, *Mayor*

MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES PRESENT AND VOTING:

Bruce Summa, *Deputy Mayor*; Christopher Anderson, Elizabeth Manzella and Anne Snyder, *Trustees*

MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES ABSENT: None

OFFICIALS OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES PRESENT:

Guy W. Germano, Esq., *Village Attorney*; Susan F. Alevas, Esq., *Village Clerk/Administrator*; Wendy Scharf, *Deputy Village Clerk*

STAFF PRESENTING AND REPORTING:

Anne Abel, *Treasurer*; Faith Caglianone, CPA, *Accountant*

1. CALL TO ORDER AND WELCOME

Mayor Spery called the meeting to order at 6:01 p.m.

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE AND MOMENT OF SILENCE

Mayor Spery led the pledge of allegiance that was followed by a moment of silence.

3. EMERGENCY-EVACUATION ANNOUNCEMENT

Village Clerk/Administrator Alevas reviewed the emergency-evacuation procedure.

4. ROLL CALL

Village Clerk/Administrator **Alevas** conducted a roll call of the Board of Trustees.

5. PROPOSED 2016-17 BUDGET DISCUSSIONS

Mayor **Sperry** requested Treasurer **Anne Abel** and Accountant **Faith Caglianone, CPA** to discuss with the Board of Trustees a draft of the proposed 2016-17 budget, and a discussion followed.

6. CITIZENS' BUDGET-ADVISORY COMMITTEE

A motion was made by **Christopher Anderson** and seconded by **Anne Snyder** to create a Citizens' Budget-Advisory Committee. Following a discussion, voting on the pending motion was as follows.

Motion offered by **Christopher Anderson**, seconded by **Anne Snyder** to wit:

RESOLVED,

that the Board of Trustees authorizes the creation of a Citizens' Budget-Advisory Committee to be comprised of two Board of Trustees' members, the Village Treasurer, and one representative from each of the three Village civic associations, the Mastic Beach Fire Department and the Mastic Beach Volunteer Ambulance Company; and be it further

RESOLVED,

that this Resolution shall take effect immediately.

Motion carried: 5-Yes; 0-No

Following the passage of the foregoing motion, Mayor **Sperry** confirmed that Trustees **Anderson** and **Snyder** will serve as the two representatives from the Board of Trustees and Mr. **Carlo Grover** will represent the Mastic Beach Fire Department and Mr. **Charles Voegler** will represent the Mastic Beach Volunteer Ambulance Company.

7. ADDENDUM -- CALL FOR A PUBLIC HEARING

In order to afford the Board of Trustees' budgetary options with maximum flexibility, Mayor **Spery** called for a public hearing to be held on the topic of adopting a new local law.

Motion offered by **Christopher Anderson**, seconded by **Anne Snyder** to wit:

RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees table action on calling for a public hearing to be held on the topic of adopting a new local law permitting the Board of Trustees the option of piercing the New York State tax cap.

Motion failed: 2-Yes; 3-No (**E. Manzella; M. Spery; B. Summa**)

After the failed motion to table, a motion was offered by **Maura Spery** and seconded by **Bruce Summa** to call for a public hearing. Following a discussion, voting on the pending motion was as follows.

Motion offered by **Maura Spery**, seconded by **Bruce Summa** to wit:

WHEREAS, upon the recommendation of Mayor **Spery**; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees authorizes a public hearing be held on Tuesday, April 19, 2016, at 7 p.m., at a location to be confirmed on April 1, 2016, for the purpose of receiving public input on a new, proposed local law to permit the Board of Trustees to pierce the New York State tax cap; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees authorizes the Village Clerk/Administrator to take all actions necessary to effectuate this Resolution including the placement of a related legal ad; and be it further

RESOLVED, that this Resolution shall take effect immediately.

Motion carried: 3-Yes; 2-No (**C. Anderson; A. Snyder**)

8. MEETING ADJOURNMENT

There being no further items to come before the Board of Trustees, Mayor **Sperry** called for a motion to adjourn the meeting.

Motion offered by **Maura Sperry**, seconded by **Bruce Summa** to wit:

RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees adjourn its meeting at 7:03 p.m.

Motion carried: 5-Yes; 0-No

Respectfully submitted,

Susan F. Alevas, Esq.,
Village Clerk/Administrator

DRAFT -- SUBJECT TO REVIEW/MODIFICATION BY BOARD OF TRUSTEES AND VILLAGE COUNSEL