

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

BOARD MEETING  
MINUTES  
SEPTEMBER 7, 2016

PRESIDING OFFICER: Maura P. Spery, *Mayor*

MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES PRESENT AND VOTING:

Elizabeth “Betty” Manzella, *Deputy Mayor* (arrived at 6:40 p.m. during Item #14 B.);  
Christopher Anderson, Joseph H. Johnson (left at 6:51 p.m. after Item #17 and  
returned at 7:49 p.m. during Item #22) and Anne Snyder, *Trustees*

MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES ABSENT: None

OFFICIALS OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES PRESENT:

J. David Eldridge, Esq., *Village Attorney*; Joan Crawford, Secretary to the Mayor and  
Clerk Pro Tem

STAFF PRESENT AND REPORTING:

Anne Abel, *Treasurer* (left at 7:15 p.m. after Item #19)

INVITED GUESTS:

None

1. CALL TO ORDER AND WELCOME

Mayor Spery called the meeting to order at 6:03 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**

Clerk Pro Tem **Joan Crawford** reviewed the emergency-evacuation procedure.

**4. ROLL CALL**

Clerk Pro Tem **Crawford** conducted a roll call of the Board of Trustees.

**5. ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF MINUTES**

Mayor **Sperry** polled the Board members to see if they have any comments/revisions to the August 16, 2016, meeting minutes. Hearing, none the meeting minutes were accepted as presented.

**6. AUTHORIZATION FOR THE PAYMENT OF CLAIMS**

A motion was made by **Maura Spery** and seconded by **Joseph Johnson** to authorize the payment of claims, and a discussion followed during which time Trustee **Snyder** requested the Village Attorney to look into a Request-for-Proposal (RFP) for dumpsters and a collection agency.

Thereafter, voting on the pending motion was as follows.

Motion offered by **Maura Spery**, seconded by **Joseph Johnson** to wit:

**WHEREAS,** upon the recommendation of the Village Treasurer; now, therefore, be it

**RESOLVED,** that the Board of Trustees authorizes the payment of claims as presented in Abstract No. A4-2016-17, in the total amount of \$107,278.33, a copy of which is annexed hereto and made a part hereof as **Attachment #1**.

Motion carried: 4-Yes; 0-No; 1-Absent (**E. Manzella**)

**7. BOARD APPOINTMENT – PLANNING BOARD**

Mayor **Spery** made a motion to appoint Mr. **Charles Angona** to fill a vacancy on the Village's Planning Board. As no one seconded the motion, there was no action taken on this matter.

**8. 2017 HOLIDAY SCHEDULE**

Historically, the Village has designated the equivalent of 13 holidays (some of which are half days) when Village operations will be closed. The following proposed schedule reflects the protocol established in prior years. Given that the Village remains in negotiations with Local 342, it is important that the Village adhere to established practice relating to employee benefits (i.e., holiday schedule).

A motion was made by **Maura Spery** and seconded by **Joseph Johnson** to designate a holiday calendar for the 2017 year and a discussion followed. Thereafter, voting on the pending motion was as follows.

Motion offered by **Maura Spery**, seconded by **Joseph Johnson** to wit:

**RESOLVED,**

that the Board of Trustees authorizes the closing of Village Hall during the 2017 calendar year as follows:

**New Year's Day – Monday, January 2, 2017 (observed)**

**Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Day – Monday, January 16, 2017**

**Presidents' Day – Monday, February 20, 2017**

**Memorial Day – Monday, May 29, 2017**

**Independence Day – Tuesday, July 4, 2017**

**Labor Day – Monday, September 4, 2017**

**Columbus Day – Monday, October 9, 2017**

**Election Day – Tuesday, November 7, 2017**

**Veterans' Day – Thursday, November 10, 2017 (observed)**

**Thanksgiving Day and Day After – Thursday, November 23, 2017, and Friday, November 24, 2017**

**Christmas Eve (observed) (half day starting at 12 noon) – Friday, December 22, 2017**

**Christmas Day – Monday, December 25, 2017**

**New Year's Eve (observed) (starting at 12 noon) – Friday, December 29, 2017;** and be it further

**RESOLVED,** that the Village Clerk/Administrator is authorized to communicate the 2017 holiday schedule to Village employees and to publicize the same for the public.

Motion carried: 4-Yes; 0-No; 1-Absent (**E. Manzella**)

**9. APPLICATION FOR BUILDING-PERMIT EXTENSION**

At the request of Mr. **Nicholas Spano**, with the support of Village Building Inspector **Teresa Madarasz**, Mayor **Spery** called for a motion to authorize an extension of a building permit for the premises located at 34 Dahlia Drive, Mastic Beach, New York 11951.

A motion was made by **Maura Spery** and seconded by **Joseph Johnson** to authorize an application for a building-permit extension and a discussion followed. Thereafter, voting on the pending motion was as follows.

Motion offered by **Maura Spery**, seconded by **Joseph Johnson** to wit:

**WHEREAS,** at the request of applicant Mr. **Nicholas Spano** and with the support of the Village Building Inspector and Mayor **Spery's** recommendation; now, therefore, be it

**RESOLVED,** that, pursuant to Village Code Chapter 178-4, *Building Permits*, the Board of Trustees authorizes the granting of an additional building permit to applicant Mr. **Nicholas Spano** for the premises located at 34 Dahlia Drive, Mastic Beach, New York 11951, for a six-month period; and be it further

**REOSLVED,** that the Village Building Inspector is authorized to take all appropriate actions necessary to effectuate this Resolution; and be it further

**RESOLVED,** that this Resolution shall take effect immediately.

Motion carried: 4-Yes; 0-No; 1-Absent (**E. Manzella**)

**10. TEMPORARY-ROAD CLOSURE – COMMUNITY EVENT**

Motion offered by **Maura Spery**, seconded by **Joseph Johnson** to wit:

**WHEREAS,** the Pattersquash Civic Association will be conducting its Seventh Annual Harvest Festival on Saturday, September 17, 2016; and

**WHEREAS,** in past years, the Festival has attracted a large number of visitors to the Village resulting in significantly-increased traffic on certain Village streets; and

**WHEREAS,** pursuant to Sections 510-8-33 and 510-8-34 of the Village Code and Title 8, Article 30 of the *New York State Vehicle and Traffic Law*, the Village has the authority to regulate parking; and

**WHEREAS,** parking restrictions during the Festival will be necessary to help ensure the free flow of traffic throughout the Village and to help protect the public safety of all visitors and residents; and

**WHEREAS,** at the request of the Village Fire Marshal and upon the recommendation of Mayor **Spery**; now, therefore, be it

**RESOLVED,** that the Board of Trustees authorizes that from the hours of 6:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. on Saturday, September 17, 2016, with a rain date of Sunday, September 18, 2016, parking shall be prohibited on the following streets and that the following temporary-road closures will be in effect for the following streets:

Neighborhood Road from Diana Drive to Woodside Drive; and be it further

**RESOLVED,** that the Mayor of the Village of Mastic Beach is hereby authorized to carry out the purposes of this Resolution as she deems necessary; and be it further

**RESOLVED,** that this Resolution shall take effect immediately.

Motion carried: 4-Yes; 0-No; 1-Absent (**E. Manzella**)

**11. POSSIBLE PURCHASE OF VIOLET COVE**

Mayor **Spery** opened up discussions with the Board members and interested members of the audience who wish to comment on the Village's possible purchase of Violet Cove. The following individuals addressed the Board of Trustees about this topic.

**Name:**

**John Lindner**

**Tom Fox**

**12. ADDENDUM**

**A. REMOVAL OF FRED KRAGE FROM THE PLANNING BOARD**

Trustee **Johnson** discussed with Board members his recommendations to have Mr. **Fred Krage** removed from the Village's Planning Board, and a discussion followed. Thereafter the following motion was made and voted upon.

Motion offered by **Joseph Johnson**, seconded by **Christopher Anderson** to wit:

**RESOLVED,** that the Board of Trustees seeks to have Planning-Board Member **Fred Krage** removed from the Village's Planning Board; and be it further

**RESOLVED,** that the Board of Trustees shall at a later date set a public hearing for this purpose.

Motion carried: 3-Yes; 1-No (**M. Spery**); 1-Absent (**E. Manzella**)

**13. PROPOSED LOCAL LAW TO MINIMIZE MAYORAL AUTHORITY**

Trustee **Johnson** led a discussion with the Board members and the Village Attorney regarding the Board majority's interest in adopting a local law to restrict the Mayor's statutory authority and the related mandatory referendum of the voters that would be required should such a local law be adopted by the Board.

**14. ADDENDUM (Continued...)**

**B. RADIUS RESOLUTION**

Trustee **Snyder** discussed with Board members the resolution pertaining to **Radius**.

**15. ARRIVAL OF DEPUTY MAYOR**

Deputy Mayor **Manzella** arrived at the meeting at 6:40 p.m. during Item #14 B. above.

**16. ADDENDUM (Continued...)**

**C. BOARD APPOINTMENTS – BUDGET-ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

Trustee **Johnson** requested that Board members identify their respective designees for the Village's Budget-Advisory Committee. Accordingly, the following designations were made:

Mayor **Sperry** – **Jane Powers**

Deputy Mayor **Manzella** – **Ted Selmer**

Trustee **Anderson** – will submit his designation at a later date

Trustee **Johnson** – **Patricia Harsch**

Trustee **Snyder** – **Joseph Mallia**

**17. INTEREST IN MOVING INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Mayor **Sperry** asked the Board members if anyone had items to be discussed in executive session and no one indicated they did.

**18. DEPARTURE OF TRUSTEE**

Trustee **Johnson** left the meeting at 6:51 p.m. after Item #17 above.

**19. PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Mayor **Spery** invited those members of the public who signed in to speak to address the Board of Trustees. In keeping with the Board's existing *Rules of Procedure*, each member of the public will be given five (5) minutes to address the Board of Trustees.

The following individuals addressed the Board of Trustees.

<u>Name:</u>	<u>Topic:</u>
<b>Helene Lefkowitz</b>	Various
<b>Alan Chasinov</b>	Various
<b>George Barnes</b>	Support for Planning Board Member <b>Fred Krage</b>
<b>Frank Fugarino</b>	Various

**20. DEPARTURE OF TREASURER**

Treasurer **Abel** departed the meeting at the conclusion of Item #19 above.

**21. MOTION TO ENTER INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Mayor **Spery** requested a motion for the Board of Trustees to enter into executive session for the purpose of having the Village Attorney conduct legally-privileged communications with the Board of Trustees, as is permitted under law.

Motion offered by **Maura Spery**, seconded by **Christopher Anderson** to wit:

**RESOLVED,**

that the Board of Trustees enter into executive session for the purpose of having the Village Attorney conduct legally-privileged communications with the Board of Trustees, as is permitted under law.

Motion carried: 4-Yes; 0-No; 1-Absent (**J. Johnson**)

Upon passage of the foregoing Resolution, Mayor **Spery** adjourned the public session at 7:15 p.m. and convened the Board of Trustees' meeting in executive session at 7:19 p.m.

**22. EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Mayor **Spery**, Deputy Mayor **Manzella**, Trustees **Anderson, Johnson** and **Snyder**, Village Attorney **J. David Eldridge, Esq.**, and Clerk Pro Tem **Joan Crawford** were present in executive session. The Village Attorney engaged in legally-privileged communications with the Board of Trustees, as is permitted under law.

**23. RETURN OF TRUSTEE**

During the discussion of Item #22 above, Trustee **Johnson** returned to the meeting at 7:49 p.m.

**24. ADJOURNMENT OF EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Motion offered by **Maura Spery**, seconded by **Anne Snyder** to wit:

**RESOLVED,** that the Board of Trustees adjourn its executive session.

Motion carried: 5-Yes; 0-No

Upon passage of the foregoing Resolution, Mayor **Spery** adjourned the executive session at 8:10 p.m. and re-convened the Board of Trustees' meeting in public session at 8:11 p.m.

**25. MEETING ADJOURNMENT**

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

Motion offered by **Maura Spery**, seconded by **Elizabeth Manzella** to wit:

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**RESOLVED,** that the Board of Trustees adjourn its meeting at 8:11 p.m.

Motion carried: 5-Yes; 0-No

Minutes prepared by:

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

Respectfully submitted,

Joan Crawford, *Secretary to the Mayor/Clerk Pro Tem*

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