

MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE VILLAGE OF
MAMARONECK HELD ON MONDAY, MARCH 10, 2008 AT 7:30 P.M. IN THE COURTROOM AT
VILLAGE HALL, MAMARONECK, NEW YORK

PRESENT:	Mayor	Kathleen Savolt
	Trustees	Thomas A. Murphy Toni Pergola Ryan John M. Hofstetter Randi Robinowitz
	Village Manager	Leonard M. Verrastro
	Village Attorney	Janet Insardi
	Police Department	James Gaffney
	Clerk-Treasurer	Agostino A. Fusco
ABSENT:		None

STATE OF THE VILLAGE ADDRESS

Mayor Savolt addressed the Village on her 99th day as Mayor. This is something she will do every January. The Mayor outlined the accomplishments and challenges this administration has already seen. Some of the accomplishments have been:

- Recruiting and hiring a well-qualified Village Attorney.
- Settling the Westchester Day School lawsuit.
- Putting a well functioning Building Department in place.
- Addressing some of the issues with the Village Code.
- Solving the summer camp space dilemma.
- Recycling initiative in Village offices.

The new meeting guidelines were also reviewed. Meeting agendas as well as background information are now posted on the Village's website well in advance of the meetings. Residents are also given an opportunity to address the Board at the beginning of each meeting.

In the next few months, the Board will focus on redefining acceptable floor area ratios to be applied when building in the Village, ensuring the unique character of Mamaroneck and to help manager storm water. A new ethics law will be passed for Village employees, elected officials and members of Boards and Commissions. The Council of Neighborhoods is being revived, with meetings being held with neighborhood associations. There will also be a new Village website, negotiations with Sportime and a program to address our aging population. The Board will continue to review the Village Code, especially the land use sections. The deterioration of Village Hall and its ADA non-compliance is being addressed. Lastly, the Board will be faced with the challenge of find a new Village Manager as Mr. Verrastro is retiring after more than 27 years of service.

The Mayor thanked all of the residents who donate their time and talents in whatever way then can and looks forward to the challenges that lie ahead with the help, thoughts and ideas of our wonderful community.

1. COMMUNICATION TO THE BOARD

Mr. Dan Gallagher stated that he has been to many Board meetings and has watched even more on LMC-TV and he would like to commend the Board on their professional meetings. Not only are things done in a business like setting, but there is also positive energy at the meetings. He also stated that in his dealings with Village employees, he has found them to be hard working, positive and extremely helpful in doing the work of the Village.

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A. BOT Regular Meeting of November 26, 2007

Village Manager Verrastro asked that these minutes be tabled to the March 24, 2008 meeting as he would like to review them further.

B. BOT Annual Organizational Meeting – December 3, 2007

On motion of Trustee Murphy, seconded by Trustee Hofstetter:

RESOLVED that the Minutes of the Board of Trustees Annual Organizational Meeting be and are hereby approved, with the changes submitted by Mayor Savolt and Trustee Ryan.

Ayes: Robinowitz, Hofstetter, Ryan, Murphy, Savolt

Nays: None

C. BOT Regular Meeting – December 10, 2007

On motion of Trustee Robinowitz, seconded by Trustee Murphy:

RESOLVED that the Minutes of the Board of Trustees Annual Organizational Meeting be and are hereby approved, with the changes submitted by Mayor Savolt and Trustee Ryan.

Ayes: Robinowitz, Hofstetter, Ryan, Murphy, Savolt

Nays: None

3. AUDIT OF THE BILLS

On motion of Trustee Hofstetter, seconded by Trustee Ryan:

RESOLVED that the Abstract of Audited Vouchers listed below, copy being filed with the Village Clerk, be and the same are hereby ordered paid:

General Fund	\$ 241,994.45
Capital Fund	49,672.53
Water Fund	17,955.00
Council of the Arts	1,250.00
Mamaroneck Health Center	1,257.14
Historic Harbor Street Fair	1.64
Guarantee & Bid Deposit	<u>14,825.32</u>
	\$ 326,956.08

Ayes: Robinowitz, Hofstetter, Ryan, Murphy, Savolt

Nays: None

4. OLD BUSINESS

5. NEW BUSINESS

A. WJWW – Recommended Capital Improvements for 2008

On motion of Trustee Robinowitz, seconded by Trustee Murphy:

RESOLVED that the Village Manager be and is hereby authorized to enter into agreement with the Westchester Joint Water Works (WJWW) on the joint and local projects listed on the WJWW Recommended Capital Improvements Report for 2008.

Village Manager Verrastro stated that there are three projects recommended. The total cost of these projects, \$546,250.00 would be financed by the future adoption of a bond resolution, for which the annual debt service would be paid from the Water Fund. The projects are:

1. Local (Distribution) Project 2008-1.1, Taylor Lane Water Main Improvements, as described on page 12 at an estimated cost of \$450,000.
2. Joint Project A-1266-J.1, Geographic Information System (GIS) Implementation, as described on page 10 at an estimated cost of \$41,250.
3. Joint Project A-1267, 2008-J.2, Regional Water Supply Alternative Plan, as described on page 10 at an estimated cost of \$55,000.

Trustee Murphy suggested contacting the residents of Taylor Lane to see if they are interested in having sanitary sewer pipes installed while the street is dug up, as this is paid for by the residents. The Board agreed that this should be done.

Mayor Savolt, as a member of the Westchester Joint Water Works Board, reported on #3, Regional Water Supply Alternative Plan. As it has been court ordered that Westchester Joint Water Works water supply be filtered, the WJWW is looking for alternatives to building a water filtration plant at Rye Lake. One alternative is to join the County in building UV filtration, which is less expensive. The Joint Water Works would have to pay to pipe the water to Harrison from the Kensico Dam. Any alternatives would have to be approval by the New York State Department of Health and New York City DEC.

Trustee Ryan asked if we will be able to use the new GIS system. Mayor Savolt confirmed that we will.

Ayes: Robinowitz, Hofstetter, Ryan, Murphy, Savolt

Nays: None

B. Verizon New York Easement Request

On motion of Trustee Ryan, seconded by Trustee Murphy:

RESOLVED that Village Manager, Leonard M. Verrastro, be and is hereby authorized to execute the Grant of Easement with Verizon New York, Inc., on behalf of the Village of Mamaroneck after review and approval by the Village Attorney.

Village Manager Verrastro stated that this is an Easement Agreement between Verizon New York Inc. and the Village of Mamaroneck to allow Verizon to locate a Controlled Environmental Vault (CEV) on Village property, at the corner of Old White Plains Road and Madison Street. The previous CEV was damaged in the flood of April, 2007. A copy of the agreement has been provided to the Village Attorney for her review. Village Attorney Insardi stated that she has done a quick review and has some concerns. These being the extinguishing of the existing agreement, remediation of the site and site plan issues. If the agreement is changed substantially it will come back before the Board for approval.

Ayes: Robinowitz, Hofstetter, Ryan, Murphy, Savolt

Nays: None

C. Request from Police Department to Attend Seminar

On motion of Trustee Ryan, seconded by Trustee Hofstetter:

RESOLVED that Officer DiRuzza be and is hereby authorized to attend the Seminar to be held on April 22-25, 2008 in Las Vegas, Nevada at an estimated cost of \$900 which is provided in the departmental budget.

A request came from Chief Flynn for Officer Sandra DiRuzza to attend this four day seminar on Advanced Domestic Violence and Sexual assault to be held April 22-25, 2008 in Las Vegas, Nevada.

The seminar is being conducted by the National Institute of Crime Prevention. A copy of the agenda and topics to be covered was given to the Board. The estimated cost to attend this seminar is \$900.00. The funds are provided in the Police Department's Budget.

The Board thanked Officer DiRuzza for attending the conference and for keeping current on this difficult subject matter, which is crucial to her job.

Ayes: Robinowitz, Hofstetter, Ryan, Murphy, Savolt

Nays: None

6. REPORT FROM VILLAGE MANAGER

A. File for the Record – Agreement with Sts. John and Paul School

A fully executed copy of the agreement between Sts. John and Paul School and the Village of Mamaroneck for use of their facility to house the Village's summer camp program this year, is being filed for the record with the Clerk-Treasurer.

7. REPORT FROM CLERK-TREASURER

There is nothing to report at this time.

8. REPORT FROM VILLAGE ATTORNEY

Ms. Insardi reported that she will be meeting with the Constituent Committee tomorrow evening. She is also working on the Floor Area Ratio (FAR) Code recommendation and will be presenting to the Board for a Public Hearing to be held sometime in April. She is also working with Bud Wright, the Village Assessor, on tax cert matters.

9. REPORT FROM POLICE CHIEF

Lieutenant James Gaffney, who was attending the meeting in Chief Flynn's absence reported on the bomb threats at the Mamaroneck High School. On Monday, March 3rd at 6 a.m. the custodial staff found something threatening written on a wall in the school. It was decided to close the school. The bomb squad did a thorough sweep of the school and found nothing. On March 5th both the High School and Hommocks Middle School received threats and they closed both schools two hours early. Another written message was found at the high school on Thursday, March 6th. On both of these days the bomb squad checked the schools and found nothing. The high school reopened on Friday in a lock down mode. Students are not allowed to bring in back packs or large bags and cannot leave the school during a free period or lunch. There are police officers stationed in the school at the two entrance/exit doors and they also are patrolling the halls. There have also been parent volunteers patrolling. Sergeant Bob Holland is in charge of the investigation. Lt. Gaffney asked anyone has any information, to call 777-7739 or 777-7728. If they are not comfortable calling the police, they should speak to a counselor. All calls and conversations will be kept confidential.

11. COMMUNICATION TO THE BOARD II

Mr. Carl Alterman, resident and member of the Planning Board appeared. He knows that the Planning Board has no jurisdiction over Verizon's Controlled Environmental Vault being placed on Madison Street, but believes the Planning Board and their consultant, Susan Oakley, could possibly help with assuring that what is done is properly screened.

Trustee Ryan stated that she and other members of the Board attended a Seniors' Prom at the high school the previous week. This was for senior citizens in Mamaroneck and was sponsored by the school's student counsel. She had a wonderful time as did the seniors. In speaking with them she learned that many seniors were attending their first prom. They had been unable to attend their actual proms because it was war time and many young men were off to war. For others, it was just too expensive. She thanked the students who hosted the event. It was such a lovely evening for everyone.

Trustee Hofstetter also attended the prom and wanted to thank the students. He stated that there were senior there that attended both Mamaroneck and Rye Neck High Schools.

Trustee Murphy congratulated the Mamaroneck High School Hockey Team. They won their sectional but lost the state championship in overtime. They played a great game and had an outstanding season.

Trustee Robinowitz stated that she is working with the Clerk-Treasurer on the Village's website. There are meetings set up this week with several companies in an effort to enhance the website and make it easier to navigate and more user friendly.

Mayor Savolt received a compliment from a resident on Police Officer Brian Welsh. She thanked Brian for serving the community so well. The Superintendent of Schools also complimented the police officers working at the high school. She thanked them as well. Mayor Savolt reminded residents that the County is enforcing the recycling laws and that the Village offices are trying to lead the way with recycling bins at every desk and containers for both paper and comingled items at Village Hall. The recycling goal for the Village is to go from 47% to 55% compliance. The Mayor also stated that if there are residents that need help with their recycling, they should call her office at 777-7738.

On motion of Trustee Murphy, seconded by Trustee Ryan:

RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees convene to Executive Session to discuss pending litigation and contract negotiations.

Ayes: Robinowitz, Hofstetter, Ryan, Murphy, Savolt

Nays: None

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Board, on motion duly made and seconded, the meeting was adjourned.

PREPARED BY:

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED BY:

SALLY J. ROBERTS,
SECRETARY

AGOSTINO A. FUSCO,
CLERK-TREASURER