

MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE VILLAGE OF
MAMARONECK HELD ON MONDAY, MARCH 24, 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	Edward Flynn
	Clerk-Treasurer	Agostino A. Fusco
ABSENT:		None

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE LED BY WESTCHESTER DAY SCHOOL 3RD GRADE CLASS

Mayor Savolt thanked the children, principal and teachers of Westchester Day School for leading the Trustees and residents in the Pledge of Allegiance and Star Spangled Banner.

STATUS REPORT ON FLOOD MITIGATION

Mayor Savolt introduced special guests; County Legislator Judy Myers, Town of Mamaroneck Supervisor Valerie O’Keeffe and Town and Village of Harrison Supervisor Joan Walsh. She thanked them for attending the meeting. Mayor Savolt also introduced and thanked members of the Flood Mitigation Committee for their attendance.

Mayor Savolt made the introduction to the presentation. She stated that while campaigning one of the things she promised residents and herself is that she would learn about flooding. During the last several months, she has learned quite a bit. One thing she learned is that the Village of Mamaroneck has been flooding since the glaciers have receded, some 11,000 years ago. There is recorded history of the Village flooding since 1877. “Tonight we are going to talk about the geography and history of Mamaroneck and the water sheds. Hopefully we will learn from history and use that knowledge to go forward. We will also talk about what has been done since the flood last April.” One thing the Mayor learned is how hard the Village of Mamaroneck was hit not only as a Village, but as an owner of property. Village assets were severely damaged and it took a lot of time for the Village and their employees to repair and replace those assets. She wanted the residents to know that everyone is doing their best and will work with our neighbors upstream, the county, state and federal governments to assure the safety of the residents. Disaster preparedness will not be discussed this evening, but will be presented at another time.

Mr. Keith Furey, Consulting Engineer for the Village of Mamaroneck presented the Village of Mamaroneck Flood Mitigation Status Report. This report is on file with the Village of Mamaroneck, will be posted on the Village’s website and hard copies will be available for residents to pick up at Village Hall. The presentation focused on:

What is a Watershed? The geography of a typical watershed and the Mamaroneck watersheds were presented. There are approximately 32 square miles and 5 drainage sub-basins which comprise the Mamaroneck Watersheds. These include the Mamaroneck River, Sheldrake River, Mamaroneck Harbor, Beaver Swamp Brook and Beaver Swamp Brook West.

Storm Events. What makes up a 2, 10, 50 and 100 year storm? The statistical probability of having one of these storms each time it rains was reviewed. Each time it rains, there is a 50% chance of it being a 2-year storm; a 10% chance of it being a 10-year storm; a 2% chance of it being a 50-year storm and a 1% chance of it being a 100-year storm. In a 100-year storm, the amount of water that flows in the Mamaroneck River through the watershed in 24 hours is the same amount of water that is used by Westchester Joint Water Works customers over a period of one year. Many of the structures built in the Village of Mamaroneck were built before FEMA Guidelines, therefore many areas and structures are actually in the floodway and in the Mamaroneck River itself.

What is a floodplain? Flat or nearly flat land adjacent to a stream or river that experiences occasional or periodic flooding, including a floodway which consists of the stream channel and adjacent areas that carry flood flows and the flood fringe which are areas covered by the flood, but do not experience a strong current. A river is the entire floodplain, not just the dry weather channel. Much of the Village of Mamaroneck is in the 100-year floodplain. Many areas and structures are actually in the floodway.

History. From October 1877 to May 1968 informal records indicate 81 flood events in the Village. Since 1971, formal records indicate significant floods in 1971, 1972, 1974, 1975, 1978, 1980, 1982, 1984, 1989, 1992, 1996, 1998, 2006 and 2007. Of those, six were serious enough to warrant Presidential Disaster Declaration, including the most recent in 2006 and 2007. Flood control projects were done in 1933 when portions of the Mamaroneck and Sheldrake River floodplains were channelized. In 1937, WPA Project improved the Mamaroneck River Channel for 2,300 feet below the N. Barry Avenue Bridge to a 30-ft wide rock lined channel and in 1942, the US Department of War New York District Engineer's Office (predecessor of the Army Corps of Engineers) conducted a Flood Control Survey. In 1945 Westchester County issued the Harding Report studying three alternative approaches on the Mamaroneck River; channel improvement, relief tunnel and flood control reservoir. The study also looked at alternative approaches on the Sheldrake River. In 1977 The Army Corps of Engineers started the Mamaroneck & Sheldrake Rivers Flood Mitigation Studies, which were completed and reported on in 1987. The \$60 million Flood Control Project was not done as the cost benefit ratio did not meet federal criteria. Unfortunately, it was right on the edge. The Army Corps has currently completed the reconnaissance phase of a Re-evaluation Study to update this project. Next phase (Preliminary Design) will be completed in two years. Leonard Jackson and Associates has also completed two studies; one in 1982 with recommendations for improvements to the Lower Mamaroneck River and one in 2007 to evaluate potential structural flood mitigation measures approved by the BOT in August 2007. Leonard Jackson is also studying the Beaver Swamp Brook for Harrison, which could have potential benefits for Mamaroneck. The recommendations made in 1982 were not acted upon as this was in the middle of the Army Corps study and if any changes were made to the flow characteristics or hydraulic profile of the river, the Army Corps would have stopped their study and pulled any Federal funding.

Spring 2007 Flood Events. The contributing factors of 4 inches of rain in a 4-hour period and frozen ground led to the March flood event. The water remaining from that event, that did not have an opportunity to dissipate, coupled with 8.05 inches of rain in a 24-hour period, equated to a 200-year rainfall event in April.

Village Manager Verrastro presented the next portion of the Status Report. He stated that before the event, the Village was awarded a grant from FEMA to develop a Flood Mitigation Plan. SEMO asked the Village to also conduct an All Hazards Emergency Plan in conjunction with the Flood Mitigation Plan. A draft of this was submitted to SEMO and a public hearing on the plan before its adoption will be held this summer.

Mr. Verrastro stated that the Village is part of the Long Island Sound Watershed Intermunicipal Council (LISWIC), who is looking at forming a Regional Stormwater District as flooding is a regional problem and should be looked at solving at a regional level. There is also mandatory training by the federal government for responders. We are also working with the Town of Mamaroneck on a GIS system, which will be added to digitized tax maps.

The Village learned from the March storm and was ready for the storm in April. A command center was determined and emergency plan put in place, including additional phone lines and equipment. Mr. Verrastro reviewed what was lost by the Village, which will be reimbursed by insurance and FEMA. The work done by the Village took thousands of person's hours. A flood relief fund was established between the Village and Town of Mamaroneck where over \$50 thousand was raised to help residents.

Mr. Verrastro stated that the Board of Trustees has passed three local laws; the first is regarding illegal hook ups, requiring proper certification when a property transfers; the second is wetlands protection, expanding the adjacent area to 100 feet; and the third is flood damage prevention and erosion sediment control, which adopted the new FEMA requirements and maps. County funding for flood mitigation has been appropriated and will begin to be distributed in 2008. Congresswoman Nita Lowey and Senator Clinton secured federal funds in the amount of \$30 million for the Mamaroneck and Sheldrake Rivers. The process calls for the Army Corps to study the Rivers. The Village has applied for four FEMA Grants, one of which we are ineligible for. The other three are moving ahead. The structural integrity of the dam on the Mamaroneck River is being studied.

Mr. Verrastro reported that FEMA has disqualified two out of the three remaining Grants that went forward as they had to do with changing the course of the Mamaroneck River and nothing could be done on this River while the Army Corps of Engineers is studying it. The third application for backflow preventers has moved to final review. Mr. Verrastro stated that the Village submitted \$848,000 in losses to FEMA

Keith Furey continued his presentation at this time.

Where are we now?

A summary of the Leonard Jackson 2007 Study was reviewed.

Possible Solutions:

Mamaroneck Reservoir as a Retainage Basin – Ineffective as its footprint is too small.

Eliminate bends in the River – Ineffective because in a flood, the bends do not exist.

Stream maintenance – good for low flow situations but negligible effect on flood events.

Widening of Mamaroneck River from Halstead to Ward Avenue – significant effects (up to 3 foot reductions) in flood events.

Mr. Furey reminded the residents that any of these actions have to be kept on hold as a condition of continuation of the Army Corps of Engineers Re-evaluation Study. However, work on Beaver Swamp Brook can proceed without affecting this study, as this is not in the same drainage basin.

US Army Corps of Engineers – 2007 Re-Evaluation Study:

Reconnaissance Phase Completed.

Needs Local Sponsor (NYS DEC) to continue with process.

Preliminary Design scheduled for completion in two years.

Update will not include underground re-routing of Fenimore Road.

Cannot proceed with any projects that will change the flow profiles or hydraulics of either the Mamaroneck and /or Sheldrake Rivers.

Common Misconceptions:

Use of the Mamaroneck River as a Detention Basin. It would require a full 16-ft of depth to retain a two-year storm for a single hour.

Raising Bridges. Has no effect on the floodplain. The open span would need to be widened to have any effect.

Re-route the Sheldrake River under Fenimore Road. Would not pass today's environmental review standards.

Dredge the Rivers. Dredging does not significantly change floodplain elevation. Channels must be widened and deepened to have any impact.

Mr. Andrew Spatz, Chair of the Flood Mitigation Committee appeared. Mr. Spatz reminded residents that everyone in the Village was affected by the flood in one way or the other. He gave an overview of what the Committee is working on. He invited all residents and business owners to attend their meetings.

Mr. Paul Ryan asked about the Dam Project conducted in the 1980's where weep holes were put in the dam and the Larchmont Reservoir dredged. He stated that we went 20 years without a significant flood event so perhaps dredging of the Mamaroneck Dam should be looked at. Mr. Furey informed Mr. Ryan that the Larchmont Reservoir is four times the size of Mamaroneck's; therefore this would have no significant effect. Mr. Furey also stated that many things that worked to contain flooding in 1940's will not work today as there were not buildings in the river beds as there are today.

Mayor Savolt stated that in 1945 only 8% of the watershed was covered with roads and/or pavement. This compares with 1% in 1900. The Mayor believes we are more than 40% covered at this point. She

also stated that the County passed a law after the Harding report was done in 1945 which stated that any building closer than 50 feet of the river would have to be approved by the County and that since that time the Village has not only ignored this by building within 50 feet of the river, but has built homes in the riverbed. If we were building homes today in these floodplains, we would build them allowing water to flow through, with no living space below the high water mark.

Mr. Verrastro touched on current procedures being used. The gates of the dam stay open at all times. The Department of Public Works makes sure that there is no debris hanging on or blocking the gates. Bridges are being checked to ensure that there is no debris blocking the bridges. Storm drains are being cleaned continually. Roughly 1/3 of all catch basins have been cleaned in the last year and 74 that were collapsed have been repaired by the Village's stone mason. Mayor Savolt also reiterated that of the 1500 storm drains in the Village, the ones that are in low lying areas and are more problematic are cleaned more frequently, often more than once per year, however all are cleaned at least every three years.

What is next?

Army Corps of Engineer Re-evaluation Study which includes securing local sponsorship by the DEC and no further action on Mamaroneck or Sheldrake Rivers as this risk federal funding.

A review and updating of Village codes.

Incentives to bring properties into FEMA/NFIP Compliance.

Incentives to manage stormwater onsite for new or existing sites.

Summary

There is no "Quick Fix" to the Flooding Issue.

About one third of the village is in the Floodplain, flooding has historically hit the Village hard.

Village has been active in Recovery and Planning for future since the floods of last year.

Village is actively seeking to be part of Regional Stormwater Solutions including the USACE Re-evaluation Study.

Will continue to pursue other available (and approved) incremental flood mitigation projects while the Re-evaluation Study progresses.

Supervisor Valerie O'Keeffe and Mayor Joan Walsh appeared to thank the Board and Mr. Furey for a comprehensive presentation. Supervisor O'Keeffe, along with County Legislator Judy Myers and Steve Otis, Mayor City of Rye, are on the County's Flood Mitigation Task Force. They will continue to work with all of the groups; including the Army Corps of Engineers, DEC and SEMO to help the Village of Mamaroneck. Supervisor O'Keeffe stated that the Town hired an engineer to look at the Larchmont Reservoir and was informed that it is a glacial lake; therefore, there may not be much that can be done to increase its capacity.

Mr. Leo Spinelli of Elliott Avenue appeared. Mr. Spinelli experienced the flood in 1938 and believes that what was presented this evening was nothing new. He believes that if we cannot get water under the Halstead Avenue bridge, there is nothing that can stop the flooding. Mr. Furey stated that it is more complicated than just dredging under the bridge. The flow capacity has to be lowered, which means widening the river.

Mr. Chris Regan of Chestnut Avenue appeared. He inquired if the Board believes getting a local sponsor would be a problem. Mayor Savolt stated that she did not believe this would be a problem. County Legislator Judy Myers stated that she also does not believe it will be an issue just that the process has to be followed. Mayor Savolt also stated that the Re-evaluation Study should begin in September and there will be a public hearing held before its start so that residents may make recommendations to the DEC.

Mr. Irving Scharf of Richbell Road appeared to ask about a possible pumping station at that point in the River. Mr. Furey informed him that the size of a pump to handle a 100-year storm would require at least a 6,000 horsepower engine and is not an engineering possibility.

Mr. Lee Bass of Chestnut Avenue appeared and he spoke with Army Corps and he understands the \$30 million has not yet been appropriated. He asked the Board if they will look at how the Village will pay for its portion of implementing the Army Corps study. Mayor Savolt believes this is something for which we would have to borrow money. However, the Village could look at putting money away for the next few years, if the residents would like a larger tax increase to be able to do this.

Ms. Ellen Halpern of Chestnut Avenue appeared to ask what the Village will do if there is not the money to carry out the Army Corps plan, as happened previously. Mayor Savolt told her that there is a Plan B which is the recommendation from the study that was done by Leonard Jackson and Associates to widen the river. This would cost \$15 - \$20 million in today's dollars. This would help residents in the lower lying areas of Mamaroneck, however not those north of the confluence. This help would have to come from Harrison and North White Plains as it is water flowing from those areas that affects Harbor Heights. That is why we need a regional solution.

Mr. Norm Rosenblum of Carroll Avenue is concerned about the possibility of another perfect storm and the insurance policies that he believes are not being reviewed and do not cover what was actually lost due to loopholes. He would ask that all communities in the Lower Hudson Valley lobby their government representatives to look at the national flood insurance program.

Mayor Savolt asked the community to not forget what happened a year ago. Many residents were devastated and there are still some that have not been able to put their lives back together. She stated that many local charities are still accepting donations, so if you are able to do so, please help. Mayor Savolt also stated that a copy of the Flood Mitigation Report will be posted on the Village's website, a summary will be done in the next Voice of the Village and hard copies available at Village Hall.

1. COMMUNICATION TO THE BOARD

Mr. Norman Rosenblum appeared again to remind the Board that we have certain unalienable rights in this Country, among those are Freedom of Speech and Freedom of the Press. He was on the LoHud website and believes that they, and the Journal News do not adhere to their own guidelines. The comments of some of the people on the website are at best slanderous and do a disservice to Sgt. Comblo,

the Village Police Department, the Board and all Village residents. He asked the Board to expand on how a disciplinary action works. He believes that the Chief makes certain claims, which are then reviewed by the Board of Police Commissioners. He asked that the Board withhold any advertising with the Journal News as it is abhorrent how they are splitting the Village.

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A. BOT Regular Meeting of November 26, 2007

On motion of Mayor Savolt, seconded by Trustee Murphy:

RESOLVED that the Minutes of the Board of Trustees Regular Meeting of November 26, 2007 be and are hereby approved.

Ayes: Hofstetter, Ryan, Murphy

Nays: None

Abstention: Robinowitz, Savolt

B. BOT Regular Meeting of January 14, 2008

Trustee Hofstetter had a change on page 16, his statement that he understands that the previous change from 50 to 40 feet was done because of a problem with run off issues and this would allow for more ground to be covered, is not clear. He would like the word “would” to be changed to “could”. Mayor Savolt stated that at the time of the meeting she could not recall what the times of the Westchester Joint Water Works meetings are. They meet on the second and fourth Tuesday of the month at 4:30 p.m.

On motion of Trustee Murphy, seconded by Trustee Ryan:

RESOLVED that the Minutes of the Board of Trustees Regular meeting of January 14, 2008 be and are hereby approved, with the changes submitted by Trustee Hofstetter.

Ayes: Robinowitz, Hofstetter, Ryan, Murphy, Savolt

Nays: None

C. Public Hearing on Proposed Local Law 1-200 – January 14, 2008

On motion of Trustee Robinowitz, seconded by Trustee Hofstetter:

RESOLVED that the Minutes of the Public Hearing on Proposed Local Law 1-2008, Extension of Moratorium on Multi-family Dwellings) be and are hereby approved.

Ayes: Robinowitz, Hofstetter, Ryan, Murphy, Savolt

Nays: None

D. Public Hearing on Proposed Local Law 4-2008

On motion of Trustee Hofstetter, seconded by Trustee Murphy:

RESOLVED that the Minutes of the Public Hearing on Proposed Local Law 4-2008 (Metered Parking Zones) be and are hereby approved.

Ayes: Robinowitz, Hofstetter, Ryan, Murphy, Savolt
Nays: None

E. Board of Trustee Regular Meeting – March 10, 2008

On motion of Trustee Hofstetter, seconded by Trustee Ryan:

RESOLVED that the Minutes of the Board of Trustee Regular Meeting of March 10, 2008 be and are hereby approved.

Ayes: Robinowitz, Hofstetter, Ryan, Murphy, Savolt
Nays: None

F. Board of Trustee Planning Session – March 9, 2008:

On motion of Trustee Murphy, seconded by Trustee Robinowitz:

RESOLVED that the Minutes of the Board of Trustee Planning Session of March 9, 2008 be and are hereby approved.

Ayes: Robinowitz, Hofstetter, Ryan, Murphy, Savolt
Nays: None

3. AUDIT OF THE BILLS

On motion of Trustee Ryan, seconded by Trustee Robinowitz:

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	\$ 510,449.74
Capital Fund	162,441.76
Mamaroneck Health Center	50.00
Historic Harbor Street Fair	268.00
Guarantee & Bid Deposit	<u>50.00</u>
	\$ 673,709.50

Village Manager Verrastro had a change on page 26, where Clickable Oil was charged to the Historic Harbor Street Fair. This should have been charged to the Mamaroneck Health Center.

Ayes: Robinowitz, Hofstetter, Ryan, Murphy, Savolt
Nays: None

4. OLD BUSINESS

None

5. NEW BUSINESS

A. Proposal to Increase Day Camp Fees

This was a request made by the Superintendent of Recreation to increase the fees for the 2008 day Camp from between \$30 to \$50 per camper. The brochure is ready to be printed and the new fees would need to be included. The fee schedule and projected increases were discussed. Trustee Robinowitz as Liaison to Recreation Committee reported that members of the Committee feel that the Village should be gentle in the increase, however, she feels that the Village needs to raise it \$50 to offset the increased expenses.

On motion of Trustee Murphy, seconded by Trustee Ryan:

RESOLVED that the Village Code Chapter 347-3D be and is hereby amended to reflect the \$40 increase in the Village of Mamaroneck Summer Camp Fee.

Ayes: Robinowitz, Hofstetter, Ryan, Murphy, Savolt

Nays: None

B. Amend Agreement for Architectural Services Village Hall/Police Station

In connection with the development of schematic plans and a proposed budget for renovations to the basement and first floor of Village Hall, Village Manager Verrastro verbally requested DeAngelis Architectural Services, LLC to undertake additional studies that were not part of this original agreement with the Village. The additional services are outlined in a letter from Mr. DeAngelis. These include: Investigation of alternatives to install an elevator in the building as the Village is under court order to improve accessibility; Investigation of alternatives to secure the upper floors of the building and development of a preliminary phasing plan for the building. The estimated cost will not exceed \$9000. Based on the additional time that was required by Mr. DeAngelis and his staff, Mr. Verrastro requests that the Board authorize him to execute a supplemental agreement, not to exceed a total of \$9000.

Trustee Murphy asked how long the Village has been planning to renovate this building. Mr. Verrastro stated that it is at least 28 years. There were at least three studies done that were never funded. Trustee Murphy stated that there are expenses that are going to fall on this Board that have been deferred, however needs to be done. Trustee Ryan read that the construction costs in our area are going to dramatically rise; therefore she believes that this should not be put off. Trustee Robinowitz walked through the building today and found it deplorable and although the Board is very cognizant of not spending tax payer dollars, something has to be done to fix the very evident problems with the building. Mayor Savolt stated that there is \$37,000 left in the contingent account and there are two months left to the fiscal year. She has been assured by the Village Manager that the \$28,000 left after \$9000 is taken out is enough for the remainder of the year.

On motion of Trustee Murphy, seconded by Trustee Ryan:

RESOLVED that Village Manager Verrastro be and is hereby authorized to execute a supplemental agreement with DeAngelis Architectural Services, LLC an amount not to exceed \$9000. to undertake additional studies not part of his original agreement with the Village; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the following transfer of funds be and are hereby approved:

<u>From</u>		<u>To</u>	
A1990.999	Contingent Account \$9000	A1010.421	Board of Trustees Contract Services \$9000

Ayes: Robinowitz, Hofstetter, Ryan, Murphy, Savolt
 Nays: None

C. Resolution to Schedule Public Hearing on Budget for April 14, 2008

In accordance with Section 5-504 of the Village Code, a Tentative Budget for the fiscal year June 1, 2008 through May 31, 2009 has been filed with the Clerk-Treasurer’s Office. Pursuant to provision contained in Section 5-508(1), this budget has been presented to the Board of Trustees for their review and preliminary alterations, therefore a public hearing on this budget must be held on or before April 15, 2008.

On motion of Trustee Murphy, seconded by Trustee Ryan:

RESOLVED that a public hearing be held on April 14, 2008 at 7:30 p.m. on the proposed Tentative Budget for the fiscal year June 1, 2008 to May 31, 2009.

Ayes: Robinowitz, Hofstetter, Ryan, Murphy, Savolt
 Nays: None

D. Resolution to Schedule Public Hearing on Proposed Local Law 5-2008

Trustee Murphy reported to the residents that this Proposed Local Law reduced the Floor Area Ratio (FAR) on residential and some commercial properties. This will help limit impervious surfaces in the Village, which contribute to flooding, as well as preserve the character of neighborhoods. Mayor Savolt stated that the final draft of this Proposed Local Law will be on the website at least eight days prior to the public hearing for residents’ review.

On motion of Trustee Murphy, seconded by Trustee Hofstetter:

RESOLVED that the Public Hearing on Proposed Local Law 5-2008 (Floor Area Ratio) be and is hereby scheduled for April 28, 2008.

Ayes: Robinowitz, Hofstetter, Ryan, Murphy, Savolt
 Nays: None

E. Bond Resolution – Various Village Purposes \$3,713,060

Mayor Savolt informed the residents that this is in connection with various Capital Fund authorizations, which were previously approved by the Board of Trustees between December 2006 and October 2007. Clerk-Treasurer Fusco stated that the reason several projects are grouped together under one Bond is that this is much more cost effective, as there is a cost associated with going out for a Bond Anticipation Note. It was also noted that short term rates are more favorable than long term.

On motion by Trustee Ryan, seconded by Trustee Robinowitz:

RESOLVED, that a Bond in the amount of \$3,713,060 for various Capital Fund authorizations be and is hereby approved.

Ayes: Robinowitz, Hofstetter, Ryan, Murphy, Savolt
 Nays: None

F. Building Department Server (Permits)

The Building Department has requested the approval of a new server be considered and approved by the Board. This server is for operating the new General Code Permits & Code Enforcement specialized software designed for municipal building departments. Currently, the Building Department operates manually. The purchase of this software will allow the Building Department to make their procedures more automated and efficient. However, the current hardware will not support this new software. Funds are available in unallocated insurance with the actual policy premium coming in lower than anticipated in the adopted budget. Mayor Savolt stated that when a previous Board approved this software, the anticipated cost for hardware was not discussed nor approved. Mayor Savolt also confirmed with the Village Manager that this approval of funds will be adequate to see this project to its fruition. This software will also interface with our existing GIS system. Mayor Savolt questioned why the service contract has been upgraded to serve the Village 24 hours per day, 7 days per week when our Building Department does not work those hours. Clerk-Treasurer Fusco explained that this includes remote monitoring of the system 24/7 and if the system should go down during non-business hours, they have 4 hours to respond, therefore if the system goes down in the middle of the night, it would be operational in the morning. Trustees Murphy and Robinowitz both believe that the cost to upgrade is minimal and well worth it.

On motion of Trustee Robinowitz, seconded by Trustee Hofstetter:

RESOLVED that the following budget transfer be and is hereby approved.

	<u>From</u>		<u>To</u>	
A1910.401	Unallocated Insurance	\$12000	A3620.220	Building Dept. \$12000

Ayes: Robinowitz, Hofstetter, Ryan, Murphy, Savolt
 Nays: None

G. Appointment of Village of Mamaroneck Poet Laureate

Mayor Savolt stated this is something other communities do and a recommendation was made by the Chair of the Council of the Arts of a long-time resident, Mary Louise Cox Rosenberg who has been promoting poetry for many years and has served on the Village Council of the Arts for many years. She is also host of the LMC-TV show "Poetry Moments" and is the founder of the annual "Poetry Live!" event featuring poetry written by local high school students.

On motion by Trustee Ryan, seconded by Trustee Murphy:

RESOLVED that Mary Louise Cox Rosenberg is appointed Poet Laureate of the Village of Mamaroneck for a term that expires at the annual meeting of the Board of Trustees in 2010, and

IT IS FURTHER RESOLVED that as Poet Laureate, Ms. Cox Rosenberg has the responsibility to make poetry part of the Village including our special events.

Ayes: Robinowitz, Hofstetter, Ryan, Murphy, Savolt
Nays: None

6. REPORT FROM VILLAGE MANAGER

7. REPORT FROM CLERK-TREASURER

Clerk-Treasurer Fusco advised the Board that Andrea Sambrook has resigned her position as a member of the Harbor & Coastal Zone Commission effective immediately and that Ms. Sambrook's unexpired term will have to be filled. Mayor Savolt asked any resident that is interested in serving on this Board to please contact the Village Office. Trustee Ryan as liaison to that commission thanked Ms. Sambrook for her hard work and dedication while on the Commission and noted that she will be missed.

8. REPORT FROM VILLAGE ATTORNEY

Ms. Insardi reported that Local Law 2-2008 and Local Law 3-2008 have been filed with the Department of State.

9. REPORT FROM POLICE CHIEF

10. MINUTES – COMMISSIONS, BOARDS, COMMITTEES

The following minutes were received by the Board:

Board of Architectural Review Meetings of January 17 and February 21, 2008 and the Planning Board Meeting of January 24, 2008.

11. COMMUNICATION TO THE BOARD II

Village Manager Verrastro informed the residents that the organic waste pick up will begin the first week of April, as per our agreement with the County of Westchester. Therefore if residents are putting their organic waste out it cannot and will not be picked up until then. Mayor Savolt asked residents that if they have put their bags out, to please take them back until the first week of April.

Trustee Hofstetter announced that the County is offering free rabies shots for dogs and cats on Sunday, April 6th. The number to call for more information is 632-1269.

Trustee Ryan announced two events being sponsored by the Council of the Arts. One is on April 4th called Lyrical Poetry and Music being held at Harbor Island Park. The other will be on May 4th where our Poet Laureate will be conducting "Poetry Live!" This will be held at the Jay Heritage Center. This will also be televised on LMC-TV.

Trustee Robinowitz stated that the Historic Harbor Street Fair Committee will be meeting tomorrow and that volunteers are still needed for this event. She asked that anyone interested please email her. She also announced that the Rye Neck Spring Fair will take place this coming weekend.

Trustee Murphy reminded residents that the Memorial Day Parade will be taking place on Friday, May 30th and if there is a group or organization that would like to participate to please contact the Village Manager's office.

Mayor Savolt again thanked the Westchester Day School 3rd Grade class for leading in the Pledge of Allegiance. She also passed along thanks from a neighbor who had medical emergencies in her home and found the respondents from both the EMS and Police Department to be professional and extremely helpful.

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