

MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE VILLAGE OF MAMARONECK HELD ON TUESDAY, OCTOBER 14, 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 M. Insardi
	Police Department	Edward Flynn
	Clerk-Treasurer	Agostino A. Fusco
ABSENT:		None

PRESENTATION TO UNITED NATIONS

Mayor Savolt presented Mr. Lee Bloom, of the United Nations, with a Proclamation declaring October 24, 2008 as UN Day in the Village of Mamaroneck. Mayor Savolt thanked Mr. Bloom for his involvement with the United Nations Organization. Mr. Bloom thanked the Mayor, Board and Village for making this declaration. Mr. Bloom stated that this year the UN, with other organizations working with it, has declared "Environmental Sustainability as an Essential Tool for Poverty Alleviation" as its theme for the 2008 United Nations Day commemorations. He also thanked the neighboring areas of Larchmont and the Town of Mamaroneck for joining in this declaration.

PRESENTATION BY COVANTA ENERGY

Mayor Savolt announced that Covanta Energy had an emergency in their company and had to cancel their presentation. They will attend a future meeting.

1. COMMUNICATION TO THE BOARD

Mr. Irving Scharf of Richbell Road appeared to ask the Board to assist residents with understanding mortgages, as two Board members are real estate agents.

Ms. Catherine Hiller of Munro Avenue appeared to discuss a resolution that will be presented later in the meeting. It is to join ICLEI, which is a program dedicated to communities for sustainability. Ms. Hiller is the leader of Cool Cities of Mamaroneck, which is part of the Sierra Club's Cool Cities program. Ms. Hiller gave a history of Cool Cities and also the advantages of the Village joining ICLEI. Ms. Hiller also informed the residents that Cool Cities has raised the funds for the Village to join ICLEI and they have also made arrangements for an intern to conduct the Municipal Greenhouse Emissions Audit. Ms. Hiller invited residents to join the Cool Cities group.

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A. BOT Regular Meeting of September 22, 2008

On motion of Trustee Hofstetter, seconded by Trustee Robinowitz:

RESOLVED, that the Minutes of the Board of Trustee Regular Meeting held on September 22, 2008 be and are hereby approved.

Ayes: Robinowitz, Hofstetter, Ryan, Murphy, Savolt

Nays: None

3. AUDIT OF BILLS

On motion of Trustee Murphy, seconded by Trustee Robinowitz:

Mayor Savolt informed the Board that there was a miscoded item on page 46. However, it does not change the totals.

RESOLVED that the Abstract of Audited Vouchers listed below, dated October 14, 2008 and for FY 2008-09, copy being filed with the Village Clerk, be and the same are hereby ordered paid:

General Fund	\$ 332,810.59
Capital Fund	542,759.91
Trust & Agency	<u>6,613.38</u>
	\$ 882,183.88

Ayes: Robinowitz, Hofstetter, Ryan, Murphy, Savolt

Nays: None

4. OLD BUSINESS

None

5. NEW BUSINESS

A. Transfer of Funds – Purchase of 22' Police Boat – Additional Funds

A memo was received from the Police Chief informing the Village Manager that the final quote for the Mckee Craft boat came in at \$28,860.00, which is \$4,560 more than was budgeted. The final quote does still represent a significant savings to the Village. The Chief has requested an additional \$4,560 be appropriated to account #A3120.444.

Mr. Craig Romanek, Bay Constable Supervisor, addressed the Board to supply additional information and answer any questions the Board may have. Mr. Romanek informed the Board that this boat was scheduled to be replaced next year, however the fuel tank leaks and the boat has been operated

with a small temporary fuel tank for the last year. Estimates to repair the tank were received over a year ago and they were between \$5,000 and \$6,000. Mr. Romanek explained that the quote for the purchase of this 22' boat is at cost and the reason for this is that it took Mckee Craft longer than expected to deliver the boat the Village purchased from them last year. Because of this inconvenience, they are selling the boat to the Village for their cost. This is a basic boat and therefore Mr. Romanek and the other Bay Constables will take what can be salvaged from the existing boat and outfit the new boat at no cost to the Village. This will be done on their own time. They will only charge the Village for possible small items that they may need to purchase to outfit the boat. Trustee Robinowitz inquired as to the retail cost of the boat. Mr. Romanek informed her that the basic boat is about \$52,000. This does not include what is being salvaged and outfitted by the gentlemen; this would cost an additional \$10,000 to \$15,000. Both this boat and the boat purchased last year from Mckee come with 10 year warranties.

Mr. Verrastro stated that there is a possibility of receiving some grant monies to help pay for this boat. This will be submitted to the State as part of our allowable reimbursable expenses, however, Mr. Verrastro is not certain if this will be considered allowable as part of the Village's navigation costs. The State reimburses approximately 50% of costs to patrol the harbor and Long Island Sound.

Based on the above, Mr. Verrastro recommended the Board approve the following transfer:

<u>From</u>			<u>To</u>	
A1999	Contingent		A3120	Police Department
.990	Account	<u>\$4,560</u>	.444	Navigation Exp. <u>\$4,560</u>

If the above transfer is approved, a balance of approximately \$130,000 will be left in the Contingent Account, excluding the additional funds allocated by the Board.

On motion of Trustee Ryan, seconded by Trustee Hofstetter:

RESOLVED, that the additional transfer of funds from the Contingent Account to the Police Department Navigation Expense Account in the amount of \$4,560. for the purchase of a 22' Police Boat be and is hereby approved.

Ayes: Robinowitz, Hofstetter, Ryan, Murphy, Savolt

Nays: None

B. Authorization for IMA with City of Rye – Sanitation Services

Mr. Verrastro reported that as discussed at a previous work session, the Village and City of Rye have been discussing entering into an IMA (Intermunicipal Agreement) to provide sanitation and refuse services to seven homes on Shore Road, which although located in the Village of Mamaroneck, can only be accessed through the City of Rye.

Prior to proceeding further, the Board had requested that a letter be sent to each of the residents who would be affected, asking if they would have any objections to the Village moving forward with this proposal. Based on the letter, the Village did not receive any objections, but did receive one call in support of the proposed change. There is a cost involved. For the year it is \$3,325. The agreement will be for one year beginning January 1, 2009. The Mayor stated that the Village will be saving 260 truck trips

per year with this change. There will be no savings in personnel, but there will be a savings in fuel and tipping fees.

If the Board is still in favor of proceeding with this proposal, Mr. Verrastro is requesting a resolution authorizing him to proceed with the City of Rye in drafting an IMA for sanitation and refuse collections as outlined in the letter received from Paul Shew, Rye City Manager dated May 7, 2008 and subject to the review and approval of the IMA by the Village Attorney.

On motion of Trustee Murphy, seconded by Trustee Ryan:

RESOLVED, that the Village Manager be and is hereby authorized to proceed with the City of Rye in drafting an IMA for sanitation and refuse collections as outlined in the letter received from Paul Shew, Rye City Manager dated May 7, 2008, subject to review and approval by the Village Attorney.

Ayes: Robinowitz, Hofstetter, Ryan, Murphy, Savolt

Nays: None

C. Request from Sheldrake Yacht Club for use of Recreational and/or Park Facility

Village Manager Verrastro received a request from Sheldrake Yacht Club to have a Champagne Toast on May 3, 2009 from 4:00 p.m. until 7:00 p.m. at the Pavilion Patio, Harbor Island Park.

On motion of Trustee Robinowitz, seconded by Trustee Murphy:

RESOLVED, that the Board authorizes the Sheldrake Yacht Club to hold a Champagne Toast on May 3, 2009 at the Pavilion Patio, Harbor Island Park.

Ayes: Robinowitz, Hofstetter, Ryan, Murphy, Savolt

Nays: None

D. ICLEI – Local Governments for Sustainability

The Mayor stated that as Ms. Hiller mentioned earlier, ICLEI is an international organization of local governments that promote sustainability. The resolution presented is for the Village to join ICLEI. The funds needed to join have been raised by donations from private citizens. The Village would also resolve to undertake the Cities for Climate Protection Campaign sponsored by ICLEI, pledging to take a leadership role in promoting public awareness about the causes and impacts of climate change and also will undertake their five milestones to reduce both greenhouse gas and air pollution emissions throughout the community. This Campaign is in concert with Westchester County's Action Plan for Climate Change and Sustainable Government, which was passed by the County Board of Legislators on July 8, 2008. The Mayor also stated that Westchester County Executive Andrew Spano is a member of the Board of Directors for ICLEI, USA. The County's plan calls for a 20 percent reduction in greenhouse gas emissions by 2015 and an 80 percent reduction by 2050. The County plan also explicitly called for municipalities to join ICLEI. To date, about a dozen out of the 43 municipalities in the county have

joined; putting Mamaroneck ahead of the curve. The Mayor would like to see the Village of Mamaroneck be a model environmental community and this is a good first start.

On motion by Mayor Savolt, seconded by Trustee Ryan:

WHEREAS, scientific consensus has developed that carbon dioxide (CO₂) and other greenhouse gases released into the atmosphere have a profound effect on the Earth's climate; and

WHEREAS, in 2006 the U.S. National Climatic Data Center confirmed clear evidence of human influences on climate due to changes in greenhouse gases; and

WHEREAS, 162 countries including the United States pledged under the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change to reduce their greenhouse gas emissions; and

WHEREAS, energy consumption, specifically the burning of fossil fuels, accounts for more than 80% of U.S. greenhouse gas emissions; and

WHEREAS, local government actions taken to reduce greenhouse gas emissions and increase energy efficiency provide multiple local benefits by decreasing air pollution, creating jobs, reducing energy expenditures, and saving money for the local government, its businesses, and its residents; and

WHEREAS, Westchester County Executive Andrew Spano developed the Westchester Global Warming Action Plan 2008 that calls for a county-wide 20 percent reduction in greenhouse gas emissions by 2015 and an 80 percent reduction by 2050; and

WHEREAS, the Cities for Climate Protection[®] Campaign sponsored by ICLEI – Local Governments for Sustainability has invited the Village of Mamaroneck to join ICLEI and become a partner in the Cities for Climate Protection Campaign; and

WHEREAS, Village of Mamaroneck volunteers have come forward to pursue this initiative and have raised the necessary funds for the Village of Mamaroneck to join ICLEI –Local Governments for Sustainability;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, THAT

1. The Village of Mamaroneck will join ICLEI as a Full Member and participate in the Cities for Climate Protection Campaign and, as a participant, pledges to take a leadership role in promoting public awareness about the causes and impacts of climate change.
2. The Village of Mamaroneck will undertake the Cities for Climate Protection Campaign's five milestones to reduce both greenhouse gas and air pollution emissions throughout the community, and specifically:

- Conduct a greenhouse gas emissions inventory and forecast to determine the source and quantity of greenhouse gas emissions in the jurisdiction;
- Establish a greenhouse gas emissions reduction target;
- Develop an action plan with both existing and future actions which when implemented will meet the local greenhouse gas reduction target;
- Implement the action plan; and
- Monitor and report progress; and

3. That the Village of Mamaroneck requests assistance from ICLEI's Cities for Climate Protection Campaign as it progresses through the milestones.

Ayes: Robinowitz, Hofstetter, Ryan, Murphy, Savolt

Nays: None

E. Appointment to Human Rights Commissions

Trustee Ryan announced that it gives her great pleasure to nominate Louise Yannuzzi to be the Village's representative to the Human Rights Commission. Louise comes from a long line of people who have worked and continue to work hard to improve the Village. Trustee Ryan gave a brief background on Ms. Yannuzzi's volunteer activities on behalf of the Village.

Mayor Savolt took a moment to recognize April Farber who was in the seat that Ms. Yannuzzi will be taking. Ms. Farber served the Village very well before she passed away a few months ago. She was a driving force behind the Human Rights Commissions and Mayor Savolt wanted to recognize this as well as to send condolences to her family. Trustee Murphy stated that Ms. Farber also served the School Board for several years. He also congratulated Ms. Yannuzzi. Trustees Hofstetter and Robinowitz thanked Ms. Yannuzzi as well.

On motion of Trustee Ryan, seconded by Trustee Murphy:

RESOLVED that Ms. Louise Yannuzzi be and is hereby nominated to be the Village of Mamaroneck representative to the Human Rights Commission.

Ayes: Robinowitz, Hofstetter, Ryan, Murphy, Savolt

Nays: None

F. Amendment to Chapter 326 – Vehicles and Traffic

Ms. Insardi stated that on September 22, 2008, the Board of Trustees adopted a resolution amending Chapter 326 to create a handicapped parking space in front of 628 Wood Street. The Traffic Commission had, by memo dated September 10, 2008, requested that the handicapped parking space be provided to allow a severely handicapped resident to be able to access their home from the end of their ramp, which was blocked at times by other vehicles. Unfortunately, that resident has died and the homeowner no longer wants or needs the handicapped space. Consequently, Ms. Insardi is offering a

resolution for the Board's approval, rescinding the Board's prior resolution. The Board sends their condolences to the family.

On motion of Trustee Hofstetter, seconded by Trustee Ryan:

RESOLVED that the amendment to Chapter 326, Section 82 (Vehicles and Traffic) of the code of the Village of Mamaroneck, which was adopted by the Board of Trustees on September 22, 2008 and which created a handicapped parking space in front of 628 Wood Street, be, and is hereby rescinded, and Section 82 shall be amended by deleting the following from Chapter 326, Section 82, Schedule XV:

Name of Street	Side	Location
Wood Street	West	In front of 628 Wood Street, the first parking space north of the driveway to 624 Wood Street

Ayes: Robinowitz, Hofstetter, Ryan, Murphy, Savolt

Nays: None

6. REPORT FROM VILLAGE MANAGER

A. File for Record – Agreement with Stearns & Wheler

The agreement between the Village of Mamaroneck and the engineering firm of Stearns & Wheler is being filed for the record with the Clerk-Treasurer. This agreement is in connection with the WJWW dam, which the Village is responsible for maintaining. Stearns & Wheler will be conducting an Emergency Action Plan Upgrade (EAP) and a Hydrologic Inundation Mapping Program of the dam. The EAP is required to be done by the State. Trustee Murphy asked if studying the removal of the dam has been done as he believes this could help prevent flooding. Mr. Verrastro stated that this study was part of Stearns & Wheler's proposal; however, it was not followed up on as the cost to remove the dam would be approximately \$3 million.

B. Personnel Appointment

Mr. Verrastro advised the Board that effective September 29, 2008, Joseph Russo has been appointed to the position of Interim Harbor Master, at the rate of \$30.00 per hour.

7. REPORT FROM CLERK-TREASURER

None

8. REPORT FROM VILLAGE ATTORNEY

Ms. Insardi reported that she will have a revised draft of the Ethics Law to the Board shortly.

9. REPORT FROM POLICE CHIEF

None

10. MINUTES – COMMISSIONS, BOARDS, COMMITTEES

The following Minutes have been received by the Board of Trustees:

- A. Tree Committee – March 3, 2008
- B. Tree Committee – April 15, 2008
- C. Tree Committee – May 5, 2008
- D. Tree Committee – July 7, 2008
- E. Tree Committee – August 11, 2008
- F. Tree Committee – September 16, 2008
- G. Planning Board – July 10, 2008
- H. Planning Board – July 24, 2008
- I. Planning Board – September 11, 2008
- J. BAR – September 2, 2008

II. COMMUNICATON TO THE BOARD II

Mr. Stuart Hemby of Old White Plains Road appeared to inquire if the Village has programs at the Recreation Center for teens and youth in the community. He sees kids hanging around the streets and has worked with other organizations in offering teens a safe place to go. The Mayor stated that she has received more complaints about this in the past week than she has had in the past 10 months. Trustee Robinowitz, as liaison to the Recreation Commission stated that there is a Battle of The Bands event coming up; however, offering additional programs is something that the Recreation Commission is looking into. Mr. Hemby would like to spearhead programs and give new and different perspectives to this Board in regard to this problem. Trustee Robinowitz asked that he attend the next Recreation Commission meeting and also email her with his contact information.

Ms. Louise Yannuzzi thanked the Board for the appointment and their confidence in her. She commits to do her very best to earn the confidence they have shown by this appointment.

Trustee Ryan announced that there is an E-Waste Day scheduled for Saturday, October 18 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the parking lot next to Majestic Kitchens on Fenimore Road. The County will be collecting all items with an electric cord; but no “white waste” like refrigerators. Trustee Ryan also announced what a great success the Fiesta on October 4th was. The Council of the Arts is planning to do it again next year. She thanked the Council and the Hispanic Resource Center who worked in partnership with the Council.

Trustee Hofstetter stated that he and Trustee Robinowitz attended the NIMS (National Incident Command Management System) workshop which gave an outline of emergency responses during a situation such as the flood. It was very informative and confirmed how important a shared language is as it allows responders from outside of an area to understand what is happening. The Ambulance District had a recent meeting where establishing CERT teams was discussed. This would allow volunteers to be trained in similar situations that they would encounter in emergency circumstances. This is a service that would be shared between the Town of Mamaroneck and Village of Larchmont and if anyone is

interested in volunteering, they should contact the Village of Larchmont EMS. Lastly, Trustee Hofstetter announced that he met with members of the Mamaroneck Avenue School safety committee and the Police Chief to discuss safety concerns during drop off and pick up times at the school.

Trustee Robinowitz reported that the Chamber of Commerce is sponsoring a Halloween Painting Contest on Sunday, October 19th at 11 a.m. Another Halloween Activity is a Goblin Walk on Sunday October 26 at Harbor Island Park. This is a Fundraiser. Trustee Robinowitz announced that there will be open positions on the Boards and Commissions come December and if any resident is interested in volunteering, please contact the Village office.

Mayor Savolt announced that she received congratulations on a job well done by Police Officers Ledonne, and DiRuzza and Sgt. Lindh. They visited and had a presentation on safety at the Child Care Center. The Mayor also wanted to thank the Council of the Arts and the Hispanic Resource Center for the wonderful Fiesta event. The State Department of Conservation is hosting a Flood Summit this week in Kingston, NY that the Mayor, Assistant Village Manager Yamuder and Flood Mitigation Advisory Committee Member, Paul Ryan will be attending. The Mayor will report back. The Mayor and Trustee Ryan are attending Land Use Workshops at Pace Law School. It is an excellent program and she thanked Mr. Ingpen for nominating them.

ADJOURNMENT

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

PREPARED BY:
SALLY J. ROBERTS,
SECRETARY

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED BY:
AGOSTINO A. FUSCO,
CLERK-TREASURER