

MINUTES OF 3/2/09 VILLAGE OF MAMARONECK BOT WORK SESSION

The work session began at 5:00 p.m.

Attendees:

Mayor Kathleen Savolt
Trustee Thomas Murphy – arrived at 5:20
Trustee Toni Ryan
Trustee John Hofstetter
Trustee Randi Robinowitz – arrived at 5:15
Acting Village Manager, Rob Yamuder
Consultant, Rick Herbek
In-coming Village Manager, Richard Slingerland
Village Attorney, Janet Insardi
Clerk-Treasurer, Agostino A. Fusco

The following items were presented and discussed:

I. Review of Independent Auditor's Report of Internal Control Measures

Mr. Dominic Consolo of Bennett Kielson attended the meeting to review the Management Letter. Mr. Consolo stated that the items listed are “housekeeping” items and that there are no major concerns. Mayor Savolt had questions regarding the Receivables due from other Governments. Mr. Fusco informed her that the Police Department has not ordered the equipment needed to receive the monies owed on the COPS Technology Grant and all agreed that the amount is not a receivable. Also, reminder notices have been sent to the Town of Rye on their monies owed. Trustee Hofstetter asked if the Fund Balance was acceptable. Mr. Consolo stated that we are on the low end of what would be considered acceptable.

Next Steps

- Mr. Fusco will pull copies of the invoices owed by the Town of Rye and a letter will be sent to the Town Supervisor. Mayor Savolt will also call the Supervisor if necessary.
- It was suggested that Muncity be used to track this information.

The Mayor also questioned the monies owed by the State for the Taylors Lane clean up. Mr. Consolo believes the outstanding amount was rejected by New York State DEC. It was stated that there is money in the State's budget to pay this. Mr. Yamuder has sent letters to the DEC regarding this and has had no response.

Regarding Agency Funds, the Mayor is concerned with the process in place and that the Village is essentially lending money to residents at no interest. The Planning Board sets escrows before an applicant goes before them; however, the HCZM does not. Mr. Fusco stated that his office is not always apprised of the work being done on behalf of applicants until the bills come in. It was suggested to using Muncity to track this information.

Next Steps

- Mr. Fusco will supply the most recent Agency Fund spreadsheet to the Board.
- The process will be reviewed and corrected.

Regarding the Special Purpose Fund and Inactive Trusts, it was questioned whether or not these accounts are still needed. The issue of unpaid parking and traffic summonses was raised. It was stated that this is not uncommon. The suggestions of waiving late fees and penalties as well as employing a collection company were discussed.

2. Property Assessment Grievance

Bud Wright, Assessor attended the meeting to review his list of recommendations. The Board agreed on seven of the eight proposals.

Next Steps

- A resolution granting these seven tax grievances will be drafted by Ms. Insardi for the 3/9 BOT Meeting.

On motion of Trustee Murphy, seconded by Trustee Ryan:

RESOLVED, that the Board convene to Executive Session at 6:25 p.m. to discuss matters related to the proposed lease of real property and Mamaroneck Beach and Yacht Club litigation.

Ayes: Robinowitz, Hofstetter, Ryan, Murphy, Savolt

Nays: None

The Board exited Executive Session at 6:45 p.m.

The remaining items were taken out of order.

4. The Regatta Condominium

The request for a meeting by the Condominium Board was discussed.

Next Steps

Ms. Roberts will contact Mr. Ruggiero, President of the Board to set up a meeting as the Board has met with other neighborhood associations. The meeting will be held in the Courtroom at a mutually agreeable time and will be publicly noticed.

5. Comprehensive Flood Action Plan

Mr. Herbek reported on the recent Flood Mitigation Committee Meeting that he attended with Mayor Savolt. Holding a community clean up of the river beds during Green Week was discussed. It was decided that the Committee for the Environment would coordinate this effort. Working with local schools, churches and other civic organizations was discussed as well as having a form "community service" letter drafted for children required to perform community service hours for either school, church or temple.

The proposed contract with Woodard & Curran was discussed and how this work could be done simultaneously to the proposed work to be done by Keith Furey and Tony Iacovelli, preparing an inventory of the three Village watercourses; identifying all obstructions.

The review of all land use codes was discussed. Ms. Insardi is in the process of completing the first phase of this.

Including the Planning Board and Harbor and Coastal Zone Management Committee in this endeavor was discussed. Trustee Ryan suggested inviting them to a meeting to have them share their knowledge.

Next steps

Trustee Ryan to contact the CFTE regarding the clean up.

Woodard & Curran contract will be presented at the March 9, 2009 BOT Meeting.

Mayor Savolt to draft a Comprehensive Flood Action Plan to include the clean up and maintenance of the riverbeds, the review of land use codes and waiving fees to residents in the flood zone willing to mitigate further flood damage and other items the Village can do.

At Mr. Herbek's suggestion, Mayor Savolt, Ms. Insardi and Mr. Herbek will meet with Lester Steinman.

The Village Attorney was excused at 7:35 p.m.

6. Library Construction Project

Mr. Yamuder and Mr. Iacovelli met with the construction manager of the project regarding the staging of construction vehicles. It was agreed to have this staging on one half of the Emelin Theatre parking lot and one half of the Johnson Avenue parking lot. Parking permits will also be given to the construction manager.

New Steps

Mr. Yamuder to get in writing how many permits will be needed and the approximate length of need.

7. Firehouse Construction Project

Mr. Yamuder gave a brief update on the progress. The Fire Council needs to know ASAP if they can hold a function at the new firehouse on April 9th.

Next Steps

Mr. Yamuder after meeting with the GC this week will confirm the use of the firehouse on April 9th with the Fire Council by Friday 3/6/09.

8. Cool Cities – Farmers Market

Members of Cool Cities approached the Director of the Farmers' Market asking if they could plan some events at the Farmers' Market during Green Week. Ms. Haas, the Director appeared at a CFTE meeting to present the Cool Cities plan and to seek permission from CFTE to allow them to proceed. Ms. Haas was advised that CFTE's mission was to bring a market to the Village and to help it thrive. Any events or organizations that she feels are beneficial to the market need to be pursued directly with Reverend Tammerau of St. Thomas.

9. Hook & Ladder Firehouse

This item was tabled to the March 16 work session.

10. Village Budget 2009-2010

There was a general discussion of the upcoming budget.

ADJOURNMENT

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

PREPARED BY:
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SECRETARY

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