

MINUTES OF 3/16/09 VILLAGE OF MAMARONECK BOT WORK SESSION

The work session began at 5:10 p.m.

Attendees:

Mayor Kathleen Savolt  
Trustee Thomas Murphy – arrived at 5:20  
Trustee Toni Ryan  
Trustee John Hofstetter  
Trustee Randi Robinowitz  
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:

1. Planning for Green Week

The plans for the community and river clean ups as well as the tree planting were discussed. The events will be held on Saturday, April 25<sup>th</sup> at 9:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. A rain date of the following day, Sunday, April 26<sup>th</sup> was decided upon. Having the tree planting ceremony first at Columbus Park, to kick the day off was also discussed. Other matters discussed were: holding a reception at the end of the day for volunteers, presenting the Village's first annual Environmental Award (Chris Szymanowski possible recipient), having M amaroneck High School students paint panels for veggie truck, work with student council from both high schools, have site captains for each location, solicit local businesses for possible t-shirts for volunteers and have information put on Village's website.

Next Steps

Committee for the Environment to head up event, including reception, award and t-shirts  
CFTE to design flyer for website  
Trustee Ryan to report back after CFTE meeting of 3/17

2. Hook & Ladder Firehouse

Memo from Rob Melillo was discussed, in which he gave options for building at 169 Mt. Pleasant Avenue and/or moving Village offices to Hook and Ladder Firehouse building. Mayor Savolt also mentioned a letter she received from a local developer interested in developing 169 Mt. Pleasant Avenue into an assisted living facility and building a Village office building across the street. The possibility of selling all Village-owned office properties (except 169 Mt. Pleasant Avenue) and moving all employees to one space, i.e. the Weiner Building was discussed.

Next Steps

Trustee Hofstetter to get information on the possible purchase of the Weiner Building  
Discussions to continue

3. Sportime

The Letter Agreement drafted by Ms. Insardi and revised by Mr. Newberg was discussed. The Board feels that Mr. Newberg's letter is too specific for this point in the process. Trustee Ryan brought in an ad run recently in a Westchester paper by Sportime advertising use of the beach and spray ground at their summer camp.

Next Steps

Ms. Insardi to have draft Letter Agreement prepared for 3/23 BOT Meeting.

Ms. Insardi to review agreement with Sportime for their use of the spray ground during their camp.

Ms. Insardi to review proposed use of space vacated by Sportime when facility is moved. The Master Plan shows a raised field and bandstand.

4. Proposed Local Law 6-2009

Ms. Insardi gave an overview of the Law and how the hearing of disciplinary proceedings by a hearing officer has been the subject of discussions with the PBA for years. As this law is subject to a mandatory referendum, Ms. Insardi will work with Clerk-Treasurer's office in drafting a ballot.

Next Steps

Public Hearing on PLL 6-2009 to be held at 3/23 BOT Meeting.

Ms. Insardi to work with Clerk on drafting and filing of ballot at least 60 days prior to election.

5. Emelin Theatre & Other Not-for-Profits

The letter received from Lisa Reilly, Executive Director of the Emelin Theatre was discussed. Mayor Savolt stated that the Village provides funding to this organization as well as the Sheldrake Environmental Center and Youth Employment Service. The Board discussed whether funding can be provided to not-for-profits only if there is a service provided to the Village or simply if the residents are served. Ms. Insardi submitted an Opinion provided on this subject to the Town of Clarkstown by the Office of the Attorney General of the State of New York.

Next Steps

Funding provided to these services to remain at the same level for Fiscal Year 2009-2010.

Ms. Insardi to review Letter Agreements with not-for-profits.

5A. Staging for Library Construction Vehicles (Not on Agenda)

Mr. Yamuder reported that the staging for construction vehicles and dumpsters in the Library construction project will be in one-half of the Johnson Avenue Lot, one-half of the parking lot below the Emelin Theatre and two spaces on Johnson Lane (for the dumpsters). Construction workers will park in the lot behind the water treatment plant at Harbor Island Park. This is not an issue as they will be there only on weekdays.

Next Steps

The Village Manager to approve the use of these lots and spaces.

Mr. Herbek to notify Ms. Reilly, Executive Director of the Emelin Theatre.

5B. County-wide Revaluation of Properties (Not on Agenda)

Mr. Herbek informed the Board that the County has asked municipal officials to participate in a survey reflecting their view on the topic of a County-wide reval. The Board stated they are interested but concerned

as 40% of Village properties were revalued when the Town of Rye completed their reval. The issue of adopting the town's assessment rolls (Rye and Mamaroneck) when the Village Assessor retires was discussed.

Next Steps

Mr. Herbek to complete and return the survey, stating that the Village agrees that a County-wide reval is necessary and would participate, however, there is concern as 40% of the Village has been done and the Town of Mamaroneck is currently considering conducting a reval of the remainder of the properties.

5C. Taylor's Lane Pump Test Proposal (Not on Agenda)

Mr. Yamuder stated that this would be the second pump test done at this site. Trustee Robinowitz gave an overview of the issue at Taylor's Lane. The proposal as well as the cost was discussed. Mr. Yamuder stated that there is money in the capping fund; however, he would need to look at the budget. Mr. Slingerland asked if three bids for this project were acquired. Mr. Yamuder stated that they were not as this was a continuation of work done previously on this site by Shaw Environmental. Mr. Slingerland recommended getting three bids before moving forward. The issue of receiving reimbursement from the DEC was discussed. Mr. Yamuder has tried many times to no result. It was decided that more information was needed before this issue comes before the Board and a regular meeting.

Next Steps

Mr. Yamuder to meet with Mr. Furey on 3/17 to discuss further

Mr. Yamuder to advise Board of funds available in the budget for this project

Messrs. Herbek and Slingerland to continue work on this project after Mr. Yamuder's departure.

5D. Flood Update (Not on Agenda)

Mayor Savolt reported on the Press Conference held earlier in the day at Columbus Park where Congresswoman Nita Lowey and County Executive Andy Spano announced that funding is in place for the work being done by the Army Corps of Engineers. Mayor Savolt stated that she has been approached by two neighborhood associations requesting a spot on the next BOT Meeting agenda to discussing flooding. Mayor Savolt informed the Board that these groups will be allowed to report and dialogue with the Board after Communication to the Board I, and will not be held to the five minute limit. She also stated that Mr. Slingerland will be prepared to answer their questions. The idea of waiving building permit fees to those residents mitigating flooding issues was again discussed. The Board asked Ms. Insardi to draft a resolution for the 3/23 BOT Meeting after speaking with Mr. Winter, Building Inspector.

Next Steps

Ms. Insardi to meet with Mr. Winter and draft resolution for 3/23 BOT Meeting

5E. Tuition Forgiveness (Not on Agenda)

Mr. Yamuder prepared a memo for the Board requesting tuition forgiveness. The Board to discuss in Executive Session.

6. Village Budget of 2009-2010

Mr. Herbek reported on the work done by Clerk-Treasurer Fusco on the Tentative Budget to be submitted to the Board by March 20, 2009. The issue of hiring a Land Use Secretary was discussed; however, it was decided to use existing staff to accomplish this work. The Board stated they had hoped to have recommendations on

fees from department heads before this budget is submitted. The issue of what essential services could possibly be cut was also discussed. Looking at Harbor Island Park for additional revenue was discussed.

Next Steps

Tentative Budget to be submitted to Board by 3/20

Schedule Public Hearing for Tentative Budget at 3/23 BOT Meeting

On motion of Mayor Savolt, seconded by Trustee Hofstetter:

RESOLVED, that the Board convene to Executive Session at 7:45 p.m. to discuss matters pertaining to contract negotiations.

Ayes: Robinowitz, Hofstetter, Ryan, Murphy, Savolt

Nays: None

On motion of Trustee Robinowitz, seconded by Trustee Ryan:

RESOLVED, that in consideration for the ongoing assistance and information that Robert Yamuder will provide to the Village of Mamaroneck after he begins his new position in the Village of Pelham, the Board authorizes the waiver of the requirement that he reimburse the Village for education expenses, estimated at \$4,180.

Ayes: Robinowitz, Hofstetter, Ryan, Murphy

Nays: Savolt

ADJOURNMENT

The Board exited Executive Session at 8:10 p.m. and 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