

## MINUTES OF 8/18/09 VILLAGE OF MAMARONECK BOT WORK SESSION

The work session began at 5:34 p.m. at the Conference Room of the Regatta

### Attendees:

Mayor Kathleen Savolt  
Trustee Toni Ryan  
Trustee John Hofstetter  
Trustee Randi Robinowitz  
Trustee Nicholas Allison (arrived at 6:10 p.m.)  
Village Manager, Richard Slingerland  
Clerk-Treasurer, Agostino A. Fusco

### Absent:

Village Attorney Janet Insardi

#### 1. DOT Proposal for Pedestrian All Stop at Harrison Ave & Rt. 1 and Barry Ave & Rt. 1

Mr. Slingerland reviewed the traffic study done by TRC Engineers, Inc. The Board reviewed the conclusions made by the study and how having a pedestrian all stop at these locations would have a minimal effect on traffic on Post Road and a negligible effect on traffic on side roads.

- Mr. Brian Dempsey of TRC to present study at 8/24/09 Regular Meeting.

#### 2. Downtown Noise and Quality of Life Issues Ad-Hoc Committee/Task Force

Trustee Robinowitz, member of the Committee, stated that they have met three times since their inception and have discussed the parking, lighting and signage issues. She reported on her recent visit to the Regatta on a Friday evening to three different condominiums. She said that the noise was different at all three, depending on their location; however, with the doors closed and the air-conditioning on, you could not hear any noise. It was also noted that the owner of Molly Spillane's has planted many shrubs to help absorb the noise.

The options for merchant parking were discussed. It has been suggested that merchants receive discounted parking stickers to the Phillips Park and Hunter lots; therefore, opening up metered spaces on Mamaroneck Avenue for shoppers. It was also suggested moving the overnight parking out of the Spencer lot to free up spaces for restaurant patrons. Mr. Slingerland suggested selling permits for specific lots, instead of GP and GPON which allow parking in any of the lots. The Committee has requested that universal parking signs be purchased and posted at strategic locations within the Village. Further study is needed.

The insufficient lighting at the corners of Prospect, Palmer and Spencer where they intersect with Mamaroneck Avenue was discussed. Trustee Hofstetter noted that there is a very dark spot at the intersection of Halstead, Palmer and Mamaroneck (right past the train trestle). Mr. Slingerland reported that new lights are being installed that have four heads pointing down which will light a greater area.

10. Meter Change on Jefferson/Van Ranst & Plaza Avenues (taken out of order)

The changing out of meters to key cards and increase to \$.50/hour on Jefferson/Van Ranst and Plaza Avenues was discussed. The existing meters will be moved to the upper tier of the Hunter Parking lot. Mr. Slingerland stated that the Village will move toward all key card meters. Different options on the replenishment of the cards were discussed. It was decided that residents will have to come into Village Hall to put more funds on their cards at this time, but other options will be looked at for the future.

Assemblyman George Latimer (not on agenda)

Mr. Latimer was present at the meeting. He informed the Board that he had just returned from Albany where it was stated that there will be a mid-year gap in the State budget and that a Deficit Reduction Plan (DRP) will be called for by the Governor. Mr. Latimer asked the Board to send him a letter, copying State Senator Oppenheimer, on their concern of what the DRP will mean to the Village and the cuts that will have to be made. He has requested receiving this letter in the next couple of weeks, before Labor Day.

Mr. Latimer also informed the Board that he is in receipt of the Home Rule Bill request that would correct the pensions of some police officers. He will not be able to act on this before the end of the year, but will file the Bill and track it.

Lastly, Mr. Latimer asked for one member of the Board to work with him on looking at enhanced powers for Village's which have become more urban. He is also inviting someone from the Village of Port Chester. Mr. Latimer will be sending an official request to the Mayor.

3. Dissolution of Tri-Municipal Human Rights Commission

As discussed at a previous work session, this is a resolution drafted by the Town of Mamaroneck that is going to be passed by the Village of Larchmont, Town of Mamaroneck and Village of Mamaroneck. Mayor Savolt raised the issue of the formation of a Human Rights Committee and if they or the Summit will award the Martin Luther King award.

- Resolution on 8/24/09 Regular Meeting Agenda

4. Draft Proposed Local Law 9-2009 (Right of Way Law)

The draft law was reviewed and discussed. The Board questioned #9 on page 6, as they did not know that this was being included.

- Public Hearing scheduled for 8/24/09 Regular Meeting.

5. Sportime

The Board reviewed the most recent plan from Sportime. Mr. Slingerland asked for their consensus to move forward. Trustee Hofstetter did not agree with the plan and asked for additional information before moving forward. The remainder of the Board agreed to move forward with negotiations.

6. Woodard & Curran Contract Matter

After the DEC's written directive last year to change the work needed to be done at Taylor's Lane to protect Magid Pond, they did not accept the plan formulated by Keith Furey and Shaw Environmental. Mr. Slingerland wants to fix the problem at Taylor's Lane and feels that Shaw Environmental has had ample opportunity and cannot get it done. He has asked Woodard & Curran to submit a proposal to work on this project under Keith Furey, as he is confident that they can get it completed. There were a couple of issues with the contract that the Board asked Mr. Slingerland to address; why Hugh Greacen is not part of the team, and that the time frame, fees to be charged and deliverables be communicated in the agreement.

- Authorization for Village Manager to execute Agreement with Woodard & Curran on 8/24/09 Meeting Agenda.

7. Bond Resolution - \$8,150,000 BAN Consolidation & Official Statement

Mr. Fusco notified the Board there are several Bond Anticipation Notes that are coming due and that Wachovia has come back with the best interest rate of 0.98%.

- Mr. Fusco to report on this at the 8/24/09 Regular Meeting

8. Board Training Items

An article on preparing councils for their work was given to the Board.

9. Workplace Violence Resolution

Training took place on August 17, 2009. The Board needs to adopt the policy at their next meeting.

- Resolution adopting workplace prevention policy on 8/24/09 Regular Meeting Agenda.

10. Meter Change (discussed earlier)

11. Reschedule September 7 Work Session (Labor Day)

The Board will need to reschedule this meeting to Tuesday, September 8, 2009.

- Resolution rescheduling 9/7/09 Work Session on 8/24/09 Regular Meeting Agenda.

12. Request for Executive Session

As there were additional items added to the agenda, this will be moved to the end of the meeting.

13. Ladder Truck

Mr. Slingerland informed the Board that the old truck had been taken to Excelsior Garage and he was told that the body, cab and doors have extensive rust and is not worth fixing. The Board asked if we could do with just one ladder truck, relying on neighboring fire departments if need be. Mr. Slingerland is concerned that this could lower the Village's ISO rating; therefore, raising property insurance costs for residents. The possibility of purchasing a used or demo truck was discussed. Mr. Slingerland stated that the best long-term solution needs to be determined. Discussions on this will continue.

14. Brownfields

It was suggested hiring a consultant to look at this site before the DEC digs up and paves over. The Board does not believe hiring a consultant is warranted. The site will be used for parking after pavement. The Village has no role in the work. The Board asked that information on this be linked to the Village's website.

15. Budget Process and Format

Mr. Slingerland informed the Board that he will share a sample of Pelham's Budget, which was modeled after Scarsdale for their review. He also stated that they will begin receiving budget reports; quarterly for the first half of the year and monthly for the second half. This will begin with a monthly report for June 2009.

16. Carlo Balsamo Fundraiser

Mr. Slingerland announced that the Fire Department would like to present Carlo and his family with the proceeds of the fundraiser.

- Presentation of Proceeds raised for Carlo Balsamo on 8/24/09 Regular Meeting Agenda.

On motion of Trustee Hofstetter, seconded by Trustee Ryan:

RESOLVED that the Board convene to Executive Session to discuss personnel and contractual issues.

Ayes: Allison, Robinowitz, Ryan, Hofstetter, 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:  
SALLY J. ROBERTS,  
SECRETARY

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