

MINUTES OF 3/30/09 VILLAGE OF MAMARONECK BOT WORK SESSION

The work session began at 5:15 p.m.

Attendees:

Mayor Kathleen Savolt
Trustee Thomas Murphy
Trustee Toni Ryan
Trustee John Hofstetter – arrived 5:30
Trustee Randi Robinowitz – arrived 5:30
Consultant, Rick Herbek
Village Manager, Richard Slingerland
Village Attorney, Janet Insardi
Clerk-Treasurer, Agostino A. Fusco

Before the agenda items were discussed, the Mayor announced that to avoid even the appearance of impropriety, she is recusing herself from this point further on any discussions regarding the Mamaroneck Beach & Yacht Club litigation. She will also announce this at the next Board of Trustee Regular Meeting on 4/13/09.

1. Taylor Lane Pump Test Proposal

Keith Furey, P.E. attended the meeting to discuss this proposal. Mr. Furey gave a history of the issues with the site and an overview of the pump test proposal which was received from Shaw Environmental, Inc. A copy of the proposal was submitted to the Board. The Board discussed the test and costs, which are broken down into two phases. The State assistance contract which is still in effect and active was discussed. Mr. Furey noted that all work done to date is eligible for reimbursement by the State; however, it was all done by oral agreement and some correspondence. Amendments to the contract to cover additional costs have not been formalized and need to be drafted and sent to the State.

Next Steps

Mr. Furey to work on draft amendment to contract with New York State, which will be reviewed by Village Attorney, Ms. Insardi.
The approval of the agreement with Shaw Environmental, Inc. for the Pump Test to be on Board of Trustee Regular Meeting Agenda of 4/13/09.

2. Westchester Joint Water Works – Water Rate Increase

The water rates were raised in July of 2008 with the intention of another raise in January 2009. As the WJWW had not finalized their 2009 budget by January, we have missed the first quarterly billing. As a result, there is a projected revenue shortfall for the Village's current fiscal year. As the Village has subsidized the water fund, this is and will be an increasing drain on tax dollars. The waterworks has suggested a 25% raise in water rates. The rates charged by the Town of Mamaroneck and Town/Village of Harrison and their increases were discussed. The Board decided on an increase of 17%, which will bring our rates in line with what Harrison charges.

Next Steps

Proposed water rate increase to be on Board of Trustee Regular Meeting Agenda of 4/13/09.

3. Mamaroneck Emergency Medical Service (MEMS) Annual Charges to Rye Neck Residents for 2009

The Board was notified of the annual charge for the emergency ambulance services to residents of Rye Neck, as part of the arrangement for the Ambulance District to provide this service. This was for informational purposes only, no action needed.

4. Police Department Travel Requests

The Chief is requesting authorization for travel of his officers to two training conferences. There is funding available in his budget for these workshops. The conferences are: Police Mountain Bike Training held in Hilton Head South Carolina on April 6 – 11, 2009 at a total of cost of \$2,400 for two officers; and Sexual Assault and Domestic Violence Training held in Anaheim California on May 18 – 20, 2009 at a cost of \$1,100 for one officer. As the mountain bike training conference begins before the next regular BOT meeting, the Board needs to approve it at this meeting and will ratify on April 13, 2009. The Board agreed to authorize this conference and to vote on it nunc pro tunc, at their April 13 meeting.

Next Steps

Approval of both conferences to be on Board of Trustee Regular Meeting Agenda of 4/13/09

5. Community Counseling Center

As the Community Counseling Center has its own Employer Identification Number and should be processing the payroll for its own employees who are not employees of the Village of Mamaroneck the Board discussed removing the Clerk-Treasurer, Agostino A. Fusco and Deputy Treasurer, Carole Popick as signers on their payroll account. This was discussed with the Center and they are comfortable with this. The issue of their insurance was also discussed.

Next Steps

Mr. Fusco and Ms. Popick will be removed as signers on the CCC account.

Ms. Insardi to work with RJ Impostato to insure that the CCC's insurance is adequate.

6. Fire Department Purchasing and Budgetary Concerns

This item was moved to Executive Session.

On motion of Trustee Murphy, seconded by Trustee Robinowitz:

RESOLVED, that the Board convene to Executive Session at 6:15 p.m. to discuss matters pertaining to the employment and promotion of a particular individual, the negotiation of a property sale or lease and pending litigation on the Avolio and Mamaroneck Beach & Yacht cases.

Ayes: Robinowitz, Hofstetter, Ryan, Murphy, Savolt

Nays: None

ADJOURNMENT

The Board exited Executive Session at 6:45 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