

MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF
THE BUDGET COMMITTEE OF THE VILLAGE OF MAMARONECK
APRIL 13, 2011 AT 8:00PM AT THE REGATTA

PRESENT

Chair	Leon Potok	Trustee	John Hofstetter
Secretary	Dan Margoshes	Village Manager	Richard Slingerland (for latter part of meeting)
Members	Rose Silvestro Manny Enes		

ABSENT

Members Glenn Tippet
 Jeffrey Rubin (excused)

DISCUSSION

1. Minutes from the February meeting were reviewed and approved
2. The committee discussed further areas for potential analysis and planning:
 - a. Creation of five-year financial projections, which the committee agreed should be relatively straightforward after numbers in the new CSEA agreement are made public
 - b. Property tax revenue improvement opportunities, for example, in the industrial district. Discussion centered on the need for a comprehensive analysis that included land use laws to consider potential opportunities.
 - c. Potential parking revenue improvement – longer hours? higher meter fees? The committee agreed that discussion should include Mamaroneck Ave merchants.
 - d. Cost savings opportunities through combined services with other municipalities, subject to jurisdictional issues
3. The set of financial recommendations agreed by the committee and village management included a proposal to create a village wide information technology (IT) plan. The committee discussed ways to implement that recommendation, including forming a volunteer citizens advisory group, or seeking assistance from organizations like ICMA.
4. In context of developing a five-year plan, the committee discussed the need for a building and facilities review and the potential of forming a building committee similar to the school district's to undertake an assessment of current status and future needs.
5. Richard Slingerland provided an update on current budget discussions:
 - a. Initial budget presented a 6% increase, driven by:
 - i. Pension funding (NYSERS) 2.5%
 - ii. Tax certioraris 2.0%
 - iii. Other cost increases 1.5%
 - b. Cuts and revenue adjustments have since cut the increase to 5.76% with additional cuts and revenue enhancements still being discussed
 - i. Potential hotel taxes, landscapers tipping fees, etc.
 - ii. Board of Trustees considering whether to fill certain open positions

ADJOURNMENT

With no further matters before the committee, on motion duly made and seconded, the meeting was adjourned at 9:45 PM.

Prepared by: Dan Margoshes
Secretary

Approved: May 17, 2011