

APPROVED MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF
THE BUDGET COMMITTEE OF THE VILLAGE OF MAMARONECK
MAY 21, 2012 AT 7:30PM AT VILLAGE COURTROOM

PRESENT

Chair	Leon Potok
Meeting Secretary	James Cox
Secretary	Dan Margoshes
Members	Manny Enes Jeffrey Rubin Myron Tannenbaum

DISCUSSION

- 1) Minutes for the February meeting were reviewed and approved.
- 2) Discussion re approved budget with a 4.6% tax increase, and the apparent dearth of discussions regarding potential for long term cost savings and revenue enhancements, in contrast to more intense scrutiny of potential cost savings reviewed and implemented by local School Districts, Westchester County and NY State. Committee members who have also served on the Mamaroneck School District's Citizens Budget/Finance Advisory Committee described very rigorous analysis and discussion of savings/revenue opportunities by the School Board, as well as review of long-term financial trends. Discussion re opportunities for cost savings similar to the savings created by consolidation of sanitation routes, and opportunities for increased revenues (harbor, parking).
- 3) Discussion re parking recommendations by the Budget Committee to the Trustees and the subsequent creation of the Mayor's Ad Hoc Committee on Parking and Parking Facilities and Programs.
 - a) Myron Tannenbaum reported visiting an automated parking structure in New York City to review feasibility. According to Mr. Tannenbaum, it appears that the capital cost of up to \$30,000 per space, plus operating costs, would require a minimum charge of \$7/hour.
 - b) Discussion re the Budget Committee's recommendations for installation of multiple space meters at several locations (Hunter Lot, Mamaroneck Ave, Boston Post Road, and Philips Park Road), and the hours of enforcement, and potentially increasing parking rates as well.
 - i) Discussion re the absence of any feedback to these recommendations from Board of Trustees.
- 4) Discussion re the absence of the Committee's official liaison from the Board of Trustees or any designated substitute for the fourth consecutive Budget Committee meeting, due to schedule conflicts for the February and March meetings and without any prior notice or explanation for the April and May meetings.
- 5) Discussion re the January 2012 meeting with Harbor Master Joseph Russo and the resulting recommendation to explore the opportunity for raising revenues by expanding the Village docks, and the Budget Committee's request to the Mayor prior to the April and May Budget Committee meetings to arrange for similar meetings with other department heads, starting with the Police Chief, to educate the Budget Committee on the operations of their respective departments and to

explore opportunities for enhancing revenues, reducing costs and/or improving service delivery.

- 6) Brief review of report submitted by the Police Chief to the Board of Trustees in December 2011.
- 7) Further discussion regarding the absence of any feedback from the Trustees on the Committee's parking and collections recommendations, the absence of the Trustee liaison for the last four meetings, and the absence of any response from the Mayor to schedule meetings with department heads, the Budget Committee considered and approved a resolution (attached) to suspend further business until it had received feedback from the Board of Trustees on its prior work and its request to meet with department heads on a regular basis, and for the Committee Chair to forward such resolution to the Board of Trustees.
- 8) With no further matters for discussion, on motion duly made and seconded, the Finance Committee adjourned at 9:00 pm.

Prepared by: Dan Margoshes
Secretary

Approved: June 5, 2012

Budget Committee Resolution

May 21, 2012

- A. Whereas the Budget Committee was formed to advise the Board of Trustees on financial and budget matters; and,
- B. Whereas the Budget Committee was asked by the Mayor to review the parking situation in the Village, and subsequently advanced recommendations to the Board of Trustees for the installation of multi-space meters, expansion of meter hours, and active management of collection of unpaid parking tickets; and,
- C. Whereas the Budget Committee communicated its recommendations for the FY2013 Budget in writing and in a presentation by its Chair at the April 23 public hearing; and,
- D. Whereas the Budget Committee concluded that its meeting with Harbor Master Joseph Russo and Village Manager Richard Slingerland in January 2012 was very informative and productive and subsequently requested that the Mayor arrange for similar meetings with department heads; and,
- E. Whereas the Budget Committee has received no feedback from the Board of Trustees, and the Committee's liaison has not attended its meetings in the last four months, and there appears to be no indication in Trustee work session or meeting agendas that Budget Committee recommendations have been considered by the Trustees.
- F. Now therefore be it resolved that the Budget Committee hereby requests that the Board of Trustees provide feedback on the Committee's recommendations, and respond to its request for meetings with department heads; and
- G. The Budget Committee further resolves to suspend future business until the Trustees have responded to these requests; and,
- H. The Budget Committee further resolves to direct its Chairman to forward such resolution to the Mayor and the Board of Trustees.