

MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF
THE BUDGET COMMITTEE OF THE VILLAGE OF MAMARONECK
JANUARY 19, 2012 AT 7:30PM AT THE REGATTA

PRESENT

Chair	Leon Potok	Liaison	Mayor Norman Rosenblum
Secretary	Dan Margoshes	Village Manager	Richard Slingerland
Members	Manny Enes	Harbor Master	Joseph Russo
	Rose Silvestro		
	Jeffrey Rubin		
	Myron Tannenbaum		
	James Cox		

DISCUSSION

1. Harbor Master Joe Russo reviewed the current state of the village's harbor, and issues and opportunities for discussion.
 - a. Mr. Russo shared a great deal of information with the committee regarding the layout of our harbor facilities, the amenities offered, dockage fees, and comparable rates charged by other municipalities and private yards.
 - b. Mr. Russo also discussed changes implemented since he assumed the harbor master title, including more aggressive collection of mooring fees in the outer harbor and tighter control of the boat ramp during peak times – and trends in harbor revenues since 2009
 - c. The committee asked Mr. Russo for ideas to further increase harbor revenues, and the following areas were discussed:
 - i. Expansion of S-docks
 - ii. Winter storage
 - iii. Additional rack storage
 - iv. Earlier season opening
 - v. Expanded staff hours on ramp
 - vi. Increase fees; across the board and selectively
 1. add dock amenities (electric, water, lighting), and increase fees accordingly
 - vii. New business concessions – e.g. kayak rental
 - viii. Enforcement of pump-out requirements at private dock facilities
 - ix. Expand commercial charter permits (currently only fishing charters require village permits)
 - d. The committee agreed that many of the ideas were immediately feasible; some were unlikely; and others would require further study, investment analysis and review against current HCZM plan, Village and State requirements. However, it was agreed that expansion of the S-docks might have the most immediate positive impact and should be investigated further.
 - e. Mr. Russo also discussed potential capital requirements in the next several years. He observed that most of the docks were past their useful life of 20 years, and that while the seawall was in good condition, it was aging. He also observed that it was unlikely that outside funding from the County or State would be available in the current fiscal environment.

2. The committee discussed parking in the village and ways to increase revenue while also solving congestion issues
 - a. The committee observed that parking revenue is approx. \$300,000 per year, with meter enforcement from 9:00am to 6:00pm, 6 days per week, and there may be several opportunities to increase revenue:
 - i. Expand hours for paid parking and/or add Sunday
 - ii. Peak hour premium pricing could be introduced with new technology (electronic meters)
 - iii. Pricing incentives could be developed to encourage people to use other lots nearby
 - iv. Increase meter rates (e.g. from 75¢ to \$1.00/hour)
 - v. Review permit and commuter parking fees and locations
 - b. The committee agreed that any changes would need to be made with sensitivity to concerns of the Mamaroneck Avenue business community
 - c. Mayor Rosenblum observed that the committee should consider parking solutions Village-wide – including the Fenimore Rd industrial area
 - d. The committee offered assistance to the Village Manager to review new parking technology and how other municipalities have implemented changes.
3. Other matters:
 - a. The Mayor requested the committee's assistance in reviewing Westchester Joint Water Works financials.
 - b. The committee was updated on the status of forming an interim Village technology committee. With only one (non-resident) volunteer to date, the Mayor indicated that a further assessment would be made by March. The committee recommended that in event a technology committee is not formed, then consideration be given to hiring an outside consultant to review the current state of the village's IT infrastructure. The Chair volunteered to work with the non-resident volunteer and the Administration to further assess how to proceed with a technology review.

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: February 28, 2012