

MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF
THE BUDGET COMMITTEE OF THE VILLAGE OF MAMARONECK
JANUARY 23, 2013 AT 7:30PM AT VILLAGE OFFICES AT THE REGATTA

PRESENT

Chair	Dan Margoshes	
Secretary		
Members	Doug Dunaway	Dan Karson
	Jeffrey Rubin	Manny Enes
Board Liaison	Trustee Andres Bermudez-Hallstrom	
	Trustee Leon Potok (observer)	
Asst Village Mgr	Dan Sarnoff	

NOT PRESENT

Members	Myron Tannenbaum	Rose Silvestro
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DISCUSSION

1. Dan Margoshes was nominated and elected as Chair
2. The Committee agreed to table a decision on the open Secretary position
3. Minutes of the December 19, 2012 were approved.
4. Trustee Bermudez shared the results of a trustee work session where the topic of Volunteer committees and their work with village staff. Volunteer committees were asked that all communications with Village staff be routed through the Village Manager and Trustee Liaison as appropriate.
5. **Sportime** – the committee was informed of recent developments in discussions between Sportime and the Village regarding their lease and Harbor Island and potential development of a new multi-sport facility financed in part by bonds issued by the Village. Trustee Bermudez committed to sharing Sportime’s presentation with the Committee and requested feedback.
6. **Town of Rye dissolution** – the committee was updated on the status of the dissolution of the Town of Rye and potential impact on the Village and Town of Mamaroneck. CGR has issued their study and public sessions have been held to review the findings. One possible scenario at this stage is that the Town will shrink to the borders of the Rye Neck section of the Village of Mamaroneck, with Port Chester and Rye Brook each becoming a coterminous Town/Village or City. The Town of Rye would no longer provide tax collection services to Rye Neck, but most other services would remain the same as provided by the Village. Future options for Rye Neck include remaining as is; being incorporated into the Town of Mamaroneck; or becoming a coterminous Town/Village of Mamaroneck with the remainder of the Village. This would require approval by the full Town of Mamaroneck however. The committee agreed that it was unlikely that significant savings would result from the dissolution, but that there were still significant opportunities for the Towns and Villages to realize savings by sharing services, regardless of the new structure, and that these should be pursued.
7. **Town of Mamaroneck /Distribution of Village Taxes** – Trustee Bermudez shared articles from NYCoM regarding how town expenses are calculated and allocated to villages, much of which is determined by NY State code. Mr. Sarnoff pointed out that there were a lot of anachronisms in the state code, and Trustee Potok stated that we might want to review in detail the Village’s allocations from the Town and determine if there are any opportunities for revision or improvement. After discussion, the committee agreed that given the state code and other

priorities, this only presented a relatively small opportunity, but should be reviewed again in the future.

8. **Fines/Fees** – Trustee Hallstrom shared that village fees and fines had not been reviewed or adjusted in the last year. While many are CPI based, there may be opportunities to increase certain fees within appropriate ranges. There are very few fees in the village that are net contributors to village finances – parking, harbor, alarms and building permits. It was suggested that a comparison of fees with other villages be prepared.
9. **Parking** – in regards to parking fees, the committee discussed the work done in the past year by Village staff and committee members to review opportunities to increase revenue and address congestion issues on Mamaroneck Ave. The committee unanimously agreed that there were opportunities that the Board should consider for immediate implementation and issued the attached resolution.

ADJOURNMENT

With no further matters before the committee, on motion duly made and seconded, the meeting was adjourned at 9:30 PM.

Prepared by: Dan Margoshes

Chair

Approved: February 13, 2013

BUDGET COMMITTEE RESOLUTION – JANUARY 23, 2013

- A. Whereas members of the Village of Mamaroneck Budget Committee have worked with Village staff to analyze village parking revenue, enforcement hours, and locations.
- B. Whereas the committee determined that expanding enforcement hours and increasing fees was reasonable in comparison to neighboring municipalities and would have an immediate and significantly positive effect on village finances.
- C. Whereas the committee also determined that expanded enforcement hours would likely have a positive effect on parking congestion from 6 – 9 pm.
- D. Whereas the committee understands that the Village is moving forward with installation of multi-space electronic parking meters on Mamaroneck Avenue, but that this process will take some time.
- E. Now be it resolved that the committee recommends that the Board of Trustees immediately consider as an interim measure to increase fees from 75¢ to \$1.00 per hour and expand enforcement hours to 9:00 pm.