

# Notes of the Meeting of the Budget Committee – Village of Mamaroneck

July 15, 2014

In Attendance: Dan Margoshes, Chair; Dan Karson, Ex Officio; Andres Bermudez, Leon Potok

The meeting was called to order at 7:45 PM. The chair noted the absence of a quorum of members.

1. Parking: Mr. Margoshes stated that Budget Committee wants the trustees to move ahead on the parking issue. He asked the trustees in attendance what could be done to initiate action.

Mr. Bermudez said that the village would be issuing a Request For Proposal. Mr. Potok said that the village got caught up on issues like meter placement. He said that the mayor wants new multi-space meters installed on the Boston Post Road. Mr. Potok believes that meters should be on Mamaroneck Avenue, behind CVS and also in tiered parking. He said that the village should issue an RFP on signage and also address parking zoning, and that the village should study license plate recognition technology to prevent drivers moving cars within zones after time expiration.

Mr. Margoshes asked what the committee could do to speed the process Mr. Potok suggested that the committee articulate its views to the Board of Trustees. Mr. Potok said that the issue is the calibration of the meters by parking space vs. license plate recognition. He said also that the New York City type of meters are harder to understand. The easier to understand meters are about 20% more expensive. An RFP was issued today for multi-space meters with the option to do use license plate or parking space recognition, with other options like solar powering.

2. Water rates: This year's rate increase on water rates is 5.1%. A chart was distributed.

The village borrows on behalf of the waterworks to cover village expenses. The surplus is used for debt service. There is a deficit but the village has \$4 million in cash. The village overcharged users, which is a violation of the Clean Water Act. The village is under order to provide clean water. The waterworks is in violation and subject to fine, and so the village has booked the contingent liability. The village raised rates to accrue the liability and also made a mistake in assessment. Last year the rates were reduced by 16%.

Mr. Potok said that the surplus was used for capital expenses.

Four villages make up the Westchester Joint Water Works.

Mr. Potok said he would get more detail on the issue and communicate it to the committee.

3. Home rule: The village home rule resolution failed 3-2. Mr. Bermudez voted against the resolution. Mr. Potok voted for it.
4. Village Use of Space: There was a discussion on space use issue for the village. Mr. Bermudez said that new windows are being considered for Village Hall at 169 Mt. Pleasant Avenue. At issue is whether the building will be demolished. Mr. Potok said that the space issue requires study. There is a question as to whether the village should build an addition to the village hall or erect a new building. Developers have said that they would build on the site and move the village into a new building on the Hunter Tier lot for free.

Other subjects regarding space use and building conditions include the Department of Public Works building on Fayette Avenue, the water transfer station, the police department, the court facilities and the buildings on Harbor Island.

Mr. Margoshes asked how the committee could help on this matter. Mr. Potok suggested forming a committee for space needs comprised of people with space expertise who are otherwise not conflicted.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:00 PM

Dan Karson - Secretary