

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

March 17, 2015

In Attendance: Dan Margoshes – Chair; Manny Enes; Dan Karson; Stephanie Lividini  
Ex Officio: Village Manager Richard Slingerland; Trustee Ilyssa Miller

The meeting was called to order at 7:35 PM. The chair noted the presence of a quorum of members.

### 1. Budget Hearing and Workshops

Mr. Slingerland distributed a memorandum dated March 3 to the mayor and village trustees with the dates for the budget hearing and workshops for the Fiscal Year 2015 – 2016.

### 2. General Village issues

Mr. Slingerland reported:

- There will be a 1.6% increase in the budget. He noted that Halstead Towers will return to the tax rolls. It will become managed senior housing. It will account for \$75,000 per year in taxes revenues. The budget for this year was \$33.5 million. The budget for the next fiscal year will be \$34 million. Anticipated revenue will be \$23.4 million in taxes, and \$12 million in non-tax revenue.
- The levy rate would increase from 3.25% to 6.5%.
- The property near the Gulf station on the Boston Post Road would undergo construction of condominium units.
- The 3 Jalapenos restaurant site on Mamaroneck Avenue will be developed and return to the tax rolls.
- Decision on the parking meter program still is pending. The meters will be installed in phases. First the hours for metered parking will be extended and then the rates will be increased.
- Revenues for Sportime are declining. Sportime has taken over other venues and increased competition for the Mamaroneck location. He estimated a \$100,000 reduction in revenue.
- The village will seek to pay for the planned new fire rescue truck, to avoid bond interest. The cost will be \$970,000.

Mr. Margoshes asked what next year's fiscal situation looked like. Mr. Slingerland responded saying that pension obligations were dropping. There will be a savings of \$100,000 because New York State reduced its pension contribution rate. There is a reduced work force and new mortality rates are being used. Further, certiorari costs will be reduced by \$100,000. The state pension fund is now not fully funded.

Further comments by Mr. Slingerland:

- There will be an increase in gross wages by 2.25%
- The new police contract will take effect
- CSEA covered employees' salaries will increase 2%
- The village carpenter is retiring, which will result in a savings of \$70,000 per year.
- The village has 142 full time and part time employees. There are about 60 additional seasonal employees.
- Dock repairs for winter damage incurred costs of \$160,000 - \$170,000. The money was taken out of surplus. There was massive damage to the docks and pilings from 18 inches of ice.
- Road repair incurred costs of \$400,000 – twice the normal expense. Ms. Lividini commented that there may be state assistance available for this expense. Mr. Slingerland said that the village undertook a joint bid with New Rochelle for the repair work and that we might join Larchmont this year in a bid.
- Leaking sewers were a big expense. The village may have to borrow to pay for this. The estimated cost is \$600,000 per year.

- Brine trucks were used to prepare the roads for the storms, reducing salt usage. The town has a brine tank and mixes the solution for the village. The village plows the roads, but the state has to repair state roads. Mamaroneck Avenue is a county road. Mr. Margoshes said that this should be a long term planning issue for the village. The village should project out its financial needs and borrow now, in the favorable lending market.

### 3. Fees for the use of Harbor Island fields

Ms. Lividini asked Mr. Slingerland about fees for use of the Harbor Island fields. Mr. Slingerland had distributed a memorandum (reprinted below) stating that the Budget Committee recommended that the village impose a fee of \$2500 per field. Ms. Lividini commented that the committee did not make such a specific recommendation, but rather requested that Mr. Slingerland conduct research to see what other localities charged for large events, and to determine if Harbor Island fees were comparable.

Ms. Miller said that there are many capital projects being planned due to damage and age of systems and structures, like sewers and water systems. Mr. Margoshes commented that the village has \$9 million in reserves for emergency uses – cash in the bank. He questioned whether all this money should be set aside, and what other villages do by comparison.

### 4. Village Trustee Meeting March 16

Mr. Slingerland distributed the agenda for the trustees meeting of March 16. The committee addressed the following subjects on the agenda:

Item E – Parking Changes for Meter Rates and Hours for the Inclusion in the Budget – this was tabled. The Chamber of Commerce was invited to share its views with the trustees. Ms. Lividini suggested that a cost benefit analysis be conducted to see if it made sense to pay parking enforcement agents to work until 9 PM.

Item F - Alternative scheme for the Payments-in-Lieu for Parking Requirements – the trustees tabled discussion of the parking meter plan. New businesses in the village having to meet parking requirements ordinarily go to the Zoning Board of Appeals and ask for waivers. They pay a fee to the parking fund for new construction. The village is exploring an option of making an annual payment in lieu of awarding waivers.

### 5. Minutes of the February 24<sup>th</sup> Meeting

The minutes were approved as amended.

The meeting was adjourned at 9 PM.

Dan Karson  
Secretary

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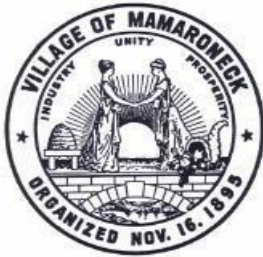
# Memorandum

Date: February 27, 2015

To: Mayor and Board of Trustees

From: Richard Slingerland, Village Manager

Cc: Budget Committee  
Agostino Fusco, Clerk/Treasurer  
Dan Sarnoff, Assistant Village Manager  
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Re: Budget Committee recommendations regarding event fees for use of Harbor Island  
Additional recommendations with regard to fees and fines

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At the Budget Committee Meeting of Tuesday, February 24, 2015, the Trustee Miller, the Budget Committee and I discussed some of the alternatives with regard to fees to be charged for private entities for the use of Harbor Island Park, for major events such as the Food and Wine Festival, or the Halftime International Beer Festival.

Based on that discussion, it was recommended that the simplest thing would be to charge a set fee, rather than try and figure out a percentage of the profits, which would require an audit and response from the company, and more work for Village staff to confirm such arrangements.

After discussion, it was recommended, and generally agreed, that in addition to the requests for reimbursement of Village expenses, a set fee of \$2,500 per field, defined as the 5 or 6 major fields in the park – Lanza, Croce, Goetz, Gromberg and Pavilion, and Rushmore. Beach would also be an additional charge of \$2,500 for a corporate event.

With regard to fees in general, it was recommended by the Budget Committee that the Village consider a 2% across the Board, or as appropriate, and consider a 10% increase for all non-resident rates that exist in the Village. Note that non-resident rates are typically limited to 4 areas – parking permits (already at

10%), camp, beach and boat and dock.

As we had previously discussed, we will be including a 2% proposal for fee increases, but will also hold off on their adoption until the April 27<sup>th</sup> planned budget adoption date for the Board.