

PUBLIC HEARING TENTATIVE BUDGET PG. 1

MINUTES OF A PUBLIC HEARING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE VILLAGE OF MAMARONECK HELD ON MONDAY, APRIL 13, 2009 AT 7:30 P.M. IN THE COURTROOM AT VILLAGE HALL, MAMARONECK, NEW YORK

PRESENT:	Mayor	Kathleen Savolt
	Trustees	Thomas A. Murphy Toni Pergola Ryan John M. Hofstetter Randi Robinowitz
	Village Manager	Richard Slingerland
	Village Attorney	Janet Insardi
	Police Department	Edward Flynn
	Clerk-Treasurer	Agostino A. Fusco
ABSENT:		None

VILLAGE OF MAMARONECK
NOTICE OF BUDGET PUBLIC HEARING

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that pursuant to Section 5-508 of the Village Law, a Tentative Budget showing the revenue and expenditures for the fiscal year of the Village of Mamaroneck, New York, commencing June 1, 2009, was filed with the Clerk-Treasurer of said Village.

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that a public hearing will be held by the Board of Trustees of said Village on the 13th day of April 2009, at 7:30 p.m. in the evening of that day, at the Village meeting rooms, 169 Mount Pleasant Avenue, in the Village of Mamaroneck, New York, for the purpose of considering and discussing such tentative budget. A copy of such Tentative Budget is available at the office of the Clerk-Treasurer, located at 123 Mamaroneck Avenue, where it may be inspected by any interested person during office hours, from 9:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday. The Tentative Budget is also available for review at the Mamaroneck Public Library.

Said Tentative Budget includes compensation for the Mayor of \$9,000.00 per annum and for the Trustees of \$5,000.00 per annum.

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that at said public hearing all persons are invited to attend and provide the Board with written and oral comments and ask questions concerning the Village's Tentative Budget.

BY ORDER OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES
OF THE VILLAGE OF MAMARONECK, NEW YORK

DATED: MARCH 23, 2009
MAMARONECK NEW YORK

On motion of Trustee Hofstetter, seconded by Trustee Robinowitz:

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RESOLVED that the Public Hearing on the Fiscal Year 2009-2010 tentative budget be and is hereby open:

Ayes: Robinowitz, Hofstetter, Ryan, Murphy, Savolt

Nays: None

Village Manager Slingerland gave an overview of the tentative budget. He summarized the budget message stating that the tentative budget is \$29,434,871. Appropriations increased by 2.9%, and estimated non-property tax revenues decreased by 6.29%. The Manager also stated that the proposed tax rate is \$289.92 per \$1000 of assessed valuation, an increase in the rate of \$18.47 per \$1000 of assessed value. He further stated that this represents a 6.81% tax rate increase which roughly calculates to an annual increase of \$277 for an average home assessed. Mr. Slingerland touched on the highlights of the budget including union raises of 4% for PBA and 4.25% for CSEA employees; total employee costs of \$15.8 million which is 65.2% of the total general fund spending plan; flooding remediation plans; fund balance and beginning fund transfers. At the start of the budget review it was recommended to use \$150,000 of the un-designated fund balance to offset and reduce reliance on property taxes. He also reported that the Village's fund balance is approximately 7% of our annual operating expenses. This is on the low side and it has been recommended to increase this amount to improve our bond rating and decrease lending costs. Mr. Slingerland touched on the GASB 45 accounting standard that is now required.

Mr. Slingerland informed the residents that the Board has been working with him, the Budget Committee and department heads to try and increase revenue and reduce costs, therefore decreasing the tentative tax increase.

Mayor Savolt stated that the Board is looking at fees, many of which have not been raised in years.

Ms. Ellen Hauptman of Chestnut Avenue appeared to clarify the tax increase and why there is a gap between the increase in spending and the tax increase. Mr. Slingerland explained that this is attributed to the decrease in non-property tax revenue.

The Board decided to hold the hearing open to the April 27, 2009 meeting. The Mayor asked residents to please communicate their feelings on the budget and if there are services that they feel can be cut to let them know.

Trustee Murphy reminded residents that other communities may have lower tax increases this year, and that is due to their using money from their fund balance to offset a larger increase. Unfortunately, the Village does not have a large fund balance due to the payment of legal fees for useless lawsuits.

This Public Hearing was adjourned to the April 27, 2009 Board of Trustee Regular Meeting.

PREPARED BY:
SALLY J. ROBERTS,
SECRETARY

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED BY:
AGOSTINO A. FUSCO,
CLERK-TREASURER