

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 27, 2009 AT 7:30 P.M. IN THE COURTROOM AT VILLAGE HALL, MAMARONECK, NEW YORK

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| 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 |

Mayor Savolt announced that this is a continuation of the Public Hearing that was opened at the April 13, 2009 meeting.

Village Manager Slingerland gave an update on the revised tentative budget; which was reviewed with department heads to see where there could be additional savings and/or revenues generated. There was \$214,590 in additions made; however, \$757,150 was realized in savings and increased revenue with the net change to the tax levy of \$542,560 from the previous tentative budget. The revised tax levy presented is \$21,706,255.40 resulting in a 3.98% tax increase, down from 6.81% presented previously.

Mr. Slingerland also stated that any purchase over \$1000 needs to be approved and signed off by him and that this amount is \$500 for the Fire Department. He further stated that the fees the Village charges are being looked at and there will be recommendations made to the Board during the month of May on how to bring these fees in line with what other municipalities are charging; as many have not been looked at or raised in years.

The Mayor thanked Mr. Slingerland, Mr. Fusco and all of the department heads for the many hours they spent getting the budget in at under 4%.

Trustee Murphy thanked the Mayor and staff for all of their work. He also reminded residents that we don't have the surplus other municipalities may have as monies have had to be used to pay for litigation of previous lawsuits. Even with that, he believes we have a responsible tax levy and we, as well as other municipalities, are going to be looking at shared services as a way to decrease spending.

Trustee Ryan also thanked the Mayor, staff, department heads and Budget Committee for their work.

Trustee Hofstetter stated that he believes that the tax levy is still high given the economy and what families are facing. He believes that residents would have been okay with paying less and having fewer services. He also has a problem with one department coming in at \$260,000 over budget for last

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fiscal year; which is essentially 1% of the tax levy. He believes this is something that needs serious consideration.

Trustee Robinowitz believes that everyone did an extraordinary job in getting this number in line and still offering the essential services needed to run the Village. She especially thanked the departments that took cuts to get the expenses down, the Mayor and Budget Committee.

Mayor Savolt added that although the budget is going to be voted on this evening, this is not the end of it. This is a year of transition and if anything can be brought in lower, it will be lowered. The budget is a living thing and will be looked at and worked on all year. The Board will continue to look at ways for things to be done more efficiently and effectively.

Mr. Slingerland thanked the Mayor, Clerk-Treasurer, department heads and Budget Committee for the time spent looking at ways they could save money.

On motion of Trustee Robinowitz, seconded by Trustee Ryan:

RESOLVED that the Public Hearing on the Tentative Budget for Fiscal Year 2009-2010 be and is hereby closed.

Ayes: Robinowitz, Hofstetter, Ryan, Murphy, Savolt
Nays: None

PREPARED BY:
SALLY J. ROBERTS,
SECRETARY

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