

VILLAGE OF MAYBROOK BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING- MARCH 10, 2014

MEMBERS PRESENT:

**MAYOR DENNIS K LEAHY, DEPUTY
MAYOR NOREEN REYNOLDS, TRUSTEE
KEVIN GREANY, TRUSTEE JAMES R
BARNETT, TRUSTEE ROBERT
PRITCHARD**

ALSO PRESENT:

**ATTORNEY KELLY NAUGHTON,
ENGINEER JIM DEWINTER, POLICE
CHIEF ARNOLD AMTHOR, DPW
SUPERINTENDENT MATTHEW THORP,
CLERK-TREASURER VALENTINA
JOHNSON**

PUBLIC PRESENT:

**JOSEPH BYRNE, MR. WILLIAMS, JOHN
WILSON, JIM DEMILO, RACHAEL
COLEMAN(WVT)**

Mayor opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion by Trustee Reynolds, seconded by Trustee Barnett, approving the minutes of the February 24, 2014 meeting as presented. 5 ayes, 0 nays.

APPROVAL OF BILLS & CLAIMS

Motion by Trustee Pritchard, seconded by Trustee Greany, authorizing the following bills and claims as audited by the Board of Trustees:

GENERAL	\$60237.12
WATER	\$20,937.87
SEWER	\$13,081.94
REFUSE	\$20,412.50
PAYROLL	<u>\$ 611.21</u>
TOTAL	\$114,528.39

TRANSFER OF FUNDS

Motion by Trustee Reynolds, seconded by Trustee Barnett, authorizing the following transfer of funds as requested by Clerk-Treasurer to cover deficit lines in the budget:

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FROM: 8130.420G, SAFETY

TO: 8130.400G, SEWAGE TREATMENT/DISP CONTRACTUAL

AMOUNT: \$25.00

FROM: 9060.800A, HOSPITAL & MEDICAL INSURANCE

TO: 9040.800A, WORKERS COMPENSATION

AMOUNT: \$12,853.25

CORRESPONDENCE

1. LETTER, GWEN GUZZO- Board advised it's a very nice letter of thanks. Rec. & filed.
2. NYS RETIREMENT PLANS 384-3(POLICE OFFICERS) & 41J(EMPLOYEES)- Motion by Trustee Greany, seconded by Trustee Pritchard, authorizing a resolution and affidavit for the election of NYS Retirement Plan 384-e for Police officers at a past service cost of \$2,900 and an additional annual cost of \$640 for an Unlimited Open Period AND a resolution and affidavit for the election of Plan 41j for employees, at an annual cost of \$948. 5 ayes, 0 nays.
3. AUTHORIZATION, REMOVAL OF PROBATIONARY STATUS FOR POLICE OFFICER JOSEPH MCKINSTRIE- Motion by Trustee Barnett, seconded by Trustee Greany, authorizing Officer Joseph McKinstrie to be removed from six months probationary status, effective March 25, 2014. 5 ayes, 0 nays. Chief Amthor advised officer McKinstrie is doing an excellent job. Mayor advised he is a great asset. Trustee Barnett advised Officer McKinstrie is doing a great job.
4. POLICE DEPARTMENT REPORT, MARCH 10, 2014- rec. & filed.
5. RESOLUTION, MANUFACTURERS TAX- Motion by Trustee Barnett, seconded by Trustee Greany, authorizing a resolution that the Village of Maybrook , Town of Montgomery, memorializes the State Senate, Assembly and Governor to include all of New York, including the counties in the MTA Region, in the elimination of the corporate tax on manufacturers. 5 ayes, 0 nays.
6. BUILDING DEPARTMENT REPORT, FEBRUARY, 2014- Deputy Mayor advised she didn't speak to Tim, advised on letters to residents with toters being left out have been sent out, she has noticed some that were on the list are now in. rec. & filed.
7. SET BUDGET WORK SESSION FOR MARCH 24, 2014 AT 6PM- Motion by Trustee Pritchard, seconded by Trustee Greany, authorizing to set a busget work session on March 24, 2014 at 6pm. 5 ayes, 0 nays.

MAYOR'S REPORT

Maybrook Adult Recreation Volley Ball- The Maybrook Adult Recreation Volley Ball season continues and is doing well.

Village of Montgomery's St. Patrick's Day Parade- will be held on Saturday, March 22nd in the Village of Montgomery. Maybrook will be represented by

the elected officials (including myself), the Maybrook Troop 236 Boy scout Band, Maybrook Fire Department, Maybrook Girl Scouts and the Maybrook VFW 2064. It should be a fun day the parade begins at 1 pm. Hope to see everyone there!

1. **Galaxy Property-** As everyone is aware, the village's main focus for the past 5 years has been to get Maybrook's infrastructure current where all we would have to do is maintain going forward. This past fall, the village broke ground on the new Sewer Treatment Plant that is projected for completion in the fall of 2014. Now that the village is in the final stages of the infrastructure upgrade, we have been focusing on the village's economic development. Trustee Bob Pritchard, who is also appointed as Chair of the Village of Maybrook Economic Development has been gathering information, making contacts and reporting back to the village board this past year. Trustee Pritchard not only assessed the potential economic development in the village but also in areas surrounding the Village of Maybrook in the Town of Montgomery with the main focus on the Village of Maybrook. Recently in a Times Herald Record article, potential sites for a casino were mentioned for possible locations in Orange County. Trustee Pritchard and I spoke about the article and looked at the information he had gathered about the Galaxy Property in the Town of Montgomery. Trustee Pritchard and I sat down and discussed the pros and cons of the use of this property as a casino site and has anyone entertained it? We found that key resources exist. We have Interstate 84 and 87 with access from covers traffic from North, South, East and West, an existing rail for possible connection for commuter service from Penn station that could be tied into Stewart Airport, private aircraft access at the Orange County Airport, water, sewer, electric, tourism, enhance the Town of Montgomery as a whole and provide a tax base the Town of Montgomery so desperately needs. I have reached out this past week to New York State Senator John Bonacic, Chairman of the Senate Racing, Committee, Wagering and Gaming and Assemblywoman Claudia Tenney to basically make them aware of this sites potential and basically to plant a seed and see if it grows. Trustee Pritchard has been in touch with the owners of the Galaxy property and as of this past Friday, Trustee Pritchard informed me that they are very interested in the concept and will be looking into it. Is this going to happen? We don't know but the only way we are going to find out is if we put it out there and

get people thinking about it! 6 years ago, when I first came on as Mayor of this village, I made 3 promises, that I would do all I could do to make this village affordable for the residents, make it a safe community to raise a family and last but not least to make the Village of Maybrook the best it can be! The current village board and I are on the same page and we all want the same results. We want to continue to move this village forward and upward! Trustee Bob Pritchard will go into a little more detail on the Galaxy property site. Trustee Bob Pritchard made a presentation on the EDC (Economic Development Committee) and showed his business model, Trustee Pritchard also presented his EDC plan for downtown Maybrook(B-2 business zone. Trustee Pritchard advised on quotes received from Tim Miller Group and Tim Miller Associates for the scope of work to complete for the study area. Tim Miller Associates quote is \$9,500 plus an undetermined amount of time and money, Turner Miller Group is \$21,500 and he recommends Tim Miller Group, this quote includes SEQRA, EIS (parts I and II) and an upgrade of the Village's Comprehensive Plan. This will help developers, he explained the process and what it will eliminate. Anything we do here, will qualify for grants. Mayor advised he appreciates all of the work Bob put into this, it took ten months and the Board's moving forward, it will take nine months to do this study.

2. **Tentative Budget-** This evening in a work session before tonight's meeting, we had a budget work session. We ironed out some things and we will present a budget that meets the needs of the village and at the same time not a financial burden on the residents. Our Tentative Budget has to be filed on Thursday, March 20th and we are right on target.
3. **Election Day-** Election Day in the Village of Maybrook will be held on Tuesday, March 18th at the Village of Maybrook Senior Center in the Frederick Myers Veterans Memorial Park from 12 noon to 9 pm.
4. **Good Luck to the Deputy Mayor Noreen Reynolds and Trustee Bob Pritchard-** I would like to wish the Deputy Mayor Noreen Reynolds and Trustee Bob Pritchard the best of luck on Tuesday, March 18th. I just want you both to know that your life and career experience are a tremendous asset on this village board. I appreciate your hard work while serving the residents of Maybrook and you both have my full support in your re-election.

TRUSTEES' REPORTS

TRUSTEE ROBERT PRITCHARD- Good luck to Dennis & Noreen on Election Day.

TRUSTEE KEVIN GREANY- Advised the sewage treatment plant is working ok, the contractor's guys are back to work.

Good luck next week with the Election and Happy Birthday Dennis on March 18th.

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DEPUTY MAYOR NOREEN REYNOLDS- Good job Bob, great presentation.

Thank you for all of the election wishes.

Advised the Village Annual Yard Sale is June 14th (Flag Day) from 8am to 3pm.

Asked Matt if the benches will be repaired before Memorial Day? Matt advised yes.

TRUSTEE JAMES R BARNETT- Thanked Bob very much, an excellent concept and transportation hub for a casino, great job.

Wished Bob & Noreen good luck in the election.

Advised Mayor & Tina did an excellent job on the budget, hard work, it's a very fair and equitable budget, most important we're below the cap.

Thanked Dennis, the Boy Scouts can get the school back to use, we might have to pay for it, but thanks Mayor and Valley Central AD Michael Bellarosa.

Advised we did receive a response back from Cardinal Dolan, the Village Board wrote a letter of concern on losing the Catholic Church, Cardinal thanked us and advised us no decisions have been made, and he will pass the letter along to Father O'Hara.

DEPARTMENT HEADS

DPW SUPERINTENDENT MATTHEW THORP- Advised on water leak repair done today.

Advised he submitted his budget request and tried to keep it as tight as possible.

Advised Billy and he will attend NYRWA the week of April 13th.

ENGINEER JIM DEWINTER-Advised on the sewage treatment plant, contract completion date is June, we aren't going to extend it, it's due to them., he is trying to get updated schedules, Bipin and he will be meeting with them on Wednesday.

Advised on 401 Tower Avenue, Kelly has some small changes on the contract portion, if he could get approval to move forward. Motion by Trustee Reynolds, seconded by Trustee Pritchard, authorizing Engineer to move forward with contracts for the bid opening for demolition of 401 Tower Avenue, subject to Attorney's changes. 5 ayes, 0 nays.

Advised on the repair of the foundation of 123 Highland Avenue, go to bid for this, working on it with Tim. Attorney advised it gets charged back to the owner. Mayor advised he wants Tim and Jim to look at it and give him a full report. Matt Thorp advised it's shifted 6 ft. and it's full of snow. Tim advised last week and said there's no way you can tell. Mayor advised he wants them to look at it.

ATTORNEY KELLY NAUGHTON- Wished Dennis a Happy Birthday!

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PLANNING BOARD CHAIRMAN JOHN WILSON-Thanked Trustee Pritchard for all the work and help he did, which will make it easier for the Planning Board and developers and applicants.

Motion by Trustee Reynolds, seconded by Trustee Greany, meeting was adjourned at 8:10PM. 5 ayes, 0 nays.

Respectfully submitted,

Valentina Johnson

Village Clerk-Treasurer