

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, CLERK-TREASURER VALENTINA JOHNSON

PUBLIC PRESENT: JIM DEMILO, MR. WILLIAMS, RACHEL COLEMAN (WVT)

Mayor opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag.

MOMENT OF SILENCE

ROBERTA PETZOLD

On Monday, March 17, 2014, the Village of Maybrook mourned the loss of a special lady Roberta Petzold, fondly known by most who knew her as “Roby”. Roby was a 40 year member of the Maybrook Fire Department Ladies Auxiliary. She served as our Maybrook Village Historian for 24 years and she was also a member of the Maybrook Golden Links. Roby is predeceased by her husband and former Village of Maybrook Justice Kenneth Petzold. The Village of Maybrook Board of Trustees sends its deepest condolences to the Petzold and Conklin Family as they grieve Roby’s passing. Before we begin tonight’s meeting, please take a moment of silence to remember Roby Petzold.

PRESENTATION OF AMERICAN FLAG & BOOK

Donna Caudy presented the Mayor & Board of Trustees an American flag and a book for our library entitled, “Soldiers Angels”. Donna is the Orange County President of Ladies Auxiliary of Foreign Wars, and will be District#2 President in 2015.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion by Trustee Barnett, seconded by Trustee Pritchard, approving the minutes of the March 10, 2014 meeting as presented. 5 ayes, 0 nays.

APPROVAL OF BILLS & CLAIMS

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

GENERAL	\$19,383.22
WATER	\$ 3,337.49
SEWER	\$11,093.55
TOTAL	\$33,814.26

TRANSFER OF FUNDS

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

FROM: 1990.400A CONTINGENT
TO: 1410.150A, SPECIAL OVERTIME
AMOUNT: \$1,500.00

FROM: 1990.400A CONTINGENT
TO: 1410.420A, ADMINISTRATIVE
AMOUNT: \$200.00

FROM: 8121.100G, INFILTRATION PROJ. P.S
TO: 8130.100G, SEWAGE TREATMENT/DISP. P.S.
AMOUNT: \$100.00

CORRESPONDENCE

1. AUTHORIZATION, APS PAYMENT #10, \$49, 525.64- Motion by Trustee Pritchard, seconded by Trustee Reynolds, authorizing Payment # 10 for \$49,525.64 to APS Contractors, Inc. 5 ayes, 0 nays.

2. INTRODUCTORY LOCAL LAW ENACTING A NEW CHAPTER OF THE CODE OF THE VILLAGE OF MAYBROOK PROVIDING FOR CHAPTER 137 ENTITLED "OUTDOOR FURNACES"- Attorney advised on working with Tim on the zones, requirements and permit on restrictions. Motion by Trustee Pritchard, seconded by Trustee Barnett, to set a Public Hearing on April 28, 2014 at 7PM. 5 ayes, 0 nays.
3. NOTICE OF BUDGET HEARING- Motion by Trustee Reynolds, seconded by Trustee Greany, to set the Budget Hearing on April 7, 2014 at 7PM. 5 ayes, 0 nays.
4. SET RE-ORGANIZATION MEETING – Motion by Trustee Barnett, seconded by Trustee Pritchard, to set the Re-Organization Meeting on April 7, 2014 at 7PM. 5 ayes, 0 nays.

MAYOR'S REPORT

1. **Maybrook Adult Recreation Volley Ball-** The Maybrook Adult Recreation Volley Ball season is doing well. The season ends Thursday, March 27th.
2. **Village of Maybrook Easter Egg Hunt-** will be Sunday, April 13th at the David Weiss Memorial Park at noon. A rain date has been set for Sunday, April 19th.
3. **New York City St. Patrick's Day Parade-** On Monday, March 17th, our Maybrook Troop 236 Marching Band marched up 5th Avenue leading the way for the Grand Marshall and his family for the St. Patrick's Day Parade. The weather was cold but the boys and girls braved the elements and as always did a fantastic job. Congratulations to Scout Master Brad Protsko, Scout Band Director Jim Barnett and all of the Scouts for their admirable representation of our village in this parade.
4. **Village of Montgomery's St. Patrick's Ramble Day Parade-** was held this past Saturday, March 22nd in the Village of Montgomery. There was a very nice turn out for the parade and the weather was comfortable for March. This is the first year Maybrook had its own division in the parade. Participants were the Maybrook VFW Post 2064, the Maybrook Troop 243 Girl Scouts, the Village of Maybrook Board of Trustees and we were led by our very own Maybrook Troop 236 Boy Scout Marching Band! The weather turned out great and congratulations to the Village of Montgomery for hosting a great parade. There are photos available on the Village of Maybrook website for anyone interested!
5. **Village of Maybrook Tentative Budget-** has been filed by the deadline which was 5 pm Thursday, March 20th. I am pleased to say that the village of Maybrook has met the 2 percent tax levy imposed by Governor Cuomo and our overall Montgomery Tax Rate will increase by 1 percent. As of now

the Montgomery Tax Rate from 2013-14 was \$11.33 per thousand. The new Tax Rate for 2014-15 is \$11.45 per thousand which is a 12 cent increase. So that means a home assessed at \$150,000.00 paid \$1,699.50 in 2013-14 and will pay \$1,710.00 in 2014-15 which is a \$10.50 increase. Hamptonburgh Tax Rate from 2013-14 was \$7.47 per thousand. The new Tax Rate for 2014-15 is \$7.55 per thousand. So that means a home assessed at \$150,000.00 paid \$1,120.50 in 2013-14 and will pay \$1,132.50 in 2014-15 which is a \$12.00 increase. The Village Board has raised the Tax Rate per thousand \$1.59 over the past 6 years. A \$150,000.00 home in Maybrook has had a \$227.00 increase in village taxes between 2009-10 budget and this 2014-15 budget. Just to give people an idea of where the village taxes compare in the Town of Montgomery, the Tax Rates for the 2013-14 Budgets for the Village of Walden was \$15.66, the Village of Montgomery \$13.74 and the Village of Maybrook \$11.33. Your paying significantly less to live in Maybrook and we are gradually getting our infrastructure (Government Center, Senior Center, Wells, Sewers and Sewer Treatment Plant) where it should be where all we should have to do going forward is maintain. We have a fund balance and we have Triple A Bond Rating. We still have a lot more to do but as I have said in the past, it's like cutting down a big tree with an ax and we just keep chipping away. This Village Board's plan is to continue moving forward! Water and Sewer will NOT be raised however there will be a quarterly surcharge for the new Sewer Treatment Plant scheduled to go in service in the fall of 2014. The Village Board has been working diligently to keep this financial burden as low as possible. The surcharge fee has not been determined and will not be imposed until completion in the Sewer Plant in the fall of 2014. We will inform the public as soon as we get the final numbers. Some history on the Sewer Treatment Plant, the original quote for the Sewer Treatment Plant was for \$6 million. APC Contractors is the company that was awarded the bid to build the new Sewer Treatment Plant came in at \$4.7 million. That was a savings of \$1.3 million. In 2009, we had a major flood by our Sewer Treatment Plant due to a back up in the clean out pipe that goes under Yellow Freight and into the DEC wetlands. We were advised by consultants to abandon the pipe and build a new one next to it which was estimated to cost the village approximately \$1.5 million to build. Village of Maybrook Department of Public Works Supervisor Matt Thorp and I were able to find a company called Brandford Technologies who cleaned the entire pipe for

\$35,000.00 and we saved an additional \$1.4 million which is a \$2.7 million savings overall. You have our word, we, the Village Board will do all we can to continue pursuing possible funding and get the best possible interest rate to keep the surcharge as reasonable as possible for the residents of Maybrook.

6. **Valley Central School District Budget-** On March 17th I attended to Valley Central School District Budget meeting held at the Maybrook Elementary School. It was not a very well attended meeting, maybe 12 to 15 residents. I recommend all residents to go to the Valley Central School District website and download the Budget information. There are 3 scenarios that explain what the tax levy will be if certain cuts and/or restorations are made to the budget. Scenario A with NO Restorations with a projected Tax Levy Increase of 2.35% which is .55% below the Tax Cap. Scenario B Restore Full Day Kindergarten Partial Restoration of Music, Partial Restoration of Art, Class Size reduction (2 teachers) and JV Sports. Scenario B would be a Tax Levy Increase of 4.88% which would be 1.98% above the Tax Cap. Scenario C Restore Full Day Kindergarten, Full Restoration Art and Music, JROTC, JV Sports, All District Concert, 3rd grade Swim and 5th Grade Field Day. The tax Levy increase would be 5.38% which would be 2.48% above the cap. To restore ALL Programs would be a 10.44% Tax Levy Increase and this would be 7.54% above the Tax Cap. Residents in the Valley Central School District who have children in the Valley Central School District have some difficult choice to make here as do seniors on fixed incomes. I want to emphasize to all Maybrook residents, educate yourself on the proposals and exercise your right to vote on the Valley Central Budget!
7. **Election Day-** Election Day was held on Tuesday, March 18th in the Village of Maybrook. Congratulations to the Deputy Mayor Noreen Reynolds and Trustee Bob Pritchard on your re-election. As I mentioned at the last meeting before the election, 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 I look forward to serving the next 2 years with both of you on this Village Board. Last but not least, I want to thank the residents of Maybrook for their support this past election and allowing me to serve our great village another 2 years. This will be my 13th and 14th year as an elected official and my 7th and 8th year as the Mayor of Maybrook. Thank you for your confidence and I promise to continue doing my very best to make the Village of Maybrook the best it can be!

8. **SHRED DAY**- Motion by Trustee Reynolds, seconded by Trustee by Trustee Greany, authorizing Tina to set a date for a Community Wide Shred Day in the Spring. 5 ayes, 0 nays.
9. **MUNICIPAL PARKING LOTS**- Advised on a way to get the cars moving and enable the Village to clean the snow, Board agreed to move forward on this. Motion by Trustee Pritchard, seconded by Trustee Reynolds, authorizing Attorney to draft local law for municipal parking lots. 5 ayes, 0 nays.

TRUSTEES' REPORTS

TRUSTEE ROBERT PRITCHARD- Thanks everyone for their support on the election. Congratulated Dennis and Noreen.

Advised Sheila Schwartz is running for the Valley Central School Board, which means three on the School Board for Maybrook.

Thanks the Board for EDC support with hiring Turner Miller Group, should be half way done and good timing when the sewage treatment plant is done and rezoning.

Great St. Patrick's Day parade in Montgomery.

TRUSTEE KEVIN GREANY- Advised contractors worked late Friday night and on Saturday.

Congratulations to all three Board Members on their re-election.

Advised St. Patrick's Day was a great day, marched with the Troop, and it's a very special day to our Village when we stop and pay tribute to Jill Meyer's son and the Troop plays "Danny Boy" – it means a lot to Jill.

DEPUTY MAYOR NOREEN REYNOLDS- Thanked all for the support.

Advised she spoke to Tim, he is close to issuing the certificates of occupancy for Blue Stone Commons.

Great parade day for Maybrook!

TRUSTEE JAMES R. BARNETT- Congrats to Dennis, Noreen, and Bob.

Congrats to Bob on a lot of nice comments from Rachel Coleman's article recently in the Wallkill Valley Times, the news regarding the Galaxy property was very good.

Thank you to all, excellent turnout at the St. Patrick's Day parade and proud day for the Village in Montgomery, the Troop led the Ladies Ancient Order of Hibernians and took third place in St. Patrick's Day parade in NYC.

On behalf of everyone on the Board, condolences to Tina on the death of her cousin, Frederick J. Stevens.

DEPARTMENT HEADS

ENGINEER JIM DEWINTER- Congrats on re-election.

Advised the sewage treatment plant contractor started working, weather's still giving us trouble, they worked Saturday which is fine, but they have to let him know when they do this. They will be pouring floors tomorrow, it's ok because they have heaters, not sure yet on excavation start-up, there are double crews there, no extensions will be given, and they are back to working everyday.

ATTORNEY KELLY NAUGHTON- Congratulations on the election!

Motion by Trustee Greany, seconded by Trustee Reynolds, meeting was adjourned at 7:45PM. 5 ayes, 0 nays.

Respectfully submitted,

Valentina Johnson
Village Clerk-Treasurer