

VILLAGE OF MAYBROOK BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING- MARCH 15, 2016

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: POLICE OFFICER MATTHEW HUGHES, WILLIAM LAHAR III, EDWARD WILLIAMS, RACHAEL COLEMAN(WVT)

Mayor opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion by Trustee Barnett, seconded by Trustee Greany, approving the minutes of the February 22, 2016 as presented. 5 ayes, 0 nays.

APPROVAL OF BILLS & CLAIMS

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

GENERAL	\$36,786.85
WATER	\$14,979.60
SEWER	\$21,821.63
REFUSE	\$19,542.84
TOTAL	\$93,130.82

TRANSFER OF FUNDS

INTRA FUND TRANSFER:

From Water Fund To Sewer Fund- \$108,000

Re: Shortage for EFC Bond Payment #1 Due 3/1/16

From: 1620.100A, Buildings Personal Services

To: 1620.400A, Buildings Contractual

Amount: \$4,000

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From: 8010.400A, Zoning Contractual

To: 1620.400A, Buildings Contractual

Amount: \$2100.

CORRESPONDENCE

1. APPOINTMENT & OATH OF OFFICE OF PART TIME POLICE OFFICER WILLIAM D. LAHAR III- Motion by Trustee Barnett, seconded by Trustee Reynolds, to appoint William Lahar III, as a part time police officer, effective immediately, at a rate of \$18.87 per hour. 5 ayes, 0 nays. Clerk-Treasurer administered the Oath of Office to Officer Lahar and congratulated him. Mayor, Chief Amthor, and Board congratulated and welcomed Officer Lahar.
2. INTRODUCTORY LOCAL LAW #1 OF 2016 CONTINUING THE MORATORIUM ON THE ISSUANCE OF PERMITS, CERTIFICATES OF OCCUPANCY AND APPROVALS FOR DEVELOPMENT IN THE B-2 DISTRICT- Motion by Trustee Pritchard, seconded by Trustee Greany, to adopt Local Law #1 for a period of six (6) months, while the Board of Trustees continues to analyze and determine potential appropriate revisions and amendments to the Village of Maybrook Zoning Code. 5 ayes, 0 nays.
3. INTRODUCTORY LOCAL LAW #2 OF 2016 TO OVERRIDE THE TAX LEVY LIMIT ESTABLISHED IN GENERAL MUNICIPAL LAW 3-C- Attorney advised on local law which is required in the event the Village chooses to exceed the tax cap. Trustee Barnett advised on how difficult it is to get things done, let alone pay the bills and needed expenses in the Village with a cap of 0.73. Deputy Mayor advised it gets smaller every year. Trustee Barnett agreed and it's very difficult and no other way to go. Mayor advised he sees what the tax cap does to keep municipalities in line with their budget preparation and increasing property taxes. Mayor advised on the current tax rate per thousand of \$12.23, as compared to other local municipalities. Mayor advised he will have more information when the tentative budget is filed this week. Board discussed how impossible it is to do, and no way to stay under the cap, but we are trying. Motion by Trustee Reynolds, seconded by Trustee Barnett, to set a Public Hearing on March 28, 2016 at 7PM. 5 ayes, 0 nays.
4. SET PUBLIC HEARING: COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT- Motion by Trustee Barnett, seconded by Trustee Reynolds, to set a Public Hearing on March 28, 2016 at 7PM, or soon thereafter. 5 ayes, 0 nays.
5. SET BUDGET HEARING-Motion by Trustee Reynolds, seconded by Trustee Greany, to set Budget Hearing on March 28, 2016 at 7PM, or soon thereafter. 5 ayes, 0 nays.
6. LETTER OF RESIGNATION, JOHN MAZZA- Mayor advised John was the best hire ever, he will not be filling the full time position, will look to bring John back as a part time Casual Laborer down the road. Motion by Trustee Barnett, seconded by Trustee Reynolds, to accept, with regret, John's resignation, effective March 18, 2016, and wish him the very best of luck with the City of Newburgh Fire Department. 5 ayes, 0 nays.

7. **BUILDING INSPECTOR'S REPORT, FEBRUARY, 2016-** Trustee Barnett advised Tim's doing a great job, advised the last house on Heard Avenue is sold, and Tim's staying on top of it. Rec. & filed. Mayor advised on brown water and complaints from residents earlier and he spoke to Matt.

MAYOR'S REPORT

1. **Village Budget-** The Village Board met on Wednesday, February 17th for a Work session to discuss the 2016-17 Village of Maybrook Budget. I have taken the recommendations from the Village Board and I will be wrapping up the Tentative Village Budget this week. I will have it ready to be filed on by the due date which is Friday, March 18th. Copies will be available for the public.
2. **Work Session-** On Monday, February 29th we had a very productive Work Session here at the Government Center. The main focus of the meeting was Economic Development in Maybrook and the Re-zoning of the B-2 Zone on the southern end of the village. Max Stach from Turner Miller Group met with the Village Board to discuss a Village of Maybrook Downtown Concept and Recommendations. Conceptual Zoning Amendments, Use Regulations, Development Standards and Application and Review Procedures. The Village Board was able to weigh in on suggestions about the concept of the lower half of the village and basically lay the ground work for future development. As promised, the village is moving forward with economic development and we will keep residents posted on new developments. Thank You Trustee Bob Pritchard for staying on top of the Economic Development and let's keep the ball rolling!
3. **Orange County Cal Ripken Baseball and Softball-** I'm very pleased to announce that we have reached an agreement with Orange County Cal Ripken Youth Baseball and Softball to use our ball fields for the 2016 season. Orange County Cal Ripken will use the concession stand and utilize the Major Baseball Field, the Senior Field and also the tee-ball field. We have many kids in the Village of Maybrook who participate in this program and we are very pleased to have this organization a part of our village. On Saturday, April 9th, the Orange County Cal Ripken will have opening day along with a parade in the Village of Maybrook beginning at 9 am. I'm looking forward to Opening Day and welcoming youth baseball and softball back to the Village of Maybrook!
4. **Letter to Valley Central School District Board of Education-**Today, I sent a letter of support for Interim Superintendent John Xanthis to the Valley

Central School District Board of Education Members. I'd like to read it publicly this evening.

Dear Valley Central School District Board of Education Members,

Please accept this letter in support of Valley Central School District Interim Superintendent John Xanthis. During and after discussions of the closing of the Maybrook Elementary School, there was a divide between the Village of Maybrook and the Valley Central School District. The Village of Maybrook Board of Trustees and I held back our frustrations and differences with the former Valley Central School District Superintendent Dr. Richard Hooley. We moved forward with the hope that someday, in better times, our Maybrook Elementary School would return to our village. In recent years, the Valley Central School District reopened the Maybrook Elementary School as the "Alternative Learning Center" and we (the village) welcomed a reopened building that served a purpose not only in our village but the entire school district. We have been and continue to be very supportive of the Valley Central School District and the children of our town.

In the fall of 2015, I had a meeting with the VCSD Interim Superintendent John Xanthis. Mr. Xanthis and I discussed the villages need for the use of the Maybrook Gymnasium for village activities. We discussed how there was a need to form a positive bridge between the Valley Central School District, the Village of Maybrook and the entire town. Both of us were willing to participate in the process. During this meeting we worked out an agreement between the Village of Maybrook and the Valley Central School District for the village to use the Maybrook Gymnasium and the VCSD Girls Varsity Softball team to continue to play softball games in the Village of Maybrook. Mr. Xanthis and I put the past behind us and we came up with a fair and equitable agreement that fit the needs of both sides and more importantly benefited the children.

I feel John Xanthis has the type of personality and experience the Valley Central School District needs to move forward. Mr. Xanthis gets the fact that bridges need to be built and not destroyed. I felt that this positive experience between Interim Superintendent John Xanthis and I needed to be brought to your attention as you select your next Superintendent. It's very hard to find people who have knowledge, experience, history of a community and people skills to fill a position of this magnitude. John Xanthis has all of these qualities and if he is selected as the next Superintendent, I welcome the opportunity of working with him again. All the best during the selection process and "Thank you" for your service to the children of our community!

Sincerely,

Mayor Dennis K. Leahy

Today, I received a response from Valley Central School Board of Education President Brad Conklin and a few of the Board of Education Members thanking me for my input. I wish Mr. Xanthis all the best during the selection process.

5. **Letter to TOM Supervisor Michael Hayes-** Over the past several years residents have asked why there were several street lights not working at the intersection of Route 84 and Route 208 in the Town of Montgomery. I brought this issue to the attention of the Town of Montgomery Supervisor and Town Board several times over the years and most recently this past

November at Town of Montgomery Board Meeting. I was told there was a wiring problem and that it would be addressed. I sent the following letter to Supervisor Mike Hayes and the Town of Montgomery Board on February 29, 2016.

Dear Town of Montgomery Supervisor Michael Hayes,
I'm writing this letter about an issue that I have requested to be addressed over the past several years and most recently at a Town of Montgomery Board Meeting in November 2015. The street lights at the intersection of Route 208 and Interstate 84 have not worked properly since the remodeling of Exit 5 in the Town of Montgomery several years ago. Any given night there are at least eight lights that are not working and have not been for quite some time. The original approved plans for this project included adequate street lights to accommodate safe passage. It would greatly be appreciated if this issue is addressed and resolved so the proper lighting is utilized for maximum safety.

I have been in contact with Lisa Carver from Central Hudson and Joseph Donat from Congressman Sean Patrick Maloney's office. Ms. Carver and Mr. Donat have reached out to the New York State Department of Transportation (NYSDOT) about this issue. Ms. Carver has informed me today that NYSDOT has agreed to a site visit to discuss the problem and she will be contacting you for your availability to meet. There are many trucks, cars, pedestrians, emergency vehicles and law enforcement vehicles that travel on this busy intersection daily. A remedy to this problem would be best for all. I look forward to hearing from you.

Sincerely,

Mayor Dennis K. Leahy

Last week, I received a phone call from Senator Larkin's office and Congressman Maloney's office offering assistance if needed. I received a phone call from District Director Lisa Carver from Central Hudson. She informed me that she had a site visit with the Town Supervisor Mike Hayes this past Friday and that they identified issues. Ms. Carver advised me she would keep me informed of any new developments.

6. **Maybrook Easter Egg Hunt**- The Village of Maybrook will be hosting our annual Easter Egg Hunt on Sunday, March 20th at the Village of Maybrook Senior Center beginning at noon. Toddlers and children from grades kindergarten to 5th grade are welcome to attend. We will also have a

special visit made by the Easter Bunny! A rain date for this event will be Saturday, March 26th.

7. **CLOSED Good Friday**- Please be advised the Village of Maybrook Government Center and Maybrook Community Center will be CLOSED for Good Friday on March 25th.
8. **Village Elections**- Village Elections will be held in the Village of Maybrook tomorrow Tuesday, March 15th at the Maybrook Senior Center from noon to 9 pm. Deputy Mayor Noreen Reynolds, Trustee Robert Pritchard and I are running unopposed.
9. **Village of Montgomery St. Pat's Ramble Parade**- The Village of Montgomery will be hosting their annual St. Pat's Ramble Parade this Saturday, March 19th beginning at 1 pm. The Village of Maybrook has a section in the parade. The Maybrook Police Department, the Maybrook Village Board along with Congressman Sean Patrick Maloney, the Maybrook Fire Department, Maybrook VFW Post 2064, Miss Claire's Montessori School, Shoprite and we will all be led by our Maybrook Troop 236 Boy Scout Band! Hoping for great weather and look forward to seeing everyone there!
10. **Village of Maybrook Website**- as always, a reminder that the Village of Maybrook website is up and running so please check it regularly at www.villageofmaybrook.com.

TRUSTEES' REPORTS

TRUSTEE ROBERT PRITCHARD- Motion by Trustee Pritchard, seconded by Trustee Greany, approving the Attorney's drafted agreement between the Village of Maybrook and Orange County Cal Ripkin for use of the baseball and softball facilities, and one time fee of \$500 for the use of the concession stand for the 2016 season. 5 ayes, 0 nays.

Advised on EDC meeting at 6:30PM, Monday, March 21.

Reminded everyone to come out and vote!

TRUSTEE KEVIN GREANY- Wished all the best of luck on election!

Wished Mayor a Happy Birthday on Friday!

Advised on a nice day Saturday at the parade with Jim, Jim has more good news on the parade which he will let him share with everyone.

Advised the sewage treatment plant is going good.

DEPUTY MAYOR NOREEN REYNOLDS- Advised she met with Ann Marie Pearson, and has held various professional positions, and is requesting authorization to appoint Ann Marie as a clerk at the Community Center. Motion by Trustee Greany, seconded by Trustee Greany, to appoint Ann Marie Pearson at \$9.00 an hr., effective immediately, as a clerk at the George C. Bullis Community Center. 5 ayes, 0 nays.

JAMES R. BARNETT- Advised the Board all received their Eagle Scout Awards Dinner invitation, which will be held on 4/24.

Advised Trustee Greany was correct, Saturday's parade in Scranton was very nice, and the Troop came back with the Judge's Award, there were over 200,000 people there, 31 bands, it was a nice day and a nice plaque.

DEPARTMENT HEADS

ENGINEER JIM DEWINTER- Advised he walked the property which could be donated to the Village, it is wet, we will need some DEC permits, walking bridges, if interested, it's pretty much a good half that's wetlands, could have some limited parking, but we will need to get DEC permits. Mayor advised the public on a piece of property behind Blake Road that a company wants to purchase and donate a portion to the Village.

Advised on the need for an Engineer's Report for the grant, Bipin, Matt and he met and Jim submitted a proposal for his Engineer's report. Engineer thinks we need it to get on this round coming up, but that's really soon, and another round is coming up, which might be better timing for us. The current round is this month. Board discussed with Engineer and Engineer advised he submitted to the Board because it takes time to get it together in a timely fashion. Mayor advised after much discussion that Matt and he are going to Chicago to look at the wells in May, so it will probably be the third round of grant funding.

Advised he did the letters for Community Development so we can get everything ready to go.

ATTORNEY KELLY NAUGHTON- Advised she will email a copy of the agreement to the Board.

Wished all good luck in the election, Happy Birthday Mayor, and Happy St. Patrick's Day!

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

Respectfully submitted,

Valentina Johnson
Village Clerk-Treasurer

