

VILLAGE OF MAYBROOK BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING- MARCH 28, 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, DPW SUPERINTENDENT MATTHEW  
THORP**

**PUBLIC PRESENT:**

**JOSEPH BYRNE, EDWARD WILLIAMS, RACHAEL  
COLEMAN (WVT)**

Mayor opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Motion by Trustee Greany, seconded by Trustee Reynolds, approving the minutes of the March 14, 2016 meeting as presented. 5 ayes, 0 nays.

**APPROVAL OF BILLS & CLAIMS**

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

GENERAL	\$34,876.16
WATER	\$ 5,774.75
SEWER	\$ 2,022.95
PAYROLL	<u>\$ 326.84</u>
TOTAL	\$43,000.70

**TRANSFER OF FUNDS**

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

From: 1420.400A, Attorney Contractual

To: 9060.800A, Hospital & Medical Insurance

Amt. \$18,000

From: 7310.100A, Youth Programs Personal Service

To: 1410.150A, Special Overtime

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Amt. \$ 1,000

From: 8989.200A, Reading Room Equipment

To: 1620.400A, Buildings Contractual

Amt. \$1,000

From: 3620.420A, Building Inspector Equipment

To: 1910.400A. Unallocated Insurance

Amt. \$225.00

From: 5142.100A, Snow Removal Personal Services

To: 5142.400A, Snow Removal Contractual

Amt. \$3,000

From: 5142.200, Snow Removal Equipment

To: 1410.420A, Administrative Bank Fees

Amt. \$150.00

**PUBLIC HEARING- 7PM**

**INTRODUCTORY LOCAL LAW #2 OF 2016 OVERRIDING THE TAX LEVY LIMIT ESTABLISHED IN GENERAL MUNICIPAL LAW S 3-C**

Clerk read the Notice of Hearing and presented the Affidavit of Publication.

Motion by Trustee Greany, seconded by Trustee Reynolds, to open the Public Hearing at 7:05PM. 5 ayes, 0 nays.

Trustee Barnett advised he would first like to publicly thank Rachael for an accurate report last week in the Wallkill Valley Times.

Trustee Greany advised the Village of Walden is going to override the cap too, 0.73% is tough.

Trustee Barnett advised it's interesting how NYS mandates and offers no funding and the expenses must be met and keep going up.

Mayor advised the tax cap is put in place for municipalities to cut back and we are already cut back.

Ed Williams asked is it imposed by NYS and is there a penalty? Mayor advised he will get into this later and explained it's to not overspend.

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Trustee Barnett advised the 0.73 % is less than  $\frac{3}{4}$ 's of 1%, it's absurd, we have to pay retirement, health benefits, workers compensation, and health insurance hasn't gone down.

Trustee Pritchard advised they make it impossible to stay within the cap.

Trustee Greany advised it use to be 2% and we stayed under, next year it will be even lower.

Matt Thorp advised the State's not exempt, they can do what they want.

Motion by Trustee Pritchard, seconded by Trustee Greany, to close the Public Hearing at 7:09PM. 5 ayes, 0 nays.

Motion by Trustee Pritchard, seconded by Trustee Reynolds, approving local law to override the Tax Cap. 5 ayes, 0 nays.

Roll Call:

Trustee Pritchard- aye

Trustee Greany- aye

Deputy Mayor Reynolds- aye

Trustee Barnett-aye

Mayor Leahy- aye

**BUDGET HEARING**

Clerk read the Notice of Hearing and presented the Affidavit of Publication.

Motion by Trustee Greany, seconded by Trustee Pritchard, to open the Public Hearing at 7:10PM. 5 ayes, 0 nays.

Mayor advised the following:

As stated at the last scheduled Village Board Meeting, the Tentative Village Budget was filed by the due date which on Friday, March 18<sup>th</sup> and hard copies were available for residents.

- The tax rate for **Montgomery** residents for 2015-16 was \$12.27.  
**Example:** A \$150k assessed home in the Village of Maybrook paid \$1,840.50

- The tax rate for **Montgomery** residents for 2016-17 will be \$12.63 which is an increase of \$0.36 which equates to 2.9%.  
**Example:** A \$150k assessed home in Maybrook will pay \$1,894.50 which is an increase of \$54.00.
- The tax rate **Hamptonburg** residents for 2015-16 was \$8.68 and increased to \$9.10 for 2016-17 which is a \$0.42 increase which equates to 5%. A \$150k assessed home paid \$1,302.00 in 2015-16 and will pay \$1,365.00 which is an increase of \$63.00.
- The **Montgomery** tax rate in 2009-10 was \$10.67. Eight years later in the 2016-17 the tax rate will be \$12.63 which equates to a \$2.77 overall increase with an average 3.16% increase per year. On a \$150k assessed home in Montgomery is paying \$403.00 more today since the 2009-10 budget. This equates to a \$50.38 average per year.
- The **Hamptonburg** tax rate in 2009-10 was \$6.06. Eight years later in the 2016-17 the tax rate will be \$9.10 which equates to a \$3.45 overall increase with an average 6.18% increase per year. On a \$150k assessed home in Hamptonburg is paying \$517.50 more today since the 2009-10 budget. This equates to a \$64.69 average per year.
- \$150,000.00 of Appropriated Fund Balance was applied to the 2016-17 Budget to reduce the tax rate.
- Increases include; Police Budget from \$346,950.00 to \$367,762.00, Increase in playground equipment from \$5,000 to \$25,000 to replace old park equipment in the Danny Meyer Park, \$6,000 increase for court security.
- The 2016-17 Budget includes a 1.5% wage increase for employees. The judge will receive a \$500 increase to a salary of \$12,446.26 per year. The Mayor will receive a \$2,002.40 increase to \$13,000 per year.

- No increase in Water and Sewer.
- No increase for collection of refuse.

Mayor advised we are running a pretty tight budget, we did a lot of DPW work (5 catch basins), sewer lining, sewage treatment plant, all stuff that's coming together, we are sitting pretty good compared to other municipalities. It was a very tough budget, a lot of late nights here with Tina and we worked it out. Mayor advised he cut \$70,000 out for a number to maintain and work with. Mayor explained rebate some other municipalities received for \$190 and how they are paying \$250 more for the \$190, gave example of paying \$400-\$500 more on a \$150,000 assessed house compared to one here in the village. Mayor advised he is proud we've kept it very reasonable and we are trying to get things done. Mayor advised to give him that \$3 more per thousand in taxes and he won't raise taxes for 5 years, you don't pay \$10,000 in taxes to the village, that's the school tax, a lot of people are mistaken.

Trustee Barnett advised and the townhouses are assessed at a lot less, half that amount.

Mayor advised the \$150,000 was an example.

Trustee Pritchard advised the police department went union and it was a hell of a fight on Mayor's part, it could have been worse.

Mayor advised and our budget is a less with full time police department.

Matt Thorp advised in 1990-91 when the tax rate went from \$7.00 per thousand to \$11.00 per thousand, it was the largest increase in a single year. Health benefits, retirement, and all has increased.

Joseph Byrne asked what is the Town tax rate? Mayor advised we have two separate rates for the village, one for the Town of Montgomery and one for the Town of Hamptonburgh, some residents in the village reside in the Town of Hamptonburgh.

Trustee Barnett advised and we pay three taxes, the Village, the Town/County, and the school.

Mayor advised and the village provides all of the amenities.

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Joseph Byrne asked how much is the Town tax rate?

Mayor advised he doesn't know, it was as of January 1<sup>st</sup>.

Trustee Greany advised we are always trying to keep taxes low.

Trustee Barnett advised on the increase to the Mayor's salary, not one Board Member had a problem with it, and we advised him to include this in the budget, for the amount of time and work he does, he's way behind as far as the pay scale goes and we the Board felt he should be compensated to get him equitable to other Mayors, it's fair and we agreed.

Mayor thanked the Board and the residents, it's a lot of time and work but a lot of pride. Our audits are very positive, we are working within our means and trying to get things done.

Trustee Barnett advised his only problem with the budget this year, and he told the Mayor himself, is he would like to have seen more for some employees, not all, but there are some who should get more than others, it's his personal feeling.

Motion by Trustee Pritchard, seconded by Trustee Greany, to close the Public Hearing at 7:25PM. 5 ayes, 0 nays.

Motion by Trustee Barnett, seconded by Trustee Greany, to adopt the 2016-17 Budget as presented. 5 ayes, 0 nays.

**PUBLIC HEARING**

**COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT FY-2017**

Grant Writer Kerron Barnes advised on the application to Community Development and explained the work for sewer lining. Kerron advised on Village Engineer Jim Dewinter's recommendation, \$125,000 to continue(east side of village), 1354 linear feet of 8 inch sanitary sewer mains and 170 linear feet of 10 inch sanitary sewer main. Kerron advised on Community Development and funding requirement qualifications. Kerron advised we will know something in November 2016 and contract in April, advised on timetable.

Motion by Trustee Reynolds, seconded by Trustee Greany, to open the Public Hearing at 7:37PM. 5 ayes, 0 nays.

Motion by Trustee Reynolds, seconded by Trustee Pritchard, to close the Public Hearing at 7:39PM. 5 ayes, 0 nays.

"The Village of Maybrook is hereby submitting its application for consideration under the FY-2017 Orange County Urban County Consortium Community Development Program and that the chief elected

official or executive officer is hereby authorized to submit this application. They further certify that they have read and understood the Orange Urban County Consortium Community Development Guidelines for the FY-2017 program year, and have met all of its applicable requirements and that the information contained in the application is accurate and true to the best of their knowledge.”

Motion by Trustee Barnett , seconded by Trustee Reynolds, authorizing submittal the application and project for Sewer Lining FY 2017. 5 ayes, 0 nays.

#### **CORRESPONDENCE**

1. LETTER, JOSEPH & MARIE RAITI- Mayor advised very nice letter for officer Joseph McKinstrie, great job by Joe and glad he could help the Raitis out. Mayor appreciates the letter and will convey to Joe. Trustee Pritchard advised nice kudos for the police department. Trustee Barnett advised it’s good that Joe was there to help Joe & Marie Raiti. Rec. & filed.
2. LETTER, KATIE GALLAGHER & MADDIE VAN PELT- Mayor advised the Valley Central Girl’s Basketball team consists of all great kids, and we are always willing to help the school out, glad the senior center helped them out.

#### **MAYOR’S REPORT**

1. **Orange County Cal Ripken Baseball and Softball-** Announced at the last meeting, 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 9<sup>th</sup>, the Orange County Cal Ripken will have opening day along with a parade in the Village of Maybrook beginning at 9 am. The parade will start at the Church of the Assumption, proceed north on Homestead Ave, turn right onto Christian Lane and left onto Tower Ave into the ballpark led by the Maybrook Troop 236 Boy Scout Band. All Board Members are welcome to attend as well as residents. I’m looking forward to Opening Day and welcoming youth baseball and softball back to the Village of Maybrook!
2. **Maybrook Easter Egg Hunt-** The Village of Maybrook hosted our annual Easter Egg Hunt on Sunday, March 20<sup>th</sup> at the Village of Maybrook Senior Center. We had over 75 kids attend the event and a visit made by the Easter Bunny. The village raffled off 12 Easter Baskets and Shoprite provided cookies and juice boxes for all of the kids. We had over a 1000

eggs scattered around the Danny Meyer Park and all who participated had plenty of eggs. Thank you to our Event Coordinator Jeanine Lord, Shoprite Advocate Kathleen Florio and Clerk Treasurer Tina Johnson for their efforts in making this event a success.

3. **Village of Montgomery St. Pat's Ramble Parade**- The Village of Montgomery hosted their annual St. Pat's Ramble Parade on Saturday, March 19<sup>th</sup>. The Village of Maybrook had a section in the parade that included 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 were all proudly led by our Maybrook Troop 236 Boy Scout Band! I want to Thank St. Pat's Ramble Coordinator Don Berger and all of the Committee Members of the St. Pat's Ramble Parade for inviting the Village of Maybrook to participate in the parade. Also thank you to Alyssa and Alexa Scholz for carrying the Maybrook Banner and proudly leading the Maybrook Section of the parade. It's a great community event and we look forward to participating again in 2017!
4. **Drug Abuse Resistance Education (D.A.R.E) Graduation**- will be held at the Montgomery Elementary School on Thursday, March 31<sup>st</sup> beginning at 2 pm. The D.A.R.E. program is not focused on "scare tactics," but on helping children develop important life skills in order to make good choices; skills needed to deal with the dangers of illicit and illegal drugs, including alcohol and tobacco. D.A.R.E. provides the guidance children need to make the right decisions for their health and their future with the assistance and tutoring of local law enforcement. I will be attending the graduation to congratulate the boys and girls on their accomplishment and support them to stay on the right path.
5. **Village Elections**- Election Day was held in the Village of Maybrook on Tuesday, March 15<sup>th</sup>. This election the Deputy Mayor Noreen Reynolds, Trustee Bob Pritchard and I ran unopposed. I want to thank the village residents for allowing me to serve another term as your Mayor. As promised in the past, I will continue to represent the Village of Maybrook to the best of my abilities. Congratulations to the Deputy Mayor Noreen Reynolds and Trustee Bob Pritchard on being elected to another 2 year term.
6. **Next Scheduled Village Board Meeting**- will be Monday, April 11<sup>th</sup> which will also be our Reorganization Meeting and Budget Adoption Meeting.

7. **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](http://www.villageofmaybrook.com).

### **TRUSTEES' REPORTS**

**TRUSTEE ROBERT PRITCHARD**- Advised the parade was fun, EDC is moving along, we'll keep focused.

**TRUSTEE KEVIN GREANY**- Advised no problems at the sewage treatment plant, parade was good, Bob's doing a great job working on the Economic Development, it's a slow process. Congrats to all three on re-election.

**DEPUTY MAYOR NOREEN REYNOLDS**- Congrats to Dennis and Bob. Advised she enjoyed the parade, she would like to see more Maybrook people there.

Advised she will be interviewing two more candidates for the Community Center tomorrow.

Asked if we will be closing Route 208 for the Cal Ripkin parade? Mayor advised yes, for 10-15 minutes tops, he will do a Code Red.

**TRUSTEE JAMES R BARNETT**- Advised Attorney will look into the dog issue, Attorney advised she will wait for information from Tim.

Advised in 31 years, he had more fun in NYC than ever, we were on TV, it was phenomenal. It was really a great time, with our banner displaying the Village of Maybrook, a really good time.

Advised the parade in the Village of Montgomery had more people than ever before, our representative was there and that was nice to see Sean Patrick Maloney.

### **DEPARTMENT HEADS**

**ATTORNEY KELLY NAUGHTON**- Advised we will discuss the on-line auction at the next meeting since Matt had to leave.

Congrats to Mayor, Deputy Mayor and Trustee Pritchard on re-election!

Motion by Trustee Reynolds, seconded by Trustee Greany, meeting was adjourned at 7:55PM. 5 ayes, 0 nays.

Respectfully submitted,

Valentina Johnson  
Village Clerk-Treasurer