

VILLAGE OF MAYBROOK BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING- DECEMBER 5, 2016

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** MAYOR DENNIS K. LEAHY, DEPUTY MAYOR NOREEN REYNOLDS, TRUSTEE JAMES R BARNETT, TRUSTEE ROBERT PRITCHARD

**MEMBERS ABSENT:** TRUSTEE KEVIN GREANY(PERSONAL)

**ALSO PRESENT:** ATTORNEY KELLY NAUGHTON, ENGINEER JIM DEWINTER, CHIEF ARNOLD AMTHOR, CLERK-TREASURER VALENTINA JOHNSON

**PUBLIC PRESENT:** KARL HELLER, IRIS PETRILLO, DARLENE SPARKS, FREDERICK T. SPARKS, JR, JOE BYRNE, HELEN VITOLO, MARY DIDONATO, SHERRY YOUNG, KYLE YOUNG, LYNN ROSE, HAZEL ROSE, RICHARD L ROSE, KATHLEEN FLORIO, KIM MIYOSHI, GABRIELLE MIYOSHI, RACHEL COLEMAN (WVT), EDWARD K WILLIAMS, ROB POPPER, CHRISTINE POPPER

Mayor opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Motion by Trustee Barnett, seconded by Trustee Pritchard, approving the minutes of the November 28, 2016 meeting as presented. 4 ayes, 0 nays.

**APPROVAL OF BILLS & CLAIMS**

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

GENERAL	\$8,075.86
WATER	\$5,436.25
SEWER	<u>\$4,836.52</u>
TOTAL	\$18,348.63

**2016 JOSEPH E DINEEN AWARD TO**

**MR KARL HELLER**

1. Every year since 2005, the Village of Maybrook Board of Trustees has selected a resident in the village who goes above and beyond as a volunteer. The 2016 Joseph E. Dineen recipient was born on December 11<sup>th</sup>, 1931 in the Village of Maybrook, on the east side of the tracks, formally First Street and also known then as the "old row". When he was about 8 years old his family moved to Creamery Rd. He worked in the Maybrook Rail Yard when he was 16 years old and soon after joined the Army at the age of 18. He started basic training in Fort Dix, NJ, then went onto Fort Hood, Texas and then shipped out to Hawaii for about 10 days. Soon after he went on to serve his country in the Korean War. He became a Military Policeman in Japan, spent time in Killeen Texas and then moved Governor's Island in NY and was stationed out of the 18th Precinct in New York when he met his lovely predeceased wife, Irma Gonzalez in 1953. In 1955 he returned to Maybrook, lived in Lido Mansion, then Casey's farm until he found employment on the New York, New Haven, Hartford line. He then lived on Main Street above the jewelry store which eventually became the old Village Hall. In 1962, he and his wife purchased a house on Wallace Avenue where he currently resides today. He was involved with his children Joann, Karl Jr. and Iris and their activities growing up in the village. He went on to join the Maybrook Engine Company No. 1 in 1955, in 1963 an article was written in the local paper about how he was able to get the first oxygen tanks for the Maybrook Fire Department. He became Chief in 1965 and was an active member until 2015 in the Fire Police. He also became an active member of the Dusenberry-Flannery Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 2064. The VFW Post 2064 on Main Street in the village was donated to the VFW by Ma Bastiano who owned the land that was formally known to many residents as the site of the "Blue Mirror". During construction in 1972-74 he along with Jack Barletta put their homes up as collateral to get a loan to complete the Dusenberry-Flannery Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 2064 we know of today. He was Commander of the post in 1975 and then again in the 1980's and he is still an active member and marches in parades to this day. It was brought to my attention that he will be celebrating his 85<sup>th</sup> Birthday on December 11<sup>th</sup>. I kid with him whenever I see him about how I hope to look half as good as he does if and when I make it to his age. I look at this year's Joseph E. Dineen Award recipient as more of a Life Achievement Award because of the many contributions this individual has made to his community and his country as before mentioned. He

walks about the village with a smile that's guaranteed to brighten your day. I along with the rest of the Village Board of Trustees wish him the Happiest of Birthday's on December 11<sup>th</sup> and many more years of good health as well. It is my honor to announce, present and congratulate the Joseph E. Dineen Award recipient for 2016, Mr. Karl Heller.

### **PRESENTATION TO KATHLEEN FLORIO**

1. The Village of Maybrook is very fortunate to have Shoprite involved with our village. When I first became Mayor 9 years ago, a Shoprite Manager by the name of Bob Gillick came into my office and told me he wanted to bridge a relationship between Shoprite and the village. Promising if we needed anything, he would do his best to accommodate us. Bob moved onto another store and we still keep in touch to this day. Since Bob's departure, the managers and advocates to follow have picked up right where he left off and continued his promise to our village. We are grateful for Shoprite's assistance and participation in our Maybrook holiday events and their support of organizations in Maybrook as well. These past two years, I had the pleasure of working with Shoprite Advocate Kathleen Florio. Kathleen is a wonderful person and has been very supportive of our village. She always goes above and beyond for our village and for that I am grateful. Kathleen recently was transferred to the Monticello store and is no longer our representative from the Montgomery Shoprite however she called me to let me know she was leaving and told her replacement "make sure you take care of Maybrook because they take care of us". This evening the Village of Maybrook Board of Trustees wanted to show Kathleen our appreciation for her support to the Village of Maybrook with a special presentation.

### **PRESENTATION TO GABRIELLE MIYOSHI**

Gabriella Miyoshi was recently awarded the Leadership Award for 4-H members. In order to attain this award, a person has to have personified exemplary leadership skills throughout the 4-H year. Gabriella led many community service activities such as food drives, helping at the local shelters and working with the seniors. She also led programs in the dairy program for younger children. Gabriella was also awarded the Progression Award for a 4-h member who has demonstrated forward

momentum and growth in participation, mastery and leadership. Gabriella earned that award for her public speaking. When she first started 4-H, she was not comfortable speaking in public and each year her public speaking skills became stronger. This past year she was able to lead programs and speak in public about 4-H and also spoke to local politicians about the local dairy industry and how the 4-H can help. On top of this, Gabriella also received her Silver Award in Girl scouts for leading a huge food drive for the food pantry and a toy and personal hygiene product drive for the families for the food pantry last Christmas to help those less fortunate. She was able to help 26 families and a total of 56 children. Gabriella and her Mom (Kim) recently contacted me and arranged the 4-H Group to participate in our Annual Christmas Tree Lighting on November 27<sup>th</sup>. They came with their rein-goats which were a hit amongst the children that attended. Her Mom mentioned to me at the Christmas Tree Lighting about her accomplishments and I invited her to tonight's meeting to recognize those achievements and also to encourage her to continue on her path. Gabriella, don't let anybody fool you, public speaking is not easy for anyone. If you continue to work hard at your goals, I'm confident that you will grow into it and be very good at it as well. So tonight, on behalf of the Village of Maybrook Board of Trustees, I would like to make a presentation to you this evening.

### **CORRESPONDENCE**

1. BOARD MEETING SCHEDULE, 2017- Motion by Trustee Pritchard, seconded by Trustee Reynolds, approving the Board Meeting schedule for 2017 as presented. 4 ayes, 0 nays. (attached)
2. HOLIDAY SCHEDULE- Motion by Trustee Barnett, seconded by Trustee Reynolds, approving the Holiday schedule for 2017 as presented. 4 ayes, 0 nays. (attached)
3. BUILDING INSPECTOR'S REPORT- Trustee Barnett advised on the report, the Village looks great with the decorations, Tim and Linda are on top of the violations.

Mayor advised on an email from Matt Thorp, we will be extending the hydrant flushing through December 14<sup>th</sup>.

### **MAYOR'S REPORT**

**Village of Maybrook Christmas Party-** will be held on Friday, December 9<sup>th</sup> for Maybrook employees and associates at the Maybrook Senior Center. Thank you to Trustee Jim Barnett and Tina Johnson for organizing the party. Looking forward to a fun evening.

**Maybrook Wind Ensemble Presents its Annual Concert with Holiday Favorites-** Our very own Maybrook Wind Ensemble, an inter-generational community wind ensemble under the direction of Kevin Scott, will present a concert with a selection of holiday favorites celebrating Christmas and Hanukkah on Friday evening, December 16<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 p.m. at the Maybrook Senior Center. There will be light refreshments after the concert. This is a great local family event for the holiday season and guaranteed to put you in the Christmas Spirit! Admission for this event is free, with a goodwill offering to help defray incidental expenses.

**Maybrook Christmas Home Decorating Contest-** As Deputy Mayor Noreen Reynolds mentioned at our last Village Board Meeting, the Maybrook Christmas Home Decorating Contest will be held the evening of Monday, December 19<sup>th</sup>. The winners will receive gift cards to Lowes 1<sup>st</sup> \$100, 2<sup>nd</sup> \$75 and 3<sup>rd</sup> \$25 so get those homes lit for the holidays and good luck to all!

**Trustee Kevin Greany-**Trustee Kevin Greany was unable to attend tonight's Village Board Meeting because of a family commitment. In his absence, he asked that I read the following statement on his behalf. "My apologies to the Mayor, Village Board and Public for not being present at tonight's meeting. I would like to take this moment to announce that I will be seeking re-election for another term as a Trustee in the Village of Maybrook in March 2017. As always, I appreciate the support of the village residents and I hope to continue working with the Mayor and Village Board for another term. I wish everyone a Merry Christmas and all the best in 2017!" Trustee Kevin Greany

**Last Village Board Meeting of 2015-** Another year has passed and 2017 will be soon upon us. These will be my last words of my report for 2016 and as I do every year, I want to make sure that I end it appropriately. This has been a long and very productive year and I'm very proud of our accomplishments and we have a lot more ahead of us in 2017. I want to take a moment to thank the Village Board, Maybrook Clerk-Treasurer Tina Johnson, DPW Supervisor Matt Thorp, Maybrook Police Chief Butch Amthor, ALL of the employees of the Village of Maybrook, our attorneys (Rick and Kelly), engineer (Jim) and building

inspector (Tim) for all of your hard work this past year. For a small village, we get a lot accomplished every year and every one of you contributed in making this another successful year! I want to thank my wife Liz and my three children for their sacrifices in allowing me to do this job to the best of my abilities. I appreciate each and every one of you and your efforts. I wish you all a Merry Christmas and a Healthy, Safe and Happy New Year in 2017! Thank you.

**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-** Wished everyone a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

**DEPUTY MAYOR NOREEN REYNOLDS-** Advised the committee will be out to judge lights and decorations between 5-5:30PM on 12/19.

Merry Christmas, Happy Hanukah, and Happy New Year!

Congrats to Kevin for choosing to run in the election.

**TRUSTEE JAMES R BARNETT-** Advised on his history with the Village since being sworn in on 12/12/76 by the late Ken Petzold, he became a part time police officer, then was a member of the ZBA, Planning Board, in December 2010 he was appointed to the Village Board, and then ran and was elected and it's been a delight. This Board works very well together, we have our differences which is ok, and we get past it and move forward. If the good people of this Village allow, he will run again for the Board of Trustees.

Merry Christmas, Happy Hanukah, and a Happy, healthy, prosperous New Year!

### **DEPARTMENT HEADS**

**CHIEF ARNORLD AMTHOR-** Wished all a safe and healthy happy holiday and New Year.

**ENGINEER JIM DEWINTER-** Advised the Bid Opening for the Sewer Lining project will be in the paper on Wednesday, 12/7/16.

Advised curbs at Bluestone being done before the bad weather comes in.

Wished all a Merry Christmas, Happy Holidays and New Year.

**ATTORNEY KELLY NAUGHTON-** Advised how thankful she is to work for this Village, she is very thankful and grateful, and wishes everyone a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Motion by Trustee Reynolds, seconded by Trustee Pritchard, meeting was adjourned at 7:30PM. 4 ayes, 0 nays.

Respectfully submitted,

Valentina Johnson  
Village Clerk-Treasurer