

VILLAGE OF MAYBROOK BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING- APRIL 10, 2017  
RE-ORGANIZATION MEETING

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

**MEMBERS ABSENT:** TRUSTEE KEVIN GREANY

**ALSO PRESENT:** ATTORNEY KELLY NAUGHTON, SERGEANT MICHAEL MARESCA, DPW SUPERINTENDENT MATTHEW THORP

**PUBLIC:** CHARLES WOZNICK, MARIE MARX, ED WILLIAMS, RACHAEL COLEMAN (WVT), LOTTIE & RAY RUMPF, THOMAS & PATRICIA WALCOTT, EARL YOUNG, JERRY & NICHOLE CARRASQUILLO, DONNA BARLETTA & DAUGHTER

Mayor opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Motion by Trustee Reynolds, seconded by Trustee Pritchard, approving the minutes of the March 27, 2017 meeting as presented. 4 ayes, 0 nays.

**APPROVAL OF BILLS & CLAIMS**

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

GENERAL	\$26,007.38
WATER	\$ 3,504.25
SEWER	\$17,293.32
REFUSE	<u>\$19,542.84</u>
TOTAL	\$66,347.79

**TRANSFER OF FUNDS**

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

FROM: 1410.200A, Clerk Equipment

TO: 1410.150A, Special Overtime

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AMOUNT: \$500

FROM: 1620.400A, Buildings Contractual

TO: 1410.420A, Administrative Bank Fees

AMOUNT: \$200

FROM: 1620.400A, Buildings Contractual

TO: 9060.800A, Hospital & Medical

AMOUNT: \$1300

**BUDGET HEARING- 7PM**

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

Motion by Trustee Barnett, seconded by Trustee Pritchard, to open the Public Hearing at 7PM. 4 ayes, 0 nays.

Mayor advised on the budget with a power point presentation showing the 2017-18 budget with tax rates, and advised on increases for the past 8 years. Mayor advised the Galaxy project will help/impact our revenues to the village, gave the amounts each would receive (village, school, town and County)which will lead to other things. People ask what if it doesn't happen, well that's why we ar working on it. Mayor also showed a chart of the adopted budgets, advised on increase and wages. We're doing the best we can to stay within our means and do the best and stay fiscally responsible.

Thomas Walcott advised it's hard to link the two projects together, told of 40 years ago and the high density that was built in Country Club Heights, it increased crime, pollution, congestion, it's a fire department nightmare, put parks in which was an asset. Then came Yellow Freight 30 years ago, everyone was excited, good paying jobs, it increased noise, traffic, congestion, no benefit was received from it. Yellow bought Rodeway and that went bankrupt. Was it worth it?

Mayor advised he wasn't here.

Thomas Walcott advised then came the Flea Market, it went from a movie theatre to Flea Market, functioned for a long time, we had to provide police for traffic, congestion was so bad, noise, dust, no parking, we provided water and sewer, was that a success? It has a lot to be desired.

Thomas Walcott advised the Galaxy project has done a lot of hard work, but is it going to be a life saver for the village? We're putting our budgets and tentative on this, he understands why we have 11% increase, there's very little left.

Mayor advised he could do the easy thing and not raise taxes. We've said no to condos and townhouses, etc. Mayor advised on a quote from John F Kennedy, if he sat and didn't do anything, he doesn't know where we would be, but we hung in there. We came out with an interest rate for the funding for a new

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sewage treatment plant of less than 2%, we have a surcharge rate of \$45 per quarter, when we started out it was between \$150 to \$180 per quarter, another municipality and Washingtonville have problems. If our sewage treatment plant wasn't done, we wouldn't be talking about this, we have a grant for \$200,000 for sidewalks.

Mayor advised on the meeting with Empire State Development, everything's lining up perfectly for this project. He's not blowing his own horn, but we're showing progress, it's what we've been working on for 9 years, we have the Senior Center and the Government Center. We had the Easter Egg Hunt yesterday, new families in the village, this is a good sign.

Trustee Barnett advised one thing that stuck with him. He wasn't born and raised in the Village of Maybrook, but has lived here for 42 years, and lives in Country Club Heights, other areas have crime than Country Club, there's a Boy Scout Troop and Band, one of the best in the County, other good people, he doesn't believe it was a mistake and he's not tooting his own horn, but the best people in Country Club are involved in our churches, it wasn't a mistake at all, no traffic problem. He's offended by that comment, we have survived without sidewalks.

Thomas Walcott advised he is by any means referring to the people of Country Club Heights, the high density, the roads, the parking. It's difficult if you own 2 or 3 cars, those roads were undedicated for 25 years, and Logans Way is following the same route, that road is still undedicated. It took 5 years to build 17 houses, it's a long stretch, large projects in the past have not been successful. For a project to go 5 or 6 years, regardless of the owner placing it and all.

Mayor advised that's the law.

Thomas Walcott advised he understands but it's not right during a blizzard for people who pay taxes and can't get out of their streets.

Mayor advised he doesn't know the exact status of Logans Way, but they are going forward. Galaxy is prime real estate and we're ready for it.

Trustee Pritchard advised that on this project, knowing what we know, he's made three trips to New Jersey and their property is stunning. The cul-de-sac at Henry Henning Drive is already in, they want to build that road to Main Street and help us rebuild Main Street. These are the tax bases we need.

Thomas Walcott advised so they are waiting for the Town of Montgomery.

Mayor advised Town of Montgomery can't stop that., they're doing their surveys and get in for this year's CFA application.

Thomas Walcott advised it's not going to solve our budget problems now., we have to bridge that and be responsible.

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Trustee Pritchard advised the \$20,000 is for the re-zoning of the downtown district, mixed use, four stories, etc. , two separate zones, the BDD and the B2 zone, Main Street is dead center and will see good things, that has to be matched.

Trustee Barnett asked Clerk what the tax cap was, the police department has a contract, you have to honor it. They have a contract that they deserve, can't do anything about retirement, insurance, Workers Compensation, we have to pay it. Is 11% a high increase this year? We had to do it. That's our job, I'm retired, Noreen's retired, we pay taxes too, but he also knows you have to run a business and provide services. The DPW, Office staff, you have 3 ladies doing the work of 5 and we try to keep things reasonable but we have expenses that have to be met. If this project comes through, if it doesn't, we're going to have to work three times harder and hope and pray it comes through., hopes we cut the ribbon and Maybrook shines. If that doesn't happen, well, he has confidence in Dennis and Bob that it will happen.

Thomas Walcott advised he still has a question in his mind and if it comes through, he's all for it, but he has a lot of questions and reservations. He advised on 0% increases and never had to pay a health insurance premium and at 10% that's a bargain, he's not saying it's a lot, but trying. As far as cameras, your best asset to the police department is the people, cameras are an extra.

Mayor advised people don't call the police, they're afraid, they call me. The police department is doing a fine job, crime is down.

Thomas Walcott advised he's not saying they're doing a bad job, or DPW or people in Country Club, or the office, he's just saying he hopes this project is a success.

Mayor advised we're going to have to cut back.

Thomas Walcott advised there's no capital improvements for natural things, curbing, roads, where will we be in a few years? Is it better to make the cuts now? You as the Village Board have to make that decision. Are there other areas we can cut? The fields look beautiful, but things like the gentleman that was here at the last meeting and couldn't get up the curb in his wheelchair, everything is a project from grants.

Mayor asked Mr. Walcott where was he 20/30 years ago, because he took this on and had to deal with all the infrastructure, the neglect went on so long. It didn't happen overnight. The sewage treatment plant got down from \$150-\$175 to \$45. People say I pay you \$10,000 in taxes, no you don't, if the village got all of that, we'd be shining. It caught up with us, he didn't want to give a 11% increase, he's not happy about it but hopes it comes to be. He gets paid \$13,195 a year, he chose to do it, he wants to see this village succeed, he's doing the best he can. He spends a lot of time here.

Trustee Barnett advised \$2.51 per hour, that's what the Mayor gets paid, he loves this village and cares about it a lot and he loves it more than me, it's easy to say cut but it's the people, cut 1.5%, that's the salary increase we gave our people, and we looked at all of this, a lot of talking tonight, the five of us

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care, we care about all the good people of this village, we care about the staff, we have three ladies here that do the work of five, we have a police department that does a fine job, and a DPW that works hard, it's all about the people.

Mayor asked if there is only one village in this town? Because he hasn't seen anything in the newspaper on anyone else's budget.

Thomas Walcott advised he would just like to comment that he takes a daily walk and there are good people in this community and some not as fortunate, he speaks for them even though they aren't here, and wants the same but they have very hard times, but take them into consideration too and trim a little something, don't do so much community stuff, like the fireworks and things.

Mayor advised he has to disagree, people like that, he just met a lot of people at the Easter Egg Hunt yesterday and met a few new families that moved into the village, brings young people back here, brings new residents and possibly a school again. He talks to them every day. Mayor advised he is listening to Mr Walcott but they don't want to hear about events being cut.

Donna Barletta advised she has lived here her entire life and has seen so many improvements over 9 years, the Maybrook Wind Ensemble, if Country Club didn't come in the school would have been gone. The budget is fiscally sound, but break it down monthly, don't go for your McDonalds and maybe those struggling can change their choices too.

Mayor advised people are amazed we have bulk pick up.

Donna thanked the Board and hopes this project comes to fruition.

Motion by Trustee Pritchard, seconded by Trustee Reynolds, to close the Public Hearing at 7:55PM. 4 ayes, 0 nays.

Motion by Trustee Barnett, seconded by Trustee Pritchard, to adopt the 2017-18 Budget as presented. 4 ayes, 0 nays. Trustee Barnett thanked Mayor and Tina for all they did with a tough budget.

**PUBLIC HEARING**

**304 TOWER AVENUE**

Motion by Trustee Barnett, seconded by Trustee Reynolds, to open the Public Hearing at 8PM. 4 ayes, 0 nays.

Jerry Carrasquillo advised he and his wife Nicole own 304 Tower Avenue, owned it since November 2016 and can't fix it due to the moratorium, they can't fix it and are paying taxes on it and the water/sewer bill and wants to fix the property, which will also fix Tower Avenue.

Trustee Pritchard advised the permit Mr. Carrasquillo is requesting is a repair permit from the Building Department, in the B-2 district, multi-family.

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Attorney advised the owner can provide to you in writing or verbal and prove it's not inconsistent to what we're doing.

Mayor advised on the local law.

Jerry Carrasquillo advised he is ready to go, he has spent \$30,000 in materials.

Attorney advised on demonstrating a hardship.

Motion by Trustee Barnett, seconded by Trustee Pritchard, to close the Public Hearing at 8:05PM. 4 ayes, 0 nays.

Motion by Trustee Barnett, seconded by Trustee Pritchard, authorizing a waiver from Local Law #1 of 2017. 4 ayes, 0 nays.

**PUBLIC HEARING**

**121 CLARK PLACE**

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

Motion by Trustee Reynolds, seconded by Trustee Barnett, to open the Public Hearing at 8:05PM. 4 ayes, 0 nays.

Marie Marx advised on her economical hardship and still having to pay taxes on the lot which is zoned commercial and her home is zoned residential on her property, she has sold the home, it's now the lot she'd like to request for a zone change from commercial to residential.

Trustee Pritchard advised the lot is in the B-2 zone, home is residential, it will be residential in July, with regard to what we are doing with the re-zoning of the B-2 zone.

Motion by Trustee Pritchard, seconded by Trustee Reynolds, to close the Public Hearing at 8:08 PM. 4 ayes, 0 nays.

Deputy Mayor Reynolds advised trying to sell and paying taxes on a piece of property that is zoned commercial with the house that is residential is a hardship.

**PUBLIC HEARING**

**COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT FY-2018**

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

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Mayor advised we will apply for more sewer lining to get done, we're at 90%, so let's see if we can get more done.

Deputy Mayor advised the sewer lining getting done has been such an asset, we should finish it up.

Trustee Pritchard advised the deadline for the application is near, not enough time to really look to put in for anything else.

DPW Superintendent Matthew Thorp advised to go for Zone 2 and advised on the process and what lines to do.

Mayor asked if there was any public comment.

Motion by Trustee Reynolds, seconded by Trustee Pritchard, to close the Public Hearing at 8:11PM. 4 ayes, 0 nays.

The Village of Maybrook is hereby submitting its application for consideration under the FY-2018 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-2018 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 Pritchard, seconded by Trustee Reynolds, authorizing submittal the application and project for Sewer Lining FY 2018. 4 ayes, 0 nays.

**REORGANIZATION**

**CORRESPONDENCE**

1. AUTHORIZATION, REMOVAL OF PROBATIONARY STATUS FOR POLICE OFFICER ANTHONY GALENO- Sgt Maresca advised Officer Galeno is doing a great job. Trustee Barnett advised he agrees that Officer Galeno is doing a fine job. Mayor advised both Officer Anthony Galeno and Officer Kris Kolvenbach are doing great. Motion by Trustee Barnett, seconded by Trustee Reynolds, authorizing removal of probationary status for Officer Galeno, effective immediately. 4 ayes, 0 nays.
2. AUTHORIZATION, LEASE FOR NEW POLICE VEHICLE- Motion by Trustee Barnett, seconded by Trustee Pritchard, authorizing an annual lease for four (4) years for \$11,936.39, total is \$43,872.01 for a 2017 Ford Police Interceptor Sedan with a \$1 Purchase B/O Option paid at end of year 3. 4 ayes, 0 nays.

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3. AUTHORIZATION, PROPOSAL FOR PROFESSIONAL ENGINEERING SERVICES- H2M ARCHITECTS +ENGINEERS- Motion by Trustee Pritchard, seconded by Trustee Reynolds, authorizing to approve the agreement with H2M Architects + Engineers. 4 ayes, 0 nays. Board advised they look forward to working with Sean.
4. LETTER, WALDEN ROTARY CLUB, PRESIDENT PETER SULLIVAN- Board is very thankful for the generous donation of \$8,000 to build a stage in the senior center from the club, they do a lot of good things in the community, all are very excited, it's almost completed and looks good. Rec. & filed.
5. LETTER, VALLEY CENTRAL GIRLS VARSITY BASKETBALL TEAM- Board advised it is a very nice letter. Mayor advised we will continue to be supportive of Valley Central School District. Rec. & filed.

**MAYOR'S REPORT**

- **Maybrook Fire Department Installation Dinner-** I, along with the Board of Trustees were invited to the Maybrook Fire Department Installation Dinner held on Saturday, April 1<sup>st</sup> at Anthony's Pier 9 in Newburgh. Congratulations to Chief Ted Cinquitti and the new officers who were sworn in at the dinner. I wish them all the best in the coming year. Another thank you to Chief Charlie Woznick for his service this past year. Last but not least I want to thank all of the members who volunteer for their community and the sacrifices they make for the safety of the residents and their families.
- **Empire State Development-** On Tuesday, March 28<sup>th</sup> , Trustee Bob Pritchard, Maybrook Grant Writer Jen Lima, Representatives from NY Waterways and I met with Meaghan Taylor from Empire State Development to present the concept for the development of a corporate park in the old Maybrook Rail Yard. Ms. Taylor was very impressed with the how the project will assist with revenue for the State, County, Town and Village and school district. It was our first meeting and now NY Waterways is focused on preparing so they can file for annexation of the 28 acres in the Town of Montgomery into the Village of Maybrook. We will keep everyone informed of any new developments.
- **Maybrook Easter Egg Hunt-** The Village of Maybrook Easter Egg Hunt was held yesterday at the Maybrook Senior Center. We had great weather for the Easter Egg Hunt. There were a 1000 eggs spread throughout the Danny Myer Memorial Park. We raffled off 12 Easter Baskets, 2 Chocolate Bunnies and a jar of jelly beans. I want to thank our Village Clerk/Treasurer Tina Johnson, our Shoprite Advocate Cynthia



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Zippo and her staff who supplied cookies and juice for the kids and the Village board for their support of the holiday events for the kids. We had over 125 kids who participated and it was a great turnout!

- **Next Village of Maybrook Board Meeting** – will be held on *Monday, April 24<sup>th</sup>* at 7 pm in the Maybrook Government Center.
- **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**

**DEPUTY MAYOR ROBERT PRITCHARD**- Thanked the Mayor and Board for his appointment as Deputy Mayor.

Advised the EDC team meeting is postponed until April 24<sup>th</sup>, after that we will have updates and know what grants are available to us.

Congratulated Jim on his re-election.

**TRUSTEE NOREEN REYNOLDS**- Congratulated Bob, knows he will do a great job as Deputy Mayor, he's so involved and doing a lot, this is where he needs to be. It was a pleasure and an honor for the past 9 years as Deputy Mayor.

Thanked the Fire Department for the invitation, it was a great dinner.

Advised the Community Center is doing well, they did 44 passports last month, we have four passport clerks plus Linda.

Congrats to Jim on his re-election.

**DEPARTMENT HEADS**

**DPW SUPERINTENDENT MATTHEW THORP**- Advised they are still working on well.

Advised on the bids for the sidewalks.

Advised they will be slurry sealing soon.

Advised they will be seal coating the Community Center.

Advised we received an additional \$25,000 from Senator Larkin for sidewalks.

Advised Mayor did put in for money from FEMA from storm Stella, but \$13 million is needed statewide.

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**ATTORNEY KELLY NAUGHTON**- Congrats to Bob and Jim, thanked Noreen.

Motion by Trustee Barnett, seconded by Trustee Reynolds, meeting was adjourned at 8:45PM. 4 ayes, 0 nays.

Respectfully submitted,

Valentina Johnson

Village Clerk-Treasurer