**Village of Maybrook**

**Board of Trustees Meeting**

**April 27, 2020**

Mayor Leahy: The Village of Maybrook Board of Trustees meeting is being held by conference call due to the COVID 19 coronavirus. For the record, this meeting is being recorded and will be posted on the Village of Maybrook website as soon as possible. The meeting is beginning at 7:04 p.m. Since our last Village Board Meeting, I received sad news that our Assemblyman Brian Miller and Senator James Skoufis both have tested positive for COVID 19. Please continue to pray for all that have tested positive, for those who have passed and families who have lost loved ones from the COVID19. We also would like to send our best wishes to Rick Golden who recovered from COVID19 as well. Tina, do you want to do a roll call.

Clerk Johnson: Certainly. Trustee Greany?

Trustee Greany: Here.

Clerk Johnson: Trustee Barnett?

Trustee Barnett: Here.

Clerk Johnson: Mayor Leahy?

Mayor Leahy: Here.

Clerk Johnson: Deputy Mayor Pritchard?

Deputy Mayor Pritchard: Present.

Clerk Johnson: And Trustee Capozzoli?

Trustee Capozzoli: Present.

Clerk Johnson: Thank you.

Mayor Leahy: We also have our Village Engineer Sean Hoffman and our Attorney, Kelly Naughton. Um, is Chief Amthor on the line? No, he’s not ok.Is DPW Supervisor Matt Thorpe on the line?

Attorney Naughton: The only additional person on the line is Audine.

Mayor Leahy: Ok. Alright, first on the agenda Tina?

Clerk Johnson: If I could first get approval of the minutes as transcribed and posted from the April 13th meeting please.

Trustee Greany – Accept the minutes as presented please

Deputy Mayor Pritchard: I’ll second.

Mayor Leahy: All in Favor?

Aye

Aye

Aye

Aye

Mayor Leahy: Any opposed? Ok

Clerk Johnson: – And approval of the bills and claims as e-mailed today. I think I heard from the majority about everything. Ok.

Trustee Capozzoli: I’ll make that motion.

Deputy Mayor Pritchard: Yea, I’ll make a motion. I’ll second.

Mayor Leahy: Second by the Deputy Mayor – All in favor?

Aye

Aye

Aye

Aye

Mayor Leahy: Any opposed?

Clerk Johnson: Great – thank you. The only correspondence we have on the agenda this evening is if the Board wishes to move forward with the adoption of the 2021 Budget from the last meeting.

Mayor Leahy: As stated at the Village of Maybrook Budget Hearing held on April 13, 2020 the tax rate for a Montgomery Maybrook residents for 2021 will be 15.99 which is an increase of 61 cents which equates to 4%. The example that was used was that a $150,000 assessed home in Maybrook will pay $2,298.50 which is an increase of $91.00 per year and $7.58 per month. The tax rate for a Hamptonburgh Maybrook resident for 2021 will be $9.76 which is a decrease of 27 cents, which equates to a 2.7 % decrease. An example – a $150,000 assessed home in Hamptonburgh will pay $1,464 which is a decrease of $40.50 per year and a savings of $3.38 per month. There are no additional cuts added. Are there any comments from the Board?

Trustee Greany: No, I want to say you got it down from 5.5 you did a great job on that. Thank you very much.

Mayor Leahy: Anybody else?

Deputy Mayor Pritchard: 5.5.

Trustee Barnett: It was 5.5, and the Mayor got it down to 3.9 beautiful.

Deputy Mayor Pritchard: 3.9.

Trustee Barnett: Well 4%, which is beautiful. Excellent. Good job Dennis, thank you.

Mayor Leahy – Ok, any other comments

Trustee Barnett: I would like to make the motion that we accept the budget for 2020-2021.

Trustee Capozzoli: I will second.

Mayor Leahy: Seconded by Trustee Capozzoli. All in favor?

Aye

Aye

Aye

Mayor Leahy: And Opposed?

Deputy Mayor Pritchard: Right here. Deputy Mayor Pritchard.

Mayor Leahy: Ok, would you like to comment or

Deputy Mayor Pritchard: I would like to say that I believe that the Mayor should have a raise in this budget and it’s not there. Therefore, I will vote against it.

Mayor Leahy: Ok, for the record we have 4 Ayes and 1 Nay by Deputy Mayor Bob Pritchard. Ok, that’s all you got Tina?

Clerk Johnson: That’s it.

Mayor Leahy: Yea, this has been pretty rough guys. I stated at the last Village Board Meeting the Village of Maybrook Board of Elections were scheduled for Wednesday March 18th on Monday March 17, 2020 to keep New Yorkers safe during COVID 19 pandemic, Governor Andrew Cuomo issued an Executive Order delaying Village Elections statewide until April 28th primary election. Since this announcement the date for the Village of Maybrook elections have changed again. We have been informed the elections will take place after June 1st but still no confirmed date. COVID19 has taken its toll on many since it started. As of today, there are 8,238 positive cases of COVID19 reported in Orange County, 299 deaths have been reported, 215 people are currently hospitalized, 183 of those people hospitalized tested positive and 32 are hospitalized with symptoms of COVID19. There are 51% of ICU beds available in the County. As of today, there are 488 positive cases of COVID19 cases reported in the Town of Montgomery. We are seeing a decline in the numbers, more importantly is the increase in the availability of the ICU beds. I have been on conference calls daily with the County Executive Steve Neuhaus, Orange County Health Commissioner Dr. Irene Gellman and Department of Emergency Services Commissioner Brendan Casey. The numbers discussed are posted on the Village of Maybrook website and the Maybrook Facebook page as they become available. I have received calls from residents because other numbers have been posted the day after where some are confused. I started this past week to stamp the time and the numbers that were reported to be more accurate. Many have heard that Governor Cuomo announced that New York On Pause will be extended in coordination with other states to May 15th. Non-essential workers must continue to stay home, social distancing rules remain in place. On April 20, 2020 at 10 a.m. I signed the Village of Maybrook declaration of Local State of Emergency Executive Order No. 3 of 2020. On March 22, 2020 I issued an Executive Order extending the declaration of April 21, 2020 and addressing the Governor’s Executive Order 202.4 concerning the reduction in the Village’s in office work force. This Executive Order went into effect 12:01 a.m. on April 22, 2020 and will expire on midnight on May 22, 2020 unless further extended. The Executive Order No. 3 of 2020 has been posted on the Village of Maybrook website and the Village of Maybrook Facebook page. Our offices may be closed but we continue business as usual by phone and internet. I want to thank the employees’ extra effort during this difficult time and I appreciate everyone of them. I have been in touch with the local businesses and it has been a struggle for many of them. I have spoken to many residents by phone and email and I appreciate all of those who check in on their family members, neighbors and elderly in our Village. I ask all residents to please continue to wear face masks, practice social distancing and stay home as much as possible. Take one day at a time and pray for better times. Our next scheduled Village of Maybrook Board Meeting will be held on Monday, May 11th at 7 p.m., which, as of today will be held by teleconference. Trustee Greany?

Trustee Greany: Yeah, I don’t have too much tonight Dennis. The sewer plant is up and running very well. The only thing I have for tonight is what we discussed with you last Monday for a period of time on the phone with bad news is that with the restrictions we are facing now by the State of New York and the Village of Maybrook and our residents we will not have the Memorial Day Parade this year at all as of right now. Sad to say that but that all of the men and women who have died for this country to get us where we are today. If these are the rules we have to go by, Dennis will stay up on the COVID19 progress and let us know like he does everyday and we will gauge it from there. Hopefully we decide in May we can get our service at the ball field if we’re allowed to have that many people. We’re not sure yet. I’m sure Dennis will keep everybody informed of what we can do and get in touch with me and we’ll be back and forth. It’s a sad note that I had to do something like this because we send the letters out in the beginning of May and with the restrictions tied on this, there is no other way we could do this this year and hope to resume with it next year. Other than that, everybody please stay safe, God bless you all and stay healthy. That’s all I can say tonight. Thank you.

Mayor Leahy: Just to add I think that, listen we’re going to take this one day at a time, because that’s all we can do at this time. None of us have been through anything like this before. Well maybe Jim has many, many years ago… I’m kidding, Jim. Yea, this has been a big learning curve for everyone and I think what we’re going to have to do is take it one day at at time, let’s see where we’re at as it draws closer, and maybe we’ll be able to do some type of a ceremony for that day and Kevin and I will stay in touch on that. Thank you, Kevin.

Trustee Greany: Thank you Dennis for your help. Thank you.

Mayor Leahy: Trustee Barnett?

Trustee Barnett – Yea, I spoke to Linda today and she told me that her and Tm are not very busy not a lot going on. That shouldn’t surprise anybody. I also agree with Kevin that it’s a very sad announcement that we have to cancel the Memorial Day Parade. Unfortunately, the circumstances warrant it and there really isn’t much we can do other than pray to get this over with soon so we can get back to doing all the things we should be doing, especially honoring the men and women who died for our country. So it’s a tough thing so who knows maybe by May 23rd or 24th whatever things could change, but let’s hope for the best. Kevin, I thank you for all the work you were going to do for it anyway, as you always do, and Mayor thank you and other than that that’s about it for me.

Mayor Leahy: One good positive thing for this week is that I brought Tim into the 21st Century, he has his e-mails on his phone and he’s able to get his work messages to him now so we’re moving forward. We’ve learned to adapt in the last couple of months. This is good.

Trustee Barnett: I did want to tell you one more thing though, Dennis. 1917 was a rough time. Oh yeah, I remember that well.

[Laughter.]

Mayor Leahy: Well you survived that. You survived this. This is good.

Trustee Barnett: Oh gosh I’ve been through everything I’ll tell you 1917, WWI, WWII, 9/11, geez, everything. I will survive this too, all of us.

Mayor Leahy: Yes we will.

Trustee Barnett: Thank you.

Mayor Leahy: Deputy Mayor?

Deputy Mayor Pritchard: Ah, I have two things here. First of all, I think we need to do a motion for the windows, the well house on County Route 4. If I’m not mistaken that was brought up today by Matt Thorpe on his letter $5,700 for the windows.

Trustee Greany: I think it was $900.

Deputy Mayor Pritchard: Do we need a motion for that? It was $5000.. I have it right here it was $5,701.92. That was the County bid to accept – the County bid for the window replacements at the wellhouse on County Route 4, and that’s going to be… labor is going to be in house. Alright, so if we need a motion I’ll go ahead and make the motion for that.

Mayor Leahy: Go ahead and make a motion.

Deputy Mayor Pritchard: Alright I’ll make a motion for that for the window replacement. Everybody got the email from him I presume.

Mayor Leahy: Yes

Trustee Barnett: Yeah we did

Deputy Mayor Pritchard: Alright. Anybody second it?

Trustee Greany: Second for me

Mayor Leahy: All in favor ?

Aye

Aye

Aye

Mayor Leahy: Ok – anybody opposed? Motion passed.

Deputy Mayor Pritchard: Ok so he can get his windows. Oke, the other thing on the economic development fund obviously everybody knows everything is on hold, I guess there is a meeting this week with Sean and Kelly and Don to go over the secret details, but other than that it’s just moseying along at a snail’s pace so everybody is very much still interested and moving forward with everything but it’s unfortunate times. When we cancel things like Memorial Day Parade, we know everything else is going by the wayside temporary position also so… Kevin I am going to miss that parade this year you do a heck a job with it every year so maybe next year we’ll double up. But keep everybody all those military members in your mind, and move forward from there. That’s all I have. Stay safe.

Trustee Greany: Thank you.

Mayor Leahy: I just want to add, because I believe Matt was supposed to be on here I don’t know what happened why he’s not, but tomorrow they’ll be doing striping on Rakov Road so flyers went out to all of the residents on Rakov and parts of Chrystal and parts of Blake about the parking, and also a code red announcement was sent out to Rakov and part of Chrystal and Blake. It should have went out at about 5 pm this evening so everyone…

Trustee Barnett: Dennis? Dennis? Dennis? Did he also say that they want to do water flushing from May 4th to May 29th?

Mayor Leahy - Yes, he did say that. We’re going to need authorization for the for him to do the flushing on, I have it right here, May flushing from May 4th through May 29th. Can we get a motion from somebody on the Board?

Trustee Capozzoli: I’ll make a motion.

Mayor Leahy: Motion by Trustee Capozzoli. Second?

Deputy Mayor Pritchard: Second. Pritchard.

Mayor Leahy: Trustee Pritchard. All in favor?

Aye

Aye

Aye

Mayor Leahy: Opposed? Alright Trustee Capozzoli, you’re up.

Trustee Capozzoli: Alright, not a lot, I think we know the Community Center is closed. I rode through the parks; they look really nice. They got them mowed up. I want to thank all the Village staff. You know, it’s tough working the way we’re working, but they’re getting it done. I’m very sorry about the Memorial Day Parade. In my 48 years in this Village or on this earth I missed two, and the only two I ever missed was because I was serving in the military. But when… it’s just a sad, sad time right now, and other than that I just want everybody to stay safe.

Mayor Leahy: Thank you. Sean, you got anything?

Sean Hoffman: Yes, real quick. Everybody, the Mayor and I spoke before the Village received an email today from Orange County Community Development. It looks to me they may be putting together or trying to put together some Federal Funding applications for assistance for COVID19. I have scheduled a brief call with somebody from the County tomorrow just to get some specifics fill out the form the County asked. I will coordinate with Matt and we’ll get it out and submitted prior to the May 1st deadline. It came about very quick. We got it today, and they need it by May 1st so we’ll turn it over pretty quickly.

Trustee Barnett: Sean, Sean what can it be used for?

Sean Hoffman: There’s a whole host of, well, it’s really more of a survey of potential needs so I don’t if they’re the County trying to put a package together for FEMA. It’s not an application for funding and that’s what I wanted to talk to them about whether these funds would be available to the Village and municipalities individually or if this is something the County is going to administer so I will get some more information tomorrow, and what I’ll do is send out an email to you tomorrow detailing what I find out, ok?

Trustee Barnett: Thank you very much.

Mayor Leahy: Matt and Tina have been keeping tabs on what’s been spent during this COVID virus and um I just want to add that I have made it perfectly clear that the Senior Center, the Community Center and the Government Center will not be opened for full time employees until they are done again, and sprayed through one last time when this is all over. So myself, Sean and Matt will be working on this this week to figure out what we’ve used so far and to keep the tab moving along for what we’re using going forward. Thank you, Sean.

Sean Hoffman: Your welcome.

Mayor Leahy: You got anything else Sean?

Sean Hoffman: No Mayor that’s all right now.

Mayor Leahy: Ok. Kelly?

Attorney Naughton: No, I have nothing thank you.

Mayor Leahy: Tina

Clerk Johnson: I’m good, thank you.

Mayor Leahy: I haven’t seen you in so long.

Clerk Johnson: I know!

Mayor Leahy: I talk to you everyday but I haven’t seen you in so long!

Deputy Mayor Pritchard: I have one question for Tina.

Clerk Johnson: Sure.

Deputy Mayor Pritchard: If I could ask one question. Usually this time of year we are recording all of our hours and everything for the retirement services ah should we be doing that in spite of the fact that nobody has asked for it in anticipation that they might or

Clerk Johnson: They haven’t asked since we didn’t have the election held yet, but usually they send me an email reminding me to start now. I have not received anything but it wouldn’t hurt you know to just go ahead and start doing it.

Deputy Mayor Pritchard: So we should start doing it now and they ask for it beginning June or so we can just discard what we’ve got and you can use whatever you need right. Ok, I would suggest that everybody on the Board start recording the hours that they’re using because if they ask for it and we have to come back and try to extrapolate what we did three months ago it’s going to be a little bit tough to do.

Mayor Leahy: We should be doing it all the time.

Clerk Johnson: I don’t think you’ll have to go back through. They usually ask for the 3 months once we do the reorganization so ah

Deputy Mayor Pritchard: Once we do the reorg ok, alright, good enough

Mayor Leahy: I suggest that everybody keep a calendar so you have it going forward.

Deputy Mayor Pritchard: Exactly.

Trustee Barnett: Mayor Leahy?

Mayor Leahy: Yes

Trustee Barnett: Hello, I got two days. Number one, I do see Tina all the time because thanks to you I learned how to use FaceTime. So, we talk to each other once a week on FaceTime. The second thing that I’d like to

Trustee Capozzoli: Oh Tina you are so lucky.

[Laughter.]

Trustee Barnett: The second thing is I don’t know if the Board knows what’s in the paper. I think a very good friend of our Village is about to retire from the School District. The Deputy Superintendent Bellarosa. He’s been very very good with our Village and I don’t know if you want to send him a letter something from the Board wishing him nothing but the very best in his retirement.

Mayor Leahy: I did speak to him the other day and I will send a letter from the Board.

Trustee Barnett: Ok. He’s a good man. I know he worked very well with you and with the school and with the district.

Mayor Leahy: Yes, he did. I will take care of that.

Trustee Barnett: Thank you.

Mayor Leahy: Ok, is there anybody from the public that’s on right now Kelly? Any questions?

Attorney Naughton: I’m sorry, I was muted, I muted myself. The only member of the public that is on is Audine.

Mayor Leahy: Audine, do you have anything?

Audine: No, I’m good. I’m very sad we’re not having the parade like you all are.

Mayor Leahy: Yea, well we’re going to try to do something if we can so, we’ll keep an eye on it going forward.

Audine: Good hopefully something will work out.

Mayor Leahy: You take care of yourself.

Audine: All of you guys also.

Trustee Greany: Thank you.

Trustee Capozzoli: Thank you.

Trustee Barnett: Thank you.

Mayor Leahy: Alright, before we do the motion to adjourn, I just want to thank Kelly for setting this up again and we’ll be doing the same for May 11th also, so I’ll take a motion to adjourn.

Trustee Barnett: So moved .

Mayor Leahy: Second?

Trustee Greany: Second.

Mayor Leahy: By Trustee Greany. All in favor?

Aye

Aye

Aye

Mayor Leahy: Alright, thank you, everybody be safe.

Clerk Johnson: Thanks everybody.