**Village of Maybrook**

**Board of Trustees Meeting**

**April 13, 2020**

MAYOR LEAHY – April 13, 2020. We are starting this meeting at 7:16 via conference call due to COVID19 coronavirus. The Village of Maybrook Board Meeting is being recorded and will be posted on the Village of Maybrook website as soon as possible. Before we begin tonight’s meeting, I would like to have a moment of silence to remember those who have passed away during and because of the COVID19 virus. I would also like to remember village resident John Lagrand who passed away suddenly on April 7th. John was a dedicated life member of the Maybrook Fire Department and worked as a police officer in the Village of Maybrook. He was a gentleman and a good person. I wish to send our condolences to his wife Pam and his family during this difficult time. We also lost another special lady who passed away unexpectedly in our Village on April 7th Marita Varwig. Marita was a wonderful lady and was a member of the Maybrook Golden Links. We wish to send our condolences to Marita’s family as well at this difficult time. I just want to add that both John and Marita did not pass because of COVID19 however it’s been very difficult for anyone who has lost a loved one during this time because of the social distancing and delayed funeral arrangements. Our hearts go out to all of those who have passed during and because of COVID19. Please take a moment of silence to remember John Lagrand and Marita Varwig and everyone else who has been affected by the COVID19. Thank you.

MAYOR LEAHY – Tina, do you want to begin with the roll call?

SECRETARY JOHNSON – Thank you. Yes. Could I have a roll call starting with Trustee Greany. Are you here?

TRUSTEE GREANY – I’m here.

SECRETARY JOHNSON – Trustee Barnett?

TRUSTEE BARNETT – I’m here.

SECRETARY JOHNSON – Mayor Leahy?

MAYOR LEAHY – Here.

SECRETARY JOHNSON – Deputy Mayor Pritchard?

DEPUTY MAYOR PRITCHARD – Present.

SECRETARY JOHNSON – Trustee Capozzoli?

TRUSTEE CAPOZZOLI – Present.

SECRETARY JOHNSON – Thank you.

MAYOR LEAHY – Ok, and also we have here is our Village Engineer, Sean Hoffman, and our Village Attorney Kelly Naughton. Is the Chief on?

ATTORNEY NAUGHTON – We have everybody else muted Dennis so I didn’t see him join.

MAYOR LEAHY – Ok. Alright. Good enough. Tina, do you want to go on to the bills?

SECRETARY JOHNSON – Ok, Thank you. Ok, if I could get approval of the transcribed and posted minutes of the meeting from March 23, 2020.

TRUSTEE GREANY - I will make the motion to accept them as presented.

MAYOR LEAHY – Motion by Trustee Greany. Second?

DEPUTY MAYOR PRITCHARD – Second by Deputy Mayor.

MAYOR LEAHY – All in favor?

[All ayes.]

MAYOR LEAHY – Any opposed? Ok, Tina, thanks.

SECRETARY JOHNSON – Ok, and if I could get approval of the bills and claims as e-mailed to the Board this morning.

TRUSTEE BARNETT - Yes, I read those today Tina. I would like to make the motion to accept the bills and claims as sent to us by our Village Clerk.

TRUSTEE CAPOZZOLI – Trustee Capozzoli will second.

MAYOR LEAHY – All in favor?

[All ayes.]

MAYOR LEAHY – Any opposed? Thank you. Ok, we’re going to go right into our public hearing for Introductory Local Law #2 of 2020 overriding the tax levy limited and established in the General Municipal Law S3-C. Can I get a motion?

TRUSTEE GREANY - I’ll make that motion.

TRUSTEE BARNETT – Second, Trustee Barnett.

MAYOR LEAHY – All in favor?

[All ayes.]

MAYOR LEAHY – Any opposed? Ok, Kelly, do you want to go off and start on it please?

ATTORNEY NAUGHTON – Sure. So this Introductory Local Law is to override the tax levy limit that is established by the General Municipal Law. This is something that needs to be adopted by the Board prior to adoping a budget that exceeds a tax cap. This part of the public hearing is not on the budget it is solely on the local law so if I can I’m going to go down and go down the list of people that I have and ask if they have any public comment on this that way again it will try and make for a smoother meeting and the first one is Miss Linda Gibbon.

LINDA GIBBON – I have no comment.

ATTORNEY NAUGHTON – Ok, thank you. Audine? Audine, did you have any comments on the public hearing part of the law? I will take that as a no. Linda Amodio? That is another no. Liz, did you have any comments on the Local Law?

LIZ LEAHY - No, I do not. Thank you.

ATTORNEY NAUGHTON – Thank you.

MAYOR LEAHY – I’m going to comment for the Board. Any comments from the Board members?

ATTORNEY NAUGHTON – There’s a couple more people that I’m not quite sure who they are. Judge Schimpf do you have any comments on the local law?

BILL SCHIPMF - No comment, thank you.

ATTORNEY NAUGHTON – Ok. Anybody at all with comments on the local law? Ok, Dennis, I don’t that there is any more comments from the public on the local law.

MAYOR LEAHY - Ok.

TRUSTEE BARNETT - I make a motion we close the hearing on the pubic comments of the local law.

TRUSTEE CAPOZZOLI – Trustee Capozzoli seconds.

MAYOR LEAHY – All in favor?

[All ayes.]

MAYOR LEAHY – Any opposed? Ok, motion passed. Next we’ll open up the public hearing for the 2020-21 tentative budget. Motion?

TRUSTEE GREANY - I’ll make that.

DEPUTY MAYOR PRITCHARD - I will make the motion we open the pubic hearing, Deputy Mayor Pritchard.

MAYOR LEAHY – Second.

TRUSTEE CAPOZZOLI – Trustee Capozzoli seconds.

MAYOR LEAHY – All in favor?

[All ayes.]

MAYOR LEAHY – Any opposed? Ok. Alright I’m going to start off by reading earlier today I put some information out on the Village of Maybrook website. It was posted on next to the agenda for the residents to follow along. It’s pretty self-explanatory so I’m just going to read from the script itself. The Village of Maybrook Budget Hearing Monday, April 13, 2020. A tentative Village budget was filed by the deadline which was on Friday, March 20, 2020. Hard copies were available for residents by appointment only due to the coronavirus. All residents who requested copies of the 2020-21 tentative budget were accommodated. We hand delivered copies directly to residents of a few people who did not feel safe leaving their residence. One copy was mailed via U.S. Mail to all residents who requested copies, received copies. A Budget work session was held on Wednesday, February 26, 2020. Another budget work session was scheduled for Monday, March 16, 2020 which had to be cancelled due to the coronavirus. We held a Village Board Meeting via teleconference on Monday, March 23, 2020. A tentative Village budget included a 5.5% increase with a rate of $16.22 per thousand assessed. As stated at the meeting, I reached out to the Village Board Members individually to discuss additional budget cuts as we could not meet on March 16th. I spoke to them individually to not violate open meetings law. These were the results. Police equipment line 3120-200 proposed was $20,000 minus $5,000 and it equals $15,100. Police contractual 3120-400 proposed was $8,500 minus $2,000 and it came out to $6,500. There was a savings of a $7,000. The DPW street maintenance equipment 5110-200. Proposed $19,000 minus $3,495 equals $15,505.00. Street Maintenance Contractual 5100-400 proposed $210,000 minus $8,100 equals $201,900 savings will be $11,595.00. The Police savings of $7,000 plus the DPW savings of $11,595 is equal to $18,595. The Mayor and the Village Board salary increases are $8,882.59. There will be 0 increase. $18,595 plus $8,282.59 equals $26,877.59. Salaries will remain at 2% except for the following: The Mayor, Village Board and the Maybrook Chief of Police 0 increase, savings of $8,282.59. Linda LaRosa, 2.5% increase. Artie Pearson, $18.88 per hour to $20.26, $1.00 for water certification grade C plus 2%. William Dunn, $14.00 per hour to $14.50, $1.00 for water certification grade C plus a 3.6% increase which is $.50 more than the part-time casual. Balance to the Tax Levy $1,883,776. Montgomery tax rate, $16.62 per thousand. Hamptomburgh, $9.89 equals a 5.5% increase minus the $26,887.59, the balance of the tax levy would be $1,856,958. It equals a Montgomery tax rate of $15.99 per thousand. Hamptonburgh it would be $9.76 which equals a 4% increase. 2019-20 balance to the tax levy $1,786,381 minus the 2020-21 balance to tax levy $1,856,958 equals a $70,577 Maybrook increase in the tax levy. This equates to a 4% increase with the Montgomery tax rate of $15.99 a 2.7% decrease for the Town of Hamptonburgh tax rate of $9.76. The tax rate for Montgomery Maybrook residents for 2019-20 was $15.38. An example a $115,000 assessed home in Maybrook paid $2,307.00. The tax rate for Montgomery Maybrook residents for 2020-21 will be $15.99 which is an increase of $.61 which equates to 4%. A $115,000 assessed home in Maybrook paid $2,398.50 which is an increase of $91.00 per year and $7.58 per month. The tax rate for Hamptonburgh Maybrook residents for 2019-20 was $10.03. For example, a $150,000 assessed home in Hamptonburgh paid $1,504.50. The tax rate for Hamptonburgh Maybrook residents for 2020-21 will be $9.76 which is a decrease of $.27 which equates to a 2.7% decrease. An example, $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. The Montgomery Maybrook tax rate in 2009-10 was $10.67. Twelve years later in 2020-21 the tax rate will be $15.99 which equates to a $6.05 overall increase and an average of 4.2% increase per year. A $150,000 assessed home in Maybrook is paying $919.50 more today than the 2009-10 budget. This equates to a $76.63 average increase per year. The Hamptonburgh tax rate in 2009-10 was $6.06. Twelve years later in 2020-21 the tax rate will be $9.76 which equates to a $4.14 overall increase with an average of 4.8% increase per year. A $150,000 assessed home in Hamptonburgh is paying $615.50 more today since the 2009-10 budget. The equates to a $51.38 average per year. The budget includes a 0 fund balance that was applied to the budget, a 2% wage increase for employees with the three exceptions mentioned, 0 wage increase for Mayor, Village Board and Police Chief, two new leased Ford Fusion Hybrid patrol cars for the Maybrook Police Department, a five year lease buy purchase of a dollar at the end of the lease $17,080 per year. One new pick-up truck for the Maybrook Department of Public Works with a five-year lease buy purchase of $1.00 at the end of the lease $10,665.25 per year. The reason why I break this down like this I don’t like to throw out percentages and I want to make sure the people understand what those percentages are equal to. So these are what was, these are the recommendations that were submitted to me from the Village Board. Would anybody on the Village Board like to comment on them?

DEPUTY MAYOR PRITCHARD – This is Deputy Mayor Pritchard. I guess I will be the first one then. It is my belief that the original raise that we had placed in the original budget for the Mayor to go to an additional $7,000.00 is well warranted. And I do believe that especially in the times that we’re about to be facing, the economic turmoil that we’re in, that we need somebody at this helm that’s going to be able to manage this and I don’t believe that there is a better person, certainly not on this Board, that’s going to be able to handle it. And I for one would still like to see the $7,000 raise for the Mayor. I don’t have a problem not having a raise for the rest of the Trustees. I think the Mayor does most of the jobs for the Trustees and their positions as it is anyway. Any comments?

MAYOR LEAHY – Trustee Barnett, any comments?

DEPUTY MAYOR PRITCHARD – I’m just going to go one step further. These are things that we all as a Board agreed that were warranted because of the things that this particular Mayor does. We had laid out example after example after example. Comparisons against the Village of Walden where there is a City Manager, do not apply. Examples where there are Parks Department managers do not apply because this Mayor does everything himself. We have part-time employees that are in this Village that get paid more than the part-time Mayor, the Mayor’s position is not part time it is full time. I’m done.

MAYOR LEAHY – Thank you. Trustee Barnett, any comments?

TRUSTEE BARNETT – Ah, yea, I believe I voted for that originally as the Deputy Mayor knows. I have no doubt in my mind whatsoever Mayor that you deserve it. I see what you’re doing especially now. You are spending more time in that office sending out updates on this virus than you could imagine. I see it and I have no doubt that you certainly have earned it. It in our discussion and I think it’s open; it’s ok with you if I say this because you and I discussed it.

MAYOR LEAHY – It’s open now.

TRUSTEE BARNETT – Ok, I think it’s important that everyone realize in the discussion I had with the Mayor we both agreed that our County Executive identified the number of people that were unemployed in this County at this time. It’s a bad time. And I think I said to the Mayor that I just did not feel that this is a time for any of us to be taking a raise. Certainly not for our employees, they deserve it and they need to meet their expenses but at this time we have to send a message, a message of unity to our people in our community and even to the people in our Town that we are concerned about the fact that so many of them are out of work. It’s not a heck of a lot and I certainly want to re-visit that again next year when things are a lot better. And I appreciated what the Mayor said to me when I discussed this with him and I believe it showed a great deal of sensitivity of his part when we discussed it. And I thank you very much for that, and I also thank you for doing all the work you did. Five and a half percent down to four percent. That’s a tremendous drop and that will help our people a lot in this Village. And I know the reasons we all made recommendations but you still have to work on it and you still had to find ways to find the cuts and you did based on what we recommended. And I appreciate all your work and I really appreciate all the work of our Village Clerk who I know is right there working with you, so we could make sure we present a budget to our citizens that’s reasonable especially in this time. We all agreed on one thing, things are going to get better. I believe that with my heart and that’s how I feel. Thank you, Mr. Mayor.

MAYOR LEAHY – Thank you.

TRUSTEE GREANY – Dennis.

TRUSTEE CAPOZZOLI – Trustee Capozzoli would like to say something. Ah, Mayor, we had a conversation I have to admit you were beyond professional with. We know what we’re going through right now, it’s a terrible time, I think you and I talked personally we know people who work in the restaurant and the bar industry who lost their jobs . You were the first one to tell me I won’t take a raise. And I respect that and I , that’s the thing that is different about you and some of the Mayors running around around here. You are the first to do for Maybrook. And I appreciate that and that’s all I have to say.

MAYOR LEAHY – Thank you.

TRUSTEE GREANY – This is Trustee Greany. You know I made that phone call that Thursday morning. We spoke very long on the phone and I told you how I felt about this wasn’t the right time. You agreed. You said to me reach out to the other Board members to have them call you, you were very professional. We all explained to you the job you do here. We all know that. We said, down the line, when this gets better we can see us doing that. I just felt in my heart this wasn’t the time to do it. You agreed with me and I appreciate that and again, like Jim just said a minute ago, you broke your back to get this down to 4% and that is greatly appreciated by this Board.

MAYOR LEAHY – I just want to add you can’t put a price tag on when people show appreciation and respect so I appreciate your thoughts and everything you said so with that is there any other comments about the budget you would like to make, anybody?

TRUSTEE BARNETT – Nope. It’s a great budget I think, I very good one.

TRUSTEE CAPOZZOLI - We made the numbers work.

TRUSTEE BARNETT – Yup.

MAYOR LEAHY – We will open this up to the public.

ATTORNEY NAUGHTON – Ok, so opening it up to the public again. I’m going to go one by one if I can and the first one is Linda Gibbons.

LINDA GIBBONS – No comment except for thank you Dennis.

MAYOR LEAHY – You’re welcome.

ATTORNEY NAUGHTON – Audine? Audine, did you have any comments on the budget? Liz?

LIZ LEAHY – No, just thank you to the Board, to the Mayor and to the Chief. You’re doing a great job.

TRUSTEE GREANY - Thank you Liz.

MAYOR LEAHY - Thank you.

TRUSTEE CAPOZZOLI - Thank you.

TRUSTEE BARNETT - Thanks Liz.

MAYOR LEAHY – She’ll tell you all that but she won’t say in public that I’m not home here half the time.

[Laughter.]

ATTORNEY NAUGHTON – Judge Schimpf?

BILL SCHIMPF - You’ve got a Bill Schimpf here. Yea, just a couple of quick ones. One is that there have been decreases obvious decreases in the Police Department and DPW and does any of that Mayor and Board leave us you know at a critical in a critical situation for any of that stuff that needed to be included in the budget originally?

MAYOR LEAHY – I had discussions with the Chief and with the Matt Thorp and we went over the budget and said that these are the lines that we could take out of and we would make do. So, no, I don’t see anything Bill.

BILL SCHIMPF - Ok. The other one is what approach are we going as far as the fund balance and restoring that fund balance? I know we had some problem with the fund balance and it’s not a secret or a mystery and these things happen but you know what is the current velocity and is there anything in the fund balance you know what are we putting away for any kind of a fund balance especially in times like this.

MAYOR LEAHY – We will not know until the fall when we have our audit and we close the books out on June 1st where we stand with the fund balance. We are looking for a savings this year, we’re trying to do this gradually, we could easily get out of this and just raise the tax rate because there was another municipality that did that and moved their tax rate up to $18.00 per thousand assessed. We’re trying not to do that. We’re trying to do a gradual increase, we’re trying to look to encumber, do what we can in the Village and to welcome economic development and hopefully get past this coronavirus. That’s what we want to do.

BILL SCHIMPF - Absolutely, I appreciate it.

MAYOR LEAHY – No problem. You know Bill just and just for the public I just want to make known this is that there are a lot of comparisons to us and the Village of Montgomery and everybody else you know it’s comparable size, there’s 800 more residents over there but let’s keep in mind that their general fund is 4.8 million and ours is 2.6. Their police department is over one million dollars right now and we’re at 429,000 so um I think we’re doing a pretty damn good job here in the Village. We’re trying to get things moving along and we’re going to continue on that path.

BILL SCHIMPF - I hear you, I hear you loud an clear and this is something’s that’s been gradually graduating if you well if that’s the correct word over a period of time. Back in my day as mayor I had to put up with this stuff as well. Even the police department, if we had 20 police officers, another village had 37. And it was kind of strange to deal with that stuff but I hear you loud and clear.

MAYOR LEAHY – Good. Thank you.

TRUSTEE CAPOZZOLI – Bill, it’s Trustee Capozzoli.

BILL SCHIMPF – Yea.

TRUSTEE CAPOZZOLI – I would just like to say one thing and I think I said the same thing last year. I beg anybody to look at this budget and find wasteful spending. It’s just not there. And the only way we can build a fund balance is, is, we have a very low budget. We do not, there is no wasteful spending. So our hope are that we don’t have those emergencies, we don’t have those problems that happen and if we don’t have those problems we can start moving some of that money but just understand that to find wasteful spending in this budget I challenge you. That’s all I’m going to say.

BILL SCHIMPF - I hear you. No I mean it because look in these times we don’t have the luxury of a myriad of industries around here yet I know everybody’s been working hard at it for sure but it’s not current right now so therefore who do you have to rely on? You have to rely on the taxpayers to foot the bill. And in doing that there has to be a certain amount of belt tightening and I think that has happened. I totally agree with you Darryl.

TRUSTEE CAPOZZOLI – Thank you.

MAYOR LEAHY – I just want to also mention that at previous meetings I had mentioned my meetings with the State Comptroller’s office and it was made very clear to me that we were under taxing the residents. Very clear. And what we are trying to do and what I explained to them was to ease the hurt and try to move it along as much as we could and work within our means and that’s what we’ve been doing. So we’re going to try to encumber some money this year, we’re hoping for some good news in the fall when we get our audit back but we’ll take it one step at a time and get past this budget and then get past this corona virus and then get back in happier times. Any other comments?

ATTORNEY NAUGHTON –Judge Schimpf, did you have anything further?

BILL SCHIMPF - No, I have nothing further. Thank you.

ATTORNEY NAUGHTON – Ok, I’m just used to calling you Judge.

BILL SCHIMPF - No, tonight, I’m a resident and taxpayer.

ATTORNEY NAUGHTON – Ok, hahaha . Ok, so caller number 10’s name was Jim and I missed your last name.

JIM CASBERIAN – Casberian. I have no comments.

ATTORNEY NAUGHTON – Thank you. Um, 11. I lost some people but I will unmute three of them whose names I did not get. So, Mayor, if I might, I’m just going to unmute everybody so if there’s any additional public comment, would you please state your name? Anybody?

DEPUTY MAYOR PRITCHARD - Public comments for the budget.

ATTORNEY NAUGHTON – It appears that you have no more comments.

TRUSTEE BARNETT - At that point, then I would make a motion that we close the public hearing on the budget.

TRUSTEE CAPOZZOLI – Seconds.

MAYOR LEAHY – All in favor?

[All ayes.]

MAYOR LEAHY – Any opposed? Ok, thank you very much. We are going to wait until our meeting on, the next meeting on April 27th before we adopt the budget because last year we adopted by May 1st. So, we’ll wait for that meeting to do the adoption if that’s ok with everyone on the Board.

TRUSTEE GREANY - Fine

TRUSTEE BARNETT - Mayor, Mayor, if there are no other comments or anything why do we have to wait, can we vote on the budget tonight or do we have to wait til the new cap gets presented first? For the cap gets presented.

SECRETARY JOHNSON - The tax cap.

TRUSTEE BARNETT - Ok, that’s what I thought. Alright, very good, so we’ll wait til the 27th. Very good, thank you Tina.

SECRETARY JOHNSON – Thank you

MAYOR LEAHY – Alright, with that, Tina I will give it to you with the next item on the agenda.

SECRETARY JOHNSON – Ok thank you.

ATTORNEY NAUGHTON – Did you want to adopt the local law and I can get Tina the filing paperwork.

TRUSTEE GREANY – For the tax cap?

ATTORNEY NAUGHTON – the tax cap.

TRUSTEE GREANY – I’ll make that motion.

TRUSTEE BARNETT – Second

MAYOR LEAHY – All in favor?

[All ayes.]

MAYOR LEAHY – Any opposed? Great.

ATTORNEY NAUGHTON – Thank you.

DEPUTY MAYOR PRITCHARD - I thought we already did that before we opened the public hearing?

TRUSTEE BARNETT - No, we didn’t, no we never voted Bob, we something we talked about but we didn’t vote

DEPUTY MAYOR PRITCHARD - Ok, got it.

MAYOR LEAHY – This is what’s hard about seeing people

[Laughter.]

TRUSTEE CAPOZZOLI - Bob, you’re right, I thought we did already

TRUSTEE BARNETT - No, no I may be getting old but I caught it. [Laughter.]

MAYOR LEAHY – We have to do another one, I think this is better than our first one, so we’re doing alright here.

TRUSTEE BARNETT - We’re doing alright, we’re doing fine

MAYOR LEAHY – Ok, so next up, is the extension of the PBA contract. I had conversations with the Teamsters Union and we reached out to them who represent Teamsters 445 that represent the Maybrook Police Department and their PBA, I’m sorry, and they have agreed to have an extension to their current contract which would include a 2% increase in wages. Kelly, do you got anything else you want to add, I know you have the proper documentation from them.

ATTORNEY NAUGHTON – Yea, I just wanted to say it was the 2% increase, it’s a one-year extension, they’re very appreciative and it does save face to face negotiations especially with the coronavirus going around so all parties involved were fantastic with this.

DEPUTY MAYOR PRITCHARD - Ok.

MAYOR LEAHY – Any comments from the Board?

TRUSTEE CAPOZZOLI - Mayor, I’d like to say…

TRUSTEE BARNETT - Go ahead Daryl

TRUSTEE CAPOZZOLI – Trustee Capozzoli. Mayor, I would like to thank you for that. You had to work on that. To get somebody to negotiate that fast is, is a pretty good thing. So I would like to thank you for getting that done. That’s all I have.

MAYOR LEAHY – You’re welcome. But I give a lot of credit to …

TRUSTEE CAPOZZOLI - Wait, let me add, I was just going to say, let me add one more thing, everyone of our officers and our Chief and the Sergeant they did a great job.

MAYOR LEAHY – We were fortunate enough to have reached out to them before this had taken place and they were very responsive and it worked out good for us and for them.

TRUSTEE CAPOZZOLI - I think it was a good arrangement for everybody and I’d like to make the motion that we accept the 2% increase extension to the Police contract.

MAYOR LEAHY – Second.

TRUSTEE GREANY - I’ll second.

MAYOR LEAHY – Trustee Greany second. All in favor?

[All ayes.]

MAYOR LEAHY – Any opposed? Great. Motion passed.

ATTORNEY NAUGHTON – Dennis I will finalize that and I’ll get that over to you as well.

MAYOR LEAHY – Ok. So the next item on the agenda is the adoption of Local Law amending Chapter 210, Zoning of the Code of the Village of Maybrook to create a new section related to regulation of portable storage units portable on demand which is pods and resolution and resolution to amend the schedule of fees. Kelly gave everybody a copy of the schedule of fees. So Kelly why don’t you go through that document of the amendment.

ATTORNEY NAUGHTON – So the Board held,P at the last meeting that we had I think it was the one that was in person, our last in person meeting we held the public hearing on PODs Local Law. We did send that out to Tim and to Linda to see if they had any additional suggestions and we sent it out to the Planning Board for the Planning Board’s report. One of the things that came back was a question about what is the fee going to be for the PODs. So I sent you a draft resolution that said, on the recommendation of Tim, the Building Inspector, that the application fee be $25.00 for the PODs.

MAYOR LEAHY – Any comments from the Board?

TRUSTEE BARNETT – Fine with me.

MAYOR LEAHY – I think it’s a good idea to add the application fee so $25.00 is very reasonable.

ATTORNEY NAUGHTON – So it would just be a motion to adopt the resolution modifying the schedule of fees as presented.

DEPUTY MAYOR PRITCHARD – I’ll make that motion to modify the with the acceptance of the $25.00 fee.

TRUSTEE CAPOZZOLI – Trustee Capozzoli will second.

MAYOR LEAHY – All in favor?

[All ayes.]

MAYOR LEAHY – Any opposed? Ok. Motion passed. Thank you, Kelly.

ATTORNEY NAUGHTON – Sure thing. Ok, so the next thing on the local law is I had sent everybody back in March a Short Environmental Assessment Form on the local law demonstrating that there were no significant adverse environmental issues from it being adopted. So, I would need a motion to complete SEQRA and that would be a motion to assume lead agency, type the action as an unlisted action and to issue a negative declaration.

DEPUTY MAYOR PRITCHARD - I’ll make a motion, everything, all three parts, Deputy Mayor.

MAYOR LEAHY – Second. Do we have a second?

TRUSTEE CAPOZZOLI – Trustee Capozzoli will second.

MAYOR LEAHY – All in favor?

[All ayes.]

MAYOR LEAHY – Alright, thank you Kelly.

ATTORNEY NAUGHTON – Sure thing. Then if the Board wants to adopt it, you can make a motion to adopt it and it will be effective upon filing with the Secretary of State.

DEPUTY MAYOR PRITCHARD - I’ll make the motion to adopt it.

TRUSTEE BARNETT - I will second that motion.

MAYOR LEAHY - Motion by Deputy Pritchard, second by Trustee Barnett. All in favor?

[All ayes.]

MAYOR LEAHY – Any opposed? Great. Thank you very much. Alright, I think we’re done with these lots of notes here. So I have a few things I’ve got to discuss here tonight. The Village of Maybrook Board of Elections is scheduled for Wednesday, March 18th. On Monday, March 16, 2020 to keep New Yorkers safe from the COVID19 pandemic Governor Andrew Cuomo issued an Executive Order delaying Village elections statewide until the April 28th primary election. Since this announcement the date for Village elections has changed again. No date has been confirmed however we have been informed the elections will take place after June 1st. The Village of Maybrook came together on Easter Sunday to ease and cope with social distancing as a result of the COVID19 for the sake of the children of Maybrook. I would like to give credit where credit is due. The idea to do this for the kids in Maybrook came from my daughter Alyssa. Alyssa volunteered to wear the Easter Bunny costume and then it took off from there. I want to thank the Maybrook Fire Department, the Maybrook Police Department, the Town of Montgomery Police Department and the Village of Maybrook Board of Trustees for their support of this event. A special thank you to the Maybrook Fire Chief Patrick Romanik the Town of Montgomery Police Chief Arnold Amthor and the volunteers who participated for the children on that day. As we continue our pause in separation from our extended family, friends and neighbors let’s be thankful for the essential workers and the volunteers who gave a little extra to bring a smile to other people during that difficult time. The coronavirus has changed many of our lives over the last few weeks. Many people have been isolated and feel the stress as the days go by. My top priority as Mayor of the Village is to ensure the safety of the employees and the residents. We do not work 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. we work 24/7. We feel that several calls and e-mails from residents in need of assistance. We have done everything possible to accommodate each and everyone of them. I want to thank my staff Tina, Matt and Butch, our consultants and the employees of our Village for their extra time and effort during this crisis. I am on daily conference calls with the Orange County Executive Steven Neuhaus. The most current information is posted on the Village website and Facebook page. As of today, 5,598 people who have tested positive for COVID19 in Orange County. There have been 171 deaths, 321 people are currently hospitalized, 234 of them have tested positive. 87 are hospitalized with symptoms. There are 22% of ICU beds available in the County. 22% of ICU beds put stress on people who have other illnesses such as strokes, heart attacks, cancer etc. I know this has been hard. We will get passed it. In the meantime, please continue social distancing, continue to check in on your loved ones, your friends, your neighbors, especially the elderly. Pray for the essential workers, those who have passed and their families. The Village is here for you if you need us. Be safe, good health to all. Our next scheduled Village Board meeting is scheduled for Monday, April 27th at 7 p.m. which as of today will be probably by teleconference. Our reorganization meeting scheduled for this meeting has been postponed until after the Village elections take place. Residents will be kept informed of any new developments as we go forward. Thank you and be safe everyone. So I will go to Trustee Greany.

TRUSTEE GREANY – Yea, Den, I don’t have too much tonight. The sewer plant is working well. With everybody being home it’s a little under 300,000, we’re on target there. I want to relay a message, I talked to you before about it. People that wipe their houses with the wipes please don’t throw them down the toilet. Throw them in the garbage can because they’re starting to clog up your sewer lines and they’re down the sewer plant a lot of rags are coming in. And I want to thank you for yesterday and thank your daughter Alyssa for coming up with that idea. Sorry I had to miss it because I was at mass on TV at 10:00, I would have took my own car and followed the procession, it was a good idea, that was the only way I could get to church yesterday was at 10:00 in the morning, St. Patrick’s. Everybody please be safe. I hope to see everybody real soon and get together again. Thank you.

MAYOR LEAHY – Thank you. Trustee Barnett.

TRUSTEE BARNETT – Yep, Dennis, I agree with Kevin, I think that was a great idea yesterday but unfortunately you said we got to pray and that’s true and in my 74 years did I ever think I would not be able to attend mass on Easter Sunday. But the only way I could watch it was channel 11 yesterday and unfortunately it was at 10:00, the same time, and I otherwise I would have loved to have been outside watching the truck going around with the bunny too. We got to make choices in life as you know. The second thing is I would like to personally thank Kelly, and I know Kevin would like to me to add his thanks to that too. Kelly has done a terrific, absolutely fantastic job doing our Village handbook. It is done. The Village Board will be getting it very soon. It will be done. I think Daryl will appreciate this more than anyone. It will loose leaf fashion just we do loose leaf law publications Daryl, so when there are changes instead of re-doing the whole book Kelly will be able to take out pages and put in new pages with the updates that are needed to be there for our employees. Every employee will eventually get it. All the pages are numbered, and I have to tell you I think Dennis, Bob, Daryl and Kevin agrees with me, I think Kelly has for us right now the most comprehensive Village employee handbook in the County. Wait till you see it. It’s unbelievable. That lady did a fantastic job.

TRUSTEE GREANT - It kept me busy for a while reading anyway.

ATTORNEY NAUGHTON – Yes, it is quite lengthy. If anybody’s tired

TRUSTEE GREANY - I have plenty of time on my hands.

[Laughter.]

TRUSTEE CAPOZZOLI - Just so you know Jim, Kelly, Kevin you guys I mean you did a fantastic job on all this. It’s not easy

TRUSTEE BARNETT - Thank you.

TRUSTEE CAPOZZOLI - It’s not easy

ATTORNEY NAUGHTON – Thank you.

TRUSTEE BARNETT - Well, it was a pleasure doing it with Kelly and Kevin and the Mayor said we needed to get it done and Mayor I think you’re going to be very pleased when you see the end result.

MAYOR LEAHY – I already looked at it. It’s good.

[Laughter.]

TRUSTEE GREANY - You surprised me.

TRUSTEE BARNETT - Ok, that’s it for me just a

TRUSTEE GREANY - Thank you Dennis for letting us do that.

TRUSTEE BARNETT – Hopefully, hopefully we’ll get everything back soon and to tell you the truth Dennis the only I want to do is I can’t wait to get down there to that Village park on July 4th for the July 4th ceremony. That’s something I’m looking forward to.

MAYOR LEAHY – Looking forward to better days.

DEPUTY MAYOR PRITCHARD - Absolutely

TRUSTEE BARNETT - You got it. Thank you.

MAYOR LEAHY – Deputy Mayor Pritchard.

DEPUTY MAYOR PRITCHARD – Obviously, not a whole lot going on on the economic development front right now. There’s a whole lot of people that are trying to stay safe so the last time that we got word from the New York Waterways they were doing about 35,000 people a day and we’re down to 3,500, 35 people on a single boat one day. So everything is, everything is slow but then like everybody else they’re looking to see good times starting again so we’ll be getting in the ground and we’ll be making some progress but unfortunately it’s been delay after delay after delay as everybody on the Board knows and the public too I think. I think we’ve only been talking about this particular project for about 8 years now. And Dennis, Mayor, to your daughter a special thanks, I didn’t, she didn’t pass by the house but we did get a glimpse of her as she was coming down the road so nice touch with the surgical mask. So um..

MAYOR LEAHY – We came up with that the night before.

DEPUTY MAYOR PRITCHARD – Yea, that was, that was very nice and that’s I’m always impressed when I see the an idea sparked like that whether it be by the Mayor or the Mayor’s daughter or anybody else in this Village how quickly this Village can come together and one of the things that comes to mind so last year’s Maybrook celebration where the carnival rides were cancelled and 24 hours later we had a reduction but we still had a show going on so my hats off to everybody. And that is what Maybrook is about so my hats off to everybody. And Kelly, good job, I can’t wait to see this handbook so we’ll go from there. That’s it for me.

MAYOR LEAHY – Alright, thank you. Trustee Capozzoli.

TRUSTEE CAPOZZOLI – Well, Trustee Pritchard, I might have more than you tonight. This is unbelievable. First of all, Mayor I would like to thank you for your everyday updates, I know it’s a lot of work, you’re sitting on conference calls.

TRUSTEE BARNETT - Absolutely

TRUSTEE CAPOZZOLI – As we know I work for the County so I am an essential employee, I’m at work everyday but I know what you’re going through. I would like to thank Tina and her office staff. This can’t be easy but you’re getting through it and we’re getting the information we need. My prayers go out to the PD, these guys are doing a great job. As far as Easter, Mayor, when you called me, you knew I’d be on board for that right away. And the fire department, the police department, the Town of Montgomery Police Department, all did a great job. Really nothing to say about the Community Center. But the DPW, those guys are still working, they go in everyday. Say a little prayer for them. Unfortunately, I went to John Legrand’s funeral and I never ever want to go through that again. It’s not, if everybody who is sitting here hasn’t been to one since social distancing, you don’t want to go. But prayers to him and his family. Just want to tell everybody, be safe, you know, practice social distancing. Kelly, to you, you’re doing a great job, I know it’s a lot of work and prayers to all of our residents. That’s really all I have.

MAYOR LEAHY - Ok, I just want to add that I had some conversations with some other Mayors in other municipalities and a lot of them are running into problems with staffing because of people that are contracting the coronavirus and some people who are just taking care of loved ones at home. And a lot of it has to be done with their PD’s. We are very fortunate that we have we jumped on this fast by doing by putting the proper precautions by giving the cleaning utensils to the Police Department, the DPW and having everything sanitized from the building. We might have been ahead of this at that time and we’re going to keep our fingers crossed that if this continues that everybody stays healthy. So there are other municipalities struggling right now with this and we’re not one of them but let’s hope it keeps going.

TRUSTEE BARNETT - Mayor?

MAYOR LEAHY – Yes

TRUSTEE BARNETT - Can I add one thing?

MAYOR LEAHY – Mmhm?

TRUSTEE BARNETT - Mayor?

MAYOR LEAHY – Yes.

TRUSTEE BARNETT - Are you there?

MAYOR LEAHY – Yes

TRUSTEE BARNETT - Yea, I would just like to add two things. Daryl, I’m glad you were able to get to John’s funeral. I obviously could not. I know when I spoke to the Mayor the flags are flying at half mast because of the coronavirus deaths but they’re also he told me that it was also done in honor of John Legrand. I had the pleasure and the privilege of working with John for many years as a police officer. He actually helped train me, believe it or not, when I first got on. He was a good man, a very dedicated police officer, he loved the Village of Maybrook. That’s all I needed to say thank you.

TRUSTEE CAPOZZOLI - Just to add something that Jim, Trustee Barnett. He, without him, and Dale Schipel , the Maybrook Fire Department would not have had EMTs

TRUSTEE BARNETT - That doesn’t surprise me.

TRUSTEE CAPOZZOLI – And I think everybody knows, I think everybody knows how important they are in our community today. And, you know, I played golf with him for many Fridays and just just a good, good, good father, a good husband, a good man.

TRUSTEE BARNETT - Yup. Thank you, Mayor.

MAYOR LEAHY – Thank you. Sean, do you have anything you would like to add?

SEAN HOFFMAN – Yea, if you don’t mind I would just like to summarize a couple of items that have changed since your last meeting. I distributed a written report to the Board earlier today. Some of the larger changes have to do with your grants and some changes right now have to do with the Executor Order by the Governor. So with regard to your Community Development Block Grants, the grant you utilize to do sewer lining, the application for the 2021 grant was originally due April 24th. The County has delayed that out to June 26th. I think we have enough information coming in to complete that but before I submit it to the County I want to check with them on signatures and what they want. They may change to a total digital submission this time but you’ll hear more on that after I speak to the County. The 2020 Grant, we’re still waiting to get something back. We should hear from them probably by the end of this year. The 2019 Grant, the County before the COVID pandemic had originally asked you to make an award of that contract by April 30th. On March 19th they’ve asked you to delay bid openings and document all closures and that’s consistent with all other applicants in the County. On the 2018 Grant, the grant work that was completed November of 2019, Tina received a payment from the County and I believe the contractor has been paid now so that concludes that project so you’ll no longer receive reports from me on that project, it’s closed out. On the DASNY Grant, that utilize your sidewalk improvement you had submitted an executed grant disbursement agreement from the State back in June, congratulations, since your last meeting you got a fully executed Grant Disbursement Agreement so that we can continue on with the design work however, it, sidewalk work is not essential under the current Executive Orders so even if the design work is complete we’re still in a holding pattern so we can actually bid that and construct that sidewalk. We hope to finish up the plans and specifications and just be ready for when that Executive Order is lifted so we can proceed and get those sidewalks constructed.

MAYOR LEAHY – Sean, I know that you have been working on everything up to where you need to stop so I appreciate you staying on top of it.

SEAN HOFFMAN – My pleasure.

DEPUTY MAYOR PRITCHARD – Deputy Mayor concurs 100% Sean. It’s just a fantastic job you do.

TRUSTEE BARNETT - Sean, can I ask you a question please? Sean?

SEAN HOFFMAN – Of course

TRUSTEE BARNETT - Can you hear me? I appreciate your update, it’s wonderful, layman’s terms, very simple, as always it’s great, easy to read. I just wanted to ask you, I was very interested in the report you made about your meeting March 26th with the engineer from Galaxy. Could you explain a little more about what went on with that meeting?

SEAN HOFFMAN – Yea, I think the date was a little bit earlier in the month but at that time we started…

TRUSTEE BARNETT – It might have been, but I thought it was March 26th but it might have been earlier, I’m sorry.

SEAN HOFFMAN – At that time we got some preliminary plans from them and I’ve started reviewing those. What I’m looking for on those plans primarily have to do with the proposed utility connections. You’re aware that the, the applicant is going to connect with the water and sewer systems, I just want to get a handle on those to make sure I understand those, make sure I understand what easements are required, make sure I understand how they intend the system to operate and at that point I’m going to be sitting down with Matt Thorp and going over that with him and we’ll get back and discuss it again with the applicant.

TRUSTEE BARNETT - That’s excellent, thank you very much. Thank you. Good news.

SEAN HOFFMAN – You’re welcome.

TRUSTEE CAPOZZOLI – Sean, Trustee Capozzoli, same to you. Everything you do it’s beyond appreciated.

SEAN HOFFMAN – Thank you.

MAYOR LEAHY – Ok, Kelly, do you have anything you want to add?

ATTORNEY NAUGHTON – Just two quick things. The first is a thank you to Jim and Kevin. I know I’ve sent you a lot of pages over the last couple of months so and it’s not easy reading for those of you who haven’t seen it yet so I appreciate the time and the energy and the effort that you put in. I think we’ve come up with a good handbook and one that can be modified as laws change, I mean, just as we were working on it there was a new law put into place so you know it’s been modified accordingly. I’m still working on putting together some of the forms that are referenced in the handbook so that’s what, I’m not distributing it to the whole Board yet until a nice final version and all those forms are put together but I just wanted to say thank you and I also wanted to let everybody know that I’ve been, as you know there’s been a lot of Executive Orders that have come down, and clarifications and it changes everyday as Dennis has followed and is well aware of, we are trying to keep Tim and Linda on top of how these impact the Building Department, different inspections and how they can proceed with their daily duties so that the Village is in full compliance with those Executive Orders, I just wanted to, I know Dennis is aware of it, Tina’s aware of it, but I just wanted to let the rest of the Board know that we’ve been working with Tim and Linda, so that they know exactly their authority under these Executive Orders.

TRUSTEE BARNETT - Excellent. Ok.

MAYOR LEAHY – Tina, you have anything?

SECRETARY JOHNSON – Nothing, good, thank you.

MAYOR LEAHY – Alright, I just wanted to make sure you weren’t a cardboard cut out I’m looking at.

[Laughter.]

TRUSTEE BARNETT - Tina, Tina

SECRETARY JOHNSON – Yes, Jim

TRUSTEE BARNETT - Tina, tell them how you and I do FaceTime.

SECRETARY JOHNSON – Oh, yes, I talked with you today we did FaceTime.

[Laughter.]

TRUSTEE CAPOZZOLI - there is no way Jim can do FaceTime.

TRUSTEE BARNETT - I want to make sure she knows I’m still around.

[Laughter.]

DEPUTY MAYOR PRITCHARD – Tina, Deputy Mayor here. I am so sorry.

[Laughter.]

DEPUTY MAYOR PRITCHARD - I’m going back on mute.

MAYOR LEAHY – On that note I’m going to open it up to the public. Any public comments?

ATTORNEY NAUGHTON – Ok, so there are three members of the public that are still on and they’re unmuted so do they have anything to say?

UNKNOWED - I have no comments, thank you.

MAYOR LEAHY – Anybody else? Ok, with that I want to thank everybody that came on here tonight. This will be on the website and for people to review. We even went a step further and we did the transcript as well for the last one and we’ll be doing the same for this one as well.

TRUSTEE BARNETT - Very good.

MAYOR LEAHY – So, thank you everybody for coming out tonight. I know this is a difficult time. Let’s hope we’re back to normal times really soon. I will take a motion to adjourn.

TRUSTEE BARNETT - So moved.

MAYOR LEAHY – Trustee Barnett. Second?

DEPUTY MAYOR PRITCHARD – Deputy Mayor, Second.

MAYOR LEAHY – All in favor?

[All ayes.]

MAYOR LEAHY – Alright, thank you everybody.

TRUSTEE BARNETT - Thank you Mayor. Thanks Tina.

DEPUTY MAYOR PRITCHARD - Thank you.

TRUSTEE CAPOZZOLI - Good night.

TRUSTEE GREANY - Everybody stay safe.