

**Minutes of the
General Meeting of the Board of Trustees
Village of West Hampton Dunes
January 12, 2009, Manhattan
7:30 p.m.**

Attendance: Mayor Vegliante, Trustees, Michael Craig, Gary Trimarchi, Village Clerk, Laura J. Dalessandro, Joseph Prokop, Village Attorney, Chief, Don Zlatniski, Sgt. Turner, Police Constable Hennig, 25-30 residents

Absent: Trustees, Charles Brown, Catherine Woolfson, Aram Terchunian, Commissioner of Wildlife Protection, Herb Hoffman, Building Inspector

Open Meeting 7:10 p.m. - Pledge of Allegiance

Building Inspector Annual Update

Building Inspector, Herb Hoffman not present at meeting. Mayor Vegliante gave the building update for him.

Police Constabulary Report

- Sgt. Tim Turner presented the annual update.
 - 606 calls for service
 - 167 Misc, 128 alarm calls 43 assist auto/motor vehicle, 31 Local Law Violations, 31 Animal Incident, 27 Open doors & windows, 25 Motorist Assist, 16 Assist other agencies
 - 22 Aided Cases (medical emergencies), 20 Dangerous Conditions, 16 Investigation Miscellaneous, 13 Special Assignment, 19 Property Lost/Stolen, 10 Disturbance
 - 9 Trespass, 8 Suspicious person(s), 4 Unlawful Dealing w/Fireworks, 9 Power Outages, 1 Motor Vehicle Accident
 - 3 Disputes, 1 Fire, 2 Notifications, 1 Aggravated Harassment
 - Sgt. Turner requested that all residents update their primary address and phone numbers as well as any special circumstances that the Police Constables should be aware of to help in case of an emergency.
 - **Radar Speed Sign** – New in Village of West Hampton Dunes. The Radar Sign provides the following to the Village:
 - Vehicle Counts: Weekly, Daily, hourly & ½ hour reports
 - Speed Limit Violations: Weekly, daily hourly 7 ½ hour reports
 - Vehicle Average Speeds: Daily & ½ hour reports
 - Vehicle Peak Speed: Daily & ½ hour reports
 - % of Vehicles Violating Speed Limit: Daily & hourly reports
 - Vehicle average speeds.
 - The sign has been temporarily removed due to the village roadway project. It will be returned to service upon completion of the project and moved to different locations to prevent driver complacency. The sign had an impact on the speed of motorists during the time it was in place. It has become a permanent member of the department and the Village is looking forward to having it back in service soon.
 - In the summer of 2008, Mother Nature showed us what she's capable of. Thunderstorms with damaging hail, wind and flooding rain fell throughout the area damaging vehicles and personal property, but fortunately no injuries. Whether it is a hurricane, thunderstorm, nor'easter or tropical storm, it is important to be safe and be prepared. Visit the FEMA website at www.fema.gov for information on emergency action plans.
 - Please secure all of your outdoor furniture when there is a threat of bad weather for everyone's safety.
 - Chief Zlatniski promoted Officer Brian Hennig to the position of Sergeant.
 - Mayor Vegliante appointed Mike Burner as the new Road Commissioner.

Trustees Report

- Trustee, Gary Trimarchi, discussed the Village entrance.
- Trustee, Michael Craig, discussed the road bond and the Village.

The Village locked in a fifteen year Bond just over 5%. Very little impact on the taxes per property owner. An estimated \$80.00 per house in the first year.

Mayor's Report

- Discussion of status of the Road and Shoulder re-construction.

Mike Burner gives an update. Start up meeting held one week ago, supposed to start mobilizing equipment this week. They will be bringing equipment in and will start doing some testing up and down the road. Engineer, Bill Suckow, will be staking out the property lines in the areas where the water hydrants and the Lipa poles will be moving back. The plan is to have the 5 foot & the 7 foot road shoulder in and have the entire road and shoulder paved prior to Memorial Day weekend.

- There was a second meeting held a few weeks back was with Suffolk County Parks regarding the Widgeon Way to Cupsogue Park project. The County is going to run this project, and the hope is that this also will be completed by Memorial Day.

Village Attorney Report

- Village Attorney, Joseph Prokop gave an update on current litigation. The Village is in the discovery stage of the litigation and has been served with discovery demands by the Plaintiffs. Mr. Prokop has been working on answering those demand questions.

- A few months back, at a Village meeting, the Board approved new litigation against SH Town, a Civil Rights lawsuit. The Village retained the law firm of Sinnriech & Kosakoff, a law firm in Central Islip that specializes in these types of lawsuits and has been very successful. This is a Federal Court lawsuit. The basic claim is that even before the Village's incorporation, the Town has been going after the civil rights of property owners, as well as the Village's civil rights in just about every way. The legal fees on that lawsuit were capped at \$25,000.

- The Village is also involved in an Article 78 proceeding with a property owner.

- The Village has never initiated a litigation against the Town, the Village has always been the defendant in the actions. The Civil Rights Lawsuit will be the first time that the Village has initiated a lawsuit against Southampton Town.

- A resident, Rob Terzi of 12 Dune Lane, speaks out against the possibility of a Leash Law being passed in the Village. He believes that there are more people against, rather than for, the leash law. Mayor Vegliante suggests that he have those people make their opinions known either by attending the meetings and voicing their opinions or emailing their comments to the Village Trustees. Mr. Terzi and his wife are going to put together a petition with all of the Village residents who do not want a Leash Law in the Village and present it to the Trustees. The Mayor suggests presenting this sooner rather than later. If there is to be a Lease Law passed, it will be before Memorial Day of this year. A resident asked the Board if any of the surrounding Villages have passed a leash law and the answer was yes, they all have leash laws.

- Trustee Craig, made the suggestion to the Board that a draft be posted on the website of what is going to be included in the Leash Law so that people can review it, understand it and have plenty of opportunity to voice their opinion for or against the Leash Law, to the Trustees before it goes to vote.

- Beach Re-nourishment – Well underway and the beach looks great.

- Mayor spoke with Judge Fitzgibbons regarding Village holding Court outside of the Village boundaries. Contrary to a blog that was written, the Village can hold court outside its boundaries in Westhampton Beach Court, and Judge Fitzgibbons is writing a letter confirming this for the Village.

- FEMA Maps – Bayside good, Oceanside not so good. Aram Terchunian has been working on a formal argument against the maps. Aram has gotten two highly regarded Engineers to make comments in writing without cost to the Village because they believe the Maps are incorrect.

Resolutions

- **Resolution** to approve the minutes from last meeting;
 Motion by Trustee Craig
 Seconded Trustee Trimarchi
 All in favor Unanimous
 All opposed None
- **Resolution** to approve the payment of standard and ordinary monthly bills;
 Motion by Trustee Trimarchi
 Seconded Trustee Craig
 All in favor Unanimous
 All opposed None
- **Resolution** authorizing the Village to obtain Village credit cards pursuant to the Office of the State Comptroller guidelines for local governments;
 Motion by

Motion to close the meeting: 9:55 p.m.

Motion by Trustee Brown
 Seconded Trustee Craig
 All in favor Unanimous
 All opposed None