

**Minutes of the Meeting of the Board of Trustees
Village of West Hampton Dunes
One Beacon Building, Melville, NY
March 19, 2007**

Attendance: Mayor, Gary Vegliante, Laura J. Dalessandro, Village Clerk, Trustees, Charles Brown, Gary Trimarchi and George Asem, Joseph Prokop, Village Attorney, Police Chief, Don Zlatniski, Herb Hoffman, Building Inspector and about (15) residents.

Absent: Aram Terchunian, Commissioner of Wildlife Protection, Trustee, Robert Strecker

Open Meeting 7:00 p.m.

Pledge of Allegiance – waived no flag

MAYORS REPORT

Current Events

- NYCOM – Meeting with Governor
- Village Elections – Changing date from March to June.
- ASBPA – Conference in Washington, D.C. No money is being funded for any projects, except our Village.
- WHD Litigation Discussion-
 - Oceanfront Litigation – County changed lot #'s upon recording deeds in 2003 that were supposed to be recorded in 1994. Instead of changing newly created ocean lot #'s, they changed the original owner's lot #'s and left the newly created lots with the original #'s. This has caused problems with ownership, title companies, and Banks who hold a Mortgages on the properties. Unfortunately, many of the owners who were certified in the original class, and who were included in the original Stipulation of Settlement and Boundary Line Agreement, have sold and no longer own property in the village. The Army Corps of Engineers is discussing possibly pulling out on the re-nourishment project do to the question of ownership of the property. Unfortunately, the village cannot let that happen and will have no choice but to hold them in contempt of the court ordered stipulation.
 - Legal fees for litigation in the village are estimated in the amount of \$150,000 and will be included in the proposed budget. Village is asking for legal fees to be paid and the case be dismissed.
 - Due to these issues, the Mayor feels that no decision can be made at this time with regards to the CEHA Violations.
 - Bay front Litigation – Southampton Town Trustees vs. VWHD for ownership of the bay bottom. The village boundaries are not as they are.
- Southampton Town Assessment discussion.
- Voting Registration - Mayor encourages everyone to register to vote.
- Assessor has the right to assess and change any assessment necessary in the interest to keep a fair and balanced assessment

for the role. Mayor lost case against Southampton Town stating same.

- Discussion of Tentative Budget for 2007-2008. Mayor encourages trustees and residents to review last years budget and this years tentative budget and give any feedback or suggestions to him. Unfortunately, because of the litigation this year, Village taxes will be increased.
- Herb Hoffman, Building Inspector, has been subpoenaed to testify in a case. Joe Prokop cannot represent him due a conflict with the village, so he recommended an attorney, Ivan Young, for \$175.00 per hour, and up to \$500.00, to be paid for by the village.

Resolution to approve minutes from last months meeting:

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| Motion by | Trustee Asem |
| Seonded | Trustee Brown |
| All in favor | Unanimous |
| All opposed | None |

Resolution to pay submitted and audited vouchers for the village:

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| Motion by | Trustee Trimarchi |
| Seonded | Trustee Brown |
| All in favor | Unanimous |
| All opposed | None |

Motion to close 9:10 p.m.