# Minutes of the General Meeting of the Board of Trustees Village of West Hampton Dunes West Hampton Dunes, NY November 14, 2008

Attendance: Mayor Vegliante, Trustees, Charles Brown, Catherine Woolfson, Michael Craig, Village Clerk, Laura J. Dalessandro, Joseph Prokop, Village Attorney, Chief, Don Zlatniski, 4 residents.

Absent: Gary Trimarchi, Trustee, Aram Terchunian, Commissioner of Wildlife Protection.

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

### **Trustees Report**

- Trustee Brown discussed plans for a new Village Hall with a Community Center, Village Court, Police Constabulary, Meeting/Conference Room and a separate room for the BBPA. The logistics of this project would be to come up with a design that everybody is comfortable with and then put it out to bid. The bid would be the meeting structure and central building itself; the meeting structure, the central building and the addition of a swimming pool and tennis courts and what the costs of each would be with or without the pool and tennis courts and then figure out what it would be with regards to an average tax bill. It would then be put out for a referendum.
- These capital improvements cannot be done unless the Village actually owns the property. Therefore, the Village would need to take over the property and relieve the BBPA from any of the expenses that would be involved in the construction of the Village Hall. However, the BBPA would still exist and have its own room within the building as well as use of any other facility within the building.
- Trustee, Michael Craig, discussed the road bond. It will be a fifteen (15) year bond which will be closing the first or second week of December. At that point, the Village will have the money to start the project.
- Trustee, Catherine Woolfson, discussed the results of the BBPA election. Everybody who ran for a position, won. Mike Rossi, President, Gina Mulhearn, Vice President, Lanny Lambert, Treasurer, Kit Perlman, Secretary, and Catherine Woolfson, is the liaison between the BBPA and the Village.

# **Police Constabulary Report**

- Chief, Zlatniski gave monthly report; 31 Calls for service; 6 miscellaneous; 7 house alarms; 2 fire alarms; 6 Coastal Erosion Hazard Area Violations;
- One incident where a homeowner came home to find a cleaning Lady, who was previously fired, using the key to get in and do her laundry;

## Police Constabulary Association (PCA)

• Annual Holiday Party on December 13, 2008. All residents and families welcome.

#### 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. The Village is also working on an appeal to the judge's refusal to dismiss the case.
- The Village is waiting for the 20-day estoppel period to end for the bond to be issued and the road project to begin.
- Mr. Prokop has sent a letter to Civil Service on behalf of the Village to schedule a meeting to finalize the Civil Service definition of Police Constable.

#### Resolutions

• **Resolution** to approve the minutes from last meeting;

Motion by Trustee Craig Seconded Trustee Woolfson

All in favor Unanimous

All opposed None

• **Resolution** to approve the payment of standard and ordinary monthly bills;

Motion by Trustee Woolfson Seconded Trustee Craig All in favor Unanimous

All opposed None

• **Resolution** to approve the payment of standard and ordinary monthly bills for the month of December, 2008 in lieu of the monthly meeting;

Motion by Trustee Woolfson
Seconded Trustee Craig
All in favor Unanimous

All opposed None

#### Mayor's Report

- NYCOM AIM money at risk for all municipalities. The Village does not rely heavily on this money, however, it is an important part of many municipalities. Please visit the Village website and view the "Stop the Tax Shift", for more information. Your support is greatly appreciated.
- January Village Meeting in Manhattan Date changed to Monday, January 12, 2009. Please mark your calendars.
- New Flood Maps are coming out and are very difficult to understand. They have been published as preliminary Flood Maps. The Village of West Hampton Dunes has been down graded and is actually in better shape. The Mayor is hopeful that it will be reflected in insurance premiums once the maps are finalized. It may actually affect the flood level and how high people can build.
- Beach Re-nourishment update. The dredge is on its way to us to begin the beach re-nourishment project in the beginning of December. At a preconstruction meeting last week, after months of being reassured that the project was going forward as it is stipulated in the agreement

with the Army Corps of Engineers and the Village of West Hampton Dunes, it was discovered that the new project manager who approved the new plan project and the spec's, approved the base bid for the feeder beach, but decided that the funding was a little tight, so the option one part of the project, which is the West Hampton Dunes project, wasn't going to be done. They were going to put nine million dollars worth of sand in an area that doesn't need it and didn't ask for it, and leave the Dunes at a below standard level at the risk of being in contempt of the federal court action. Mayor Vegliante contacted the Army Corps, the Senator and the Congressman and after numerous phone calls, now have the option one part of the project back on track with even more sand coming to our area beach. The Mayor also needed to reach out to John O'Connell, the Village's Federal Attorney, to have him communicate to the US Attorney for the Army Corps with phone calls and letters. This was an extremely sensitive issue due to the fact the project was due to start within weeks. The situation needed to be handled immediately without jeopardizing the entire project from being stopped.

• Amendment to the current Village Boat Law regarding bay front properties and corner lots, will be proposed at the January meeting.

Motion to close the meeting: 8:30 p.m.

Motion by Trustee Brown
Seconded Trustee Craig
All in favor Unanimous

All opposed None