

Minutes of Meeting of the Board of Trustees of
Village of West Hampton Dunes
November 16, 2007
906 Dune Road, West Hampton Dunes, NY

Present: Mayor, Vegliante, Laura Dalessandro, Village Clerk, Trustees, Charlie Brown, & George Asem, Joe Prokop, Village Attorney, Chief, Don Zlatniski, about 10 residents

Absent: Trustees, Gary Trimarchi and Bob Strecker, Aram Terchunian, Commissioner of Wildlife Protection

Mayor opens meeting: 7:20 p.m.

Pledge of Allegiance waived-no flag

- Mayor's Report
 - Constable Brian Hennig has been in the hospital with an illness. The Mayor reaches out to all to send get well wishes to him.
 - Mayor discusses the document calling for the reimbursement of the \$550,000 owed to the Village. Will be going in front of the Suffolk County Legislature to be passed on November 20, 2007, and the Mayor is hopeful that a check will be cut to the Village by the 1st of the year, or right after the new year.
 - Southampton Town Elections – this year's town elections was hinged on less than 100 votes to the Supervisor.
 - The Village does not handle voter registration. The Suffolk County Board of Election handles the Village registration. The Village has no part in the registration process, therefore, it is not up to the Village to say who is eligible and who is not. Voter registration forms are available on the Suffolk County Board of Elections website as well as the NYS Board of Elections website and the Village website. You can also go in person to the Suffolk County Board of elections in Yaphank.
 - To vote in the Village election for this coming election, June 17, 2008, you need to be registered at least 10 days prior to the election.
 - Civil Service and the Village have come to an agreement with regards to our definition of "Constable". What this means is that our Constables are now recognized as Law Enforcement not Code Enforcement, and anyone who wants to become a Constable will have to take a Civil Service test. The Village maintained all along that Law Enforcement was required in the definition, however, they maintained all along that our Constables were only Code Enforcement. In the first year, when sending our payroll in to be certified, it was sent back with a correction crossing out Law Enforcement for Constable and putting in Code Enforcement. They did not have the definition of Constable within Civil Service, nor did they want to create one. The Mayor would not agree that our Constables were Code Enforcement, and this argument went on for 14 years. They were being prompted by the police unit that exists. After the Village provided to Civil Service a few thousand documents, the Civil Service finally agreed to creating a new definition of "Constable" exactly the way we, as a Village, wanted it to be. This is a monumental decision. The Mayor reads the new Civil Service definition, which is currently being sent to Albany.

- o Joe Prokop explains how important this is to our Constables and our Village, that this was successful. There were numerous agencies that needed to be dealt with one at a time, with Civil Service being the last one. If this had not been successful, it could have been a significant change for our Police Constabulary.
- o If Southampton was successful in taking over our Police Department, it would cost village residents more in taxes than they are paying now, and would almost no Police presence in the Village.
- o Oceanfront litigation – Documents have been executed by all parties involved confirming the re-nourishing this fall/winter.
- o There is discussion of possibly condemning the oceanfront land. The Mayor thinks this will be an issue with mortgage companies, and the Village can not endorse this. The Village would view that as an admission that they (State or County) violated the Stipulation of Settlement (by not recording the deed)

Resolution to approve the annual Snow Removal Contract with The Village of Westhampton Beach

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

Resolution to approve all submitted and audited vouchers to be paid:

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

Resolution to approve all submitted and audited vouchers to be paid for December in lieu of a meeting:

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

Resolution to approve minutes from last months meeting:

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

Village Clerk has been working with NYCOM with regards to expanding the Board of Trustees from four to six members. To date, it has never been done. The only Villages that have six members are the Chartered Villages, which are villages awarded from colonial times as a Charter Village. Most of those villages have since reduced their membership to four.

Motion to close meeting: 8:50 p.m.