

Minutes of Meeting of the Board of Trustees of  
**Village of West Hampton Dunes**  
October 19, 2007  
906 Dune Road, West Hampton Dunes, NY

Present: Mayor, Vegliante, Laura Dalessandro, Village Clerk, Trustees, Bob Strecker, Charlie Brown, & George Asem, Joe Prokop, Village Attorney, Chief, Don Zlatniski, about 30 residents

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

Mayor opens meeting: 7:10 p.m.

Pledge of Allegiance waived-no flag

- Mayor's Report
  - NYCOM – Executive Meeting – Mohawk Mountain, NY
  - ASBPA – Galveston, Texas – Mayor attending with Aram Terchunian to receive the Award for “Top Restored Beach” for the Village of West Hampton Dunes.
  - The Mayor reads a letter that he recently received from Dennis Riese, of the Riese Organization stating that the 2007 Summer Picnic, unfortunately, will be the last. The Annual Picnic/BBQ has been sponsored, and fully funded for the past 12 years, by the Riese Organization. The letter explains that due to some changes in the company, they no longer have the man power or the ability to cater the party so far away from the main base in Manhattan. A check was enclosed with a donation from Dennis Riese to help continue having a village picnic in the future. Mayor Vegliante does not feel comfortable with the Village cashing that check, and makes the executive decision not to. The Mayor feels the reason the Riese Organization is no longer sponsoring the picnic is due to allegations made against Mr. Riese by some other Village residents, that were simply untrue. The Mayor would like to have a plaque made up to present to Dennis Riese & Gary Trimarchi at the Manhattan Meeting.
  - Litigations – Money owed to Village. There has been letter drafted by Suffolk County for the State to sign. Federal, State and County are all involved. There have been numerous meetings with all of these entities trying to settle this issue. The County asked the State to sign a document stating that by passing through this money, they will not be violating the Court Order. This took four months, and finally at the last meeting, John O’Connell, Attorney for the Village, told them that if we don’t have something in our hands by October 19, 2007, we would be in court on October 22, 2007, with the Federal Judge. The Mayor reads the draft letter.
  - After five weeks, finally today at 4:36 pm, a copy was faxed to the Village office. The Mayor spoke with the County today to confirm that the letter was being hand delivered to Steven Levy today. If it does not have to be put through a resolution of the State Legislature, the Village will have the money soon. If it has to go to a Legislative hearing, we will be on the first available calendar date which is November 20, 2007. We could see our money before Christmas.

- Litigation costs to the Village to date is an estimate of \$200k, which is what we already allocated, and we currently owe an estimate of \$50k. But, now with the letters from the State that clearly states that New York State will not back out of the project for the 2008 re-nourishment. Mayor Vegliante reads the letter out loud in response to the letter from the ACE in 2006 saying that the project may not continue if the ownership issue is not resolved. The letter states that the concerns expressed in the letter regarding the future implements of the ACE beach re-nourishment program are unwarranted and that the program will go forward as scheduled in 2008, unless the ACE plans for expenditure of funds is forbidden by a congressional act.

Mayor Vegliante reads the letter from the ACE confirming the anticipated third re-nourishment for the VWHD in August, 2008, the budget, what has been spent and what will be spent on the 2008 project between the Federal, State and County. The letter further explains that they are proceeding with the surveys, engineering and designs in preparation of the plans for the expected nourishment contract. The ACE goes on to confirm that the State has provided satisfactory evidence and necessary Lands, Easements, and ROW's to satisfy their needs. The New York District of the ACE stands ready to proceed with the beach re-nourishment for the Fall of 2008. The money for the WHD project is already included in the 2008 budget.

**Local Laws**

Local Law No. 2 of the Year 2007 Adopting Regulations for Walkovers in the Village of West Hampton Dunes:

Motion to adopt:

Motion by	Trustee Asem
Seconded	Trustee Brown
All in Favor	Asem, Brown, Vegliante
Abstain	Trustee Strecker

- Discussion of a possible fence law. Possible restrictions as to type, height, location. Currently, the Southampton Law states anything in the front yard can be as high as four feet and anything in the back of the house can be as high as six feet. The Village could amend that to make all fences can only be four feet in height and can only be erected in from the back of the house. Fences have to be see through, not solid.
- November Meeting discussion of location. Leave the way it is on the calendar. November 16, 2007.
- Discussion of legal fees for John O'Connell. What was budgeted for legal fees.
- Yale Nelson makes an announcement reminding everyone that his Documentary, The Incredible Journey, will be showing Saturday, October 20, 2007 at the Hampton Arts Center at 12:00 p.m. Tickets can be purchased at the door.
- Sgt Turner and his wife are adopting a baby boy from Korea. He is expecting his arrival sometime between now and Christmas. We congratulate him and wish him all the best!
- Chief Zlatniski discusses problems with not having numbers on houses, as well as battery back up on all alarms. The Fire Department is coming to the Village for too many false alarms due to faulty batteries and no back up

on the alarms. The Mayor wants to send out a mailing to all Village residents stating what needs to be done to maintain their alarms, and if not complied with, a violation will be issued. The Chief keeps records of every alarm in the Village. The Mayor wants the Chief to send a notice of every fire alarm to the Village office. At that time, the Mayor will make the decision to issue a violation or not.

- Rental Laws will be strictly enforced this year. All residents who rent their home, must have a Rental Permit Application filled out and filed with the Village Clerk.

### **Resolutions**

Resolution to approve changing the Village phones from Verizon to Broadview. This will save the Village 23% on the phone bills each month.

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

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

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

Resolution to approve minutes from last months meeting:

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

Motion to close meeting: 9:20 p.m.