

The Board of Trustees of the Village of Westhampton Beach held their Regular Meeting on Monday, June 14, 2004 at 10 a.m. in the Municipal Building, 92 Sunset Avenue, Westhampton Beach

PRESENT: Mayor Robert Strebel
Deputy Mayor Mark Raynor
Trustee Ora Belle "Ridgie" Barnett
Trustee Chester Morris
Trustee Harold Williams

Clerk-Treasurer Kathleen McGinnis
Village Attorney Richard T. Haefeli

Mayor Strebel opened the meeting at 10 a.m. with the Pledge of Allegiance. He asked if everyone would observe a moment of silence for President Ronald Reagan and Ruth Andon, wife of Arma Andon, former Mayor and Trustee of this Village.

Regular Meeting:

Accept minutes of 5/10/04 Board of Trustees Meeting

Motion by Trustee Williams:

RESOLVED, that the minutes of the Regular Meeting of May 10, 2004, are hereby accepted.

Seconded by Trustee Barnett and unanimously approved. 4 Aye, 0 Nay

Accept departmental reports

Motion by Trustee Williams:

RESOLVED, that the Treasurer's report for April 2004, and the Police Department and Building Inspector's reports for May 2004 are hereby accepted.

Seconded by Trustee Williams and unanimously approved. 4 Aye, 0 Nay

Schedule Public Hearing on Special Exception – Mexican Hut

Motion by Trustee Barnett:

RESOLVED, that the Village Clerk is hereby authorized to publish and post and Notice of Public Hearing on a Special Exception Permit application submitted by the Mexican Hut to be held on Tuesday, July 6, 2004 at 10 a.m. at the Village Hall, 92 Sunset Avenue, Westhampton Beach.

Seconded by Trustee Barnett and unanimously approved. 4 Aye, 0 Nay

Authorize refund of seasonal boat slip fee

Motion by Trustee Barnett:

RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees hereby approve the refund of \$1,125.00 to Matthew Nelson for a seasonal boat slip at the marina.

Seconded by Trustee Raynor and unanimously approved. 4 Aye, 0 Nay

Authorize renewal of Special Exception Permit – Tonino’s Pizza

Motion by Trustee Williams:

WHEREAS, Tonino’s Pizzeria has applied to renew the Special Exception permit granted in 2002 for the placement of two (2) outdoor tables and eight (8) chairs in front of the building pursuant to Section 197.80.3 and Section 197-76 of the Village Code and;

WHEREAS, there were no incidents or reports filed with the Police Department concerning said use; and therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees hereby authorize the placement of two (2) outdoor tables and eight (8) chairs as recommended by the Planning Board and subject to the same conditions.

Seconded by Trustee Raynor and unanimously approved. 4 Aye, 0 Nay

Accept proposal for tree feeding

Motion by Trustee Raynor:

RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees hereby accept the proposal submitted by Fox IPM Corp. for the feeding of the trees planted by the Village at a cost of \$4,775.00.

Seconded by Trustee Barnett and unanimously approved. 4 Aye, 0 Nay

Appoint part time seasonal DPW laborer

Motion by Trustee Barnett:

RESOLVED, that Christopher Goodman is hereby appointed as a part time seasonal Laborer in the Department of Public Works effective June 19, 2004, to be compensated at the rate of \$11/hour.

Seconded by Trustee Raynor and unanimously approved. 4 Aye, 0 Nay

Authorize annual salary increase for part time Fire Marshal

Motion by Trustee Barnett:

RESOLVED, that the hourly salary for part time Fire Marshal I William Hart is hereby increased to \$25 per hour retroactive to June 1, 2004 as provided in the 2004-05 fiscal year budget.

Seconded by Trustee Morris and unanimously approved. 4 Aye, 0 Nay

Authorize Summer Concert Series on Village Green

Motion by Trustee Williams:

RESOLVED, that the Westhampton Cultural Consortium, Inc. is hereby authorized to hold the "Summer Concert" series on the Village Green on Thursday evenings from 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. from July 8th through to September 2, 2004.

Seconded by Trustee Raynor and unanimously approved. 4 Aye, 0 Nay

Authorize WHB Middle School Bike Ride

Motion by Trustee Raynor:

RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees hereby authorize the Westhampton Beach Middle School to hold a bicycle ride for Sixth Grade Students on Wednesday, June 23, 2004 between the hours of 8:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m., to follow the attached route.

Seconded by Trustee Williams and unanimously approved. 4 Aye, 0 Nay

Authorize WHB High School PTSA Senior Celebration Breakfast

Motion by Trustee Barnett:

RESOLVED, that the Westhampton Beach High School PTSA is hereby authorized to use Rogers Beach for the Senior Celebration Breakfast to be held on Thursday, June 24, 2004 from 3 a.m. to 7 a.m.

Seconded by Trustee Morris and unanimously approved. 4 Aye, 0 Nay

Appoint seasonal lifeguard

Motion by Trustee Barnett:

RESOLVED, that Sean Bennett is hereby appointed as a seasonal lifeguard in training, to be compensated at the rate of \$7.00 per hour until his certifications are completed, retroactive to June 5, 2004.

Seconded by Trustee Williams and unanimously approved. 4 Aye, 0 Nay

Approve warrant for June 2004

Motion by Trustee Williams:

RESOLVED, that the warrant for June 2004 in the amount of \$247,538.23 for the General Fund and \$26,012.14 for the Capital Account is hereby approved.

Seconded by Trustee Raynor and unanimously approved. 4 Aye, 0 Nay

Public Discussion

Mayor Strebel asked if anyone in the audience would like to address the Board.

Arthur DiPietro, 41 Sunset Avenue, asked again about the possibility of four-wheel drive access at Rogers Beach. There is a gate on the eastern side of the parking lot and for the seasonal fishing, especially surf fishing before Memorial Day or after Labor Day, the Board said a few months ago that you would look into it.

Mayor Strebel responded that he had asked David Emilita, Village Planner, to look into it and he had not yet heard back from him. He also said that after that meeting he had received telephone calls from people in the Village and those calls were not favorable to opening that.

Mr. DiPietro said he was aware that there were always a certain amount of people that were opposed to that, but he felt there would also be a significant number of people that would be in support of it.

Jean Sweibish, 114 Potunk Lane, said there was something floating around in the air in the community and she would like the Mayor to put it to rest one way or the other. She said there was going to be some sort of freeze regarding the position of the Chief of Police and also the Village Clerk-Treasurer. She wanted to know if there was any discussion of this - a freeze as far as a ten-year period of time as for their positions and also some sort of a wage freeze.

Mayor Strebel answered that it was news to him and this was the first time he was hearing anything like this.

Ms. Sweibish said that often rumors in this Village turn out to have some basis in fact.

Mayor Strebel responded that last Thursday he had aged eight years. The newspaper had reported that he was sixty-nine. The first sentence in the Chronicle gave my age and a few other things that were inaccurate.

Ms. Sweibish said she just wanted to discuss it if that were the case.

Mayor Strebel assured her that it was not the case. He then reminded everyone that Friday, June 18th, from noon to 9 pm, the polls are open and he encouraged everyone to go out and vote.

Mayor Strebel asked if anyone else would like to address the Board. There being no response, a motion was made at 10:10 a.m. by Trustee Raynor to adjourn the meeting to Executive Session. Seconded by Trustee Williams and unanimously approved.
4 Aye, 0 Nay

Respectfully submitted,

Christine Owen
Deputy Clerk