

**The Board of Trustees of the Village of Westhampton Beach held their Regular Meeting on Tuesday, November 9, 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 James Kametler  
Trustee Timothy Laube

Clerk-Treasurer Kathleen McGinnis  
Village Attorney Richard T. Haefeli

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Mayor Strebel opened the meeting at 10 a.m. with the Pledge of Allegiance.

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**Public Hearing:**

**2005 Community Development Block grant Funding**

Mayor Strebel said that the Village had been asked to give all of the Community Development money this year to the Family Counseling Service.

Kathleen McGinnis, Village Clerk-Treasurer, added that they had submitted a letter to the Mayor, but Lenore Ringer-Prezioso, the Director of Development for the Family Counseling Services was in the audience and would like to say a few words.

Ms. Ringer-Prezioso, said the Family Counseling offices were located on the corner of Main Street and Potunk Lane. She found it interesting that people are not quite sure what it is that the Family Counseling does. She explained that they were a mental health agency with several different types of programs that address drug and alcohol, mental health counseling and working with children in families. They also do a lot of work in the schools, with the Choices Program, where they go in and work with the children regarding making healthy choices and staying off drugs. She also said they do a program with people in the Town of Southampton who have been discharged from the jail in Riverhead, helping them get back on their feet and get their life back in order. She said that this is the Hamptons, and everyone says there can't be people that fall into the federal poverty guidelines out here. In fact, 6.8% of the population in Westhampton Beach Village falls within the poverty guidelines. She said that whenever she goes to a Rotary meeting or a civic association meeting or even is in a meeting within the confines of the agency where they are doing a fundraiser, someone always takes her aside and tells her a story about how Family Counseling Service affected their life and their family's lives. There was a domestic violence situation where a woman literally fled in the middle of the night, went to her sister, and her sister sent her to Family Counseling. She is remarried now with beautiful children and has a wonderful life. This woman said that if she didn't have Family Counseling to turn to, she doesn't know what she would have done. This agency was started to address the lack of mental health services on the east end of Long Island and that issue is still being addressed today. Because of a higher incidence of depression and drug and alcohol abuse in society, they have had to take their services a step further. People come in to their office, are evaluated and quite often put on medication. Someone needs to provide those medications and see those people on a regular basis so that they don't fall through the cracks and become a drain on our society. If these people are kept working, healthy and mentally well, they become more productive members of society. She stressed that whatever investment the Community Development Block Grant Funds will be making to this agency, it will be an overall investment in our community and we will all benefit.

Mayor Strebel commented that he was fully aware of the good things that Family Counseling does and added that the Village was certainly happy to award this money to them.

Mayor Strebel asked if anyone else would like to address the Board. There being no further response, a motion was made by Trustee Raynor to close the public hearing. Seconded by Trustee Laube and unanimously approved. 4 Aye, 0 Nay

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**Regular Meeting:**

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**Accept minutes of Board of Trustees Meetings**

Motion by Trustee Laube:

RESOLVED, that the minutes of the Board of Trustees regular meeting of October 12, 2004 and the Special Meeting of October 25, 2004 are hereby accepted.

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

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**Accept departmental reports**

Motion by Trustee Raynor:

RESOLVED, that the Treasurer's reports for September/October 2004 and Police Department and Building Department reports for October 2004 are hereby accepted.

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

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**Authorize East End Hospice Tree Lighting Ceremony**

Motion by Trustee Barnett:

RESOLVED, that East End Hospice is hereby authorized to use the Village Green for a tree lighting ceremony on Sunday, December 5, 2004 at 2:30 pm.

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

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**Authorize tree pruning project**

Motion by Trustee Kametler:

RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees hereby authorize the annual fall tree pruning by Fox IPM Corp. at a cost of \$6,379.25

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

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**Appoint School Crossing Guard**

Motion by Trustee Laube:

RESOLVED, that Heidi Lelaidier is hereby appointed as a School Crossing Guard effective October 14, 2004 to serve as assigned by the Chief of Police and to be compensated at the rate of \$9.50 per hour.

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

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**Schedule public hearing St. Marks Special Exception – cell phone facility**

Motion by Trustee Raynor:

RESOLVED, that the Village Clerk is hereby directed to publish and post a Notice of Public Hearing to be held on Monday December 13, 2004 at 10 a.m. to consider the Special Exception Use permit application submitted by St. Marks Church for the installation of an interior cell phone facility.

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

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**Authorize snow removal contract Village of WH Dunes**

Motion by Trustee Barnett:

RESOLVED, that the Mayor is hereby authorized to execute an agreement with the Village of Westhampton Dunes for the removal of snow by the Westhampton Beach Public Works Department for a fee of \$2,500.00 from November 1, 2004 through to October 31, 2005.

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

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**Accept field inspection and testing bid – Village Hall project**

Motion by Trustee Kametler:

RESOLVED, that the bid submitted by All Island Testing Inc. to perform concrete and structural steel field density and controlled fill field inspection and testing at the rates listed on the attached quote summary sheet is hereby accepted.

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

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**Approve amended fee schedule – Dunn Engineering**

Motion by Trustee Laube:

RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees hereby approve the attached amended fee schedule as requested by Dunn Engineering retroactive to August 2004.

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

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**Establish Parks fee – Howell House project**

Motion by Trustee Raynor:

WHEREAS, Beach Road Howell House LLC has filed an application with the Planning Board requesting site plan approval for the construction of nine (9) residential condominium units on property it owns located at 10 Beach Road, Westhampton Beach, and

WHEREAS, the Planning Board adopted a resolution with respect to the site plan application on October 14, 2004 finding that there was a need for additional park and recreational opportunities in the Village and that the property of the applicant was not suitable for such a park or recreational facility and the Planning Board further determined that the applicant was required

as a condition of approval to make a payment in lieu of park land dedication with the amount of said fee to be determined by this Board, and

WHEREAS, this Board finds that the demand for recreational facilities exceeds the existing resources of the Village and that the continued construction of residential units together with the substantial increase in land values over the last several years has increased the problem and in order to reduce the impact that the construction planned by Beach Road Howell House, LLC will have upon the recreational facilities of the Village, the determination by the Planning Board to require a fee in lieu of park land was reasonable, and

WHEREAS, to determine the amount of the park fee, the Board authorized Frederick Wood Associates, Inc. to undertake an appraisal.

NOW BE IT RESOLVED AS FOLLOWS:

That the Board of Trustees hereby establishes that based upon the appraisal of Frederick Wood Associates, Inc. the park fee to be paid by Beach Road Howell House, LLC in lieu of providing park land is \$172,127.00 and that said park fee and the time of payment thereof shall be set forth in any resolution of approval of the site plan application of Beach Road Howell House, LLC.

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

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**Extend Annual Fuel Oil Contract**

Motion by Trustee Barnett:

RESOLVED, that the annual fuel oil contract with R.G.Hann & Co, is hereby renewed effective July 1, 2004 through to June 30, 2005.

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

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**Approve November warrant**

Motion by Trustee Kametler:

RESOLVED, that the warrant for November 2004 in the amount of \$202,354.17 for the General Fund and \$66,102.85 for the Capital Fund is hereby approved.

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

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**Motion to Add-on Resolution**

A motion was made by Trustee Raynor to add-on a resolution. Seconded by Trustee Kametler and unanimously approved. 4 Aye, 0 Nay

**Motion to amend resolution of March 8, 2004 re transfer of property to "Habitat for Humanity"**

Motion by Trustee Raynor:

In the sixth paragraph of the March 8, 2004 resolution pertaining to the transfer of property to Habitat for Humanity of Suffolk Housing Development Fund, Inc., the first part will be changed as follows: "Habitat for Humanity of Suffolk Housing Development Fund, Inc. shall offer the house for sale to an individual or family who meets the Criteria for Selection of Families to become partners with Habitat which are: Need for Adequate Shelter; Ability to Pay (as

established by their income guidelines); Willingness to Partner. In addition; the individual or family must meet”.

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

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Mayor Strebel asked if anyone would like to address the Board. There being no further response, a motion was made at 10:20 a.m. by Trustee Raynor to adjourn the meeting to Executive Session. Seconded by Trustee Laube and unanimously approved. 4 Aye, 0 Nay

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Respectfully submitted,

Christine Owen  
Deputy Clerk