

The Board of Trustees of the Village of Westhampton Beach held their Regular Meeting on Thursday, December 1, 2005 at 6 p.m. in the Municipal Building, 92 Sunset Avenue, Westhampton Beach

PRESENT: **Mayor Robert Strebel**
 Deputy Mayor Timothy Laube
 Trustee Ora Belle "Ridgie" Barnett
 Trustee James Kametler
 Trustee Conrad Teller

Clerk-Treasurer Kathleen McGinnis
 Village Attorney Richard T. Haefeli

Mayor Strebel opened the meeting at 6 p.m. with the Pledge of Allegiance.

PRESENTATION BY ASSEMBLYMAN FRED THIELE

Mayor Strebel welcomed Assemblyman Fred Thiele to tonight's meeting. He said that Mr. Thiele has been a good friend to the Village. This was Mayor Strebel's eighth year as Mayor of the Village and each year Assemblyman Thiele has seen that the Village has received funds from New York State. He was very instrumental in the Village receiving the last \$185,000 from the New York State Department of Transportation. They have awarded the Village the additional monies that were needed for the traffic circle. He said they really owe this to Mr. Thiele and he wanted to thank him very much for his help.

Assemblyman Thiele thanked Mayor Strebel and said he appreciated the opportunity to be at the Village Board Meeting. He said there were things going on in the Village that involve the state of New York and he was happy to be able to help with those. He felt it was important to the overall project with the new Village Hall at the Six Corners and the roundabout being part of that, to make sure that the state kept its commitment to provide its share of the funding. He thought it was extremely important that the project be done right. He felt it should have the proper amount of landscaping and not only should it work from an engineering point of view and from a traffic and transportation point of view, but that it also look right as far as aesthetics. He did not feel it would make sense for the Village to have to cut back on these things. He thanked Mayor Strebel for all of his input on this and said that by them working together the DOT has agreed to augment the contract and provide the state's share of the increased costs for this project.

Assemblyman Thiele then talked about some regional issues that do affect or could affect this part of his district in Westhampton and Westhampton Beach. He said that first and foremost is an exciting conclusion with regards to the Air National Guard, the 106th Air Rescue wing. He said all of us were worried about a year and a half ago that perhaps the Air National Guard would not survive the BRAC process. Obviously, they did, and now they will be here for many, many years to come. The BRAC process comes up periodically. He said they learned that other parts of the country have an ongoing community support element for their Air National Guard. He had talked to Supervisor Heaney about using the East End Environmental and Economic Institute as a successor to GRIP and to continue to provide some funding to that institute on a continued basis so that we are constantly keeping the 106th in front of the communities eye and on the radar screen with the Air Force. He said they will be helping to fund the East End Environmental and Economic Institute this year to continue that community support element for the Air National Guard.

Assemblyman Thiele gave an update regarding Southampton College and the State University of New York at Stony Brook. Again, working with state Senator Ken LaValle, who really did an outstanding job on this, we were able to get 35 million dollars in the budget for the state acquisition of that campus to proceed and become a state university campus. This year already, the marine sciences program is up and running as far as Stony Brook. Our commitment was to establish a full four-year college at Southampton, because that is something that would benefit the entire east end. We have an agreement, in principle, with Long Island University for the acquisition of that campus. He said he thinks the mission of this campus will be to have an environmental studies program. He

feels it will be something the local governments will be able to use as a resource.

Trustee Barnett said she also would like to thank Assemblyman Thiele very much for his assistance. She also wanted to know when he felt the State University of New York at Southampton would be open.

Mr. Thiele responded that anything that involves state government has its fair share of bureaucracy and particularly anything that involves education in the state of New York. There are approvals and things that have to be gotten from the Education Department and funds released from the Comptroller's Office and things of that nature. All that being said, this has been on the fast track and has moved with remarkable speed for government work. It is the intent of the State University that they will have, in addition to the Marine Science program that is already operating, a full program on that campus and be operating in September 2006. He felt that the campus will be operating in 2006, but that activities will ramp up over the next couple of years.

Trustee Barnett asked if some of the same faculty will remain there.

Mr. Thiele said that was a good question because not only do you have the faculty, but also you have a fair number of blue collar workers that worked at the college. Most of the faculty these days is at C.W. Post College because they had rights to bump to C.W. Post. There hasn't been any real final decision as to how the Southampton campus will be staffed, but it would be our hope that we would be able to offer positions to those faculty that are qualified and have been good and bring them back to Southampton. He said that almost more important to him is that there are a lot of blue collar workers that lost their jobs when the Southampton campus closed. Some of them have found jobs and some of them have not. We certainly want to give those folks a preference to return to Southampton College. That will be part of the deal. He said the students had a place to go, the faculty had a place to go, but a lot of the blue collar workers didn't have a place to go. He said he had a commitment and this was sort of a pet project of his to make sure that they get a preference when the campus starts to staff up again.

Assemblyman Thiele said the other thing that constituents always ask him about is the status of the casino in Hampton Bays that is proposed by the Shinnecocks. He said there was a recent court decision that stated that the Shinnecocks were, indeed, a tribe. He said he didn't know that was an issue, because there is an act of the state legislature that declared them to be a tribe since 1792. He said that was not really the issue. The issue was about the casino and whether or not they have to go through all of the federal requirements that the US Congress has laid out before an Indian tribe or nation can have a casino. He wanted to remind people that casino gaming in the State of New York is illegal under the US Constitution. It is only the exception under the federal Indian Gaming Act that allows casinos to operate in this state and that means they have to go through the federal Department of the Interior. Right now that case is still before the Federal District Court. He said he would advise the Village to keep an eye on this case, because the conventional wisdom is that the location in Hampton Bays, the Westwoods property, is not the place where the Shinnecocks actually intend to build the casino. There are a number of environmental constraints to that property, it is kind of in the middle of a residential area, etc. It is in the peconic estuary watershed. Often the issue gets raised that maybe it will go to the Calverton property or it will go to Gabreski or some other alternate location. He said he had never seen a formal proposal in that regard. Nonetheless, he feels that it is important that everyone remain diligent and keep focused on that issue.

Dean Speir, 256 East Main Street, wanted to know that now that the Air National Guard is safe at Gabreski Airport, what was happening with the airport itself.

Mr. Thiele said that it is under the jurisdiction of the County of Suffolk and he had no input in the decision making process. He said that when he was a County Legislator and the Town Supervisor working with the Village, we wanted to see an economic redevelopment of the airport that did not involve the expansion of general aviation. He felt that was still the commitment there. He said he knew there were dueling committees on the County level as to what was going to happen with the airport, but he felt there was a resource there that we should be able to take advantage of. There have been a number of comprehensive plans that have been developed for the airport through the seventies and

the eighties. He felt

there were some pretty good ideas in there as far as sustainable economic development, but the County was a little slow in acting on them.

Angelo de la Fuente, Old Riverhead Road, asked what chances the Shinnecocks have in making that a casino, and if it will eventually happen, why prolong the agony.

Mr. Thiele said he was not convinced it would happen eventually. There are a number of issues here and just because they might receive federal recognition as an Indian nation, doesn't guarantee them a casino. He said he felt that a lot of people think that it does. He said that if it is located off reservation property, the state and the local communities have a lot to say about where a casino can be located. It's not something that is inevitable that we are prolonging the agony on. It is something that we are opposing that we think shouldn't happen. He felt that ultimately it will not happen.

Public Hearings:

Public Hearings**Local Law 10/2005 to amend zoning code Chap. 197**

Village Attorney Richard Haefeli explained that this is what they usually do once or twice a year, which is to update various areas of the Code based upon things that have taken place within the last year. What they are doing here is updating the definition of an automotive service station to specifically prohibit any portion of it to be converted into a mini-market or a convenience store. We are changing the definition and updating the definition regarding the luncheonettes. We are also amending the Code with reference to what is defined as the lot area which puts a limitation on how big a house can be built in any zoning district. About four years ago we put a provision in which limited the size of housing on any lot in the Village based upon the zoning district they are in. For instance, if it is south of Main Street it is in the R-1, a one-acre zoning district. If you are in this area or a little north of here, it is in the half-acre zoning district. If you go up onto Hazelwood or Rogers, it is in the one-third acre zoning district. We attempted to minimize the size of the home that could be placed on any of the lots. The current provision is a further reduction to the size of the home by saying that rather than using the 15,000 square foot, which is what the limitation is in the zoning district up on Hazelwood or Rogers, if the lot is actually smaller than that, then that would be the figure you could use to determine the maximum size of the home. We also have made changes and it is reflected in here, with the provisions regarding the Architectural Review Board. What the Village has found out is that when a person makes an application for a site-plan approval in the Village, what takes place is that they first get approval from the Planning Board. Then they go to the Architectural Review Board before they can get a building permit. This law together with the next subsequent law that is going to be subject to the public hearing process, proposes that once the application comes in, it goes both to the Planning Board and the Architectural Review Board and the Architectural Review Board makes their recommendation to the Planning Board. By the time the applicant completes the process with the Planning Board, the applicant would be able to get a building permit. It will reduce the amount of time the applicant has to spend in the Village before they get a building permit. He said that he had also found when he was doing it that for some reason or other on one of the updated prints, we had failed to put in some of the provisions as to what was permitted in some of the districts, so it is just being included now.

Elyse Richman, 76 Rogers Avenue, asked what the change in the luncheonette was.

Mr. Haefeli responded that currently a luncheonette is defined as something that can't have more than eight tables and thirty-two chairs. You have to have counter service and you have to have waiters and/or waitresses. We have several businesses that have gotten

an approval for a luncheonette and they don't provide the waiter or waitress service. People will go in and buy something and sometimes they do and sometimes they don't. The limitation is the same as it had been before. It is the same limitation that is imposed by the Health Department. You can't get an approval for a major new restaurant on Main Street

with fifty tables, etc. The maximum that you could get from the Health Department is an approval for eight tables and thirty-two chairs. That is what this is.

Ms. Richman asked if even if the size was different for a restaurant, you can't get more than eight tables.

Mr. Haefeli answered no, that is what our provision says, but you could not get a Health Department approval for anything more than that. Under the Health Department regulations you would be required to have what they call "single service", which is paper plates, etc. You would not have anything such as a Bun and Burger or an Eckart's where you go in and has regular plates and you have your food served. We are trying to eliminate a couple of the definitions we had for a restaurant, put them all together and make one luncheonette, which is for the very small types of uses that we have in the Village. If you wanted to start a new Bun and Burger or Eckart's, you would go under the provisions or definition of a normal restaurant. On Main Street, specifically, you would not be able to get a Health Department approval for that. If you were up on Riverhead Road, that would be a different story. But, because of the high water table on Main Street, no brand new restaurant on a new piece of property would be approved without a sewer system.

Mr. Speir asked if the convenience store/gas station provision would change the definition so that would no longer be a permitted use.

Mr. Haefeli answered that it would probably not be a permitted use as it is. All we are doing is making it clear that the few gas stations we have in the Village, they can't convert into a 7-11 because a convenience store is not permitted.

Mr. Speir said he recalled that this had come up about nine years ago and it was determined that they were permitted.

Mr. Haefeli responded that he thought a provision had been put in nine years ago to prohibit them and in reviewing the code over the last few months, he had found there was no provision. So, the provision is being put in now.

Mr. Speir asked if it were pre-existing, would they be allowed to continue.

Mr. Haefeli said there was only one that he was aware of. The Valero gas station up on the east side of Riverhead Road had gotten approval from the Zoning Board where they can sell what would be fast food items. That was it, but they could not convert the bay area or anything else. That is the only one.

Mr. Speir asked if the one across the street from Valero would be deemed abandoned or discontinued. He said they were issued summonses for their displays of soft drinks and such. They successfully convinced the court here that it was a permitted use.

Mr. Haefeli said he was not aware that they had ever gotten an approval. He said that it was at a point in time that he was not the Village attorney, so he was not aware of it.

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

Motion by Trustee Teller:

WHEREAS, this Board has advertised a local law adding Chapter 197 of the Village Code, entitled "ZONING" and

WHEREAS, a public hearing was held on December 1, 2005, and

WHEREAS, this Board has resolved that it is the lead agency for purposes of SEQRA review, and

WHEREAS, this Board has reviewed the submitted EAF Part I and the applicable criteria pursuant to 6 NYCRR 617.7 in determining the environmental significance of this action, and

WHEREAS, this Board has determined that the proposed local law is one of general applicability.

IT IS THEREFORE RESOLVED that the proposed action will not have a significant effect on the environment and therefore this Board issues a negative declaration with respect to this proposed action, and

WHEREAS, all persons present at the meeting have had an opportunity to speak on behalf of or in opposition to the proposed Local Law, or any part thereof, and

NOW THEREFORE, that after due deliberation the Board of Trustees of the Village of Westhampton Beach finds that it is in the best interest of the Village to adopt Local Law 10/2005 as advertised and attached.

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

Local Law 11/2005 to amend Chap. 5 of the code Re: ARB

Mr. Haefeli explained that this was the companion local law to the local law that was just discussed. It makes changes in the provisions in the code regarding the Architectural Review Board that has them reviewing the application at the same time as the Planning Board.

Jim Hulme, a local attorney at 323 Mill Road, commented that he felt this was a wonderful change to the code. He said he had been involved in a number of significant projects in the Village recently and they had definitely gotten caught up in the Planning Board vs. the Architectural Review Board. He said that both projects went well, but they would have gone much smoother if this law had been in place.

Mayor Strebhel said that is why they are doing it. He asked if anyone else would like to address the Board. There being no further response, a motion was made by Trustee Teller to close the public hearing. Seconded by Trustee Kametler and unanimously approved. 4 Aye, 0 Nay

Motion by Trustee Laube:

WHEREAS, this Board has advertised a local law adding Chapter 5 of the Village Code, entitled "ARCHITECTURAL REVIEW BOARD" and

WHEREAS, a public hearing was held on December 1, 2005, and

WHEREAS, this Board has resolved that it is the lead agency for purposes of SEQRA review, and

WHEREAS, this Board has reviewed the submitted EAF Part I and the applicable criteria pursuant to 6 NYCRR 617.7 in determining the environmental significance of this action, and

WHEREAS, this Board has determined that the proposed local law is one of general applicability.

IT IS THEREFORE RESOLVED that the proposed action will not have a significant effect on the environment and therefore this Board issues a negative declaration with respect to this proposed action, and

WHEREAS, all persons present at the meeting have had an opportunity to speak on behalf of or in opposition to the proposed Local Law, or any part thereof, and

NOW THEREFORE, that after due deliberation the Board of Trustees of the Village of Westhampton Beach finds that it is in the best interest of the Village to adopt Local Law 11/2005 as advertised and attached.

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

Regular Meeting:

Accept departmental reports

Motion by Trustee Barnett:

RESOLVED, that the Treasurer’s report for October 2005, and the Police Department, and Building Inspector’s reports for November 2005 are hereby accepted.

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

Authorize Notice to Bidders – Village Hall Painting contract #9.200

Motion by Trustee Kametler:

RESOLVED, that the Village Clerk-Treasurer is hereby directed to publish & post a Notice Of Bid Opening to be held on Monday, December 19, 2005 at 11 a.m. in the Village Clerk’s Office, 92 Sunset Avenue, Westhampton Beach, for the Village Hall painting contract #9.200.

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

Authorize change order Village Hall project Valdini Drywall - \$7,510.

Motion by Trustee Teller:

RESOLVED, that at the recommendation of Sandpebble Builders, a change order in the amount of \$7,510.00 for the new Village Hall Drywall & Acoustic contact #9.1 with Valdini Drywall Corp. is hereby approved.

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

Authorize change order Village Hall project Island Steel - \$4,210.00

Motion by Trustee Laube:

RESOLVED, that at the recommendation of Sandpebble Builders, a change order in the amount of \$4,210.00 for the Village Hall structural steel contract #5.100 with Island Steel &

Detailing Corp. is hereby approved.

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

Authorize 2006 Community Development Budget

Motion by Trustee Barnett:

RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees hereby allocate the federal fiscal year 2006 Community Development Block Grant funding in the amount of \$13,000.00 as follows:

\$9,470.00 Family Counseling Service provide therapeutic intervention services for at-risk families

\$3,530.00 Rogers Beach walkway eliminate physical barriers for the handicapped

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

Authorize 2006 Youth Recreation Program

Motion by Trustee Kametler:

RESOLVED, that the Mayor is hereby authorized to expend \$3,200.00 for the 2006 Youth Recreation Program provided by the Westhampton Beach School District subject to reimbursement of \$1,600.00 by New York State and approval of the Westhampton Beach UFSD budget in May 2006.

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

Appoint Registrar, Deputy Registrar and Sub Registrar for 2006

Motion by Trustee Teller:

RESOLVED, that Kathleen McGinnis is hereby appointed Registrar of Vital Statistics for the Village for 2006 with an annual stipend of \$400, and Christine Owen is appointed Deputy Registrar with an annual stipend of \$ 300, and Rosemary Kienast Towers is appointed Sub Registrar of Vital Statistics with an annual stipend \$300.

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

Authorize 2006 snow removal contract Westhampton Dunes - \$3,750.00

Motion by Trustee Laube:

RESOLVED, that the Mayor is hereby authorized to execute an agreement with the Village of Westhampton Dunes for the removal of snow by the Village of Westhampton Beach Department of Public Works for a fee of \$3,750.00 from November 1, 2005 through to October 31, 2006.

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

Appoint Village project facilitator for Townwide Hazard Mitigation Plan

Motion by Trustee Barnett:

RESOLVED, that Building & Zoning Administrator Paul Houlihan is hereby appointed to serve as the Village Project Facilitator for the Town's Hazard Mitigation Planning Committee.

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

Authorize Mayor to execute all documents Re: NYS Quality Community Grant

Motion by Trustee Kametler:

RESOLVED, that the Mayor is hereby authorized to act on behalf of the Village Board of Trustees in all matters related to the financial assistance application to the New York State Quality Communities Program for a grant in the amount of \$232,800 for the development of a Conceptual Plan, Environmental Studies, wastewater Facility Plan and the preparation of an Engineering Design report for the formation of a sewage collection and treatment system.

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

Appoint part time DPW Laborer

Motion by Trustee Teller:

RESOLVED, that Michael Araujo is hereby appointed as a part time DPW Laborer effective November 28, 2005, to be compensated at the rate of \$13.00 per hour.

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

Authorize purchase of DPW salt truck

Motion by Trustee Laube:

RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees hereby authorize the purchase of a 1991 GMC Topkick with cab at a cost of \$4,500.00 from Randall's Auto Collision to be used as a salt truck by the Department of Public Works.

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

Authorize sale of surplus DPW vehicle - \$8,600.00

Motion by Trustee Barnett:

RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees hereby approve the sale of the DPW 1999 Dodge Ram Pickup Truck with Meyer Plow VIN#3B7KF26Z4XMS for \$8,600.00 by Cedar Grove Classic Holdings, LLC.

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

Appoint Office Applications Specialist

Motion by Trustee Kametler:

RESOLVED, that Brian McGinnis is provisionally appointed as an Office Applications Specialist to be compensated at a bi-weekly salary of \$1,356.40 effective 12/1/05 in accordance with S.C. Dept. of Civil Service rules and procedures.

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

Authorize purchase of computer equipment under state contract #70572

Motion by Trustee Teller:

RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees hereby approve the purchase of 12 OptiPlex GX520 Minitower Pentium computers, including monitors, and keyboards, at a unit cost of \$885.00, and a Windows Server at a cost of \$2,452.60 from Dell Computers under NYS Contract #70572.

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

Authorize change order Intelli-Tec Security Services contract #8.74- \$2,766.00

Motion by Trustee Laube:

RESOLVED, that, at the recommendation of Sandpebble Builders, the Board of Trustees hereby approve a change order to the Intelli-Tec Security Services, LLC Access Control System contract in the amount of \$2,766.00 for the purchase of a software package for one (1) additional door at the new Village Hall.

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

Appoint Special Counsel for Falco v. Village Article 78

Motion by Trustee Barnett:

RESOLVED, that Village Attorney Richard T. Haefeli is hereby appointed to represent the Village in the Article 78 proceeding brought by Randel & Susan Falco and to be compensated at the rate of \$155.00 per hour.

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

Authorize supplemental agreement additional funding – Six Corners Roundabout

Motion by Trustee Kametler:

WHEREAS, the Six Corners Roundabout Traffic Calming Project is eligible under Title 23 U.S. Code, as amended, that calls for the apportionment of the costs of such program to

be borne at the ratio of 90% Federal/State and 10% local funds; and now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees hereby approve an amended Six Corners Roundabout Project , at a total amended project cost of \$613,039.00, and authorize the expenditure of \$52,000.00 for the local share of the project cost plus any other non reimbursable project costs and/or in-kind contributions; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Mayor is hereby authorized and directed to execute all necessary agreements, certifications, or reimbursement requests for federal aid on behalf of the Village of Westhampton Beach, subject to the approval of the Village Attorney as to form and content, with NYSDOT in connection with the advancement or approval of the Six Corners Roundabout Project and providing for the administration of the project and the Village's first instance funding of the project costs and permanent funding of the local share of federal aid and state aid eligible projects costs and all project costs within appropriations therefore that are not so eligible; and be it further

RESOLVED, that a certified copy of this resolution be filed with the NYS Commissioner of Transportation by attaching it to any necessary agreement in connection with the Project;

and be it further

RESOLVED, that this resolution shall take effect immediately.

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

Approve warrant for December 2005

Motion by Trustee Teller:

RESOLVED, that the warrant for the month of December 2005 in the amount of \$711,351.16 for the General Fund and \$240,000.36 for the Capital Fund is hereby approved.

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

Motion to add resolution to agenda

Motion by Trustee Laube to add a resolution on to this agenda. Seconded by Trustee Teller and unanimously approved. 4 Aye, 0 Nay

Accept proposal for 2006 Rogers Beach Snack Bar Concession

Motion by Trustee Laube:

RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees hereby accept the proposal submitted by Loughlin's Deli to pay the Village \$7,500 to operate the Rogers Beach Snack Bar concession for the 2006 summer season.

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

Public Discussion

Angelo de la Fuente, Old Riverhead Road, asked how much the roundabout would cost the taxpayers after the grant from the State.

Mayor Strebelsaid the Village was supposed to pick up 10% of the project, but we can pick it up in labor. We don't have to pick it up out of pocket expenses. For example, if our

men do some of the work, that will be credited to us. He said he could not give the actual monetary figure, but he felt it would be very small, because the work that the Department of Public Works men do is allowable. The work that is being done putting in the drains had to be done anyway and this will also be credited. He said the cost will be negligible.

Mr. de la Fuente wanted to know about the resolution where the Board was charging Westhampton Dunes \$3,750 for snow removal. He asked how many miles of cleaning was being done there.

Mayor Strebel said the Board had been charging Westhampton Dunes \$2,500 for the snow removal for the last several years. He said he had asked our Supervisor of Public Works to review it and let him know if these charges were adequate to cover the work that was being done.

Joe Benedetto, Supervisor of Public Works, said there were three miles of Main Road on Dune Road and approximately less than a mile on two side roads. He said that when they go down there with four trucks, it takes twenty minutes to clean the place out.

Mayor Strebel remarked that this equates to about 80 minutes of manpower and the cost of the use of four trucks per snowstorm. He wanted to add that municipalities traditionally

help each other. He said the Town of Southampton is very helpful to us when there is equipment that we don't have and they have it – then they will help us with it. That has been what we've tried to do with Westhampton Dunes, but it does not cost the Village of Westhampton Beach taxpayers anything in order to do it.

A member of the audience asked for an update on the sewer system.

Deputy Mayor Tim Laube responded that the Village had hired H2M for a scoping study to begin the process, to see how the system would be built and where it would go. He said this study will be presented by H2M to the Pine Barrens Commission, because a big part of this is the existing plant at Gabreski Airport. If this project were to come to fruition, the County would be looking at doubling the size of that plant, which would mean more outfall and that outfall area is in the compatible growth area of the Pine Barrens. They are allowed to do projects like this, but they need to go before the Commission. Once that is accomplished, this Board will investigate whether to move forward to the next phase, which will be the engineering part of it. H2M gave us a tentative time schedule. The first study was commissioned for sometime in January or February and should go to the Pine Barrens Commission sometime later next year. If we get approval from them, this Board would then consider the next phase sometime next fall. This schedule is very tentative.

Mayor Strebel added that it was moving as fast as government can progress.

Ms. Weissman said that Deputy Mayor Laube had mentioned that we were supposed to get County approval around this time of year and they would tell us whether or not they would authorize us to use their facility. She wanted to know if we were starting our own study before we even know if we can tap into their system.

Deputy Mayor Laube said it was before the legislature now. It is in committee, it was tabled at the last meeting and it will go before committee soon. He said that we had to do our study concurrent with them. The County required us to go ahead with this study. They said they would move ahead with their end of it if we moved ahead with our end of it.

Ms. Weissman asked if anyone knew what was going into the Moneybogue Canal after all of the floods over the last month. She said there was a very bad stench back there and it leaks into her store and is horrible. She felt it was raw sewerage. She asked if anything could be done about it. She said the runoff in the parking lot looked all rusted and had changed the color of the cement.

Paul Houlihan, Village Building Inspector, said he was not aware of any raw sewage. He said there were a multitude of people that had pumped their basements out throughout the Village. He said they had witnessed that all over the place. There had been water in basements where they hadn't seen water in the basement in years. The building that houses the Building Department on Mill Road had four inches and it is well out of the flood zone. He said he had been in the Building Department on Mill Road for four years and other people had been there for at least six years and there had never been a drop of water before. So, that was a difficult situation for everyone. He said he had not found any raw sewerage. He said if there is a spot, Ms. Weissman could point it out to him tomorrow and he would be happy to take a look at it. He felt that what had occurred a month or so ago all over Long Island was unique. There had been about 20" of water over a week's time and that had never happened ever before.

Deputy Mayor Laube said that since they were speaking of Moneybogue, he wanted to say that sometime in the next week or two the Village will be installing two special filter drains. They are called rocks in a box. They contain a lot of nitrates. He feels they will go a long way in helping the water quality of Moneybogue Canal, especially the first flushing when you get that first half-inch of rain. Most of the contaminants, the nitrates and oils, come down in that first few minutes. These drains are designed to catch 90% of it.

Trustee Kametler asked the Highway Superintendent if the Public Works Department would be maintaining those.

Mr. Benedetto responded yes, that they would be testing them twice a year and if they become contaminated they would replace them.

Mayor Strebel asked if anyone else would like to address the Board. There being no further response, Trustee Kametler made a motion at 7:00 p.m. to adjourn the meeting to Executive Session. Seconded by Trustee Barnett and unanimously approved. 4 Aye, 0 Nay

Respectfully submitted,

Christine Owen
Deputy Clerk