

The Board of Trustees of the Village of Westhampton Beach held their Regular Meeting on Monday, February 14, 2005 at 10 a.m. in the Municipal Building, 92 Sunset Avenue, Westhampton Beach

PRESENT: Deputy Mayor Mark Raynor
Trustee Ora Belle "Ridgie" Barnett
Trustee Timothy Laube
Trustee James Kametler

ABSENT: Mayor Robert Strebel

Clerk-Treasurer Kathleen McGinnis
Village Attorney Richard T. Haefeli

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

Deputy Mayor Raynor announced that before the regular portion of the meeting, he would like to recognize several police officers from the Westhampton Beach & Quogue Villages, who handled a dangerous call on December 29, 2004. He recounted the following:

The Police were called in reference to a family dispute. When the officers interviewed the victim, the police found out that a subject had held the victim against her will all night long and had continuously assaulted her. The suspect threatened to kill the victim and her eight year old son. The victim was allowed to leave the apartment to go to the store, but had to leave her son behind with the subject.

When the police officers arrived at the apartment they attempted for several minutes to try and talk to the suspect through the door. The officers observed that the suspect was holding a ten inch kitchen knife and the boy. The suspect would not obey the orders of the police officers and threatened to kill the boy. The suspect then proceeded to push the ten inch knife into his chest. Upon seeing this, the officers rushed in, subdued the suspect, stabilized his wound and notified the Westhampton Beach Ambulance. The suspect was transported to Central Suffolk Hospital and is currently in jail on \$50,000 bail.

The officers handled this deadly situation in such a professional matter that there were no further injuries to anyone. Now, as Deputy Mayor of the Village of Westhampton Beach and on behalf of the Mayor, Board of Trustees and residents of our Village, I would like to present the following officers with a proclamation for their actions:

Sgt. Trevor Gonce, Westhampton Beach Village Police Department
Police Officer Stephen Cunneen, Westhampton Beach Village Police Department
Police Officer Edward Seltenreich, Quogue Village Police Department
Police Officer Barbara D'Ancona, Quogue Village Police Department

Regular Meeting:

Accept minutes of Board of Trustees Meetings

Motion by Trustee Laube:

RESOLVED, that the minutes of the Board of Trustees regular meeting of January 10, 2005 and Special Meeting of December 22, 2004 are hereby accepted.

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

Accept departmental reports

Motion by Trustee Barnett:

RESOLVED, that the Treasurer's, Police Department and Building Administrator's reports for January 2005 are hereby accepted.

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

Approve 2005 Yacht basin rates & rules

Motion by Trustee Kametler:

RESOLVED, that the attached Yacht Basin rate schedule and rules for the 2005 season are hereby approved.

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

Approve WHB School Student Art Exhibition

Motion by Trustee Laube:

RESOLVED, that the application submitted by the Westhampton Beach School District to hold a student art exhibition on the Village Green on Saturday, May 14, 2005 from 7 a.m. to 4 p.m. is hereby authorized.

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

Approve Family Counseling Services Gala Fundraiser

Motion by Trustee Barnett:

RESOLVED, that the application submitted by the Family Counseling Services to hold the Gala Fundraiser on "The Great Lawn", Saturday, July 9, 2005 from 6 p.m. to 11 p.m., is hereby approved.

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

Approve WHB Historical Society Farmer's Market

Motion by Trustee Kametler:

RESOLVED, that the application submitted by the Westhampton Beach Historical Society to hold a Farmer's Market on the municipal parking lot located on Mill Road and Glovers Lane every Saturday morning from 8 am to 1 pm commencing on June 4, 2005 through to November 19, 2005, is hereby approved.

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

Trustee Barnett added that the Westhampton Chamber of Commerce is a part of this, too. The Historical Society will handle the publicity and this Farmer's Market should be an asset to the Village.

Approve WHB Youth Alliance “Kids on the Green” Performances

Motion by Trustee Laube:

RESOLVED, that the Greater Westhampton Beach Youth Alliance is hereby authorized to hold the “Kids on the Green” performance series on the Village Green on Tuesday nights from 5:30 pm to 6:30 pm commencing July 5, 2005 through to August 23, 2005.

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

Approve WHB Youth Alliance Middle School Dance

Motion by Trustee Barnett:

RESOLVED, that the Greater Westhampton Beach Youth Alliance is hereby authorized to hold a dance for middle school aged youths at Rogers Beach on Wednesday, August 24, 2005 from 7 pm to 10 pm.

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

Authorize 2005 Village tree/plant health care program

Motion by Trustee Kametler:

RESOLVED, that the proposal submitted by the FOX IPM Corp. for the 2005 plant and tree care program at a cost of \$2,575.00 is hereby accepted.

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

Authorize employees to attend Bldg. Officials Conference

Motion by Trustee Laube:

RESOLVED, that Ordinance Inspector Bridget Napoli and Bldg. Plans Reviewer Kerry Rogozinski are hereby authorized to attend the 2005 Finger Lakes 30th Annual Building Officials Conference in Hilton, New York on March 21-24, 2005 at a cost of \$780 for registration and \$352 for lodging plus reimbursement for meals and travel expenses.

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

Appoint Special Counsel – Milazzo Article 78 litigation

Motion by Trustee Barnett:

RESOLVED, that Richard T. Haefeli is hereby appointed to serve as Special Counsel to represent the Village in an Article 78 action relating to property owned by Ronald and Kathryn Milazzo located at 505 Dune Road, to be compensated at the rate of \$135 per hour.

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

Schedule 3/14 public hearing on Howell House Special Exception

Motion by Trustee Kametler:

RESOLVED, that the Village Clerk is hereby authorized to publish and post a Notice of Public Hearing to be held on Monday, March 14, 2005 at 10:00 a.m. at the Village Hall on the Special Exception Use application filed by Beach Road Howell House LLC for the subdivision of property to construct nine condominium units on property located at 10 Beach Road and identified by SCTM#905-13-2-18.1.

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

Accept proposal from EMT Gov't Accounting Services

Motion by Trustee Laube:

RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees hereby accept the proposal submitted by EMT Government Accounting Services to provide accounting services for the 2004-05 fiscal year at the cost of \$4,300.00, with additional services to be billed at the rate of \$500/per day.

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

Village Clerk-Treasurer Kathleen McGinnis advised that this is for the accounting services part of it and we have still solicited proposals for the CPA firms that actually do the audit. She said she would have that information at the next Work Session.

Accept bid for Moniebogue Canal Bulkhead Replacement

Motion by Trustee Barnett:

RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees hereby accept the bid submitted by South Shore Docks, Inc. for the replacement of bulkheading at Moniebogue Canal at a cost of \$129,930.00.

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

Approve warrant for the month of February 2005

Motion by Trustee Kametler:

RESOLVED, that the warrant for the month of February 2005 in the amount of \$233,953.66 for the General Fund and \$244,018.96 for the Capital Fund is hereby approved.

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

Public Discussion

Trustee Barnett showed pictures and commented that Fox IPM Corporation had done the work on pruning the trees. This was done before the last storm. They found extra

work that had to be done and they did it at no cost to the Village. She said that in the fall every street in the Village that had a hazardous tree limb hanging over the street was put on a list and those limbs had been removed.

Trustee Laube asked Building Inspector Paul Houlihan if there was any type of formal plan for the property where two houses were razed on Montauk Highway across from Circle M. He said that a lot of people had been inquiring about this.

Mr. Houlihan responded that they had actually had a Special Exception approval done for a motorcycle dealership. However, the former owner that went through this process had sold the property. He said there was a site plan in place still, but it does not appear that it will be a motorcycle shop. The new owners have not come in as of yet to propose anything new. They have not come in for a building permit, though the site plan is still in place. He said he had sent them a letter two months ago to rectify the situation with the two buildings, because they were derelict and they were not closed up or sealed, so they posed dangerous and unsafe conditions. The new owner tore them down and got rid of them.

Village Attorney Richard Haefeli added that he felt the site plan for the motorcycle dealership had expired and anything that takes place on that property would have to come back and be approved.

Trustee Raynor asked if the new owner could be made to finish cleaning up the property.

Mr. Houlihan said that the owner is doing so and the Building Inspector's office is pursuing this with him so that the whole site will be cleaned up shortly.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Christine Owen
Deputy Clerk