

The Board of Trustees of the Village of Westhampton Beach held their Regular Meeting on Monday, January 10, 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

ABSENT: Mayor Robert Strebel
Trustee James Kametler

Clerk-Treasurer Kathleen McGinnis
Village Attorney Richard T. Haefeli

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

Presentation – Christmas Decorations Awards

Trustee Barnett gave special thanks from the Mayor and Board to the three judges from the Chamber of Commerce, Jack Laadt, Jennifer Truscott and Joan Sawyer and their assistants, John Laadt, Sarah Laadt and Patricia Sposato. She said the Chamber also supplied the money for the first prize winners.

The Trustees presented plaques to the attached list of residences and businesses and thanked them for their efforts.

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 December 13, 2004 are hereby accepted.

Seconded by Trustee Barnett and unanimously approved. 3 Aye, 0 Nay

Accept departmental reports

Motion by Trustee Barnett:

RESOLVED, that the Police Department and Building Inspector's reports for December 2004 are hereby accepted.

Seconded by Trustee Laube and unanimously approved. 3 Aye, 0 Nay

Approve 2005/06 real property tax exemptions

Motion by Trustee Laube:

RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees acting in the capacity as the Board of Assessors hereby approve the attached list of taxpayers to receive aged exemptions, disability exemption, veterans exemptions, clergy exemptions and volunteer ambulance workers/firefighters exemptions for the 2005/06 tax year as indicated: (see attached list)

Seconded by Trustee Barnett and unanimously approved. 3 Aye, 0 Nay

Schedule Grievance day – Tuesday, February 15, 2005, 1 p.m. – 5 p.m.

Motion by Trustee Barnett:

RESOLVED, that the Board of Assessors will meet for the hearing of the complaints on the 2005-2006 assessment roll on Grievance Day, Tuesday, February 15, 2005 between the hours of 1:00 pm and 5:00 pm at the Village Hall, 92 Sunset Avenue, Westhampton Beach.

Seconded by Trustee Laube and unanimously approved. 3 Aye, 0 Nay

Schedule Village Tax Lien Sale March 15, 2005 @ 10:30 a.m.

Motion by Trustee Laube:

WHEREAS, from the accounts of unpaid taxes heretofore returned by the Treasurer of the Village of Westhampton Beach, New York, to this Board for the year 2005 or years 2004-05 both inclusive, the following taxes still remain due and unpaid after due notice and demand on each of the property owners for the payment of said taxes, to wit:
(see attached copy of unpaid taxes)

WHEREAS, no action has been commenced to recover said unpaid taxes and no sale, on account of said unpaid taxes, has heretofore been held pursuant to law and therefore let it be

RESOLVED, that such unpaid taxes shall be collected by the sale for taxes as provided in Section 1454 of the Real Property Tax Law of the State of New York; that a copy of this resolution, duly certified by the Clerk, shall be transmitted forthwith to the Treasurer of this Village with the account, affidavit and certificate of such unpaid taxes, and that the Village Treasurer, upon receiving such an account of unpaid taxes and a certified copy of this resolution is authorized and directed to cause to be published in the official newspaper of the Village once each week for three successive weeks a list of statement of the real estate upon which such taxes are unpaid, as shown in the tax list, with the amount of the tax, a twenty-five dollar (\$25) advertising fee, interest and charges thereon and also a notice that the said real estate will, on a day subsequent to the expiration of said three weeks, be determined by said Village Treasurer and specified in said notice, be sold at public auction at a place in said Village to be designated by said Village Treasurer, to discharge, the tax, twenty-five dollar (\$25) advertising fees, interest and charges aforesaid, which may be due thereon at the time of such sale, and that said Village Treasurer, at the time and place specified in said notice, proceed with the sale of said real estate upon which such taxes are unpaid, as above set forth, and continue at the same from day to day until the sale is completed.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that in all cases where no bid shall be made on a lot or parcel of land so offered for sale for amount sufficient to pay the said tax, fees, interest and charges, the said premise shall be deemed to have been sold to and purchased by the said Village of Westhampton Beach, New York.

RESOLVED, that all remaining unpaid taxes for the fiscal year 2004-05 shall be collected by Public Sale to be held on Tuesday, March 15, 2005, at 10:30 a.m. in the Office of the Village Clerk-Treasurer and such unpaid taxes be advertised in the Southampton Press issues dated February 17, February 24, and March 3, 2005, in accordance with the statutory law.

Seconded by Trustee Barnett and unanimously approved. 3 Aye, 0 Nay

Schedule General Election – Friday, June 17, 2005, 12 noon – 9 p.m.

Motion made by Trustee Barnett:

RESOLVED, that the General Village Election of the Village of Westhampton Beach, New York shall be held on Friday, June 17, 2005, in the Engine Room of the Fire House, 92 Sunset Avenue, Westhampton Beach, New York, between the hours of 12 noon to 9 p.m. prevailing time, and that the offices to be filled are:

Trustees - two (2) for a term of two (2) years

Seconded by Trustee Laube and unanimously approved. 3 Aye, 0 Nay

Authorize St. Patrick’s Day Parade – Saturday, March 12th 12 noon

Motion by Trustee Laube:

RESOLVED, that the St. Patrick’s Day Parade Committee is hereby authorized to hold the annual St. Patrick’s Day Parade on Saturday, March 12, 2005, at noon starting at the corner of Mill Road and Oneck Lane, proceeding down Mill Road to Main Street, and ending at the reviewing stand in front of the WHB Performing Arts Center, subject to submission of the required liability insurance coverage.

Seconded by Trustee Barnett and unanimously approved. 3 Aye, 0 Nay

Schedule bid opening for Moniebogue Canal Bulkhead Project

Motion by Trustee Barnett:

RESOLVED, that the Village Clerk is hereby authorized to publish and post a Notice of Bid Opening to be held on Tuesday, February 1, 2005 at 11 a.m. at the Village Hall for the replacement of 248 linear feet of timber bulkhead along the north and east boundaries of Moniebogue Canal.

Seconded by Trustee Laube and unanimously approved. 3 Aye, 0 Nay

Approve budget transfers

Motion by Trustee Laube:

RESOLVED, that the attached budget transfers in the amount of \$6,800.00 are hereby approved.

Seconded by Trustee Barnett and unanimously approved. 3 Aye, 0 Nay

Approve warrant for the month of January 2005

Motion by Trustee Barnett:

RESOLVED, that the warrant for the month of January 2005 in the amount of \$170,869.72 for the General Fund and \$100,839.77 for the Capital Fund is hereby approved.

Seconded by Trustee Barnett and unanimously approved. 3 Aye, 0 Nay

Deputy Mayor Raynor asked if anyone would like to address the Board. There being no response, he made a motion at 10:17 a.m. to adjourn the meeting to Executive Session. Seconded by Trustee Laube and unanimously approved. 3 Aye, 0 Nay

Respectfully submitted,

Christine Owen
Deputy Clerk