

The Board of Trustees of the Village of Westhampton Beach held their Regular Meeting on Thursday, December 4, 2008 at 7 p.m. in the Municipal Building, 165 Mill Road, Westhampton Beach

**PRESENT: Mayor Conrad Teller
Deputy Mayor James Kametler
Trustee Toni-Jo Birk
Trustee Joan Levan
Trustee Hank Tucker**

**Clerk Treasurer Kathleen McGinnis
Village Attorney Hermon Bishop**

Mayor Teller opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance. He then asked for a Moment of Silence for Donald Noonan who served as an Associate Village Justice from 1995 – 1998.

Presentation – Sundy Schermeyer

Mayor Teller presented a plaque to Sundy Schermeyer in appreciation of her four years of service as a member of the Planning Board, her many years of devotion to the Village and an excellent job done. The entire Board thanked her for her service.

Mrs. Schermeyer stated it had been a privilege and an honor to serve the Village of Westhampton Beach. She thanked the Board for the opportunity they had given her.

Public Hearings:

2009/2010 Community Development Funding

Mayor Teller opened the public hearing and asked if anyone would like to address the Board regarding this matter.

Judy Margolis, Executive Director of Family Counseling Services, thanked the Board for all of the years they had supported the agency and said this was a very, very difficult year for them. She said that as everybody knows, it is in the newspapers, it's everywhere, especially for social service agencies like theirs that deal with some of the most vulnerable families in the community. She said that the funds they had received from the Village had always gone to help the most vulnerable families in Westhampton Beach. She said they look at their work as helping families come back to some way that they can function, whether it is a father who has lost his job, a mother who is having some depression, children who are having difficulty in school, that is the job of the counselor; to help them come back to be able to cope in their life. She felt that this year was particularly challenging. All of their fund raising is going to help those families who are underinsured and uninsured, which really fits into the population that she knew the Trustees are most concerned about. She said it means that families who have been working and lose their benefits, they can't stop treatments, because families and children are involved in a therapeutic relationship that just needs to continue, so that is what this money will go for, to those children and families that need that extra help to get through who cannot find a way to pay for it. She said they have families that are uninsured altogether, and that is what they use these funds for. Then they have families that are underinsured and underinsured means that they have tremendous co-payments up to \$50 and they are increasing almost every quarter in a year in terms of the co-payments that a family has, even though they have insurance they have very difficult co-payments. She said that when you go to a doctor, you go once and you pay the co-payment and you can make it. But, if you are invested in therapy, you could be involved with the therapist for twenty sessions. Twenty times fifty is not just one fifty. She said that is where this money goes. She wanted the Board to know that the funds that they give them are used for those families in Westhampton Beach that are really below the line in terms of being able to help themselves with their own funds. She explained that the proposal they wrote this year was to really show them that they would

like to use this money to sort of lower the level of discord in a family system, so that when a family is struggling with everyday issues, there is fighting, there is distress and there could be an escalation of emotional and physical abuse, that is the job. She said the job is to get it before it gets to that point and they have been successful. She said they measure the success by the amount of times they have to call the police and during the summer, for some reason, they had to call the police a lot and they are wonderful. She said the Westhampton Beach police are terrific in helping them mediate and deal with some of that level of distress. She said the Family Counseling Service works in the schools. In the Westhampton Beach School, they have a social worker who is placed there five days a week to work with the kids in a very non-threatening manner so that she can begin to identify where areas are before they escalate. Also, they have people who work at night. So, they try in that whole range of ways to determine, to lower the level of concern among problematic families and that is where these funds go.

Trustee Birk commented that it sounds like these funds are well spent.

Mayor Teller asked if anyone else would like to speak regarding this subject. There being no further response, he made a motion to close the public hearing. Trustee Birk seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved. 4 Aye, 0 Nay

Local Law to amend Chapter 161 relating to Taxation

Mayor Teller explained that this hearing was not advertised due to an error on the part of the local newspaper, so it would have to be put over until next month.

Resolutions:

Accept minutes of Board of Trustees Meeting

Motion by Trustee Tucker:

RESOLVED, that the minutes of the Trustee Meeting of November 6, 2008 are hereby accepted.

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

Accept Departmental reports

Motion by Trustee Birk:

RESOLVED, that the Treasurer's report for October 2008, Justice Court, Police Department's and Building Inspector's reports for November 2008, are hereby accepted.

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

Accept proposal for 2009 traffic signal maintenance

Motion by Deputy Mayor Kametler:

RESOLVED, that the proposal submitted by Johnson Electrical Construction Corp. for the 2009 traffic signal maintenance at a cost of \$650.00 per month, plus \$5 fee per lamp replaced during the annual re-lamping and inspection, is hereby accepted.

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

Authorize renewal of snow removal agreement with Village of WH Dunes

Motion by Trustee Levan:

RESOLVED, that the Mayor is hereby authorized to execute an agreement with the Village of Westhampton Dunes for the removal of snow by WHB Public Works employees, for an annual fee of \$10,500.00, plus reimbursement of any certified expenses that may exceed said fee, for the time period commencing November 1, 2008 through to October 31, 2009.

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

Authorize Peconic Bay Medical Center "Garden Festival" on the Great Lawn

Motion by Trustee Tucker:

RESOLVED, that the Peconic Bay Medical Center is hereby authorized to hold a "Garden Festival" on the Great Lawn on Thursday, May 6th through to Sunday, May 10th 2009 from 6 a.m. to 5 p.m. daily, plus two days for set-up & clean-up.

Seconded by Trustee Birk and approved as follows:

Trustee Birk	Aye	Deputy Mayor Kametler	Aye
Trustee Levan	Abstain	Trustee Tucker	Aye

Authorize Family Counseling Services 2009 Gala on the Great Lawn

Motion by Trustee Birk:

RESOLVED, that the Family Counseling Services is hereby authorized to hold the 2009 Gala on the Great Lawn on Saturday, July 11, 2009 from 6 p.m. to 11 p.m.

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

Authorize National Bricklin Automobile Collector's Show on the Great Lawn

Motion by Deputy Mayor Kametler:

RESOLVED, that Bricklin International is hereby authorized to hold the National Bricklin Automobile Collectors Association Car Show on the Great Lawn on Saturday, July 25th from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m.

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

Approve 2009 Community Development Budget

Motion by Trustee Levan:

RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees hereby allocate the federal fiscal year 2009 Community Development Block Grant funding in the amount of \$12,000.00 as follows:

\$9,000.00 Family Counseling Service provide therapeutic intervention services for at-risk families.

\$3,000.00 Village project Handicapped bathroom fixtures at Rogers & Lashley Beach

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

Approve renewal of for Village Hall phone system service contract - \$7,650.00

Motion by Trustee Tucker:

RESOLVED, that the 2009 service contract with CBS Technologies for the Village Hall phone system, is hereby renewed at a cost of \$7,650.

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

Authorize purchase of Virtual Private Network Equipment for PD Mobile Computers

Motion by Trustee Birk:

RESOLVED, that the purchase of a Sonicwall security appliance model TZ 180 from East End Computers to support a Police Department Virtual Private Network for the mobile computers at a cost of \$1,400.00, plus the monthly monitoring fee of \$59, is hereby approved.

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

Appoint Registrar, Deputy Registrar, and Sub-Registrars for 2009

Motion by Deputy Mayor Kametler:

RESOLVED, that Kathleen McGinnis is hereby appointed Registrar of Vital Statistics for 2009, and Christine Owen is appointed Deputy Registrar with an annual stipend of \$300, and Elizabeth Lindtvit and Rosemary Towers are appointed as sub Registrars for 2009 with annual stipends of \$300.

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

Approve December 2008 warrant

Motion by Trustee Levan:

RESOLVED, that the warrant for December 2008 in the amount of \$744,921.15 for the General Fund is hereby approved.

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

Mayor Teller asked if anyone else would like to address the Board. There being no further response Trustee Birk made a motion at 7:12 p.m. to adjourn the meeting to Executive Session. Seconded by Deputy Mayor Kametler and unanimously approved.
4 Aye, 0 Nay

Respectfully submitted,

Christine Owen
Deputy Clerk