VILLAGE OF MANORHAVEN
BOARD OF TRUSTEES
REGULAR MEETING
THURSDAY, DECEMBER 11, 2014

The regularly scheduled Board of Trustees meeting was called to order at 7:35 pm by Mayor Giovanna Giunta. The Mayor asked Mr. Marsiglione to lead those assembled in the Pledge of Allegiance. Roll was called with the following in attendance:

Giovanna Giunta, Mayor
Lucretia Steele, Deputy Mayor
Rita DiLucia, Trustee
Kevin Gately, Trustee
Priscilla von Roeschlaub, Trustee
James E. Toner, Village Attorney
Leslie C. Gross, Village Clerk-Treasurer

There were 35 +/- members of the public in attendance.

The Mayor and the Board of Trustees considered proposed minutes of the meeting held on November 20th. Mayor Giunta made a motion to accept the minutes as amended and Trustee von Roeschlaub seconded the motion.

The Board was polled as follows:

Trustee DiLucia Aye
Trustee Gately Aye
Trustee von Roeschlaub Aye
Deputy Mayor Steele Aye
Mayor Giunta Aye

The Clerk asked the Board to review the department reports. She reported a water main break (clean water) on Saturday, December 6th to which the Mayor and Building Superintendent responded. The break was the responsibility of the Port Washington Water District who responded quickly by calling in Banker Co. to dig up the street and make the repair. A few of the surrounding homes reportedly had some water damage. At the November meeting, Mr. Gibson was admonished for disrupting the meeting by handing out flyers listing what he thought were violations being ignored by The Village. Mayor Giunta reported that she had the head of Code Enforcement personally check each of the alleged code violations, and she reported to the Board that only one violation for parking was found to be valid. Regarding the Justice Court Report, The Clerk reported that the total of the fines collected in November was $13,490. Mr. Toner added that this figure was a 30% increase from the same month last year. After the Police Report,
highlighting 7 auto accidents, one burglary, 68 moving violations and 32 parking violations, Mayor Giunta recommended the Board of Trustees approve the Departmental Reports. Deputy Mayor Steele seconded the recommendation.

The Board was polled as follows:

- Trustee DiLucia: Aye
- Trustee Gately: Aye
- Trustee von Roeschlaub: Aye
- Deputy Mayor Steele: Aye
- Mayor Giunta: Aye

The Mayor and The Board next reviewed the abstract of claims. The abstract was reviewed by all of the Trustees, questions asked and answered by the clerk. Satisfied that all was in order, Trustee DiLucia made a motion to accept the abstract of claims, which motion was seconded by Trustee von Roeschlaub.

The Board was polled as follows:

- Trustee DiLucia: Aye
- Trustee Gately: Aye
- Trustee von Roeschlaub: Aye
- Deputy Mayor Steele: Aye
- Mayor Giunta: Aye

PUBLIC COMMENT

*Claire DiNapoli said she was disappointed that many stop sign violations are reduced in court as she feels it doesn’t teach the offender a lesson. She also cautioned drivers about the dangers of passing a stopped school bus. She also noted for the record that she felt less tickets were issued in Manhasset Isle compared to Manorhaven.

*The Mayor told the residents that she is very safety oriented, and that she feels the police respond to areas where they feel it necessary. Claire agreed that Mayor Giunta is very much for safety.

*Claire questioned the progress at Morgan’s Dock, as the gazebo was installed in June, 2014

*Trustee DiLucia responded that we have been in touch with several advisors who recommend asking the DEC to review our plans as the experts felt that a better solution would be a bulkhead.

*Mayor Giunta, seeing Guy LaMotta in the audience, asked him to address the Board.

*Mr. LaMotta said that the Manorhaven Waterfront Advisory Committee, who among them have 150 years cumulative experience on the waterfront, recently met with Dan Natchez who has done marine construction throughout the world. Dan visited Bowman’s Point where the dock once stood and agreed that we should contact the DEC to have them reconsider allowing The Village to build a bulkhead. He felt rip rap would wash away, and felt that it would be a better option because we have had so much damage there since Hurricanes Irene and Sandy. Mr. LaMotta continued by saying that when
Ben Morgan owned the dock, the bulkhead allowed for robust maritime activity, and protected the shoreline. Guy continued by saying that The Town is about to dredge at Manorhaven Beach Park, and he is concerned that more damage may occur. He hopes we can get the plans changed.

*Deputy Mayor Steele added that we have met with our County Legislator DeRiggi-Whitton who is also trying to procure funds to help us with the project.

*Trustee Gately suggested we ask the Town of North Hempstead if The Village might use Manorhaven Park parking lot during snow storms to get residents’ cars off the streets so we can plow. Mayor Giunta said she will set up a meeting with Supervisor Bosworth to discuss the possibility.


*Mrs. Dlugolecki of Marwood Road North requested that The Village amend its noise ordinance to disallow wind chimes. Mayor Giunta said The Trustees could discuss this at a work session.

*Mrs. DeBari thanked the Board for the “No Through Trucking” sign.

*Mr. Gary Maynard of 17 Manhasset Avenue said he thinks it’s a shame that so many people are asking the BZA for variances. Attorney Toner told him that individuals have the right to question the code and ask for relief from the code. Mr. Maynard said he would like to see the Village eliminate the Board of Zoning Appeals. He was informed that New York State Village Law mandates that we have a Zoning Board.

*Trustee Steele commented that she understood that Mr. Maynard was talking about a quality of life issue in the Village.

*Trustee Di Lucia agreed with Trustee Steele’s comment.

*Mr. Richard Carey said that each BZA case is taken on its merits, and that he felt it is not enough to say a variance is deserved because “everyone else is granted one.”

*Linda Dlugolecki asked that The Board not increase the amount of lot coverage above the 25% which is the Village code requirement.

**NEW BUSINESS**

The Board will hold a public work session on Thursday, January 8th at 7:00 in the evening to discuss parking issues in Manorhaven and Manhasset Isle. All are welcome to attend, but the public must remember public that it is not a public comment session. Another work session will be scheduled to discuss the finances of the Village. Trustee von Roeschlaub suggested that it be held toward the end of January once the audit is complete. The Board agreed that this was a good idea.
ADJOURNMENT: Motion to adjourn by: Trustee DiLucia, Second by: Trustee Gately
The meeting was adjourned at 8:30 pm.

The next Board Meeting will be held on January 22, 2015 7:30 in the evening.

Respectfully Submitted,

[Signature]

Leslie C. Gross, Village Clerk-Treasurer