

**VILLAGE OF MANORHAVEN
BOARD OF TRUSTEES
PUBLIC HEARING
MINUTES OF THURSDAY, AUGUST 14, 2014**

Public Hearing at 7:00 p.m.: PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the Board of Trustees of the Village of Manorhaven will hold a Public Hearing at 7:00 p.m. on Thursday, August 14, 2014 at Village Hall, 33 Manorhaven Boulevard, Port Washington, New York 11050 with respect to the installation of stop signs on Cambridge Avenue in both directions (east and west) of travel at the intersection of Edgewood Road.

The public hearing was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Mayor Giovanna Giunta, 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, Esq.	Village Attorney
Leslie C. Gross	Village Clerk-Treasurer

17 +/- members of the public were in attendance.

Mayor Giunta asked Mrs. Ragusa to lead the Pledge of Allegiance.

Clerk Gross read the matter of the Public Hearing into the record at which time Village Attorney Toner clarified the request made originally by a resident who had had an accident at the intersection.

Note: A verbatim transcript is incorporated into the minutes

After much discussion of the proposed stop signs by all of the Trustees, Mayor Giunta opened the public hearing to the public for comment. Several residents came to the podium and commented regarding the proposed stop signs, most of who hoped the signs would calm traffic and deter drivers from speeding Cambridge. After each resident had an opportunity to voice their opinion and there were no further comments, Mayor Giunta made a motion to continue the public hearing to September 17th, 2014. The motion was seconded by Deputy Mayor Steele.

The Board was polled as follows:

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

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 7:30 p.m.

Respectively Submitted,

Leslie C. Gross, RMC, MMC
Village Clerk-Treasurer

**VILLAGE OF MANORHAVEN
BOARD OF TRUSTEES
REGULAR MEETING
THURSDAY, AUGUST 14, 2014 7:30 pm**

The meeting of the Board of Trustees was called to order at 7:30 pm, directly after the Public Hearing. Having recited the Pledge of Allegiance at 7:00 pm, it was not repeated at 7:30.

Roll was called and all members of the Board of Trustees were present. Trustee DiLucia made a motion to accept the minutes of the July 24th meeting. A second was made by Deputy Mayor Steele. Trustee von Roeschlaub abstained as she was not present at the previous meeting:

The Board was polled as follows:

Trustee Di Lucia	Aye
Trustee Gately	Aye
Trustee von Roeschlaub	Abstain
Deputy Mayor Steele	Aye
Mayor Giunta	Aye

Clerk Gross read the following two re-appointments which were subject to ratification of the Board of Trustees. The first was for the re-appointment of Deputy Clerk-Treasurer, Sharon Natalie, for a term of one (1) year, concurrent with the annual meeting of The Village. The second was the re-appointment of Chief of Code Enforcement, Patrick Michael Abranski for a term of one (1) year, concurrent with the annual meeting of The Village.

Mayor Giunta made a motion to approve these re-appointments. Deputy Mayor Steele seconded the two nominations. The Board was polled as follows:

Trustee Di Lucia	Aye
Trustee Gately	Aye
Trustee von Roeschlaub	Aye
Deputy Mayor Steele	Aye
Mayor Giunta	Aye

Department Reports

The Building Department and Code Enforcement, Highway Department and Justice Court, Nassau County Police and Pump Station reports were given to the Board by the village clerk. A motion was made by Mayor Giunta to accept the Department reports. Deputy Mayor Steele seconded the motion. The vote was as follows:

Trustee Di Lucia	Aye
Trustee Gately	Aye
Trustee von Roeschlaub	Aye
Deputy Mayor Steele	Aye
Mayor Giunta	Aye

The Abstract of Claims was presented to the Board of Trustees. Clerk Gross highlighted the fact that our street sweeping equipment is aging, and requires upkeep. Trustee Di Lucia made a motion to accept the abstract as presented. Deputy Mayor Steele made a second to the motion. The vote was as follows:

Trustee Di Lucia	Aye
Trustee Gately	Aye
Trustee von Roeschlaub	Aye
Deputy Mayor Steele	Aye
Mayor Giunta	Aye

BOARD OF TRUSTEES, INC. VILLAGE OF MANORHAVEN
RESOLUTION #125 - August 14, 2014

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING TREE REMOVAL

BE IT RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Board of Trustees, and consistent with the standards set forth in section 143-4 (C) of the Code of the Inc. Village of Manorhaven, permission be and hereby is granted to the following for removal of a tree or trees,

<u>Applicant</u>	<u>Address</u>	<u>Quantity</u>
Thompson West Village Corp.	1 Firwood Rd.	2 overgrown Norway Maple Trees

; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the permit fees to be charged to the property owner, shall be as set forth in section 143-6 of the Code; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the provisions of this Resolution shall take effect immediately.

Dated: Manorhaven, New York
August 14, 2014

GIOVANNA GIUNTA, Mayor
Incorporated Village of Manorhaven

Motion by: Mayor Giunta
Seconded by: Trustee Gately

Trustee Di Lucia	Aye
Trustee Gately	Aye
Trustee von Roeschlaub	Aye
Deputy Mayor Steele	Aye
Mayor Giunta	Aye

BOARD OF TRUSTEES – INC. VILLAGE OF MANORHAVEN
RESOLUTION #126 - August 14, 2014

A RESOLUTION IN CONNECTION WITH ATTENDANCE AT MEETINGS AND CONFERENCES

BE IT RESOLVED, that Patrick M. Abramski, Chief of Code Enforcement for the Inc. Village of Manorhaven be authorized to attend the New York State Builders Association training session on behalf of the Village, to be conducted in Albany, New York on September 11, 2014, and to be reimbursed for the fee for said educational session.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the provisions of this Resolution shall take effect immediately.

Dated: Manorhaven, New York
August 14, 2014

Motion By: Mayor Giunta
Second By: Trustee Steele

The Board was polled as follows:

Ayes: Trustees DiLucia, Gately, von Roeschlaub, Deputy Mayor Steele, Mayor Giunta
Noes:

GIOVANNA GIUNTA, Mayor
Inc. Village of Manorhaven

BOARD OF TRUSTEES, INC. VILLAGE OF MANORHAVEN
RESOLUTION #127 - August 14, 2014

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING PURCHASE OF A CODE TRUCK

WHEREAS, the Mayor and the Board of Trustees have determined that it is in the interest of The Village of Manorhaven to have Building Enforcement and Code Enforcement officers use village vehicles carry out their daily inspections, and

WHEREAS, the Village has one vehicle which is being shared by the Highway personnel and the Building and Code Enforcement personnel, and

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Board of Trustees, and consistent with the standards of purchase, the Village hereby authorizes the Village Clerk to request pricing from the New York State authorized bid list to purchase a Code Vehicle F150 4 X 4 for the Village through Ford Credit Bid #78676

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the provisions of this Resolution shall take effect immediately.

Motion by: Mayor Giunta
Second by: Deputy Mayor Steele

The Board was polled as follows:

Ayes: Trustees Di Lucia, Gately, Steele, von Roeschlaub, Mayor Giunta
Noes: None

GIOVANNA GIUNTA, Mayor
Incorporated Village of Manorhaven

There was much discussion regarding the purchase of the Code Truck. The consensus was that while The Village does need another vehicle, and while two vehicles were in this year's budget, we should make sure the vehicle was equipped with a tow and plow package. The Mayor asked Clerk Gross to follow up on this issue. The motion was made by Mayor Giunta subject to the availability of the tow and plow package. The motion was seconded by Deputy Mayor Steele.

Trustee Di Lucia	Aye
Trustee Gately	Aye
Trustee von Roeschlaub	Aye
Deputy Mayor Steele	Aye
Mayor Giunta	Aye

New Business

There was a short discussion about the installation of a high pressure sodium light fixture at the existing pole at the corner of Edgewood and Cambridge. The Mayor and Deputy Mayor asked to table this discussion until the next meeting. All were in favor. Clerk Gross reported that all of the trustees were invited on a tour this afternoon of the pump station, especially so that the new trustees could learn about the station and the upgrades made by this administration. Bruno D'Aversa, who used to work for the Water Pollution Control District, gave the tour.

Deputy Mayor Steele made a report about the two meetings held by the Business Advisory Committee. In their first meeting on August 4th, the group discussed ways to revitalize the business district. They discussed the need for lighting (possibly solar) along the preserve as it is very dark there when the park's lights go out. Also discussed was the possibility of CCTV to monitor activity there at night. Mayor Giunta asked the committee to consider searching for grants to accomplish some of the ideas which were raised. Deputy Steele also said we are investigating a gravel path so the police will be better able to get their vehicle in to patrol. Suggestions were made to allow business owners to beautify the property near the curb. Also under discussion is a new booklet to assist new residents, or a welcome packet, so they can learn more about The Village, and to urge them to shop locally. One suggestion was a decal or punch card to encourage local shopping. There will be a section in each Village Newsletter with a spotlight on local businesses. A Village Map with business cards around the perimeter may be something to consider. Some other ideas to attract more people would be miniature golf and perhaps a jitney from the waterfront. Some of the trustees said they would like to attend the Business Advisory Committee meetings. Deputy Mayor Steele said she was going to contact Sustainable Long Island for advice about revitalization, as well as reaching out to the local landlords and business brokers. As board liaison to the Business Advisory Committee, Deputy

Mayor Steele offered anyone with ideas to contact her or Village Clerk-Treasurer Leslie Gross. A meeting will be planned this fall with all local business owners.

Public Comment

Mayor Giunta thanked Mr. Ragusa for making her aware of an article in The Patch. In the article, County Legislator Delia DeRiggi-Whitton mentioned many roads scheduled to be repaved and did not mention one road in Manorhaven. The Mayor responded to the legislator and asked for a meeting to discuss the need for The County to pave at least Manorhaven Boulevard which is a County Road. Copies of the Mayor's letter were distributed to the Board of Trustees and members of the community who wanted to see a copy.

Patrick Gibson of 10 Matinecock Avenue spoke about the empty store fronts. He asked if The Village could offer a 'tax-holiday.' Mr. Toner advised him that it is the County that does the tax assessment, and that the revenue was necessary to run the village. Deputy Mayor Steele added that she will be speaking to the landlords to see what they can do to attract business to their locations. He also told The Board that he felt people should be able to cut down any and all trees they wanted to on their own property. Mr. Toner quoted the Village Code which states:

“trees provide a natural habitat for the wildlife in our area, absorb air pollution, provide us with oxygen, deter soil erosion and flooding and offer a natural barrier to noise. In addition, the preservation and planting of trees, shrubs, and associated vegetation in sufficient numbers in the Village provides for and protects the health, safety, and welfare of Village residents. Further, trees also aid in the stabilization of soil and the control of water pollution by preventing soil erosion and flooding. Trees, shrubs, and associated vegetation are related to the natural, scenic, and aesthetic values and the physical and visual qualities of the environment which the Village is obligated to protect.

The destructive and indiscriminate removal of trees and related vegetation causes increased Village costs for proper drainage control, impairs the benefits of occupancy of existing residential properties, and impairs the stability and value of both improved and unimproved real property in the area of the destruction and adversely affects the health, safety, and general welfare of the residents of the Village.”

Elise Ledda spoke about a 'No Parking' sign which was still missing. She also reported that the house with red dots had removed all the grass on the side of the house and planted bamboo. The Mayor said she would ask an arborist if the bamboo was the invasive type, and would review the code as it relates to bamboo.

A short discussion followed about Manorhaven being patrolled by Nassau County Police. The Mayor reported that she has had numerous meetings with Nassau County Police and that they have been very responsive. When there is an incident, they send cars quickly to the scene. Trustee DiLucia thought we should have more regular patrolling. There were some residents,

including Mrs. DeBari, who thought we should look into having Manorhaven covered by the Port Washington Police Department. Mr. Gately added that in times of emergency, both Port Washington Police and Sands Point Police come to our aid. Mayor Giunta explained that we have been varying the schedule of our Code Enforcement Officers who have been working some weekend hours as well. Mr. Toner added that it is only budget restrictions which prevent us from having more staff available to cover weekends.

The Mayor said there are no code restrictions about painting a house, and Code Enforcement Officer Abramski told her that the stone which was used was permeable. He also said that the commercial truck they saw was a friend of hers who was helping her over the weekend.

Several people asked if The Village could provide a code enforcement officer on weekends. The Mayor said that she has been varying the code enforcement schedules to do just that.

Gary Maynard of 17 Manhasset Avenue thanked the Mayor for moving the garbage cans from Manhasset Isle, and reported that the area looks better. He mentioned that he would like us to try to make sure people do not throw garbage on the nature trail. Mayor Giunta reported that she has been addressing this with our Highway Department. The Mayor reported that she asked the Town of North Hempstead to put a garbage can on the strip of property they own in The Village, but they declined to do so.

Adjournment

Having no further business before The Board, Mayor Giunta made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Deputy Mayor Steele seconded the motion.

The vote was unanimous in favor of adjournment at 9:05 pm.

The next monthly Board of Trustees meeting will be held on Wednesday, September 17th, 2014 at 7:30 pm, immediately after the continuation of the Public Hearing from tonight's meeting.

Respectfully Submitted,

Leslie C. Gross, RMC, MMC
Village Clerk-Treasurer

