

**Regular meeting of the Board of Trustees held at 7:30pm on Thursday, April 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2009 at Village Hall, 9 North Broadway, Nyack NY.**

Hon. Louise Parker presiding:

PRESENT:            John H Shields            Mayor (departed due to illness 10:21pm)  
                         Denise Hogan            Trustee  
                         Louise Parker            Trustee  
                         Richard Kavesh        Trustee (departed 9:38pm/9:45pm returned)  
                         Marie Lorenzini        Trustee

ALSO PRESENT:    Walter R. Sevastian    Village Attorney  
                         John J Cincotta        Village Treasurer  
                         Mary E White           Village Clerk

**Pledge of Allegiance**

**Adoption of Minutes:**

Adoption of minutes for Regular meeting of April 9<sup>th</sup>, 2009 approved with any necessary corrections by a motion from Tr. Kavesh, seconded by Tr. Hogan. Motion passed by unanimous vote.

**Public Comment**

**P. Aagaard – Various**

M. Somos and P. Aagaard made a presentation to the Board to discuss various proposals: Community Bulletin Board (FYI), Restaurant Week banner (Building Department), Free parking initiative.

Tr. Hogan made a motion, Mayor Shields approved request for FREE parking Fridays (6pm-9pm) which will be paid for by a portion of the business community. There will be temporary signage on the Munimeters for public awareness. This proposal was approved for a test period of June 5<sup>th</sup>- July 31<sup>st</sup>. Motion passed by unanimous vote

**B. Smokelin – Nyack Earth Event**

Tr. Lorenzini moved, Tr. Hogan seconded motion to approve request to hold the 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual 'Parade of All-beings' from Veteran's Park to Memorial Park on May 2<sup>nd</sup>@2:30pm. Motion passed unanimously.

**Pastor M. Poterbin (Gracepoint Gospel Fellowship) –**

*Public Awareness Campaign (Child Trafficking)*

Tr. Kavesh made a motion to approve request from Pastor Poterbin to have this event in Veteran's Park and Memorial Park on May 2<sup>nd</sup> (9:30-3pm). After discussion, Tr. Hogan seconded the motion and it passed unanimously subject to necessary insurance requirements.

**Reports to the Board**

*Treasurer:*

-Report on N. Mill Street Culvert drainage pipe. Village Attorney spoke on this matter, calling it a matter of public safety. He recommended that the Village prepare to be responsible for repairs (bid process). The Attorney will consult with the Building Department regarding property lines, etc. Tr. Lorenzini moved to approve the Treasurer starting the bid process and requesting specifications from the Village Engineer. This will be a Capital item. Tr. Kavesh seconded the motion and it passed by unanimous vote.  
-Tr. Lorenzini moved to approve proposal from 'Municipay' Nationwide payment solutions to accept credit card payments in Village Hall. The Treasurer is hereby authorized to sign agreement on behalf of the Village. Tr. Kavesh seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

**Orangetown Police Department:**

-Sgt. Strattner gave a brief report to the Board, including the fact that he sees 'no improvement' with the situation of bars over-serving customers.

**Public Hearing**

At 8:04pm, Deputy Mayor Parker opened Public Hearing to consider adoption of the **General Fund Budget and Water Department Budget** for fiscal year June 1<sup>st</sup>, 2009 – May 31<sup>st</sup>, 2010.

9:46pm each member of the Board was given opportunity to voice their opinion of the budget at hand.

The budget includes a 10% reduction in compensation for the members of the Village Board. Tr. Kavesh sited parking fines (lack of sufficient increase), and sidewalks program elimination; Tr. Lorenzini sited the elimination of Fireworks from the budget. The following persons also spoke on this issue: K. Cross, D. Zornow.

10:19 Tr. Lorenzini moved to close the Public Hearing, seconded by Mayor Shields and the motion passed unanimously.

The General Fund budget calls for a spending plan of \$5,077,955, revenues raised through property taxes - \$2,921,107 (an increase of 9.38% over last year). It was moved by Tr. Hogan, seconded by Tr. Kavesh to adopt the proposed 2009-2010 General Fund Budget with a taxing rate of 1.25%. The motion passed by unanimous roll call vote.

Roll call vote to adopt the 2009-2010 Budget as presented:

John H Shields	Mayor- Yes
Marie Lorenzini	Trustee- Yes
Louise Parker	Trustee-Yes
Denise Hogan	Trustee-Yes
Richard Kavesh	Trustee-No

It was motioned by Mayor Shields, seconded by Tr. Hogan to adopt the proposed 2009-2010 Water Fund Budget and after a brief discussion was passed unanimously with the following roll call vote:

John H Shields	Mayor- yes
Marie Lorenzini	Trustee- yes
Louise Parker	Trustee-yes
Richard Kavesh	Trustee-yes
Denise Hogan	Trustee-yes

The Water Fund Budget calls for a spending of \$3,081,000.00 and includes a payment to the Village's General Fund of \$150,000.00.

## **Reports from the Board**

### ***Mayor Shields:***

-Mayor Shields made a motion to adopt the following resolution. Tr. Kavesh seconded the motion for discussion.

*Whereas*, the Village Board of Trustees finds that re-development of the Main Street 'superblock', between Cedar Street and Franklin Street, is in the best interests of the Village of Nyack;

*Whereas*, permission has been granted to the Riverspace to develop a draft RFP for the re-development of the 'superblock', with the Riverspace to assume all costs and expenses related to the drafting of the RFP;

*Whereas*, the Village of Nyack Board of Trustees will establish a citizen's committee with reporting responsibilities to the Village Board, to examine the Comprehensive Master Plan (CMP) and consult as necessary with officials from other communities, in order to establish development parameters for the project that both reflect the goals of the CMP and that are appropriate for the Village of Nyack .

*Be it therefore resolved*, that the Mayor shall appoint a Riverspace Citizens Committee, and that, this committee is advisory to the Village Board. The committee's findings will be presented to the Village Board within 60 days. The committee will have a budget of \$5000.00 to be spent on expenses and/or consultation with planning experts. All expenditures will require the approval of the Village Board.

The following persons also spoke on this matter: S. Knowlton, H. Cornell, J. Humphries-Saunders, M. Caskill, T. Kleiner, J. Goldberg, F. Pratt, W. Sevastian, J. Palmer.

After discussion, the resolution was adopted with the following roll call vote:

YES- Trs. Parker, Hogan, Mayor Shields; NO-Trs. Kavesh, Lorenzini.

Tr. Hogan will be Village Board liaison for the advisory committee. Public was directed to contact the Village Clerk to volunteer.

### ***Tr. Hogan:***

- Gave report on the Chamber of Commerce meeting.

### ***Tr. Lorenzini:***

-Report given on recent Downtown Revitalization forum (NYCOM).

### ***Tr. Parker:***

- African American Multi-Cultural parade has been cancelled due to lack of participation.

-Workshop scheduled to discuss Street Fair procedures, etc. (5/5/09 @ 6pm).

## **Old Business**

1. Comprehensive Master Plan/Zoning Code re-write
2. Landscape Architect – Downtown Re-Vitalization
3. Snow Ordinance
4. Raymond T. O'Connell Memorial – *Tr. Kavesh reported that he is still in the research phase of this project. Village Clerk was directed to correct the proposed name for this room to 'The O'Connell/Hesse Meeting Room'*

## **Communications**

- Tr. Lorenzini moved, Tr. Hogan seconded motion to approve request from the Nyack Fire Department to hold annual Firefighter's Memorial Parade and Prayer Service on Sunday, June 14<sup>th</sup>, 2009. This approval is subject to receipt of the necessary insurance certificate. Motion passed by unanimous vote.

## **New Business**

## **Open Forum**

## **Executive Session**

### **Adjournment**

There being no further business, nor anyone present wishing to be heard, Tr. Parker moved to close the Regular meeting. Tr. Hogan seconded the motion and it was passed unanimously at 10:24pm.

Respectfully submitted,  
Mary E. White  
Village Clerk