

Board of Trustees
Village of Baxter Estates
2 Harbor Road, Port Washington, New York
December 18, 2006

Present: Mayor John Maher
Trustee Charles Comer
Trustee Raymond Keenan
Trustee Alice M. Peckelis
Attorney Christopher Prior

Excused: Trustee Douglas Baldwin

Also present: Stuart Rosen, Catherine Graham, Treasurer, Laurence C. Tuck, Court Reporter James Gill

Open Public Hearing: Bill No 5 of 2006, Building Code Administration

Mayor Maher opened the public hearing. A verbatim transcript of the public hearing was made.

On the motion of Mayor Maher, seconded by Trustee Keenan, it was unanimously RESOLVED to adjourn the Public Hearing on Bill No 5 of 2006 until 7:30pm, January 22, 2007, at the Village Hall.

Mayor Maher closed the Public Hearing

Open Regular Meeting

1. Clerk

A. Minutes

On the motion of Mayor Maher, seconded by Trustee Comer, it was unanimously RESOLVED that the reading of the Minutes of the October 16, 2006 meeting be waived and that they be and hereby are approved as presented by Clerk Whitcomb.

B. Minutes

On the motion of Trustee Keenan, seconded by Mayor Maher, it was unanimously RESOLVED that the reading of the Minutes of the November 20, 2006 meeting be waived and that they be and hereby are approved as presented by Clerk Whitcomb.

2. Treasurer

A. Abstract of Vouchers

On the motion of Trustee Comer, seconded by Trustee Peckelis, it was unanimously RESOLVED that the Abstract of Audited Vouchers dated December 18, 2006 for the General Fund, totaling \$42,816.45, be and hereby is approved as prepared by Treasurer Tuck.

3. New Business

A. Robert Rockelein

On the motion of Trustee Comer, seconded by Trustee Keenan, it was RESOLVED to hire Robert Rockelein as Code Enforcement Officer for the Village at an hourly rate of \$30.00, after further satisfactory investigation.

Charles Comer	Aye
Raymond Keenan	Aye
Alice M. Peckelis	Aye
John Maher	Abstained

B. Catherine Graham

Catherine Graham addressed the Board on the difficulties of selling her property at 19 Hilltop Road under the present Building Moratorium.

C. Robert Keogh

On the motion of Mayor Maher, seconded by Trustee Comer, it was unanimously RESOLVED to approve the proposal of Robert Keogh for 2006-2007 snow removal for the sidewalk on Shore Road at the same rate as last year: 3-5 inches at @ \$125.00, 6 to 8 inches @ \$175.00 and 9 to 12 inches @ \$225.00.

D. Reitman Blacktop

The Board tabled a proposal received by the Village Clerk from Reitman Blacktop for crack sealing on Locust Avenue until the Spring of 2007.

E. Election workshop

On the motion of Mayor Maher, seconded by Trustee Keenan, it was unanimously RESOLVED to approve a total expenditure not to exceed \$120.00 for the election workshop and luncheon to be held on January 10,

2007, to be attended by the Village Clerk and Election Inspector Margaret Murphy.

F. Meeting date change

On the motion of Trustee Comer, seconded by Trustee Keenan, it was unanimously RESOLVED that the next meeting of the Board of Trustees be changed to Monday, January 22, 2007 at 7:30PM.

G. Village Hall as Election location

The Board advised Clerk Whitcomb to notify the Port Washington Board of Education of the many drawbacks to their request to use the Village Hall as a future voting location. A letter will be sent to Mary Callahan, Assistant Superintendent for Business for the Port Washington Board of Education.

4. Old Business

A. Village as Self-Assessor

Village Attorney Christopher Prior advised the Board on the requirements for the Village to cease to be a self-assessing unit, action which the Board resolved to take at the November 20, 2006 meeting. A Public Hearing will be held in June of 2007. Mr. Prior noted that a local law must be adopted which would be subject to a permissive referendum. The process could not be effective for the 2007 tax year. The Board members discussed introduction of a draft local law prepared by Mr. Prior. The Board determined that introduction of same should occur.

B. Port Washington Water District

Village Attorney Christopher Prior discussed with the Board his conversations with Building Inspector Saladino concerning a small construction project by the Port Washington Water District on District Property within the Village. He described the approximate levels of involvement between the Village under the circumstances, which could involve voluntary cooperation and does not require formal building applications by the District. The Building Department has found the District to be cooperative. The Board agreed that both governmental agencies will continue to cooperate on the planned construction of the new Water District garage on Sandy Hollow Road to the satisfaction of the Village Building Inspector.

C. Stormwater meeting

Trustees Raymond Keenan and/or Charles Comer will attend the next Stormwater meeting on January 23, 2007.

D. Water Runoff

The Board reviewed the following estimates to control water run-off at Village Parklands adjacent to Hilltop Road. No action will be taken at this time.

McGowan	\$ 12,125.00
Banke	\$ 12,600.00
Rhino	\$ 22,400.00
Pengat Technical	\$ 15,800.00

E. Lisa Gurevich

The Board reviewed a letter from Lisa Gurevich, 1 Sandy Hollow Lane, stating that the tree in her back yard was healthy and should not be removed. The tree has been the subject of letters to the Village by neighbors alleging that the tree is in poor health. Village Tree Commissioner Lance Wagner has reviewed the tree and recommended no removal to the Board.

F. Building Department Report

The Board reviewed the Building Department Report for the month of November 2006.

There being no further business before the Board, on motion of Mayor Maher, seconded by Trustee Peckelis, it was unanimously RESOLVED that the meeting be and hereby is adjourned at 10:00PM.

Yvonne Whitcomb
Village Clerk