

**Village of Martin's Additions Council Meeting
May 15, 2008, Annual Meeting
7013 B Brookville Road, Chevy Chase, MD 20815**

Council Members And Village Representatives Present: Tim Price, Chairman; Noell Sottile, Vice Chairman; Richard Krajeck, Treasurer; Diane Everts, Secretary; Catherine Gwin, Council Member; Jean Sperling, Village Manager

Candidates: Richard Krajeck, Noell Sottile, Larry Wasson

Election Committee Members: Frank Correl, Ted Stoddard, Sharon Coyle

Residents: Debbie and Henry Metzger, Mike Zielinski, Steve Schmal, Sheila Davis, Barnard Davis, Larry Wasson, Marge Wasson, Hanne Correl, Bill Catherwood, Keith Allen.

The meeting was called to order at 8:00 PM by Chairman Price.

TREASURER'S REPORTS: Presented by Richard Krajeck, Treasurer.

Month of April Financial Report.

Income for the month of April was \$12,980 which included \$1,500 in cable franchise fees, \$4,000 in highway user fees, \$1,160 in Personal Property tax and \$5,400 in interest.

Expenses for the month totaled \$49,100. Other than the usual monthly expenses, we had legal fees of \$5,300 which included drafting new ordinances, street and sidewalk maintenance of \$9,100 which included the repair of the storm drain and sidewalk at the Brookville Shopping area parking lot, \$3,800 for shoveling sidewalks after the last snowstorm in February, and \$6,500 for tree pruning and maintenance.

Expenses for the Month of April were \$36,100 greater than income. Since the beginning of the Fiscal year in July, income is \$429,470; expenses are \$557,900 for a drawdown of reserves of \$128,430. We anticipate that there will be significant income yet this fiscal year from income tax sharing. Our budget was passed a year ago projecting about a \$120,000 drawdown of reserves. Moved for Adoption of April Financial Report: Richard Krajeck 2nd: Diane Everts. Vote: All in Favor

POLICE REPORT: Sgt. Dasilva of the Chevy Chase Village Police Force reported that five calls were received during the month of April; one at Brookville and Taylor related to a suspicious person and one at Brookville and Taylor where a translator was needed. Two accidental alarms, one on Bradley and one on Cummings required a response. Montgomery County police reported a burglary on May 3 at 3515 Shepherd Street. A ladder was placed on a second floor window and tax records, a lap top and a considerable amount of valuable jewelry was taken. It is believed that a family member was responsible.

A resident asked about the green "boxes" that are on Brookville Road. Sgt. Dasilva explained that they are the mobile speed cameras that the CCV police use. About nine violations were recorded per day on Brookville Road during the time the speed cameras were in operation. There are also speed cameras on Connecticut Ave at Newlands Street. Vehicles traveling at 11 miles per hour over the speed limit on Connecticut Ave (that would be 41 MPH) receive a \$40 civil offense ticket.

ACTION ON MINUTES. The minutes of the April 17, 2008 Monthly Meeting were presented for approval. Moved for adoption of the minutes: Catherine Gwin. 2nd: Diane Everts. Vote: All in favor.

VILLAGE PROGRESS AND PROJECTS REVIEW: Tim Price, Chairman

Tim reflected on Village matters, looking back over the four years he has served on the Council as both Treasurer and Chairman with an emphasis on the actions of the Council over the past year. The highlights include:

- *Enhanced Community Involvement*
 - The Village has a seven member *Tree Committee* which has been invaluable.
 - Resident Dan Gardner has provided fabulous service to the community with his oversight of the Village Trees and assistance to the Village Manager.

- The *Election Committee* comprised of Frank Correl, Ted Stoddard and Sharon Coyle did an outstanding job in re-invigorating the Elections and updating the voter rolls.
- Resident *Keith Allen* for all his help with every community event the Village puts together.
- Resident *John MacDonald* for his work with the Maryland Municipal League as the Village representative.
- Resident Debbie Metzger, Sharon Coyle and others for helping to maintain the Dog Bag dispensers.
- *Accomplishments and Future Action.*
 - The Village Survey is moving forward but not at the pace that had originally been planned. The Survey firm of A.Morton Thomas has encountered some difficulties with the survey but seems to be ready to bring the report to a conclusion.
 - The Village Website is under construction and is expected to be completed at the beginning of the new fiscal year
 - The Traffic study with assistance from traffic engineer Joe Cutro helped correct the traffic signage in Martin's Additions with the removal of incorrect signage, consolidation of multiple traffic signs, proper marking of intersections and crosswalks.
- *Capital Improvements* to Sidewalks and Curbs, particularly in the southern end of the Village were made after many years of inaction.
- *Appointment and Action of Land Use Task Force.* Seven residents were named to this Task Force. The Council members decided that they could not manage the zoning and development issues by themselves and thus contracted with Jakubiak and Associates to assist with the study and evaluation of potential zoning changes and work with the task force.
- *The Unseen Things* that get solved such as trash collection, emergency services, street light repairs, scheduling street cleaning and snow plowing.

PUBLIC HEARING: FY 2009 BUDGET AND TAX RATES

- **Presentation of PROPOSED FY 2009 BUDGET.** Tim thanked Councilmember and Treasurer Richard Krajeck, Dan Baden the Village Accountant and Jean Sperling the Village Manager for their hard work developing the budget. An explanation of the proposed budget was published in the May newsletter as well as the April minutes.

Budget Discussion: Steve Schmal of Summit Avenue asked about salaries and benefits and what falls into this category. Tim explained that the position of Village Manager is now a full time position. Another question was raised about the expenses related to the accountant and audit. Tim explained that the accountant expenses may be a bit higher than several years ago but that the expertise and professional services we get from Dan Baden, the accountant who specializes in municipal accounting and the Auditors (LSWG) is well worth the price. Richard added that Dan has been a great addition to the Village and that while we may be paying more we are getting much more also. Another resident asked what the level of building permit activity has been and what seems to be the most prevalent permit request. Tim explained that house teardowns and complete new construction seem to be the most frequent permit requests.

There was no further discussion. Tim called for a

MOTION TO ADOPT the Budget: Resolution #5-8-1 (attached)

Moved: Richard Krajeck. 2nd: Noell Sottile. Vote: All in favor. Signature of Secretary: Executed by Diane Everts.

- **PRESENTATION OF PROPOSED 2009 TAX RATES: \$.008 Per \$100 Of Real Property And \$.50 Per \$100 Of Personal Property Resolution No. 5-08-2**

The proposed tax rate for personal and real property in FY 2009 is unchanged from FY 2008. In order to fund the FY 2009 budget the FY 2009 tax rate was presented in the attached resolution.

MOTION TO ADOPT the FY 2009 Tax rates: Resolution 5-08-2 (attached)

Moved: Catherine Gwin

2nd: Richard Krajeck

Vote: All in favor

Signature of Secretary: Executed by Diane Everts

GENERAL RESIDENT COMMENTS: Sheila Davis (Quincy Street) expressed a desire to get more people involved in the Village and ask what more could be done. The Council members expressed the hope that once the website is launched it will be easier to access information about village activities and that will encourage more Village involvement.

Sharon Coyle (Summit Ave) complemented the Council for its excellent leadership through a difficult period with grace and dignity.

ELECTION RESULTS AND INTRODUCTION OF NEWLY ELECTED COUNCIL MEMBERS:

Frank Correl, Chairman of the Election Committee announced that the voting tally had been completed and that the committee was pleased to file the official voting report for the Village of Martin's Additions. All voting was performed in accordance with required voting procedures. The results are as follows:

Total # of voters participating: 100

Votes recorded by candidate: Richard Krajeck: 97, Noell Sottile: 87, Larry Wasson: 81, Write In: 2, Blank Ballots: 1

PRESENTATION AND THANKS TO TIM PRICE

Vice Chairman Noell Sottile thanked Tim for his four years of service to the Village of Martin's Additions. During the four years Tim wore many hats—Councilmember, Treasurer and Chairman. As a token of thanks, he was presented with an illustration of his home on Bradley Lane by renowned artist and Martin's Additions resident Margaret Kranking (Taylor Street).

Noell also noted that Tim and his wife Alison recently purchased a home on Raymond Street that will better accommodate their growing three boys. Noell remarked that the Council was delighted that the Price family was staying right here in Martin's Additions.

ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Richard Krajeck. 2nd: Noell Sottile. Vote: All in favor.

ATTACHMENTS:

RESOLUTION NO.: 5-08-1 ADOPTED: MAY 15, 2008

THE VILLAGE OF MARTIN'S ADDITIONS

SUBJECT: A RESOLUTION TO APPROVE THE BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 2008-2009

WHEREAS, after due notice and advertisement pursuant to Section 502 of the Village Charter, although notice and advertisement is not required by the Maryland Constant Yield Tax Rate Law because the proposed tax rate would not exceed the constant yield rate, a public hearing was held by the Village Council on May 15, 2008, to consider a proposed budget and tax rate; and

WHEREAS, at the aforesaid hearing the Village Council considered a proposed budget based upon a tax rate of eight tenths of a cent (\$.008) per One Hundred Dollars of assessable value (fair market value) on real property subject to taxation by the Village and fifty cents (\$.50) per One Hundred Dollars of assessed value of assessable personal property subject to taxation by the Village, and

WHEREAS, the Village Council has given notice to Village residents that the proposed budget would be considered at the Council meeting on May 15, 2008; and

WHEREAS, after due deliberation and consideration of all information and testimony presented to the Village Council, the Village Council finds that the budget attached hereto and incorporated herein will serve the best interests of the Village.

NOW, THEREFORE, it is, this 15th day of May, 2008, by the Village Council of the Village of Martin's Additions, resolved as follows:

RESOLVED: That the budget for the year July 1, 2008 - June 30, 2009, attached hereto and incorporated herein, be and the same hereby is adopted.

I, Diane Everts, Secretary of the Village Council of the Village of Martin's Additions, hereby certify that the foregoing resolution was adopted by the Village Council at its meeting on May 15, 2008.

RESOLUTION NO.: 5-08-2, ADOPTED: MAY 15, 2008

THE VILLAGE OF MARTIN'S ADDITIONS

SUBJECT: A RESOLUTION TO APPROVE LEVYING A TAX ON CERTAIN REAL AND PERSONAL PROPERTY UNDER THE PROVISIONS OF SECTION 6-203 OF THE TAX-PROPERTY ARTICLE OF THE ANNOTATED CODE OF MARYLAND, AS AMENDED

WHEREAS, Section 6-203 of the Tax-Property Article, of the Annotated Code of Maryland (as amended), grants authority to municipal corporations to levy a tax on personal property, land, and improvements thereon, within the municipal corporation; and

WHEREAS, the Village of Martin's Additions is a municipal corporation within the meaning of Section 6-203 of the Tax-Property Article; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 703 of the Village Charter, the Village Council has the authority to levy a tax on all real property in the Village at the rate determined in accordance with Section 703 of the Village Charter; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 601 of the Village Charter, the Annual Meeting of the residents of Martin's Additions was held on May 15, 2008 after due notice and advertisement of the time and place of the meeting and said notice included the proposed budget for 2008-2009 and the proposed tax rates to be levied upon real and personal property; and

WHEREAS, prior to adopting this resolution, on May 15, 2008, the Village Council held a public meeting to act on a proposed budget for the forthcoming fiscal year and by Resolution No. ____-08 adopted a budget for the fiscal year July 1, 2008 through June 30, 2009; and

WHEREAS, after due deliberation and consideration of all information and testimony presented to the Village Council, the Village Council finds that the proposed tax rates on real and personal property will serve the best interests of the Village.

NOW, THEREFORE, be it

RESOLVED: That the Village Council of the Village of Martin's Additions, pursuant to the authority granted by the Village Charter and Section 6-203 of the Tax-Property Article of the Annotated Code of Maryland, hereby levies a tax at the rate of eight tenths of a cent (\$.008) per One Hundred Dollars of assessed value (fair market value) on each One Hundred Dollars (\$100.00) worth of assessable real property, in the Village of Martin's Additions, and a tax at the rate of fifty cents (\$.50) per One Hundred Dollars of assessed value on each One Hundred Dollars (\$100.00) worth of assessable personal property, in the Village of Martin's Additions; and be it further

RESOLVED: That the tax levied hereby be certified to the County Council for Montgomery County, Maryland, and that Montgomery County, Maryland be, and hereby is, authorized and directed to collect and pay over said tax to the Village of Martin's Additions; and be it further

RESOLVED: That the Director of Finance for Montgomery County, Maryland be advised of this resolution.

I, Diane Everts, Secretary of the Village Council of the Village of Martin's Additions, hereby certify that the foregoing resolution was adopted by the Village Council at its meeting on May 15, 2008.