

Greater Manhasset Civic Association Meeting on October 16, 2019

(draft 1 notes – will be redrafted into minutes format)

Attendance: Rich Bentley, Andrew Schwenk, Sue Auriemma, John Minogue, Donald O'Brien, Michael Schwartz, Marc Francis, Lucas Lau, Doreen McDonough

Candidates for Office were invited to speak to the members.

Marianne Dilimonte, Dist. 6 candidate from Pt. Washington.

Running against Dina DeGiorgio.

Marianne believes that D. 6 constituents have no voice in gov.t. She has been actively involved in Port Washington organizations: Fire Dept. , Pride in Port, Chamber of Commerce, Exec. Dir. of Port Business Improvement Dist. , implemented Restaurant week in Port., will hope to attend our meetings if elected. Her business experiences at EPIC Records as Dir. of Operations has made her an experienced communicator and is extremely organized. She was concerned that there were no community or merchant meetings regarding the recent repayment in Port. Richard Bentley believes that Manhasset needs to be more connected to our Port neighbors to share ideas, etc. Was concerned that the Park Dist. in Manhasset changed the parking to 2 hours. Marianne believes she is a “follow up “ expert, uses a system of “pending files” , which she revisits every week, she learned that lesson at Sony Epic, team player, Communicator.

David Chang is running for Town Council. Background in Finance, works from home, volunteers as Pres. of Chinese Assoc. of North Hempstead, his focus is on education, was involved in the Medical Marijuana building controversy on No. Blvd. He moved to Manhasset 6 years ago from Brooklyn. He left Wall St to raise his children, and has become involved in the community. Running as a candidate for D. 4, he believes the town can be run more efficiently, save money. Notes that the Bldg. Dept. is not functioning well, not approving applications in a timely manner. Believes the Board needs diversity to reflect changing face in North Hempstead. Opposes the Brookfield Development Project since it will overwhelm our infrastructure. (R. Bentley asked if he had any ideas about how to get Asians involved in our Community:) He responded that the Asians are moving here for their children's education, and that will get them involved in the community.

Rep. Dina DiGiorgio has been a councilwoman for 8 years, running for her 3rd term. (R. Bentley- even with great support, it takes us so long to accomplish goals: we have open items on our Civic list for 10 years! as opposed to having an

item on the table for 3/4 days and having it go through quickly. For example, the recent parking restrictions changed to 2 hours without our input.... and the Building Codes sit in Committee for years...?)

Dina replied that she wasn't on that committee but a proposal was taken of the table because it would have made subdivision easier! The Council didn't vote on it because of this. Portal to Port is her website, she has various Civics and BID etc. who receive her emails. She messaged that the Feds are having a meeting at the Merchant Marine Academy re: the Floodgates. R. Bentley asked to be included in her email list. Street Scaping was her project in Port, Petrus Park also. She wants to run again because she feels that the local community should have confidence in local government. She wants to assure residents that they will be heard. Partisanship has divided people, she feels we should look at the candidates carefully and decide. She is aware that the BZA lacks transparency and is hoping meetings will be streamed as well as changing them to the evening to allow increased community representation. BZA has limited terms, the Board moments the members.

Veronica Lurvey Councilwoman for the 4th District. She immigrated from Prague, Czech Republic as a Refugee. She has a degree from the U. of Chicago in Pol. Sci. and has a Law Degree. Worked for Skaden Arps. found it increasingly difficult to balance family and being a lawyer. Took time off, became involved in PTA, VP of her Temple, North Shore Action in Great Neck, Community Activist. She is the Incumbent and Advocates for her Constituents, Works with the Greater Manhasset Civic Council and individual neighborhoods, for example the recent Kimco incursion into Terrace Manor, and hopes to continue for another 4 years. She passed out a Press Release regarding the changes in the BZA process.

Re: the Webster Ave. Bridge, the LIRR will build a new bridge and has prioritized it in their 2020-2024 budget.

The Greater Manhasset Civic voted and approved the reelection of Richard Bentley as President.

Andrew Schwenk as 1st Vice President,

Sue Auriemma as 2nd Vice President,

Donald O'Brien as Treasurer

The Position of Secretary will be brought up at the next meeting.

Andrew Schwenk: A Feasibility study of Sewers on Plandome Road will commence in a few weeks. Re: The Airplane noise, the Runway project should be completed in mid November.

Meeting at the Unitarian Church on Nov. 21 re: the Brookfield Properties Proposal for Macy's. Please attend.

MEETING ADJOURNED.

NEXT MEETING , NOVEMBER 13TH.

Treasurers Report: October 16, 2019

Submitted by Donald O'Brien

Opening Balance: Checking - Jan '20		\$3,401.28
Deposits:		215.00
		144.50
Card Withdrawal - Jan.		1.00
Subtotal		\$3,835.28
Pay Pal Fee	2/19/19	29.97
	5/19/19	29.97
	8/19/19	29.97
Pay Pal to Chamber	7/2/19	150.00
Pay Pal to Chamber	7/2/19	150.00
Subtotal		389.91
Total (Current balance Chase Checking		\$3,445.37
Opening Balance Chase Savings - Jan.'20		\$ 2,478.02
Interest (Jan. to Sept.)		.18
Current Balance Chase Savings		\$2,478. 20
Total Current Balance (Checking and Savings)		\$5,923.57