

**MINUTES OF
REGULAR MEETING/PUBLIC HEARING
OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES
March 5, 2018**

The regular monthly meeting and public hearing of the Board of Trustees was held on March 5, 2018. The meeting was called to order at 7:35 PM by Mayor McNamara with the following in attendance:

Robert McNamara	Mayor
Brian Herrington	Deputy Mayor
Gary Lewandowski	Trustee
Frank Genese	Trustee
Randall Rosenbaum	Trustee
Kate Hirsch	Trustee
Jeffrey Blinkoff	Village Attorney
Ronnie Shatzkamer	Village Administrator
Suzanne Tangredi	Village Treasurer
Peter Albinski	Village Architect
Robert Rockelein	Code Enforcement Officer
Richard Falcones	Public Works Supervisor

Rich Falcones led the assembly in the Pledge of Allegiance. There were eight members of the public present.

Public Hearing

On motion of Deputy Mayor Herrington, seconded by Mayor McNamara, the public hearing portion of the meeting was called to order at 7:35 pm.

The first hearing was to consider Local Law D – 2018 regarding Setback Requirements for Utility Meters Mounted Separately in a Side or Rear Yard. After discussion the Board agreed to adjourn until April 2, 2018 on motion of Trustee Hirsch, second by the Mayor.

The second hearing was to ratify Local Laws 1 and 4 of 2018, regarding expiration of approvals for commercial and residential properties. The laws were previously enacted however the proper notifications to surrounding municipalities required in zoning code amendments was not done at that time. The proper notifications have been issued.

**RESOLUTION NO. 09 – March 5, 2018
RESOLUTION RATIFYING LOCAL LAWS 1 AND 2 OF 2018**

The following resolution was offered by Trustee Hirsch, seconded by Mayor McNamara:

WHEREAS, the Board of Trustees has previously enacted Local Law 1 of 2018, “Amend Section 240-15(A) Site Plan Review for Commercial Properties” and Local Law 4 of 2018, “Amend Section 85-5(F) “Building Construction”; “Issuance of Permit”, “Expiration; Extension”; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to General Municipal Law §239-m certain zoning code amendments must be referred to the county and all municipalities within 500 feet of Village borders; and

WHEREAS, such notification did not take place at the original time of enactment however this notification has been remedied as of February 26, 2018; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Trustees has determined that it is the lead agency for the purposes of the State Environmental Quality Review Act, (“SEQRA”), and has further determined that the consideration of the within Local Law is a Type II Action requiring no further action under SEQRA;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustee hereby ratifies Local Law 1 of 2018, "Amend Section 240-15(A) Site Plan Review for Commercial Properties" and Local Law 4 of 2018, "Amend Section 85-5(F) "Building Construction"; "Issuance of Permit", "Expiration; Extension"; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this law shall take effect immediately

The Board of Trustees was polled as follows:

Trustee Hirsch	Aye
Trustee Rosenbaum	Aye
Trustee Genese	Aye
Trustee Lewandowski	Aye
Deputy Mayor Herrington	Aye
Mayor McNamara	Aye

On motion of Trustee Hirsch, seconded by Mayor McNamara, the public hearing portion of the meeting was closed at 7:45 pm.

See the stenographic record for details.

Regular Meeting

Special Presentation

Yve Sullivan of First National Bank of Long Island gave a presentation on how the bank could improve service and interest rates to the Village.

RESOLUTION NO. 10 – March 5, 2018

RESOLUTION TO APPOINT THE FIRST NATIONAL BANK OF LONG ISLAND AS THE OFFICIAL VILLAGE BANK

The following resolution was offered by Mayor McNamara, seconded by Trustee Rosenbaum:

BE IT RESOLVED that the Official Bank be the First National Bank of Long Island and thus is authorized as the depository of Village monies; and

BE IT RESOLVED that the Village Treasurer and Mayor are authorized to invest and re-invest monies received by the Village in the various General and Capital Funds, which are not appropriated to any particular purpose or are not immediately required to be expended for the purpose for which they were appropriated, in Certificates of Deposit, Day of Deposit Day of Withdrawal Savings, Treasury Notes, Money Market or CLASS-MBIA investment accounts at the best interest rates available in the following banking & financial institutions:

CLASS – MBIA

First National Bank of Long Island; and

BE IT RESOLVED that the foregoing investments shall be in accordance with applicable laws, rules and regulations of the State of New York and the United States Government; and

BE IT RESOLVED that the resolutions of each banking institution for the deposit of said monies be adopted as resolution of this board; and

BE IT RESOLVED, that any two of the following Village officials be and hereby are authorized as signatories and co-signatories on the general fund account and capital fund accounts of the Village: Treasurer, Village Administrator, Mayor, Deputy Mayor; and

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the resolution shall amend and replace the previous banking resolution of April 3, 2017.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this resolution shall take effect immediately

The Board of Trustees was polled as follows:

Trustee Hirsch	Aye
Trustee Rosenbaum	Aye
Trustee Genese	Aye
Trustee Lewandowski	Aye
Deputy Mayor Herrington	Aye
Mayor McNamara	Aye

Approval of Minutes

The minutes of the February 5, 2018 regular meeting/public hearing were approved as submitted on motion of Trustee Rosenbaum, seconded by Trustee Genese.

Treasurer’s Report

The claims were unanimously approved on motion of Deputy Mayor Herrington, seconded by Trustee Rosenbaum

Public Works Superintendent’s Report

Mr. Falcones presented the engineer’s estimates for the 2018-19 road projects. He informed the Board that park users have asked him to install a fence along Port Washington Blvd. to prevent their dogs from running out.

Architectural Review Committee Report

Mr. Albinski reported on the February 26, 2018 meeting.

Ms. Patricia Pitta, 35 Bonnie Heights Road, complained about a fence at her neighbor at 27 Bonnie Heights Road. Mr. Albinski will visit the site and report back to her.

The following returning applications were recommended for approval as presented: 1 East Gate Road & 1 West Gate Road, New One Family Dwellings. The following application was approved with conditions: 535 Manhasset Woods Road, legalize a one story rear addition. The following applications received no action: 27 Bonnie Heights Road, one story sunroom addition; 135 Mason Drive, reduction in scope of work on a previously approved application.

On motion of Trustee Lewandowski, seconded by Trustee Genese, the Board unanimously approved the recommendations of the Committee.

Historian’s Report

Rhoda Becker gave a brief history of the incorporation of the Village on March 13, 1931. There were 16 signators on the incorporation papers, Village population was 288.

Administrator’s Report

Ms. Shatzkamer informed the Board of the tax certiorari settlements made on behalf of the Village by Spellman, Gibbons, et.al. The following resolutions need to be enacted in order to finalize the settlements.

RESOLUTION NO. 11 – March 5, 2018

RESOLUTION REGARDING A TAX CERTIORARI SETTLEMENT WITH NORTH HEMPSTEAD COUNTRY CLUB

The following resolution was offered by Mayor McNamara, seconded by Trustee Rosenbaum:

RESOLVED, that the certiorari settlement recommended by Spellman, Gibbons, Polizzi, Truccale & Trentacoste, LLP, regarding North Hempstead Country Club, Section 6, Block 53, Lots 218 & 951 is approved.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Petitioner will receive a refund of \$110,000 for the tax years 2007/2008 through 2012/2013. The refund shall be payable in three (3) equal installments of \$36,333 on July 15, 2018, July 15, 2019 and July 15, 2020 following the submission of a voucher along with a Judgement and Stipulation.

The Board of Trustees was polled as follows:

- Trustee Hirsch Aye
- Trustee Rosenbaum Aye
- Trustee Genese Aye
- Trustee Lewandowski Aye
- Deputy Mayor Herrington Aye
- Mayor McNamara Aye

RESOLUTION NO. 12 – March 5, 2018

RESOLUTION REGARDING A TAX CERTIORARI SETTLEMENT WITH BARCO

The following resolution was offered by Mayor McNamara, seconded by Trustee Rosenbaum:

RESOLVED, that the certiorari settlement recommended by Spellman, Gibbons, Polizzi, Truccale & Trentacoste, LLP, regarding Barco, Section 6, Block B05, Lot 456 is approved.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Petitioner will receive a refund of \$13,000 for the tax years 2006/2007 through 2012/2013. The refund shall be payable on July 15, 2018 following the submission of a voucher along with a Judgement and Stipulation.

The Board of Trustees was polled as follows:

Trustee Hirsch	Aye
Trustee Rosenbaum	Aye
Trustee Genese	Aye
Trustee Lewandowski	Aye
Deputy Mayor Herrington	Aye
Mayor McNamara	Aye

RESOLUTION NO. 13 – March 5, 2018

RESOLUTION REGARDING A TAX CERTIORARI SETTLEMENT WITH TWO MIDDLENECK REALTY

The following resolution was offered by Mayor McNamara, seconded by Trustee Rosenbaum:

RESOLVED, that the certiorari settlement recommended by Spellman, Gibbons, Polizzi, Truccale & Trentacoste, LLP, regarding Two Middleneck Realty, Section 6, Block B05, Lots 114, 210 and 215 is approved.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Petitioner will receive a refund of \$30,000 for the tax years 2006/2007 through 2012/2013. The refund shall be payable in two (2) equal installments of \$15,000 on July 15, 2018 and July 15, 2019 following the submission of a voucher along with a Judgement and Stipulation.

The Board of Trustees was polled as follows:

Trustee Hirsch	Aye
Trustee Rosenbaum	Aye
Trustee Genese	Aye
Trustee Lewandowski	Aye
Deputy Mayor Herrington	Aye
Mayor McNamara	Aye

RESOLUTION NO. 14 – March 5, 2018

RESOLUTION REGARDING A TAX CERTIORARI SETTLEMENT WITH SCW WEST LLC

The following resolution was offered by Mayor McNamara, seconded by Trustee Rosenbaum:

RESOLVED, that the certiorari settlement recommended by Spellman, Gibbons, Polizzi, Truccale & Trentacoste, LLP, regarding SCW West LLC, Section 6, Block B05, Lots 116 & 117 is approved.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Petitioner will receive a refund of \$34,000 for the tax years 2009/2010 through 2012/2013. The refund shall be payable on July 15, 2018 following the submission of a voucher along with a Judgement and Stipulation.

The Board of Trustees was polled as follows:

Trustee Hirsch	Aye
Trustee Rosenbaum	Aye
Trustee Genese	Aye
Trustee Lewandowski	Aye
Deputy Mayor Herrington	Aye
Mayor McNamara	Aye

RESOLUTION NO. 15– March 5, 2018
RESOLUTION TO HOLD THE ANNUAL VILLAGE ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING AND 2018-19 BUDGET PRESENTATION AND HEARING

The following resolution was offered by Trustee Lewandowski, seconded by Deputy Mayor Herrington:

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees of the Inc. Village of Flower Hill shall conduct the annual Village Organizational Meeting and 2018-19 Budget Hearing on April 2, 2018, commencing at 7:30 PM at the Village Hall, 1 Bonnie Heights Rd., Manhasset, NY; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Village Administrator shall post notice of this meeting Village Hall and the Village newspaper of record.

The Board of Trustees was polled as follows:

Trustee Hirsch	Aye
Trustee Rosenbaum	Aye
Trustee Genese	Aye
Trustee Lewandowski	Aye
Deputy Mayor Herrington	Aye
Mayor McNamara	Aye

RESOLUTION NO. 16– March 5, 2018
RESOLUTION TO PRESENT THE TENTATIVE 2018-19 BUDGET TO THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES

The following resolution was offered by Trustee Rosenbaum, seconded by Trustee Hirsch:

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Village Administrator shall present the tentative Village budget for the fiscal year commencing June 1, 2018, and ending May 31, 2019 to the Board of Trustees on Monday, March 26, 2018 commencing at 9 AM at the Village Hall, 1 Bonnie Heights Rd., Manhasset, NY; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Village Administrator shall post notice of this meeting Village Hall and the Village newspaper of record.

The Board of Trustees was polled as follows:

Trustee Hirsch	Aye
Trustee Rosenbaum	Aye
Trustee Genese	Aye
Trustee Lewandowski	Aye
Deputy Mayor Herrington	Aye
Mayor McNamara	Aye

Attorney's Report

Mr. Blinkoff reported on the February 14, 2018 Board of Zoning Appeals hearing.

Trustee's Report

Trustee Genese reported on the opposition by the Hempstead Harbor Protection Committee to the proposed Long Island Sound bridge/tunnel from Oyster Bay to Westchester.

Deputy Mayor Herrington reviewed the progress his committee has made on a proposed lighting law for the Village.

Trustee Rosenbaum attended the Port Washington/Manhasset OEM meeting and asked that the Village update the Emergency Management plan.

On behalf of Trustee Beber, Ms. Shatzkamer asked the Board to give her ideas for an upcoming newsletter

Mayor's Report

The Mayor updated the Board on the take-over of Middle Neck Road and the traffic calming plans for Port Washington Blvd.

He asked Rosenbaum to work with Mr. Falcones and come up with a budget for the traffic island construction at Ridge Drive West.

The Mayor reported on a Mayor's meeting with new County Executive Laura Curran.

He informed the Board that the Village has hired a new Auditor, Abrams & Co. and a CPA, Cullen & Danowski.

New Business

Ms. Shatzkamer asked the Board to consider engaging the Center for Municipal Solutions to negotiate with Extenet on our behalf. The Mayor asked Trustee Rosenbaum to do further research on the company.

Ms. Shatzkamer asked for a motion to approved updates to the Employee Handbook. Several Trustees asked for more time to review. The motion will be put on the April agenda.

Ms. Shatzkamer informed the Board that the Village will be honored at a Community Forestry Recognition Ceremony sponsored by Tree City USA for our tree planting and mailings to the community. Deputy Mayor Herrington will represent the Village. She suggested that instead of doing a tree planting program this year, the Village should do a street tree trimming program as demand for trees is low. As a related matter, the Board needs to decide on what the Village should do this year as an Arbor Day celebration in order to maintain our Tree City status. There was a suggestion that a tree be planted on an island in the Village.

Deputy Mayor Herrington offered a motion, second by Trustee Trustee Genese and unanimously carried, to approve the annual Laurie Strauss Leukemia Foundation Ride for Research through the Village on May 20, 2018. All appropriate insurance documents have been provided.

John Spagnoletti of 86 Knollwood Road requested that Board consider making his street, a private road, a dead end. Mr. Blinkoff will check to see if this is feasible.

Trustee Hirsch noted that there is a great deal of trash around the Village and asked what can be done about it.

On motion of Trustee Genese, second by Trustee Rosenbaum, the meeting was adjourned at 9:20 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Ronnie Shatzkamer
Village Administrator