

**MINUTES OF
BUDGET HEARING/PUBLIC HEARING/REGULAR MEETING
OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES
Monday, April 6, 2020**

The regular monthly meeting of the Board of Trustees was held on April 6, 2020. This meeting was held telephonically by conference call and computer. The meeting was called to order at 7:40 PM by Mayor McNamara with the following in attendance:

Robert McNamara	Mayor
Brian Herrington	Deputy Mayor
Randall Rosenbaum	Trustee
Gary Lewandowski	Trustee
Frank Genese	Trustee
Kate Hirsch	Trustee
Jeff Blinkoff	Village Attorney
Ronnie Shatzkamer	Village Administrator
Suzanne Tangredi	Village Treasurer
Peter Albinski	Building Superintendent
Robert Rockelein	Code Enforcement Officer
Richard Falcones	Superintendent Public Works
Steven Lawniczac	Village Engineer

The assembly recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

Public Hearing

The public hearing portion of the meeting was opened on motion of Trustee Beber, seconded by Deputy Mayor Herrington at 7:45 pm.

The first hearing was to consider the tentative 2020-2021 Village Budget. Deputy Mayor Herrington made the presentation. He noted that the budget had been entirely reworked because of the Covid 19 pandemic with \$250,000 being cut from the original budget. Taxes will be flat while essential services will continue to be provided. There was discussion with questions asked by Board members.

RESOLUTION NO. 17 – April 6, 2020

RESOLUTION TO ADOPT THE 2020 - 2021 VILLAGE BUDGET

The following resolution was offered by Deputy Mayor Herrington, second by Trustee Rosenbaum:

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Trustees has reviewed the tentative budget in accordance with Section 5-508 of the General Municipal Law and all required publications have been timely made; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that upon completion of a public hearing the tentative budget has been found acceptable,

THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Tentative Budget of the Inc. Village of Flower Hill for the fiscal year commencing June 1, 2020 and ending May 31, 2021 be and hereby is adopted as the Final Budget; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the provisions of this resolution shall take effect immediately.

The Board of Trustees was polled as follows:

Trustee Genese	Aye
Trustee Beber	Aye
Trustee Rosenbaum	Aye
Trustee Lewandowski	Aye
Trustee Hirsch	No

Deputy Mayor Herrington Aye
Mayor McNamara Aye

The second hearing was to consider proposed Local Law C-2020, Amending Chapter 227 “Vehicles and Traffic”, Chapter 227-18 “Limited Time Parking”, Schedule XIII to allow limited time parking (2 hours) on Ridge Drive West from Northern Blvd. north to Peachtree Lane on both sides of the street. This hearing had been adjourned from March 9, 2020.

At the previous hearing the Board discussed the possibility of creating resident only parking on the street. Mr. Blinkoff researched the issue and found that this would be impermissible. Mr. Blinkoff suggested that Bryant & Cooper be approached about keeping their employee parking on site and off the Village roads as per Code. Trustee Rosenbaum will set up a meeting with the owners after the current crisis abates.

On motion of Mayor McNamara, second by Trustee Genese, the Board unanimously moved to adjourn the hearing to May 4, 2020.

The third public hearing was to consider proposed Local Law D – 2020, “Add to Section A243 Attachment 1 “Fees, Charges and Deposits”, “Miscellaneous Fees”, Storage Pod 6 months, no renewals - \$100.

There was some discussion and motion of Trustee Lewandowski, second by Mayor McNamara, the Board unanimously moved to adjourn the hearing to May 4, 2020.

On motion of Trustee Rosenbaum, second by Deputy Trustee Beber, the Board unanimously moved to close the public hearing portion of the meeting at 8:33 pm.

See the stenographic record for further details.

Regular Meeting

Approval of Minutes

On motion of Trustee Rosenbaum, seconded by Genese the minutes of the March 9, 2020 regular meeting and public hearing (with a correction that Mr. Blinkoff stepped out of the second executive session) and the March 23, 2020 special meeting for the presentation of the tentative budget to the Board of Trustees were approved as follows:

Trustee Genese Aye
Trustee Beber Aye
Trustee Rosenbaum Aye
Trustee Lewandowski Aye
Trustee Hirsch No
Deputy Mayor Herrington Aye
Mayor McNamara Aye

Treasurer’s Report

The claims were unanimously approved with the exception of the Rosenberg, Calica & Birney, LLC bill which is being held pending a review of the work product, on motion of Deputy Mayor Herrington, seconded by Mayor McNamara.

Architectural Review Committee Report

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

Trustee Lewandowski and Deputy Mayor Herrington discussed the creation of the Flower Hill Volunteer Corps. They are matching volunteers with those in need and asked the Board to let them know if there is anyone who might need assistance.

Trustee Hirsch initiated a discussion on the reinstatement of the Planning Board. The Board agreed to discuss further upon receipt of a formal opinion from NYCOM on the legal issues.

Mayor's Report

Mayor McNamara updated the Board on the current Village operations during the Covid-19 crisis.

Old Business

Ms. Shatzkamer reported that the project of re-keying all Village Hall doors has been abandoned for the time being.

New Business

RESOLUTION NO. 19 – April 6, 2020

RESOLUTION ADOPTING A POLICY REGARDING THE EXTENSION OF BUILDING PERMITS AS A RESULT OF THE COVID-19 CRISIS

The following resolution was offered by Deputy Mayor Herrington, seconded by Trustee Genese: **WHEREAS**, as a result of Governor Cuomo's Executive Order halting all construction except emergency repairs, the Board of Trustees has adopted the following policy:

1. All current building permits will be extended by the amount of time the current crisis lasts plus 30 days. The number of days will be calculated from March 13, 2020 until the day after the date the Governor rescinds his order halting all construction. The time may be extended at the discretion of the Building Superintendent.
2. All new building permits will have an issue date no earlier than the day after the date the Governor rescinds his order halting all construction.
3. Building permits that are completed and scheduled to expire between March 13, 2020 and the day after the date the Governor rescinds his order halting all construction, will be extended for the number of days lost during the crisis plus 30 days. For example, if a permit expires on April 30 and the Executive Order is rescinded on May 15, the permit will be extended for an additional 45 days. The time may be extended at the discretion of the Building Superintendent.
4. Variances granted by the Board of Zoning Appeals will have their expiration extended by the number of days the crisis lasts, counting March 13, 2020 as the first day.
5. Late fees or renewal fees may be waived at the discretion of the Building Superintendent.
6. Building Permits include Plumbing, Miscellaneous, Road Opening and Tree Removal permits.

FURTHER, the Building Superintendent shall have the discretion to extend all permits that do not fall under this policy.

The Board of Trustees was polled as follows:

Trustee Genese	Aye
Trustee Beber	Aye

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

RESOLUTION NO. 20 – April 6, 2020
RESOLUTION ALLOWING GRACE PERIOD FOR EMPLOYEE VACATION
AND PERSONAL TIME

The following resolution was offered by Trustee Genese, seconded by Trustee Rosenbaum: **WHEREAS** that as a result of the novel corona virus pandemic, employees of the Village who had scheduled vacation time were forced to cancel their plans; and **FURTHER** as the Village Employee Policy states that all vacation and personal time must be taken in the year it is incurred or else be unusable; and **THEREFORE** the Board of Trustees hereby resolves to extend all such time incurred in the 2019-2020 fiscal year be extended so as to be used no later than December 31, 2020.

The Board of Trustees was polled as follows:

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

Deputy Mayor Herrington raised the issue of landscaper noise on Saturdays preventing residents from enjoying their outdoor space. He proposed that the Board enact a law limiting Saturday landscaping to quiet work only.

RESOLUTION NO. 21 – April 6, 2020
INTRODUCING LOCAL LAW “F” -2020 AMENDING CHAPTER 158-4 “NOISE”, COMMERCIAL
LANDSCAPERS”

The following resolution was offered by Deputy Mayor Herrington, seconded by Trustee Genese: **BE IT RESOLVED**, that Local Law “F” of the Year 2020, regarding the amendment of Chapter 158-4 “Noise”, Commercial Landscapers”, whereby only quiet landscaping work be permitted on Saturdays, has been introduced; and **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Board of Trustees hold a public hearing on said proposed Local Law at the Village Hall in the Incorporated Village of Flower Hill at the address of One Bonnie Heights Road, Manhasset, New York at 7:30 p.m. on Monday, May 4, 2020 and **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Village Administrator publish or cause to be published a public notice in the official newspaper of the Village of said public hearing at least three days prior thereto.

The Board of Trustees was polled as follows:

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

On motion of Mayor McNamara, second by Trustee Genese, the meeting was adjourned at 10:19 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Ronnie Shatzkamer
Village Administrator