



BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING MINUTES

March 04, 2025, at 7:00 PM

432 Route 306, Wesley Hills, NY 10952

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MEMBERS' PRESENT:

Marshall Katz, Mayor
Milton Schwartz, Deputy Mayor
Yisroel Cherns, Trustee
Joseph Mause, Trustee
Tova Krull, Trustee

MEMBERS ABSENT:

None

OTHERS PRESENT:

Benjamin Selig, Village Attorney (zoom)
Camille Guido - Downey, Village Clerk-Treasurer

Mayor Katz opened the meeting at 7 pm followed by the pledge of allegiance.

ITEM #1

RESOLUTION NO. 15-25

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Trustee Cherns made a motion to approve the minutes of February 4, 2025, seconded by Trustee Krull. Upon vote, Yea: Mayor Katz, Trustee Schwartz, Trustee Cherns, Trustee Mause and Trustee Krull. This motion was carried unanimously.

ITEM #2 - PUBLIC HEARING - VILLAGE'S 2024 MS4 ANNUAL REPORT

Trustee Cherns made a motion to open the public hearing, seconded by Trustee Mause. Upon vote, Yea: Mayor Katz, Trustee Schwartz, Trustee Cherns, Trustee Mause and Trustee Krull. This motion was carried unanimously.

No one from the public wished to speak.

Trustee Cherns made a motion to close the public hearing, seconded by Trustee Schwartz. Upon vote, Yea: Mayor Katz, Trustee Schwartz, Trustee Cherns, Trustee Mause and Trustee Krull. This motion was carried unanimously.

ITEM #3

RESOLUTION NO. 16-25

RESOLUTION ADOPTING THE VILLAGE'S 2024 MS4 ANNUAL REPORT

Trustee Cherns made a motion to approve the following resolution, seconded by Trustee Krull:

RESOLVED, that the Village of Wesley Hills Village Board hereby adopts the Village's Annual MS4 Report for the 2024 calendar year, as prepared by the Village Engineer, a copy of which is made a part of the Minutes of this Board, and the Mayor is hereby authorized to execute any necessary documents.

Upon vote, Yea: Mayor Katz, Trustee Schwartz, Trustee Cherns, Trustee Mause and Trustee Krull. This motion was carried unanimously.

ITEM #4

PRESENTATION: MAYOR'S 2025 VILLAGE BUDGET

Mayor Katz presented to the Board his 2025/2026 Village Budget. Mayor Katz stated that the budget is very conservative, and we are showing \$400,000 going into reserves. There currently is a zero-tax increase. Board Members decided to raise the compensation for Mayor, Village Board, ZBA and Planning Board members and instructed the Mayor to include the raised in the Mayor's Budget for the April 1st public hearing.

ITEM #5

RESOLUTION NO. 17-25

RESOLUTION SCHEDULING A PUBLIC HEARING FOR THE APPROVAL OF A TENTATIVE BUDGET FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING JUNE 1, 2025

Trustee Cherns made a motion to approve the following resolution, seconded by Trustee Schwartz:

RESOLVED, that a Public Hearing on the tentative budget of the Village of Wesley Hills for the fiscal year beginning June 1, 2025, shall be held before the Board of Trustees of the Village of Wesley Hills on April 1, 2025, at 7:00 p.m. and that the Village Clerk is hereby directed to arrange for proper publication of a notice of such Public Hearing in the official newspaper of the Village, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the tentative budget of the Village of Wesley Hills for the fiscal year beginning June 1, 2025, shall be available at the Village Hall, 432 Route 306, in the Village of Wesley Hills, from March 5, 2025, until April 1, 2025, during the hours of 9 am until 4 pm weekdays, for the purpose of inspection by interested persons.

Upon vote, Yea: Mayor Katz, Trustee Schwartz, Trustee Cherns, Trustee Mause and Trustee Krull. This motion was carried unanimously.

ITEM #6

RESOLUTION NO. 18-25

RESOLUTION APPROVING ABSTRACTS OF AUDITED CLAIMS

Trustee Cherns made a motion to approve the following resolution, seconded by Trustee Mause:

RESOLVED, that the general fund claims, 22,706 through #22,838 in the aggregate amount of \$134,017.96 as set forth in Abstract #3/25 dated March 4, 2025, a copy of which abstract of audited claims is made a part of the Minutes of this Board, are hereby approved.

Upon vote, Yea: Mayor Katz, Trustee Schwartz, Trustee Cherns, Trustee Mause and Trustee Krull. This motion was carried unanimously.

ITEM #7**RESOLUTION NO. 19-25****RESOLUTION APPROVING TRANSFER OF FUNDS**

Trustee Cherns made a motion to approve the following resolution, seconded by Trustee Mause:

RESOLVED, that the transfers in the aggregate amount of \$150,000 as set forth in Abstract #3/25 dated March 4, 2025, a copy of which abstract of audited claims is made as part of the Minutes of this Board, are hereby approved.

Upon vote, Yea: Mayor Katz, Trustee Schwartz, Trustee Cherns, Trustee Mause and Trustee Krull. This motion was carried unanimously.

ITEM #8 - MAYOR'S REPORTSJonathan Lockman Retirement

Mayor Katz stated that Jonathan Lockman is retiring from Nelson & Pope at the end of the month. The Planning Board will be having a small celebration for him on March 26, 2025, at 7:30 pm and encouraged the Board to attend.

Village Website

Mayor Katz stated that the Village website company is finally converting us their Web Central platform instead of the current open sourced Drupal platform. The Village will receive a free conversion. Mayor Katz stated that the new system has an email/text feature. Board Members suggested a QR code on the tax bills to encourage more email sign ups. Trustee Schwartz asked about obtaining a backup of the current site.

Route 306 & Grandview Ave

Trustee Krull questioned if there is a resolve to the heavy traffic at the intersection of Grandview & Route 306. Mayor Katz stated that he has not had any further feedback from the Town.

23 Astor

Trustee Krull requested an update on 23 Astor as she has received another complaint about a loud party. Village Clerk stated that she will speak with Code and get an update as well as reach out to the Police

Willows HOA

Trustee Schwartz questioned why is the Village requiring the homes in The Willows to reestablish the HOA if the homes are maintaining the stormwater system. Ben Selig answered that as part of the subdivision the homes are required to establish an HOA for the purpose of paying for and maintaining the stormwater structures. The HOA was dissolved and needs to be reestablished for liability. While some but not all homeowners are participating by paying a contractor to have the structures cleaned, it is all homes that are responsible and liable to maintain the structures. Mayor Katz questioned if the Village could place an special taxing district over those homes and take over the maintenance? Ben Selig answered that the Village can. Mayor Katz added that those homeowners are going to pay a lot more for the Village to maintain the structures due to prevailing wage costs. Board Members decided to discuss this topic again at next month's meeting.

ITEM #9 - VILLAGE CLERK/TREASURER'S REPORT

Camille Guido-Downey discussed with the Board the following activities:

- Village Blood Drive was March 3, and the Village has sixteen donors.

- The Village received ten complaints last month and two complaints were for work without a permit.

NEW BUSINESS

Trustee Cherns made a motion to approve the following resolution, seconded by Trustee Mause:

RESOLUTION NO. 20-25

RESOLVED, that the proposed contract renewal between the Village of Wesley Hills and FYS Computer Consulting to provide technical support for the Village of Wesley Hills for the period of June 1, 2025, through May 31, 2026, a copy of which is made a part of the minutes of this Board, is hereby accepted, and the Mayor is authorized to indicate the approval and acceptance of such proposal by signing same on behalf of the Village of Wesley Hills.

Upon vote, Yea: Mayor Katz, Trustee Schwartz, Trustee Cherns, Trustee Mause and Trustee Krull. This motion was carried unanimously.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Trustee Cherns made a motion to enter Executive Session to discuss litigation, seconded by Trustee Mause. Upon vote, Yea: Mayor Katz, Trustee Schwartz, Trustee Cherns, Trustee Mause and Trustee Krull. This motion was carried unanimously.

No action was taken during the Executive Session.

Trustee Schwartz made a motion to exit Executive Session to discuss litigation, seconded by Trustee Mause. Upon vote, Yea: Mayor Katz, Trustee Schwartz, Trustee Cherns, Trustee Mause and Trustee Krull. This motion was carried unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT

Trustee Cherns made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Trustee Mause. Upon vote, Yea: Mayor Katz, Trustee Schwartz, Trustee Cherns, Trustee Mause and Trustee Krull. This motion was carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,
Camille Guido-Downey