



BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING MINUTES

September 03, 2024, at 7:00 PM

432 Route 306, Wesley Hills, NY 10952

Phone: 845-354-0400 | Fax: 845-354-4097

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
Camille Guido - Downey, Village Clerk-Treasurer

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

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Mayor Katz invited Jody Cross from Zarin & Steinmetz and Jay Golland, Village Prosecutor to attend the Executive Session.

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

No action was taken during the Executive Session.

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

ITEM #1

RESOLUTION NO. 87-24

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Trustee Schwartz made a motion to approve the minutes of August 6, 2024, seconded by Trustee Mause. Upon vote, Yea: Mayor Katz, Trustee Schwartz, Trustee Cherns, Trustee Mause, Trustee Krull. This motion was carried unanimously.

ITEM #2

DISCUSSION: AMENDMENT TO VILLAGE CODE CHAPTER 210-VEHICLES & TRAFFIC

Mayor Katz and the Village Board Members discussed Village Code Section 210.

Ben Selig, Village Attorney shared a draft of the proposed code with the previously discussed changes.

Mayor Katz and Village Board Members stated that they would like to also change the fines noted in the law under section 210-15. Mayor Katz asked the Village Attorney to research if the Village can remove the fines and place them in our fee schedule?

DISCUSSION-OVERNIGHT PARKING

Trustee Mause submitted an email to the Village Board wanting to discuss the overnight parking laws in the Village and to inquire if any Board Member is interested in eliminating this law. Trustee Mause stated that he has had a lot of residents asking him about allowing overnight parking to assist with weekend overnight guests.

Mayor Katz polled the Board Members on their interest in changing the law:

Cherns	open to discuss lifting the restrictions for the weekends only.
Mause	yes eliminate no parking law in the Village.
Schwartz	no change
Katz	no change
Krull	no change

ITEM #3

DISCUSSION: EAST WILLOW TREE & MCNAMARA ROAD INTERSECTION

Mayor Katz stated that the Village Engineer submitted a recommendation letter dated August 28, 2024, which suggests a temporary solution and a permanent one. Mayor Katz suggested that the Board consider approving the temporary solution which includes pavement markings and tree removal. Board Members are in favor of that. Mayor Katz directed the Village Clerk to contact Rockland County Highway Department and inquire if permitting is needed.

RESOLUTION NO. 88-24

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A TEMPORARY TRAFFIC SOLUTION AT THE INTERSECTION OF EAST WILLOW TREE & MCNAMARA ROAD INTERSECTION

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

RESOLVED, that the Village of Wesley Hills approves the installation of pavement markings and tree trimming at the intersection of East Willow Tree & McNamara Road as described as Option A in the Village Engineers memo dated August 28, 2024.

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

ITEM #4

RESOLUTION NO. 89-24

RESOLUTION APPROVING CONTRACT WITH PASSPORT LABS

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

RESOLVED, that the Village of Wesley Hills desires to contract with Passport Labs, Inc. to provide electronic ticket services for parking tickets is hereby approved and the Mayor of the Village of Wesley Hills is authorized to sign any required documents.

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

ITEM #5

RESOLUTION NO. 90-24

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE RELEASE OF ESCROW - 39 GLENBROOK ROAD

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

WHEREAS, on June 7, 2022, the Village Engineer recommended that Joseph & Avigail Karash post the sum of \$4,200.00 with the Village of Wesley Hills to be held in escrow for the completion of grading on the property located at 39 Glenbrook Road, and

WHEREAS, on June 14, 2022, Karash Construction Corp, on behalf of the homeowner posted said \$4,200.00, and

WHEREAS, on August 28, 2024, the Village Engineer submitted an approval letter for the release of the escrow funds in the amount of \$4,200.00, and

NOW, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Village Clerk of the Village of Wesley Hills is hereby directed to refund the sum of \$4,200.00 less the sum of \$250.00 to be retained by the Village of Wesley Hills as and for an administration fee and the sum of \$3,438.51 for professional fees resulting in a net refund to be paid to the aforesaid Karash Construction Corp in the amount of \$511.49.

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

ITEM #6

RESOLUTION NO. 91-24

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE RELEASE OF ESCROW - 110 FORSHAY ROAD

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

WHEREAS, on May 5, 2021, the Village Engineer recommended that Shimmy Enterprise, Inc. post the sum of \$1,000.00 with the Village of Wesley Hills to be held in escrow for the road opening completion for the property located at 110 Forshay Road, and

WHEREAS, on May 5, 2021, Shimmy Enterprise, Inc., on behalf of the homeowner posted said \$1,000.00, and

WHEREAS, on August 4, 2024, the Village Engineer submitted an approval letter for the release of the escrow funds in the amount of \$1,000.00, and

NOW, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Village Clerk of the Village of Wesley Hills is hereby directed to refund the sum of \$1,000.00 to be paid to the aforesaid Shimmy Enterprise, Inc.

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

ITEM #7**RESOLUTION NO. 92-24****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 #22,262 through #22,306 in the aggregate amount of \$93,696.18 as set forth in Abstract #9/24 dated September 3, 2024, 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, Trustee Krull. This motion was carried unanimously.

ITEM #8**RESOLUTION NO. 93-24****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 \$275,000 as set forth in Abstract #9/24 dated September 3, 2024, 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, Trustee Krull. This motion was carried unanimously.

ITEM #9-MAYOR'S REPORTSSidewalk Requests

Mayor Katz has stated that he has received an email from a resident requesting sidewalks on Grandview Ave. from Forshay to Martha. Mayor Katz stated that the Village will start construction next year on the sidewalks located on Willow Tree Road. The Village just received a grant for the design and construction of sidewalks on Wilder Road. The Village has planned for the next location to be Route 306 from Lime Kiln Road to Old Pomona Road. The location of Grandview Ave should be considered among other requests we have received for future sidewalks. Board Members agreed and stated that the plan could change if additional funding is received.

ITEM #9- VILLAGE CLERK/TREASURER'S REPORTS

Camille Guido-Downey reported the following:

- 97% of the Village taxes were collected. \$24,098.25 is outstanding.
- 11 complaints were received.
- Village staff transitioned to the new code enforcement program. Within the next 2-3 months we will have the website portal available for public submission.

ADJOURNMENT

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

Respectfully Submitted,
Camille Guido-Downey