



BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING MINUTES

May 06, 2025, at 7:00 PM

432 Route 306, Wesley Hills, NY 10952 (in person & zoom)

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MEMBERS' PRESENT:

Marshall Katz, Mayor
Yisroel Cherns, Trustee (zoom)
Joseph Mause, Trustee
Tova Krull, Trustee

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Milton Schwartz, Deputy Mayor

OTHERS PRESENT:

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

Mayor Katz opened the meeting at 7:05 pm followed by the pledge of allegiance.

Mayor Katz welcomed Town of Ramapo Community Police Officer Julianne Franklin, and the Board discussed overnight parking in the Village.

ITEM #1

RESOLUTION NO. 41-25

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Trustee Mause made a motion to approve the minutes of April 1, 2025, seconded by Trustee Krull. Upon vote, Yea: Mayor Katz, Trustee Mause, Trustee Cherns and Trustee Krull. This motion was carried unanimously.

ITEM #2

RESOLUTION NO. 42-25

RESOLUTION LEVYING TAXES

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

WHEREAS, a resolution is needed to levy the total taxes and other charges extended and levied against each parcel of real property shown on the tax roll prepared and verified by the assessors for the 2025-2026 fiscal year.

RESOLVED, that there be levied and assessed against the real property in the Village of Wesley Hills for the following sums for Village government and other charges for the fiscal year 2025-2026 with the tax rate of \$7.3259 per \$1,000.00 of assessed valuation.

General Fund: \$903,363.00

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this information shall be published by the Village Clerk in the manner provided by law.

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

ITEM #3

RESOLUTION NO. 43-25

RESOLUTION ADOPTING THE REVISED FEE SCHEDULE

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

RESOLVED, that the Village of Wesley Hills Fee Schedule was last amended on January 3, 2023, be and the same is hereby further amended with respect to the copy of the most recent revised fee schedule dated May 6, 2025, is incorporated by reference.

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

ITEM #4

RESOLUTION NO. 44-25

RESOLUTION APPROVING THE REDUCTION IN ESCROW FOR 89/91 SPOOK ROCK ROAD

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

WHEREAS, in December of 2023, Zahav Group Inc. entered into an Escrow Agreement with the Village of Wesley Hills pursuant to which the sum of \$37,000.00 was deposited with the Village of Wesley Hills to be held in escrow pursuant to the terms of said Escrow Agreement, and

WHEREAS, by letter dated September 30, 2024, the Village Engineer of the Village of Wesley Hills has recommended the release of the amount of \$22,500.00 as the landscaping requirement has been removed from the approved subdivision plan, and

NOW, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Village Clerk of the Village of Wesley Hills is hereby directed to refund the aforementioned escrow fund in the sum of \$22,500.00 less the sum of \$250.00 to be retained by the Village of Wesley Hills as and for an administration fee and the amount of \$6,817.33 in professional fees resulting in a net refund to be paid to the aforesaid Zahav Group Inc. in the amount of \$15,432.67.

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

ITEM #5

RESOLUTION NO. 45-25

RESOLUTION APPROVING THE CONTRACT WITH BARTON & LOGUIDICE PC FOR ENGINEERING SERVICES FOR THE WESLEY CHAPEL CULVERT REPLACEMENT

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

RESOLVED, that the proposed contract between the Village of Wesley Hills and Barton & Loguidice to provide engineering services for the Wesley Chapel Road Culvert Grant for the Village of Wesley Hills, 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 Mause, Trustee Cherns and Trustee Krull. This motion was carried unanimously.

ITEM #6 **RESOLUTION NO. 46-25**
RESOLUTION APPROVING THE VILLAGE OF WESLEY HILLS CAFETERIA PLAN
INCLUDING A FLEXIBLE SPENDING PLAN

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

WHEREAS, the Village of Wesley Hills has contracted with Prime Pay for the development of a Cafeteria Plan including a Flexible Spending Plan for the staff at the Village of Wesley Hills, and a copy of which is made a part of the minutes of this Board, and

WHEREAS, said plan is effective as of June 1, 2025, and

RESOLVED, that the form of amended Cafeteria Plan including a Health Flexible Spending Account effective June 1, 2025, presented to this meeting is hereby approved and adopted and that the Mayor is hereby authorized and directed to execute and deliver to the Administrator of the Plan one or more counterparts of the Plan.

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

ITEM #7 **RESOLUTION NO. 47-25**
RESOLUTION APPROVING ABSTRACT OF FUNDS

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

RESOLVED, that the general fund claims #22,859 through #23,011 in the aggregate amount of \$140,108.58 as set forth in Abstract #5/25 dated May 6, 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 Mause, Trustee Cherns and Trustee Krull. This motion was carried unanimously.

ITEM #8 **RESOLUTION NO. 48-25**
RESOLUTION APPROVING TRANSFER OF FUNDS

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

RESOLVED, that the transfers in the aggregate amount of \$150,000.00 as set forth in Abstract #5/25 dated May 6, 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 Mause, Trustee Cherns and Trustee Krull. This motion was carried unanimously.

ITEM #9

DISCUSSION: CREATION OF SECRETARY FOR PLANNING & ZONING BOARD POSITION

Mayor Katz stated that the Village Clerk has contacted RC Personnel and was provided with a job description for a Planning & Zoning Secretary position. The Board discussed salary and directed the Village Clerk to submit the required PO27 to the County of Rockland for processing.

ITEM #10

MAYOR'S REPORTS

Finklestein Library

Mayor Katz stated that he had a meeting with the Library Director, and they are looking to create a satellite location and wanted to consider the possibility of doing so at Village Hall . This location may have a smaller collection of book , more drop off and pick up lockers, 2 staff members, classes etc. If the library budget is passed, \$50,000 will be used to explore this possibility. Mayor Katz stated that he had discussed with the Director three possible locations on Village Hall property.

Speed Tables

Mayor Katz stated that the Town of Ramapo has order samples of the speed tables that they suggest that the Village use. Once we receive the samples, Mayor Katz will advise the Board.

County of Rockland Sidewalk Funding

Mayor Katz stated that the County of Rockland has reserved \$60M for sidewalks on County roadways. The County will be providing funding to the jurisdictions for their construction of sidewalks on County roadways. If the legislation passes, the Village of Wesley Hills is scheduled to receive \$1.7M. Mayor Katz stated that he has requested the Village Engineer to provide pricing on some County roads. Mayor Katz stated that once he has more information from the County he will share.

Willow Tree Park Update

Mayor Katz stated that he has touched base with the Town to get an update on the Town park upgrade. Mayor Katz stated that the Village is waiting for an overall plan on the playground, additional walking paths and pond restoration.

ITEM #11

VILLAGE CLERK/TREASURER'S REPORT

Camille Guido-Downey reported the following items to the Village Board:

1. Seven complaints were received this month.
2. We are now entering tax time.
3. Completed minor Village Hall repairs.
4. Carpet installation in the Court Room will take place later this month.
5. We are currently out for bid for the Village Park Improvements which includes a new pathway connecting the new subdivision to the existing walking path in the park, new benches, fence repair, drainage grates, bridge replacement and some areas of path restoration.

6. 24 building permits have been issued for the month of April.
7. On May 19, 2025, the NYS Parks Department will announce parks grant for equipment. One the announcement is out and the supporting documentation we will know if this grant will work for the Village.

Trustee Mause stated that he and Trustee Cherns had a meeting with the Village Engineer to discuss building permit activities. The Board discussed a summit event to be held with contractors and engineers to reintroduce our staff, engineer and discuss the procedures and requirements for building in the Village. Village Clerk will organize a meeting.

Trustee Mause stated that he has received several requests for stop signs in the Village. Trustee Mause stated that he advised the residents to start a petition and submit it to the Mayor for action.

ADJOURNMENT

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

Respectfully submitted,
Camille Guido-Downey