



BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING MINUTES

January 07, 2025, 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 (late)
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. 01-25

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Trustee Schwartz made a motion to approve the minutes of December 3, 2024, seconded by Trustee Mause. Upon vote, Yea: Mayor Katz, Trustee Schwartz, Trustee Cherns, Trustee Mause and Trustee Krull. This motion was carried unanimously.

ITEM #2

DISCUSSION: WESLEY CHAPEL CULVERT RFQ

Mayor Katz stated the Village received a grant from the NYSDOT in the amount of \$699,000 several years ago for the construction of a replacement culvert on Wesley Chapel Road. NYSDOT was in charge of the design and construction. After bidding out the job, the Village determined there was not enough funds to cover this project. At NYSDOT urging the Village last year applied for a BridgeNY grant and was awarded \$1.5 million to cover the culvert replacement. The Village sent out a request for qualifications to engineering companies to confirm the design, bid the construction job and oversee the construction. The Village has received two RFQs from engineering firms and Mayor Katz asked for two board members in addition to himself, to volunteer to review the RFQs and make a recommendation to the Village Board. Trustee Cherns & Trustee Krull have volunteered.

ITEM #3

RESOLUTION NO. 02-25

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE RELEASE OF ROAD OPENING ESCROW - 12 DIKE DRIVE

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

WHEREAS, on December 14, 2023, Michael & Adina Finkelstein posted an escrow with the Village of Wesley Hills in the amount of \$5,000.00 to be held in escrow pursuant to the terms of a road opening permit #2023-52, and

WHEREAS, by email dated December 4, 2024, the Village Engineer of the Village of Wesley Hills recommended the release of the escrow fund to Michael & Adina Finkelstein, and

NOW, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Village Clerk of the Village of Wesley Hills is hereby directed to refund the balance of the aforementioned escrow fund in the sum of \$5,000.00 to the aforesaid Michael & Adina Finkelstein.

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

ITEM #4 **RESOLUTION NO. 03-25**
RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CONTRACT WITH LIMNOLOGY FOR THE 2025 VILLAGE PARK POND TREATMENT

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

RESOLVED, that the proposal submitted from Limnology Information & Freshwater Ecology Inc. for treatment of the Village pond, 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.

ITEM #5 **RESOLUTION NO. 04-25**
RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE REVISIONS TO THE WILLOW TREE SIDEWALK PLANS

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

WHEREAS, the Village of Wesley Hills Village Board has been notified that the Town of Ramapo has taken an initiative to install sidewalks in front of all their parks located in the Town, and

WHEREAS, there is a park located on Willow Tree Road which is owned by the Town of Ramapo, and they will be installing sidewalks on the south side of Willow Tree Road from Dike Drive to Forshay Road, and

WHEREAS, the Village has been awarded federal funding for the installation of sidewalks on the north side of Willow Tree Road, and

WHEREAS, considering the Town's project, the Village of Wesley Hills will be revising its plans to eliminate sidewalks on Willow Tree Road on the north side from Dike Drive to the roundabout.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Village of Wesley Hills in conjunction with our Engineer and the New York State Department of Transportation will revise the design plans for sidewalks on Willow Tree Road to reflect the sidewalks being installed by the Town of Ramapo, and

FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED, that the Mayor is authorized to indicate any approval and/or acceptance of such revisions 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.

ITEM #6

RESOLUTION NO. 05-25

RESOLUTION APPROVING ABSTRACTS OF AUDITED CLAIMS

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

RESOLVED, that the general fund claims, #22,578 through #22,644 in the aggregate amount of \$161,575.46 as set forth in Abstract #1/25 dated January 7, 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. 06-25

RESOLUTION APPROVING TRANSFER OF FUNDS

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

RESOLVED, that the transfers in the aggregate amount of \$180,000.00 as set forth in Abstract #1/25 dated January 7, 2025, a copy of which abstract of audited claims is made a part of the Minutes of this Board, are hereby approved.

DISCUSSION

Mayor Katz stated that the Village has funds in the M&T account for the performance escrow account and would like to move those funds to NYCLASS to take advantage of the interest rates. Board Members are in favor. Funds will be moved and included retroactively on next month's abstract.

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

ITEM #8

MAYOR'S REPORT

Willow Tree Park

Mayor Katz stated that he has drafted a letter to the residents for the public informational meeting, he is waiting on dates from the Town.

.GOV Accounts

Mayor Katz stated that NYS is requiring all municipalities to have .gov websites. Mayor Katz has started that process to obtain wesleyhill.gov.

ITEM #9

VILLAGE CLERK-TREASURER'S REPORT

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

- Color renderings of the proposed landscaping for the front of Village Hall. Mr. Steve Griggs of Steve Griggs Design has donated those color renderings to the Village. Board Members were impressed with the drawings and look forward to reviewing the bids that are received. The number of proposed benches will be reduced to 1 bench and the flagstone work will be limited to the walkway to the building (excluding the sidewalk by the parking lot).
- NYS Archives grants applications are available and the Village will be applying for funds for a content management program. We have a quote from Laserfiche that we are interested in for this project.
- Village Blood Drive will be March 3 from 1-7. The Village hopes to partner with Spring Hill and Feist Ambulance to increase donors.
- The new electronic ticketing system is up and running. Currently adjusting monthly report layouts.

OPEN FLOOR: PUBLIC DISCUSSION

Mr. & Mrs. Gold were present and discussed the Willow Tree Sidewalks and the Wilder Road Sidewalk Plans.

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