



BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING MINUTES

June 10, 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
Camille Guido - Downey, Village Clerk-Treasurer

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

ITEM #1

RESOLUTION NO. 48-25

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Trustee Cherns made a motion to approve the minutes of May 6, 2025, seconded by Trustee Krull. Upon vote, Yea: Mayor Katz, Trustee Schwartz, Trustee Mause, Trustee Cherns and Trustee Krull. This motion was carried unanimously.

OPEN FLOOR: PUBLIC DISCUSSION

Mayor Katz welcomed David Steiner, 19 Lime Kiln Road who stated that he is present to discuss the speed bumps that were installed last year in the Pomona Heights neighborhood. Mr. Steiner stated that the speed bumps did not reduce speeding in the area. Mr. Steiner stated that the Village Board may want to look at other methods to reduce speeding in the area such as stop signs. Mayor Katz stated that after the speed bumps were removed for the winter months, he sent out a survey to the residents in the area and the responses were they are too noisy, not reducing the speeding, and do not reinstall. Board Members are in favor of not reinstalling them and having the Village Engineer review the area for other methods to reduce the speeding such as stop signs. Mayor Katz requested the Village Clerk to relay the information to the Village Engineer for a recommendation.

ITEM #2

RESOLUTION NO. 49-25

RESOLUTION AWARD OF BID-GREG SIKORSKY PARK IMPROVEMENTS

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

WHEREAS, the Village of Wesley Hills has received bids for the expansion of walking trails of approximately 470 linear feet, varying in width, of stone to connect the existing walking trails which includes clearing and grubbing of existing vegetation, installation of new bench, repairs to existing walking paths to accommodate connection, drainage improvements to maintain existing drainage patterns, and other associated work as shown on the Improvement Plans, and

WHEREAS, further included as Alternate Bid #1 is improvement of existing park features, repair damaged existing chain link fence, reset/repair damaged 18" RC pipe and associated flared end section, installation of rip rap apron for outlet protection, removal and replacement of damaged park benches, repair eroded existing walking trail, clearing existing pond outlet structure/pipe, retrofit trash guard to existing pond outlet structure, and other associated work as shown on the Improvement Plans, and

WHEREAS, lastly included as Alternate Bid #2 is the removal and replacement of a damaged wooden pedestrian footbridge, and

WHEREAS, the Village of Wesley Hills has received a review letter from the Village Engineer dated June 2, 2025, which states that two bids were received for the above-mentioned work and has recommended the Village to award the base bid and alternate #1 and #2 to Belleville Landscaping Inc, as the lowest responsible bidder, and

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Village of Wesley Hills hereby awards the bid for the Greg Sikorsky Park Improvements to Bellville Landscaping Inc, and the Mayor is authorized to execute same.

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

ITEM #3

RESOLUTION NO. 50-25

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CREATION OF SECRETARY FOR PLANNING AND ZONING BOARDS POSITION

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

WHEREAS, the Village of Wesley has decided to expand the staff by creating a part time position of Secretary for Planning & Zoning Boards at a rate of \$35 p/h; and

WHEREAS, the County of Rockland Department of Personnel has approved the title and job description in accordance with the NYS Civil Service Laws, and

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the creation of Secretary for Planning & Zoning Boards is hereby approved and the Mayor is authorized to sign any required documents.

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

ITEM #4

RESOLUTION NO. 51-25

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE SUBMISSION OF A GRANT FOR THE REPLACEMENT OF PLAYGROUND EQUIPMENT AND RELATED AMENITIES IN GREG SIKORSKY CHILDREN’S PARK

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

WHEREAS, The Village of Wesley Hills is seeking to replace playground equipment at the Greg Sikorsky Children’s Park, and is taking the following actions:

RESOLVED, the Village of Wesley Hills has applied for financial assistance from the New York State Office of Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation (“OPRHP”) under the **Title 9 of the Environmental Protection Act of 1993** for the purpose of Installing Playground Equipment and related amenities in Greg Sikorsky Park;

RESOLVED: that the Village of Wesley Hills is authorized and directed to accept these grant funds in an amount not to exceed \$250,000 for the project described in the grant application;

RESOLVED, that the Village of Wesley Hills has hereby determined that the proposed project is a Type II Action which will not have a significant impact on the environment as defined in the New York State Environmental Quality Review Act (SEQRA) and does not require any further environmental review under SEQRA;

RESOLVED, that Village of Wesley Hills is authorized and directed to agree to the terms and conditions of the State of New York Contract for Grants ("Contract") with OPRHP for such improvements to Greg Sikorsky Park;

RESOLVED, that the Village of Wesley Hills is authorized and directed to agree to the terms and conditions of any required deed of easement granted to OPRHP that affects title to real property owned by the municipality and improved by the grant funds, which may be a duly recorded public access covenant, conservation easement, and/or preservation covenant; and

RESOLVED, that the governing body of the municipality delegates signing authority to execute the Contract and any amendments thereto, any required deed of easement, and any other certifications to the individuals who hold the following elected or appointed municipal office and employment position titles: Mayor and Village Attorney.

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

ITEM #5 **RESOLUTION NO. 52-25**
RESOLUTION REQUESTING DESIGNATION OF THE VILLAGE OF WESLEY HILLS AS A GREENWAY COMMUNITY

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

WHEREAS, the Hudson River Valley Greenway Act (hereinafter, the “Greenway Act”) Chapter 748 of the Laws of 1991, has as a legislative goal the establishment of the Greenway Compact, a process

for voluntary regional cooperative and decision-making among the communities of the Hudson River Valley, and

WHEREAS, the process and programs that will comprise the Compact are under development, and

WHEREAS, communities may participate in the initiation and implementation of the compact process, and

WHEREAS, the Village of Wesley Hills is situated in the Greenway area as it was officially designated in the Greenway Act, and

WHEREAS, the Greenway Act permits the Hudson River Valley Greenway Communities Council (hereinafter the “Council”), and the Greenway Conservancy for the Hudson River Valley, Inc. (hereinafter the “Conservancy”) to assist communities in developing local planning and projects related to the five criteria contained in the Greenway Act; nature and cultural resource protection, regional planning, economic development (including tourism, agriculture and urban redevelopment), enhancing public access to the Hudson River and heritage and environmental education, and

WHEREAS, communities can become eligible to receive technical and financial assistance from Greenway, and

WHEREAS, community participation in the Greenway planning process is voluntary, and

WHEREAS, the Greenway Act does not supersede or change the powers that the State has previously granted municipal governments under the New York State Constitution, the Municipal Home Rule Law or pursuant to the various municipal enabling acts, and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED AS FOLLOWS, the Village of Wesley Hills supports the criteria contained in the Greenway Act and the process by which the Compact will be achieved, the Village of Wesley Hills endorses the designation of the Village of Wesley Hills by the Greenway Council and Conservancy as a Greenway Community.

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

ITEM #6

RESOLUTION NO. 52-25

RESOLUTION APPROVING STANDARD WORKDAY FOR VILLAGE EMPLOYEES FOR THE NEW YORK STATE AND LOCAL RETIREMENT SYSTEM.

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

RESOLVED, that the Standard Workday Resolution for Employees and Reporting Resolution for Elected and Appointed Officials, copies of which are made a part of the Minutes of this Board, are hereby approved, and the Village Clerk is authorized to execute said documents on behalf of the Village of Wesley Hills.

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

ITEM #7
RESOLUTION APPROVING ABSTRACT OF FUNDS

RESOLUTION NO. 53-25

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

RESOLVED, that the general fund claims #23,036 through #23,142 in the aggregate amount of \$244,291.81 as set forth in Abstract #6/25 dated June 10, 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 Mause, Trustee Cherns and Trustee Krull. This motion was carried unanimously.

ITEM #8
RESOLUTION APPROVING TRANSFER OF FUNDS

RESOLUTION NO. 54-25

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

RESOLVED, that the transfers in the aggregate amount of \$240,000 as set forth in Abstract #6/25 dated June 10, 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 Mause, Trustee Cherns and Trustee Krull. This motion was carried unanimously.

MAYOR'S REPORTS

Willow Tree Park

Mayor Katz stated that he had a meeting with the Town Supervisor and he has been advised that an overall plan will be developed by the Town Engineer that will show all the improvements to the Park that the Town is proposing. When the plan is received, we will be able to see what is included. Trustee Krull stated that she hopes it includes some landscaping, more pathways, and replacements of the broken benches. Mayor Katz suggested that Trustee Krull and he meet at the park on Friday to review the situation in the park.

Route 306 & Grandview Ave

Mayor Katz stated that he has reached out to our representatives, Senator Weber & Assemblyman Brabenec to assist the Village with adding a turning lane or an arrow to the light to accommodate the traffic. This item was also discussed with the Town Supervisor and will be part of a meeting with Town and State officials in the near future.

Spook Rock Sewer Extension

Mayor Katz stated that the Town will be looking into this extension based on the request from the residents in that area.

Route 202/Lime Kiln/Spook Rock Intersection

Mayor Katz stated that the Village will join a meeting with the Town and the State officials in the near future to discuss this project.

NYS Budget

Mayor Katz stated that the State has approved their budget, and the Village is allocated to receive an additional \$16,194.

Road Paving

Mayor Katz stated that the Village will be paving the following roads starting June 27, 2025:
Lois, Auburn, Rosewood, Plumbush, Cottonwood

Village Website Training

Mayor Katz stated that he and the Village Clerk attended the first training session. We do not have a go live date yet.

Laserfiche Training

Mayor Katz stated that he and the Village Clerk attended the first training session. We do not have a go live date yet.

VILLAGE CLERK/TREASURER REPORTS

Camille Guido Downey reported that the Village collected 15% (\$135,000, 237 payments) in the first 10 days of collection. The Village received 34 complaints last month. The Village has submitted a grant for the MS4 mapping in the amount of \$75,000. The Justice Court received a grant for new carpet which was installed.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

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

No action was taken in the Executive Session.

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

ADJOURNMENT

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

Respectfully submitted,
Camille Guido-Downey