



BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING MINUTES

January 02, 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
Ed McPherson, Deputy Mayor
Milton Schwartz, Trustee
Yisroel Cherns, Trustee (Zoom)

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Ruth Ivey, Trustee

OTHERS PRESENT:

Benjamin Selig, Esq. 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 #01-24

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Trustee Schwartz made a motion to approve the minutes of December 5, 2023, seconded by Trustee Cherns. Upon vote, Yea: Mayor Katz, Trustee McPherson, Trustee Cherns, Trustee Schwartz, this motion was carried unanimously.

ITEM #2

RESOLUTION #02-24

RESOLUTION APPROVING THE PROPOSAL FROM WESTON & SAMPSON FOR THE SURVEYING SERVICES FOR THE WILDER ROAD SIDEWALK PROJECT

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

RESOLVED, that the proposal submitted from Weston & Sampson for Surveying Services for the Wilder Road Sidewalk Project, 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.

Discussion:

Mayor Katz stated that to be competitive in the grant, the Village needs ROW surveying work done.

Upon vote, Yea: Mayor Katz, Trustee McPherson, Trustee Cherns, Trustee Schwartz, this motion was carried unanimously.

ITEM #3

RESOLUTION #03-24

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE VILLAGE OF WESLEY HILLS FUNDING
COMMITMENT TO THE WILDER ROAD SIDEWALK PROJECT**

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

WHEREAS, the Village of Wesley Hills herein called the "Municipality", located at 432 Route 306, Wesley Hills, New York 10952, and

WHEREAS, After thorough consideration of the various aspects of the problem and study of available data, has hereby determined that certain work, as described in its application and attachments, herein called the "Project", is desirable, is in the public interest, and is required in order to implement the Project; and

WHEREAS, The New York State Department of Transportation has made funds available from the Federal Highway Administration through the Transportation Alternatives Program to support bicycle, pedestrian, multi-use path projects and programs and expand opportunities for transportation choices beyond traditional highway programs; and

WHEREAS, the activities of the Project herein improve mobility, provide safe routes for pedestrians to access daily needs, public transportation and recreational opportunities, enhance the character of the village, contribute to its revitalization, and further the Village of Wesley Hill's plans for a continuous ADA-compliant sidewalk system on heavily-trafficked streets with extensive foot traffic providing not only for the safety of residents and visitors but also reducing vehicular traffic.

WHEREAS, the Municipality deems it to be in the public interest and benefit under these acts to authorize and direct Marshall Katz, as Mayor of the Village of Wesley Hills, New York, to file an application for funds to the New York State Department of Transportation, Transportation Alternatives Program.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees of the Village of Wesley Hills:

1. That Marshall Katz, as Mayor, is hereby authorized to file an application for funding in support of the design and construction of an ADA-compliant sidewalk system path system on Wilder Road Tree from the roundabout at Willow Tree Road to Lime Kiln Road.
2. That the Municipality agrees that it will fund as a match at least 25% of the cost of the Project, and that funds will be available to initiate the Project's field work upon execution of a contract with New York State Department of Transportation.

Discussion:

Mayor Katz stated that this resolution is to show the State that the Village supports the application and will allocate funding if awarded.

Upon vote, Yea: Mayor Katz, Trustee McPherson, Trustee Cherns, Trustee Schwartz, this motion was carried unanimously.

ITEM #4**RESOLUTION #04-24****RESOLUTION APPROVING THE PROPOSAL FROM ENVIRONMENTAL CONSTRUCTION FOR DRAINAGE WORK AT 6 PEARL DRIVE**

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

RESOLVED, that the proposal submitted from Environmental Construction for Drainage Work located at 6 Pearl Drive, 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.

Discussion:

Mayor Katz stated that he received notification from Veolia that they would investigate the issue and to date the Village has not received any further information and the residents are experiencing damage to their driveway. Trustee McPherson questioned if the work is in the ROW? Mayor Katz answered yes.

Upon vote, Yea: Mayor Katz, Trustee McPherson, Trustee Cherns, Trustee Schwartz, this motion was carried unanimously.

ITEM #5**RESOLUTION #05-24****RESOLUTION APPROVING THE PROPOSAL FROM LIMNOLOGY INFORMATION & FRESHWATER ECOLOGY INC. FOR THE TREATMENT OF THE VILLAGE POND**

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

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 McPherson, Trustee Cherns, Trustee Schwartz, this motion was carried unanimously.

ITEM #6**RESOLUTION #06-24****RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE RELEASE OF ESCROW FUNDS FOR 526 ROUTE 306**

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

WHEREAS, on March 2, 2015, the Village Engineer recommended that St. James Marthoma Church post the sum of \$9,500.00 with the Village of Wesley Hills to be held in escrow for the completion of a parsonage at 526 Route 306, and

WHEREAS, on September 13, 2019, the Village refunded the amount \$8,000.00 which left a remaining balance of \$1,500.00, and

WHEREAS, by letter dated December 1, 2023, the Village received notification that the project has been abandoned and the property has been sold.

NOW, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Village Clerk of the Village of Wesley Hills is hereby

directed to refund the sum of \$1,500.00 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 \$34.50 for professional fees resulting in a net refund to be paid to the aforesaid St. James Marthoma Church in the amount of \$1,215.50.

Upon vote, Yea: Mayor Katz, Trustee McPherson, Trustee Cherns, Trustee Schwartz, this motion was carried unanimously.

ITEM #7 **RESOLUTION #07-24**
RESOLUTION APPROVING ABSTRACTS OF AUDITED CLAIMS

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

RESOLVED, that the general fund claims, #21,467 through #21,518 in the aggregate amount of \$91,054.62 as set forth in Abstract #1/24 dated January 2, 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 McPherson, Trustee Cherns, Trustee Schwartz, this motion was carried unanimously.

ITEM #8 **RESOLUTION #08-24**
RESOLUTION APPROVING TRANSFER OF FUNDS

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

RESOLVED, that the transfers in the aggregate amount of \$150,000.00 as set forth in Abstract #1/24 dated January 2, 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 McPherson, Trustee Cherns, Trustee Schwartz, this motion was carried unanimously.

ITEM #9-DISCUSSION: FACULTY HOUSING LAW

Mayor Katz stated that Mr. Selig has provided the draft law for the Boards review. Mayor Katz noted that the Major Road requirement was removed from this law in the latest revision. He speculated that this is because the law concerning school locations itself requires them to be on a Major Road, so that it was unnecessary to repeat it in this law. The Village Clerk was asked to clarify this and bring it to the attention of Frank Brown.

ITEM #10-MAYOR'S REPORTS

Speed Bumps – Pomona Heights

Mayor Katz reminded the Board that they received a request for speed bumps in the Pomona Heights area to address the speeding of vehicles and buses. The price per bump is \$109 and the cost for installation from the Town of Ramapo is \$100 per hour per person. Mayor Katz stated that the cost of signage was not provided. Mayor Katz and Board Members directed the Village Clerk to have the Village Engineer look at the locations of where the bumps should be located and signage.

Lime Kiln/Wilder Intersection

Mayor Katz stated that he forwarded an article to the County Superintendent that the traffic manual is being changed to allow for four way stop signs. Mayor Katz stated that he will follow up this week.

Harriet Lane/Skylark Drive

Mayor Katz stated that he received an email that there is no stop sign or yield sign at the end of Harriet & Skylark. Board Members agreed and directed the Village Clerk to speak with the Village Engineer about location.

Terrace Road Flooding

Mayor Katz stated that the Village is having the line tv' d on 1/4/24 to ensure that there is no break in the line.

Timber Trail Flooding

Mayor Katz stated that he received a report from the Village Engineer and will review and report back to the Board.

ITEM #10- VILLAGE CLERK/TREASURER'S REPORTS

Camille Guido-Downey stated that the Village received eleven complaints last month. The Village has also submitted the grant applications for Wilder Road sidewalks and the BridgeNY grant.

ADJOURNMENT

Trustee Cherns made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Trustee Schwartz. Upon vote, Yea: Mayor Katz, Trustee McPherson, Trustee Cherns, Trustee Schwartz, this motion was carried unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,
Camille Guido-Downey