



BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING MINUTES

December 05, 2023 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, Trustee
Yisroel Cherns, Trustee
Ruth Ivey, Trustee

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Ed McPherson, Deputy Mayor

OTHERS PRESENT:

Ben Selig, Village Attorney-Via Zoom
Camille Guido - Downey, Village Clerk-Treasurer

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

ITEM #1

RESOLUTION #138-23

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Trustee Cherns made a motion to approve the minutes of November 2, 2023, seconded by Trustee Schwartz. Upon vote, Yea: Mayor Katz, Trustee Cherns, Trustee Schwartz, Trustee Ivey this motion was carried unanimously.

ITEM #2

PUBLIC HEARING ON PROPOSAL LOCAL LAW ENTITLED, "A LOCAL LAW AMENDING THE CODE OF THE VILLAGE OF WESLEY HILLS TO REVISE THE ZONING LAW IN RELATION TO THE SIGN PERMITS."

Trustee Schwartz made a motion to open the public hearing, seconded by Trustee Cherns. Upon vote, Yea: Mayor Katz, Trustee Cherns, Trustee Schwartz, Trustee Ivey this motion was carried unanimously.

No one from the public wished to speak.

Trustee Cherns made a motion to close the public hearing, seconded by Trustee Schwartz. Upon vote, Yea: Mayor Katz, Trustee Cherns, Trustee Schwartz, Trustee Ivey this motion was carried unanimously.

ITEM #3

RESOLUTION #139-23

RESOLUTION ADOPTION OF LOCAL LAW NO. 3 OF 2023 IN RELATION TO SIGN PERMITS

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

RESOLVED, that the proposed Local Law entitled, “A Local Law Amending the Zoning Code of the Village of Wesley Hills in Relation Sign Permits,” a copy of which is made a part of the Minutes of this Board, is hereby approved, and enacted as Local Law No. 3 of 2023.

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

ITEM #4

RESOLUTION #140-23

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE VILLAGE CLERK TO PUBLISH A NOTICE STATING THE DATE OF THE VILLAGE ELECTION, THE POLLING PLACE, THE OFFICES TO BE FILLED AND THE TERMS THEREOF.

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

RESOLVED, that the Village Clerk of the Village of Wesley Hills is hereby authorized and directed to publish a Public Notice stating the date of the Village Election, namely, Tuesday, March 19, 2024; the polling place for said election, namely, for the entire Village of Wesley Hills as the Village Hall, 432 Route 306; the hours during which the polls shall be open, namely from 6:00 am until 9:00 pm, and the offices to be filled at said election, namely, Mayor – 4 year term, Trustee – 4 year term, and Trustee – 4 year term.

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

ITEM #5

RESOLUTION #141-23

RESOLUTION APPROVING THE PROPERTY MAINTENANCE PROPOSAL FROM EXTREME ROCK FOR PROPERTY MAINTENANCE OF GREGORY SIKORSKY PARK, VILLAGE HALL AND VILLAGE OWED PROPERTY

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

WHEREAS, the Village of Wesley Hills sent a Request for Proposals for the maintenance of Gregory Sikorsky Park, Village Hall, and Village Owned Property, and

WHEREAS, Request for Proposals were due to the Village on November 30, 2023, at 2pm, and

WHEREAS, the lowest and responsible proposal for maintenance of Gregory Sikorsky Park, Village Hall and Village Owned Property was Extreme Rock, and

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the proposal from Extreme Rock for the maintenance of Gregory Sikorsky Park, Village Hall and Village Owned Property in the Village of Wesley Hills, a copy of which is made a part of the minutes of this Board, is hereby approved, and accepted, and the Mayor is authorized to indicate such approval and acceptance by signing same on behalf of the Village of Wesley Hills.

Discussion:

Mayor Katz stated that the Village received 5 proposals for property maintenance. The lowest bidder is our current contractor at \$18,000 per year and this is for a three-year contract. The next lowest bidder was Ferguson Landscaping at \$31,500.

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

ITEM #6

RESOLUTION #142-23

RESOLUTION APPROVING THE SNOWPLOWING AND SHOVELING PROPOSAL FROM EXTREME ROCK FOR THE SNOWPLOWING AND SHOVELING OF THE VILLAGE HALL AND VILLAGE OWNED PROPERTY

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

WHEREAS, the Village of Wesley Hills sent a Request for Proposals for the Snowplowing and Shoveling of the Village Hall and Village Owned Property, and

WHEREAS, Request for Proposals were due to the Village on November 30, 2023, at 2pm, and

WHEREAS, the lowest and responsible proposal for Snowplowing and Shoveling of the Village Hall and Village Owned Property was Extreme Rock, and

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the proposal from Extreme Rock for the Snowplowing and Shoveling of the Village Hall and Village Owned Property in the Village of Wesley Hills, a copy of which is made a part of the minutes of this Board, is hereby approved, and accepted, and the Mayor is authorized to indicate such approval and acceptance by signing same on behalf of the Village of Wesley Hills.

Discussion:

Mayor Katz stated that the Village received 2 proposals for snowplowing. The lowest bidder is our current contractor at \$5,400 per year and this is for a three-year contract. The next lowest bidder was Ferguson Landscaping at \$14,800.

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

ITEM #7

RESOLUTION #143-23

RESOLUTION APPROVING INDEMNIFICATION & HOLD HARMLESS AGREEMENT FOR 7 HARRIET LANE

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

RESOLVED, that the Indemnification and Hold Harmless Agreement between the Village of Wesley Hills and Jack Koschitzki, 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 Agreement by signing same on behalf of the Village of Wesley Hills.

Discussion:

Mayor Katz stated that he has visited the location, and the curbing is aligned with the rest of the curbs on the street.

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

ITEM #8

RESOLUTION #144-23

RESOLUTION APPROVING ABSTRACTS OF AUDITED CLAIMS

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

RESOLVED, that the general fund claims, #21382 through #21460 in the aggregate amount of \$155,599.76 as set forth in Abstract #12/23 dated December 5, 2023, 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 Cherns, Trustee Schwartz, Trustee Ivey this motion was carried unanimously.

ITEM #9

RESOLUTION #145-23

RESOLUTION APPROVING TRANSFER OF FUNDS

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

RESOLVED, that the transfers in the aggregate amount of \$150,000.00 as set forth in Abstract #12/23 dated December 5, 2023, 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 Cherns, Trustee Schwartz, Trustee Ivey this motion was carried unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS

RESOLUTION #146-23

RESOLUTION APPROVING SPEED BUMPS ON WILLOW TREE ROAD

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

WHEREAS, the Village of Wesley Hills and the Town of Ramapo has received many speeding complaints on Willow Tree Road from residents and the Ramapo Police Department, and

WHEREAS, the Town of Ramapo and the Village are researching a more permanent solution, and are offering this solution as a temporary one to mitigate the speeding on Willow Tree Road and both parties fully understand that this is a test as to whether these speed bumps will help with the issue, and

WHEREAS, the Town of Ramapo has agreed to pay for the speed bumps, install three (3) temporary speed bumps, any associated signage on Willow Tree Road, and maintain the speed bumps in the Village of Wesley Hills, and

WHEREAS, the three (3) temporary speed bumps and associated signage on Willow Tree Road will be located from the roundabout to Grandview Avenue, as per the attached plan dated October 6, 2023, and

WHEREAS, the Town of Ramapo has agreed to further remove these temporary speed bumps prior to the expected winter storms and further reinstall them after such storms while they are in use, and

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Village of Wesley Hills agrees to allow the Town of Ramapo to pay 100% of the cost of three speed bumps, install and maintain them as described in the above resolution and in the locations shown on the attached plan dated October 6, 2023, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Village conditions the approval that the Town of Ramapo holds the Village of Wesley Hills, it's agents and employees harmless with respect to any claims of injuries to property or persons with relation to the speed bumps on Willow Tree Road.

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

REPORTS – MAYOR

Willow Tree Road Public Meeting

Mayor Katz reminded the Board that tomorrow 12/6/23 at 7pm, the Village is having a public meeting to discuss the proposed sidewalks on Willow Tree Road.

Blood Drive

Mayor Katz stated that with the help of Jonathan Gewirtz, the Village partnered with the NY Blood Center for our first blood drive. The event is scheduled for Monday, December 18, 2023, from 1-7 at Village Hall.

Wesley Chapel Culvert

Mayor Katz stated that the Village has not acted upon the grant we were awarded in 2020 as bids received for construction was for twice the amount awarded. NYSDOT has contacted the Village and suggested that the Village consider applying for the new Bridge NY in the maximum amount of \$1.5 million. Brooker Engineering has completed the bid documents for the restoration of the culvert. Board Members stated that they feel that the Village should apply for the grant and see what happens and hold off on the bid from Brooker's office.

TAP Grant

Mayor Katz stated that the staff has submitted a pre-application for sidewalks on Wilder Road.

Lime Kiln/Wilder Intersection

Mayor Katz stated that he has not received a response from the Rockland County Highway Department in reference to the Village's response to their memo. Mayor Katz stated that he will follow up this week.

Spook/Route 202/Skyview Drive

Mayor Katz stated that he has not received an update from the Rockland County Highway Department in reference to the Spook Rock Road realignment. Mayor Katz stated that he will follow up this week and follow up on the accident reports.

Pomona Heights Speeding

Mayor Katz stated that he received an email and shared it with the Board requesting speed bumps in the Pomona Heights area to address the speeding of vehicles and buses. Mayor Katz noted that the streets in the area are narrow. Board Members stated that the Village should get prices for the speed bumps, cost of installation and removal, and MJ Engineering to provide a confirmation letter and plan. Mayor Katz directed the Village Clerk to get the required information.

REPORTS – VILLAGE CLERK/TREASURER

Camille Guido-Downey presented the following information:

1. 28 complaints were received last month.
2. 4 were for work without a permit.
3. All unpaid taxes were re-levied to the County.
4. The monthly financial dashboard was provided to the Board for review.

ADJOURNMENT

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

Respectfully Submitted,
Camille Guido-Downey