

BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING MINUTES

May 07, 2024, 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 (late) Tova Krull, Trustee (late)

MEMBERS ABSENT: None

OTHERS PRESENT: Benjamin Selig, Esq. Village Attorney (Zoom)

Camille Guido - Downey, Village Clerk-Treasurer

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

ITEM #1 APPROVAL OF MINUTES

RESOLUTION #51-24

Trustee Schwartz made a motion to approve the minutes of April 16, 2024, seconded by Trustee Cherns. Upon vote, Yea: Mayor Katz, Trustee Schwartz, Trustee Cherns, this motion was carried unanimously.

ITEM #2 RESOLUTION #52-24 RESOLUTION APPROVING & ACCEPTING THE MAY 2024 BUDGET AMENDMENT

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

RESOLVED, that the Village of Wesley Hills May 2024 Budget Amendment as prepared by the Village Clerk-Treasurer of the Village of Wesley Hills be and the same is hereby approved and accepted.

Discussion:

Mayor Katz stated that the Village Clerk has submitted a letter dated May 3, 2024, which describes the correction to the Taxable Assessed Value and Tax Rate that was just adopted.

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

ITEM #3 RESOLUTION #53-24

RESOLUTION LEVYING TAXES

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

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 2024-2025 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 2024-2025 with the tax rate of 7.4006 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 Schwartz, Trustee Cherns, this motion was carried unanimously.

ITEM #4 RESOLUTION #54-24 RESOLUTION APPROVING THE PROPOSAL WITH BROOKER ENGINEERING (A DIVISION OF WESTON & SAMPSON), PLLC FOR ENGINEERING SERVICES FOR THE 2024-2025 YEAR

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

RESOLVED, that the 2024-2025 Proposal and Fee Schedule for Engineering Consulting Services for the Village of Wesley Hills by Brooker Engineering a division of Weston & Sampson), PLLC, a copy of which is made a part of the Minutes of this Board, is hereby approved and the Mayor is authorized to indicate approval of such agreement on said document on behalf of the Village of Wesley Hills.

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

RESOLUTION #55-24 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE PUBLICATION OF THE NOTICE TO BIDDERS FOR THE HOLLAND LANE DRAINAGE PROJECT

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

RESOLVED, that the Village of Wesley Hills authorizes the Village Clerk-Treasurer to place an advertisement in the newspaper for the Notice to Bidders for the Holland Lane Drainage Improvements Project, a copy of which is made a part of the Minutes of this Board, is hereby approved.

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

ITEM #6 RESOLUTION #56-24 RESOLUTION APPROVING ABSTRACTS OF AUDITED CLAIMS

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

RESOLVED, that the general fund claims #21698 through #21867 in the aggregate amount of \$113,859.05 as set forth in Abstract #5/24 dated May 7, 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 Schwartz, Trustee Cherns, this motion was carried unanimously.

ITEM #7 RESOLUTION #57-24

RESOLUTION APPROVING TRANSFER OF FUNDS

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

RESOLVED, that the transfers in the aggregate amount of \$150,000.00 as set forth in Abstract #5/24 dated May 7, 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 Schwartz, Trustee Cherns, this motion was carried unanimously.

ITEM #8- MAYOR'S REPORTS

Passover Dumpsters

Mayor Katz stated that the Village has once again experienced several commercial contractors trying to dump debris. This year there was one container full of construction materials. For next year the Village should consider a reduction in the time the dumpsters are here, supervision, extra curbside pick-up etc.

Rockland Green RFP

Mayor Katz stated that the Village's garbage contract is up, and the draft was provided to the Board for review. Mayor Katz and Board Members are interested to see what the cost of curbside pick up is. Rockland Green has also placed in the bid for a future food waste pilot program. Mayor Katz requested that the Village Clerk supply Rockland Green with the Village's comments on the RFP.

Harriet/Tammy Stop Sign

Mayor Katz and Board Members reviewed the three emails the Mayor received in reference to the proposed stop sign at Harriet & Tammy Road. Board Members stated that they are not interested in having the stop sign installed now due to the low interest. Mayor Katz stated that since Trustee Mause lives close by, please report back should you see a need to install, otherwise the Village will wait.

McNamara Road & E Willow Tree Road Intersection

Trustee Mause stated that the intersection of McNamara Road & E Willow Tree Road is a dangerous intersection and there are also accidents there. Mayor Katz requested the Village Clerk to obtain accidents reports for the past 5 years for review.

Ed McPherson Memorial

Mayor Katz stated that the memorial for Ed will be Sunday, June 2 at 1pm at the barn in the Pomona Country Club. Mayor Katz stated that the Village will see if Ed's family is open to the Village bringing the plaque to the memorial instead of having a separate event at Village Hall.

Sidewalk Funds

Mayor Katz stated that the Town of Ramapo is working on funding for the Town & Villages for transportation needs including sidewalks. Mayor Katz will draft a letter to NYS Assemblyman Lawler as requested.

ITEM #9- VILLAGE CLERK-TREASURER'S REPORTS

Camille Guido-Downey provided the Board with the monthly financial dashboard for review. The Village received 48 complaints last month. The final report for the records management grant has been submitted to the State. The Village is working with the County Clerks office to hold a passport drive at Village Hall. We are entering tax collection time and also budget close out time. The Village is currently out for bid for the drainage work on Holland Lane.

Upcoming Meetings:

May 21	Workshop Meeting
June 4	Regular Meeting
June 18	Workshop Meeting
July 2	Regular Meeting
July 16	Workshop Meeting
August 6	Regular Meeting
August 20	Workshop Meeting

ITEM #10- VILLAGE ATTORNEY'S REPORTS

Ben Selig stated that he has not had any follow up conversations with the Monsey Fire Department.

ADJOURNMENT

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

Respectfully Submitted, Camille Guido-Downey