

BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING MINUTES
INC. VILLAGE OF WESTBURY
VILLAGE HALL CONFERENCE ROOM
THURSDAY, DECEMBER 19, 2024
5:30 P.M.

Present: Mayor Peter I. Cavallaro
Trustee Steven L. Corte
Trustee Beaumont A. Jefferson
Trustee Vincent Abbatiello
Trustee Pedro Quintanilla

Staff present: Chrissy Kiernan, Village Clerk-Treasurer
Anna Vikse, Village Attorney

Mayor Cavallaro opened the Meeting of the Board of Trustees at approximately 5:30PM with a verification of a quorum.

1. Resolution to Approve Board of Trustees Meeting Minutes of December 5, 2024

On motion by Trustee Corte, seconded by Trustee Jefferson, it was RESOLVED to approve the Meeting Minutes of December 5, 2024, as prepared and distributed by Clerk-Treasurer Kiernan. The Board was polled, all voting “Aye” (5-0).

Mayor Peter I. Cavallaro	Aye
Trustee Steven Corte	Aye
Trustee Beaumont Jefferson	Aye
Trustee Vincent Abbatiello	Aye
Trustee Pedro Quintanilla	Aye

2. Approval of Claims and Expenditures

Audit and Claims – Review and approval of Claims and Expenditures for the period December 6, 2024 through December 19, 2024 in the amount of \$475,837.71 of which \$280,044.13 is from the Capital Fund and \$195,793.58 is from the General Fund. Trustee Abbatiello made a motion to submit bills for payment, seconded by Trustee Jefferson. Motion to approve was passed; The Board was polled, all voting “Aye” (5-0).

Mayor Peter I. Cavallaro	Aye
Trustee Steven Corte	Aye
Trustee Beaumont Jefferson	Aye
Trustee Vincent Abbatiello	Aye
Trustee Pedro Quintanilla	Aye

3. Conflict Waiver for Sahn Ward Braff Coschignano PLLC

Mayor Cavallaro stated that the Village had received a waiver request from Wayne Edwards, of Sahn Ward Braff Coschignano PLLC, in order for them to appear on behalf of an applicant at the Zoning Board of Appeals (ZBA). A different attorney at the same firm represents the Village in a litigation matter. Mr. Edwards stated that the firm would not represent the Applicant on any appeal if the ZBA denies the application. On motion by Trustee Abbatiello, seconded by Trustee Quintanilla, it was unanimously resolved to approve the waiver. The Board was polled, all voting “Aye” (5-0).

Mayor Peter I. Cavallaro	Aye
Trustee Steven Corte	Aye
Trustee Beaumont Jefferson	Aye
Trustee Vincent Abbatiello	Aye
Trustee Pedro Quintanilla	Aye

4. Maple/Union Streetscape Tree Grate Change Order

Mayor Cavallaro reported that the tree grates ordered by the Contractor, Laser Industries Inc., of the Maple/Union Streetscape project were unfinished, unlike the ones on Post Avenue. There was a concern that the grates would look rusty over time. The Contractor presented several options to correct the matter. The Board determined to have the grates powder coated black by the Contractor. On motion by Trustee Jefferson, seconded by Trustee Corte, it was unanimously RESOLVED to authorize the Clerk-Treasurer to approve a change order in the amount of \$72,242.33 to have the grates powder coated by Laser Industries. The Board was polled, all present voting “Aye” (5-0).

Mayor Peter I. Cavallaro	Aye
Trustee Steven Corte	Aye
Trustee Beaumont Jefferson	Aye
Trustee Vincent Abbatiello	Aye
Trustee Pedro Quintanilla	Aye

5. Approval of MTA/LIRR Agreement with regard to Community Benefit Funds

Mayor Cavallaro reported that the Village and the Long Island Rail Road (LIRR) had been negotiating a resolution to the remainder of the Community Benefit Fund. The remainder of the funds will be transferred to the Village for the upkeep of the pedestrian plaza and other improvements which were implemented as part of the Third Track Project, and will be kept in a segregated bank account for that purpose only. On motion by Trustee Abbatiello, seconded by Trustee Quintanilla, it was unanimously RESOLVED to authorize the Mayor to sign the Agreement. The Board was polled, all present voting “Aye” (5-0).

Mayor Peter I. Cavallaro	Aye
Trustee Steven Corte	Aye

Trustee Beaumont Jefferson	Aye
Trustee Vincent Abbatiello	Aye
Trustee Pedro Quintanilla	Aye

6. Action by Town of North Hempstead and Hempstead against the Federal Aviation Administration

Mayor Cavallaro stated that he had received a letter from the Towns of North Hempstead and Hempstead, informing the Village that the Town intended to take legal action against the Federal Aviation Administration due to increased air traffic. The Board discussed the matter. No action was taken.

7. Street Co-Naming Request

The Board continued to discuss a letter dated October 8, 2024 from Phil Andrews, President of the President 100 Black Men of Eastern New York, Inc. and the Long Island African American Chamber of Commerce, Inc., requesting the street where the late Trustee William B. Wise lived be co-named in his honor. Mayor Cavallaro shared that the Board receives frequent requests and as a policy, does not name public facilities or streets after people, with certain exceptions. The Village has in the past received donations from families or organizations for benches or a tree with a plaque in memory of the named individual. Trustee Jefferson spoke with Mr. Andrews and explained same to him. A letter will follow with the Board's summary deliberation.

8. Police Booth on Post Avenue

Mayor Cavallaro asked Clerk-Treasurer Kiernan to inquire about the third precinct's plans to remove the unused police booth on Post Avenue located in the Village's recreation campus. Mayor Cavallaro shared with the Board that in October 2023, the former commanding officer had emailed the Village that the police booth would be taken down by them and it still remains a year later.

On a motion by Mayor Cavallaro, seconded by Trustee Abbatiello, the Meeting was adjourned at 6:25 p.m.

Submitted by: _____
Chrissy Kiernan, Village Clerk-Treasurer