

BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING MINUTES
INC. VILLAGE OF WESTBURY
VILLAGE HALL MEETING ROOM AND CONFERENCE ROOM
THURSDAY, JANUARY 18, 2024
5:30 P.M.

Present: Mayor Peter I. Cavallaro
Trustee Steven L. Corte
Trustee Beaumont A. Jefferson
Trustee Vincent Abbatiello
Trustee William B. Wise

Staff present: Chrissy Kiernan, Village Clerk-Treasurer
Anna Vikse, Village Attorney
Joe Brilliantino, Superintendent of Buildings

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 January 4, 2024

On motion by Trustee Corte, seconded by Trustee Abbatiello, it was RESOLVED to approve the Work Session/Regular Meeting Minutes of January 4, 2024, with one amendment offered by Trustee Abbatiello on page 2, as prepared and distributed by Clerk-Treasurer Kiernan. The Board was polled, all present voting "Aye" (5-0).

Mayor Peter I. Cavallaro	Aye
Trustee Steven Corte	Aye
Trustee Beaumont Jefferson	Aye
Trustee William Wise	Aye
Trustee Vincent Abbatiello	Aye

2. Review and Approval of Claims and Expenditures for the Period January 5, 2024 through January 18, 2024

The Board reviewed claims for the period January 5, 2024 through January 18, 2024 in the amount of \$207,876.00 of which the entire total is from the General Fund. Trustee Abbatiello made a motion to submit bills for payment, seconded by Trustee Wise. The Board was polled, all present voting "Aye" (5-0).

Mayor Peter I. Cavallaro	Aye
Trustee Steven Corte	Aye
Trustee Beaumont Jefferson	Aye
Trustee William Wise	Aye
Trustee Vincent Abbatiello	Aye

3. Discuss Bill 1 of 2024, Designation of Employees to Issue Tickets

The Board reviewed bill 1 of 2024, which designates which employees can write tickets for specific code violations.

4. Discuss Bill 2 of 2024, Parking Restrictions on Myrtle Avenue

The Board reviewed bill 2 of 2024, which amends the parking restrictions on Myrtle Avenue.

5. Discuss Bill 3 of 2024, a proposed local law authorizing a property tax levy in excess of the limit established in general municipal law §3-C

The board reviewed bill 3 of 2024, which would authorize a property tax levy in excess of the limit established in general municipal law §3-C

6. Discussion on Board Consideration for Gas-powered Leaf Blower Ban

Mayor Cavallaro discussed with the Board a resident request to ban gas-powered leaf blowers. The resident letter cited noise and environmental concerns. The Board also considered the imposition on businesses that would not be permitted to use gas leaf blowers. No action was taken.

7. Executive Session

At 5:45pm, on motion by Mayor Cavallaro, seconded by Trustee Corte, the Board entered Executive Session to discuss current litigation matter, C.C. vs. Village of Westbury. Village Attorney Anna Vikse and Clerk-Treasurer Kiernan were also present by request of the Board. On a duly made and seconded motion, the Board exited the Executive Session, during which no action was taken.

8. Resolution Approving Expert Witnesses – Litigation Matter C.C. v. Village of Westbury

The following Resolution was offered for adoption by Trustee Corte:

RESOLVED by the Board of Trustees of the Inc. Village of Westbury to approve expert witnesses to be engaged for a litigation matter which has been filed against the Village, C.C. v. Village of Westbury, as follows:

1. Dr. Deryn Strange, PhD, at a rate of \$550.00 per hour, with ten hours paid as a retainer (\$5,500.00); and
2. Education Management Consulting, LLC, d/b/a School Liability Expert Group, a retainer of \$8,500.00.

Motion to adopt the foregoing Resolution was seconded by Trustee Jefferson and the roll call for adoption resulted in the following:

Mayor Peter I. Cavallaro	Aye
Trustee Steven Corte	Aye
Trustee Beaumont Jefferson	Aye
Trustee William Wise	Aye
Trustee Vincent Abbatiello	Aye

On a motion by Mayor Cavallaro, seconded by Trustee Corte, the meeting was adjourned at 6:00pm.

Submitted by: 
Chrissy Kiernan, Village Clerk-Treasurer