

BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING MINUTES
INC. VILLAGE OF WESTBURY
VILLAGE HALL CONFERENCE & BOARD ROOM
THURSDAY, JANUARY 4, 2024
6:30 P.M.

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

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

Mayor Cavallaro opened the Meeting of the Board of Trustees at approximately 6:30PM with a verification of a quorum.

1. Resolution to Approve Board of Trustees Meeting Minutes of December 21, 2023

On motion by Trustee Corte, seconded by Trustee Jefferson, it was RESOLVED to approve the Work Session/Regular Meeting Minutes of December 21, 2023 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. Discuss traffic safety at 5-way intersection of Asbury Avenue/Carle Road/Cherry Lane/ and Carle Road Bridge

Mayor Cavallaro discussed with the Board a letter received from the Carle Place Civic Association and a resident regarding traffic safety at the 5-way intersection of Asbury Avenue/Carle Road/Cherry Lane/ and Carle Road Bridge. Nassau County Police Department also provided an accident report with dates of reported accidents over the last ten years. There were a total of four accidents on December 12, 2023, March 2, 2023, February 9, 2021, and February 23, 2017. The Board recalled that one of the accidents involved an unlicensed motorist and another one of the accidents involved a police chase of a vehicle.

Mayor Cavallaro reported that he is going to have a meeting with the President of the Carle Place Civic Association and Councilman Troiano and has invited Legislator Bynoe and Giuffre who represent residents in both the Westbury and Carle Place communities that would typically use

this intersection. It was also suggested that the Board would consider placing a stop sign at Robin's Road, 100 feet before the bridge which would slow down vehicles as they cross the bridge, noting that North Drive is currently the last stop sign before the bridge driving southbound. Mayor Cavallaro also mentioned that he would speak with the legislators about the possibility of adding a traffic signal. No action was taken.

3. Tax Certiorari- 501 Union Avenue, Westbury, NY 11590 (s/b/l 10/T/128&132)

The following Resolution was offered by Trustee Corte:

RESOLVED, by the Board of Trustees of the Incorporated Village of Westbury, to approve the following tax certiorari settlement:

Petitioner, J&P Union Avenue Realty Corp., has brought proceedings to review the Village's real property tax assessments for the years 2018/19 through 2023/24 at the property known as 501 Union Avenue, Westbury, NY 11590 (s/b/l 10/T/128&132), which will be settled for a refund of \$1,000.00, with a change in assessment from \$576,220 to \$475,000, to be reduced as follows:

- Lot 128- Original Assessed Value: \$43,520; Settled Assessed Value: \$35,875
- Lot 132- Original Assessed Value: \$532,700; Settled Assessed Value: \$439,125

Motion to adopt the foregoing Resolution was seconded by Trustee Abbatiello, 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

4. No Parking Sign Request on Powell's Lane between Rutland and Jefferson Streets on both sides of the streets

The Board discussed a resident request to eliminate parking on Powell's Lane between Rutland and Jefferson Streets on both sides of the streets.

As past practice, Mayor Cavallaro asked Clerk-Treasurer Kiernan to notify the resident who made the request and advise them that the Board will consider the request if a petition is received from a majority of the affected residents seeking the change. The Board would then hold a public hearing where public comment would be considered and would then deliberate based on information received.

5. Easter Egg Hunt

Trustee Jefferson discussed with the Board a rain date for the March 23, 2024 Annual Village

Easter Egg Hunt. After discussion, it was decided that the rain date for the event would be on March 30, 2024.

6. Gutter Cleaning 347 Rockland Street

Trustee Jefferson discussed with the Board a request from staff to have the gutters cleaned at 347 Rockland Street, the Village's recreation office. Mayor Cavallaro prompted Clerk-Treasurer Kiernan to take care of the request, to which Ms. Kiernan added that Bob Martella typically will monitor the gutters on all Village facilities and advise of cleaning when needed.

7. Use of 360 Post Avenue from 3pm to 6pm on Wednesdays.

The Board discussed a request from members of Senior Citizens of Westbury Inc. to use the entry room of 360 Post Avenue, the Community Center, on Wednesdays from 3:00pm until 6:00pm for the purpose of recreational games such as mahjong. The Board agreed to allow the members to use the space.

8. Pledge of Allegiance

Trustee Abbatiello led the Pledge of Allegiance.

9. Board Liaison/Committee Reports

A. Trustee Steven Corte

1. Assessor – Trustee Corte reported that January 2, 2024 was the taxable status date, and that the tentative roll will be available on February 1, 2024, and can be viewed at the Clerk's Office. The grievance period will follow the publication of the tentative roll.
2. Seniors – No report.

B. Trustee Beaumont Jefferson

1. Recreation – Trustee Jefferson thanked the DPW, Recreation, and the Westbury Fire Department for the tree lighting and Rodney Fischetti from the Iron Gates Foundation for a successful toy drive.
2. Westbury Arts – Westbury Arts will host a virtual Poetry Slam via Zoom on January 12, 2024 and a Paint Night on January 19, 2024, both at 7:00pm.

C. Trustee William Wise

1. NCPD 3rd Precinct Report – No report.

D. Trustee Vincent Abbatiello

1. Audit and Claims – Review and approval of Claims and Expenditures for the period December 8, 2023 through January 4, 2024 in the amount of \$900,614.04 of which, \$703,463.54 is from Capital Expenses and \$197,150.50 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 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

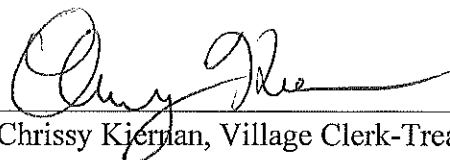
E. Mayor's Report

1. Finance & Public Works – Mayor Cavallaro reported that the Village has started the budgeting process for the 2024-2025 fiscal year. He also noted that he received compliments that the Piazza looked great for the holidays this year and he thanked the Department of Public Works and the Westbury Business Improvement District. The Village will be ready for a potential storm next week. We have newer employees who will be plowing for the first time. Next month, the Board will have its annual public hearing on the tax cap override legislation which gives the Village the option to override the 2% tax cap if needed. The Village will be going out to bid for roadwork for the 2024 and 2025 years. The bid for the streetscape for Union and Maple Avenues will be in February, which is a project funded by Nassau County. We hope to begin that project in the summer months.

10. Public Comments

Mayor Cavallaro opened the meeting up to public comments and hearing none, moved to adjourn the meeting.

On a motion by Mayor Cavallaro, duly seconded by Trustee Corte, the Meeting was adjourned at 7:45 p.m.

Submitted by: 
Chrissy Kjeran, Village Clerk-Treasurer