

BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING MINUTES
INC. VILLAGE OF WESTBURY
VILLAGE HALL CONFERENCE & BOARD ROOM
THURSDAY, MARCH 7, 2024
6:30 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
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 February 15, 2024

On motion by Trustee Jefferson, seconded by Trustee Corte, it was RESOLVED to approve the Meeting Minutes of February 15, 2024 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. Resolution Approving Assessment Consultant for 2025-2026

Clerk-Treasurer Kiernan presented proposals for assessment consulting for the 2025-2026 Village tax year which includes an assessment update and inventory for the tentative roll and adjusted base proportions calculations after the adoption of the final roll.

After discussion, on motion by Trustee Corte, seconded by Trustee Abbatiello, it was RESOLVED to approve Municipal Valuation Services in the amount of \$27,500.00, for preparation of the annual assessment update for the 2025-2026 tax year and adjusted base proportions calculation after adoption of the final roll. 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. Westbury Arts Facilities Use Request – Summer Concert Series and Asbury Shorts Film Event

The Board reviewed a request from Westbury Arts for the Summer Concert Series, a co-branded event held in the Village Piazza. After discussion, on motion by Trustee Jefferson, seconded by Trustee Corte, it was RESOLVED to approve the facilities use request dated February 20, 2024 for the Summer Concert Series on July 10, 17, 24, 31, and August 7, 14, 21, and 28 with rain dates of July 25, August 1, August 29, 2024 from 6:00-9:30pm and Asbury Shorts Film event on Friday, September 13, 2024 with a rain date of Saturday, September 14, 2024. 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

4. Discuss parking on Village roads in response to Town of North Hempstead proposed parking changes on west side of Carle Road

Mayor Cavallaro reported that six on-street parking spaces will be eliminated on Carle Road. The Board discussed how this might affect parking on Longwood, Earl, and Concord Streets, where certain recent parking restrictions were lifted. Trustee Corte provided a map indicating the current parking on each of the streets along with the households for reference.

It was discussed that if any of the residents desire a change, that the Village’s policy is that they will consider any request for changes in parking if they obtain a resident petition with at least 50% of households’ signatures. At this time, no action was taken.

5. ICC Cricket at Eisenhower Park

Mayor Cavallaro reported that he had spoken to a representative from the Third Precinct of the Nassau County Police Department regarding the 35,000-seat stadium being built at nearby Eisenhower Park for the cricket world cup tournament in June which will last for 10 days. There will be increased traffic and many attendees will be using nearby train stations, including the Westbury LIRR station, with shuttle service to and from the stadium. The Nassau Coliseum will also be hosting satellite parking locations, with shuttles to get to the matches.

6. Authorization of Publication of Legal Notice for Bill 4 of 2024, Rescinding the Tax Cap Override bill

The board hereby authorizes Village Clerk-Treasurer Kiernan to publish a legal notice for a public hearing for bill 4 of 2024, which will be scheduled on April 4, 2024 at 7:30pm.

7. Approval of Film Permit Application of Finding Leo Productions

A film permit application from Finding Leo Productions was circulated to the Board which includes film permit details, street and parking closure request, and production timeline.

After discussion, on motion by Trustee Abbatiello, seconded by Trustee Corte, it was RESOLVED to approve the film permit application of Finding Leo Productions for a film date of March 18, 2024 conditioned upon the Village Attorney confirming that the camera will not be blocking the sidewalk and that the cable leading to the generator will cross the sidewalk in a safe manner so as not to create a tripping hazard.

8. 2024-2025 Tentative Village Budget

The Board was in receipt of the 2024-2025 tentative budget and a lengthier discussion is planned for the March 21, 2024 meeting. Mayor Cavallaro noted constraints with rising healthcare costs and the new union contract. Board members were asked to review and compile questions.

9. Resolution Accepting Dormitory Authority State of New York (“DASNY”) Grant for Community Resiliency, Economic Sustainability, and Technology Program (“CREST”)- Project ID #26680 for the Purchase of a Salt Spreading Plow Truck for the Department of Public Works & Type II SEQRA Declaration

The following Resolution was offered for adoption by Trustee Corte:

Whereas: the Village is in need of a new salt spreading plow truck to adequately respond to winter storm events; and

Whereas: in its Fiscal Year 2023-24 capital budget, the Board of Trustees has approved a request for the purchase of a salt spreading plow truck pending the funding approval from a \$125,000 Dormitory Authority State of New York (“DASNY”) Grant Community Resiliency, Economic Sustainability, and Technology Program (“CREST”)- Project ID #26680 (Purchase of a Salt Spreading Plow Truck for the Department of Public Works); and

Whereas: the Village of Westbury will use the salt spreading plow truck to plow streets owned by the Village, and will be stored in a garage facility owned by the Village; and

Whereas: the Village of Westbury is authorized to purchase vehicles/equipment pursuant to Section 103 of the General Municipal Law to purchase equipment through the use of any other local government contract, provided that the contract was let in a manner that constitutes competitive bidding consistent with State Law and made available for use by other governmental entities; and

Whereas: Onondaga County has a contract with Syosset Truck Sales, Inc., which meets the requirements of the General Municipal Law, off of which the Village is allowed to piggyback for the purchase of a 7894 2024 international HV507 4x4 Wausau 10'power angle plow, Bosch central hydraulic system, 10' Air-Flo Flo-N-Dump Body with standard warranty coverage on basic truck, engine and transmission in the amount of \$255,944.00; and

Whereas: the difference in the cost of the purchase of this equipment, in the amount of \$130,944.00, is programmed in the capital budget with end of year surplus monies; and it is therefore

Resolved: this is a Type II Action pursuant to the State Environmental Quality Review Act and therefore no further action is required under that Act; and be it further

Resolved: that the Village Clerk-Treasurer is hereby authorized to purchase one 7894 2024 international HV507 4x4 Wausau 10'power angle plow, Bosch central hydraulic system, 10' Air-Flo Flo-N-Dump Body with standard warranty coverage on basic truck, engine and transmission in the amount of \$255,944.00, under the County of Onondaga Contract; and be it further

Resolved: that this vehicle purchase be charged to capital account 015.5110.200 (equipment) totaling \$255,944.00.

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

Board was polled:

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

10. Pledge of Allegiance

Mayor Cavallaro led the Pledge of Allegiance.

11. Public Hearing – The Board will propose a program for the use of Community Development Block Grant funding that may be allocated to the Village in the 50th year of the Nassau County Consortium

At the request of Mayor Cavallaro, Clerk-Treasurer Kiernan read the following notice aloud:

Notice is hereby given that the Board of Trustees of the Incorporated Village of Westbury will hold a public hearing at the Village Hall, 235 Lincoln Place, Westbury, New York, on Thursday, March 7, 2024, at 7:30p.m. The Board will propose a program for the use of Community Development Block Grant funding that may be allocated to the Village in the 50th year of the Nassau County Consortium. At the Hearing, all interested persons will be given an opportunity to be heard.

Mayor Cavallaro then opened the public hearing.

Mayor Cavallaro explained that each year the Village proposes a program for the use of Community Development Block Grant (“CDBG”) funding that may be allocated to the Village in the 50th year of the Nassau County Consortium. This is federal funding from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development that flows to local municipalities through Nassau County, to be used in CDBG eligible census tracts. The application of Community Development Block Grant program for the 50th year covers the period September 1, 2024 through August 31, 2025. Mayor Cavallaro then described the Village’s proposed application to include:

- \$75,000.00 for the Westbury Seniors Inc. - Senior Program;
- \$1,009,228.50 in street improvements;
- \$100,000.00 in sidewalk improvements;
- \$500,000.00 for playground/park rehabilitation on the recreation center campus
- \$198,564.00 public parking lots for a total funding allocation of \$1,882,792.50.

Mayor Cavallaro then opened the public hearing to public comment and, seeing none, called for a motion to close the public hearing. On motion by Trustee Abbatiello, seconded by Trustee Wise, it was RESOLVED to close the public hearing. 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

12. Resolution Adopting Community Block Development Grant Funding Proposal for the 50th Year

On motion by Trustee Corte, seconded by Trustee Jefferson, it was RESOLVED to approve the Community Block Development Grant Funding Proposal for the 50th Year as presented by Mayor Cavallaro. 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

13. Resolution Awarding Bid for 2024-2025 Road and Parking Lot Improvements

The Village Engineer's recommendation letter for the 2024-2025 Road and Parking Lot Improvement Plan which includes the Bid Opening Record of February 14, 2024, was reviewed by the Board. Mayor Cavallaro noted that parking lots were also included this year and that the Village will likely repave two of its public parking lots.

On motion by Trustee Jefferson, seconded by Trustee Abbatiello, it was RESOLVED that the contract for 2024-2024 Road Improvement and Parking Lot Improvement Program be awarded to Stasi General Contracting LLC of 422 Maple Avenue, Westbury NY 11590, the lowest responsible and responsive bidder, in the amount of \$1,538,689.50 at the recommendation of the Village Engineer.

14. Resolution Awarding Bid for Dept. of Public Works Lot Repaving

The Village Engineer's recommendation letter for the Dept. of Public Works Lot Repaving which includes the Bid Opening Record of February 14, 2024, was reviewed by the Board. Mayor Cavallaro noted that the lot has not been repaved in close to thirty years and that a basin collapsed late last year.

On motion by Trustee Abbatiello, seconded by Trustee Corte, it was RESOLVED that the contract for the Repaving of the Department of Public Works Lot be awarded to Roadwork Ahead Inc. of 2186 Kirby Lane, Syosset, NY, the lowest responsible and responsive bidder, in the amount of \$278,465.00, at the recommendation of the Village Engineer.

15. Resolution Authorizing Mayor Cavallaro to submit a letter of intent to NYS Homes and Community Renewal to become a 'Pro-Housing Community'

Mayor Cavallaro explained Governor Hochul's Pro-Housing Community incentive program which offers a financial incentive-based approach to increasing housing stock as opposed to

previous plans which created substantial unfair housing mandates and unattainable housing goals for communities across New York State.

The following Resolution was offered for adoption by Trustee Jefferson:

WHEREAS, the Board of Trustees of the Incorporated Village of Westbury believes that the lack of housing for New York residents of all ages and income levels negatively impacts the future of New York State's economic growth and community well-being; and

WHEREAS, the housing crisis has negative effects at regional and local levels, we believe that every community must do their part to contribute to housing growth and benefit from the positive impacts a healthy housing market brings to communities; and

WHEREAS, the Board believes that supporting housing production in our community will bring multiple benefits, including increasing housing access and choices for current and future residents, providing integrated accessible housing options that meet the needs of people with sensory and mobility disabilities, bringing economic opportunities and vitality to our communities, and allowing workers at all levels to improve their quality of life;

WHEREAS, the Board believes that evidence showing that infill development that reduces sprawl and supports walkable communities has significant environmental and public health benefits; and

WHEREAS, the Board believes that affirmatively furthering fair housing and reducing segregation is not only required by law, but is essential for keeping our community strong and vibrant;

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED that the Village of Westbury, in order to take positive steps to alleviate the housing crisis, adopts the Pro Housing Communities pledge, which will have us endeavor to take the following important steps:

1. Streamlining permitting for multifamily housing, affordable housing, accessible housing, accessory dwelling units, and supportive housing.
2. Adopting policies that affirmatively further fair housing.
3. Incorporating regional housing needs into planning decisions.
4. Increasing development capacity for residential uses.
5. Enacting policies that encourage a broad range of housing development, that may include multifamily housing, affordable housing, accessible housing, accessory dwelling units, and supportive housing.

Motion to adopt the foregoing Resolution was seconded by Trustee Abbatiello and the roll call for adoption resulted in the following (5-0):

Mayor Peter I. Cavallaro	Aye
Trustee Steven Corte	Aye

Trustee Beaumont Jefferson	Aye
Trustee William Wise	Aye
Trustee Vincent Abbatiello	Aye

16. Resolution Setting Date for Tax Lien Sale- May 16, 2024

On motion by Trustee Jefferson, seconded by Trustee Corte, it was RESOLVED to set the date of May 16, 2024 for the next tax lien sale.

17. 2024 Westbury Arts Concert Series Dates

Mayor Cavallaro announced the dates of the Westbury Arts Concert Series and Asbury Film Series by Doug Madlin.

18. Review Request from St. Brigid's for Processionals during Holy Week/Easter

The Board reviewed a letter from St. Brigid's Parish on behalf of the parish and the Italian community of St. Brigid's for processionals to be held during Holy Week/Easter. On motion by Trustee Abbatiello, seconded by Trustee Jefferson, it was RESOLVED to approve the request from St. Brigid's for processionals to be held during Holy Week/Easter. The Nassau County Police Department and NICE Bus Corp. have already been notified.

19. Board Liaison/Committee Reports

A. Trustee Steven Corte

1. Seniors – Trustee Corte reported that the seniors have an active membership of 318 members, which is the most they have had.
2. Assessor – Trustee Corte reported that the tentative roll is out and the grievance period has ended. The final roll will be filed on April 1, 2024. Nassau County will be hosting a grievance workshop on September 13, 2024 from 12:00-3:00pm at the Village Recreation Center.

B. Trustee Beaumont Jefferson

1. Recreation – Trustee Jefferson reported that the Village Easter Egg hunt will take place on March 23, 2024 at 10 a.m., with a rain date of March 30, 2024 at 10 a.m. The Rec Summer Program with Westbury Arts had its open house and 20 families have signed up. There are many returning families.
2. Westbury Arts – Westbury Arts will host a Sip/Paint on March 15, 2025, but it is sold out. On May 3, 2024, they will host a Wine Tasting at the Bristol from 7:00-9:30pm.

C. Trustee William Wise

1. NCPD 3rd Precinct Report – Trustee Wise reported that in the month of February, Nassau County reported 2 auto accidents, 9 moving violations, and 12 parking violations.

D. Trustee Vincent Abbatiello

1. Audit and Claims – Review and approval of Claims and Expenditures for the period February 2, 2024 through March 7, 2024 in the amount of \$569,435.12 of which, \$109,960.92 is from Capital Expenses and \$459,474.20 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

2. Westbury BID – Trustee Abbatiello reported that the Westbury BID has a street fair on May 4th with a May 5th rain date.
3. Public Safety- Trustee Abbatiello noted that daylight savings is approaching which is a good time to check the batteries in your smoke and carbon monoxide detectors.

E. Mayor’s Report

1. Finance & Public Works – Mayor Cavallaro reported that the Village has a tentative budget for the 2024-2025 fiscal year. The budget includes a proposed 3.62% tax increase which is under the state mandated tax cap. The Mayor reported that there are several challenges with the upcoming budget, including the union contract, which was settled this year, resulting in salary increases, increased healthcare costs, and a substantial amount of tax certiorari settlements.
2. From June 3, 2024 to June 12, 2024, there will be 35,000 spectators at Eisenhower Park which will host ICC Cricket. There will be shuttle service from the LIRR station to the park.
3. April 1, 2024 at 7:00pm will be the Village’s reorganizational meeting.
4. The Village is planning on some road repaving this spring and summer, including Baldwin Drive, and other roads that were paved early on and need to be redone.

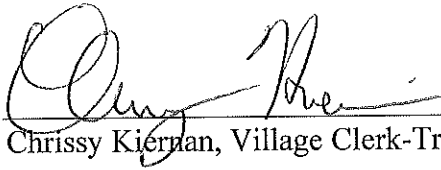
20. Public Comments

Mayor Cavallaro opened the meeting up to public comments.

- A. Chester McGibbon, 502 Alicia Drive – Inquired as to vermin sightings in the Piazza and adjacent private property, Rite Aid, which concerns were also addressed at the last meeting. Mayor Cavallaro expressed that the Village has engaged its

exterminator to address the situation and that he has added bait boxes and other measures to eliminate the vermin.

On a motion by Mayor Cavallaro, duly seconded, the Meeting was adjourned at 8:30p.m.

Submitted by: 
Chrissy Kiernan, Village Clerk-Treasurer