

BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING MINUTES
INC. VILLAGE OF WESTBURY
VILLAGE HALL CONFERENCE & BOARD ROOM
THURSDAY, MAY 2, 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 Brillantino, 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 April 1, 2024 and April 4, 2024

On motion by Trustee Corte, seconded by Trustee Jefferson, it was RESOLVED to approve the Meeting Minutes of April 1, 2024 and April 4, 2024 as prepared, distributed, and amended by Clerk-Treasurer Kiernan. The Board was polled, all present voting "Aye" (5-0).

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

2. Resolution Appointing Joseph Romano, DPW Laborer

On motion by Trustee Abbatiello, seconded by Trustee Jefferson, it was RESOLVED to approve the appointment of Joseph Romano, Department of Public Works Laborer, with a starting salary of \$40,598.84 per the Village's Collective Bargaining Agreement with CSEA Local 882. The Board was polled, all present voting "Aye" (5-0).

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

3. Resolution Appointing Daquann Redd, Recreation Staff

On motion by Trustee Jefferson, seconded by Trustee Abbatiello, it was RESOLVED to approve the appointment of Daquann Redd as a part-time recreation staff with a salary rate of \$15.00 per hour. The Board was polled, all present voting "Aye" (5-0).

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

4. Resolution Tax Certiorari Settlement - MFP OCR LLC

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 settlements:

Petitioner, MFP OCR LLC, has brought proceedings to review the Village's real property tax assessments for the years 2013/14 through 2023/24 at the property known as 475-481 Old Country Road, Westbury, NY 11590 (s/b/l 10/3/79-82), which will be settled for a refund of \$11,500, with a change in assessed value from \$1,333,100 to \$1,000,000, with the lot breakdown as follows: Lots 79-80: \$557,500, Lots 81-82 \$442,500.

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

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

4. Worker's Compensation Program Renewal

The Board reviewed the Worker's Compensation Program Renewal quote as prepared by the Village's Broker, Arthur J. Gallagher. Clerk-Treasurer Kiernan reported that the Village of Westbury had comprehensively marketed this placement in 2022 and selected the New York State Municipal Workers' Compensation Alliance "Comp Alliance" for having the lowest rate, marker reputation, and for quality of service relating to claims processing. The expiring premium with the Comp Alliance set to expire on June 30, 2024 is \$114,790 annually. The renewal cost as presented is \$113,838 annually, \$952 less than the previous year. The Village has the option for an early bind for a two-year term for a total of \$227,676 with an estimated assessment for the 24-25 term of \$5,588 and 25-26 term of \$5,750 for the participation period of July 1, 2024 through June 30, 2024.

After discussion, on motion by Trustee Abbatiello, seconded by Trustee Corte, it was RESOLVED to authorize Mayor Cavallaro to execute the Member Participation Agreement with the Comp Alliance for the period July 1, 2024 through June 30, 2026 as presented by the Clerk. The Board was polled, all present voting "Aye" (5-0).

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

5. Village of Westbury Sexual Abuse and Molestation Prevention Policy

The Village Board received a draft of a Village of Westbury Sexual Abuse and Molestation Prevention Policy. Village Attorney Vikse explained that the policy includes federal background check requirements, hiring and screening, staff to child ratios, how to monitor behavior, ensuring a safe environment, and responding to inappropriate behavior. No action was taken to provide opportunity for the Board Members to review the draft.

6. Proposal for New Road Assessment of Village Roadways

Mayor Cavallaro reported that he requested from the Village Engineer, LiRo, a proposal for an updated road condition assessment noting that the Village has not had an up-to-date assessment in 5 or 6 years.

After discussion, on motion by Trustee Abbatiello, seconded by Trustee Jefferson, it was RESOLVED to approve the proposal of LiRo Engineering in the amount of \$14,500.00. The Board was polled, all present voting "Aye" (5-0).

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

7. Request for Permit from Maria S.S. Dell-Assunta

On motion by Trustee Abbatiello, seconded by Trustee Corte, it was RESOLVED to approve the permit request dated April 19, 2024 from the Maria SS. Dell'Assunta Society for the 113th Annual Feast of the Assumption from August 14, 2024 though August 18, 2024 pending receipt of the Certificate of Insurance. The Board was polled, all present voting "Aye" (5-0).

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| Mayor Peter I. Cavallaro | Aye |
| Trustee Steven Corte | Aye |

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

8. Request for Permit from Italian Community of St. Brigid Parish

On motion by Trustee Abbatiello, seconded by Trustee Corte, it was RESOLVED to approve the permit request dated May 2, 2024 from the Italian Community of St. Brigid Parish for a procession through the streets of Breezy Hill conducted by St. Brigid Church on Thursday, May 30, 2024 at approximately 7:00pm. The Procession will go west on Fifth Avenue, north on South Fulton Street, west on Madison Avenue, south on South Grand Street, southwest on Lexington Avenue, east on Fifth Avenue, south on Central Avenue, east on Lafayette Avenue, north on South Fulton Street and east on Fifth Avenue, back to Post Avenue where the procession will end at St. Brigid Church. The Board was polled, all present voting "Aye" (5-0).

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

9. Nassau Hub Transit Initiative

Mayor Cavallaro provided an update on the Nassau Hub Transit Initiative, which is a Rapid Bus Transit (BRT) System extending from the Nassau Coliseum to the Westbury LIRR station.

10. Executive Session

On motion by Trustee Jefferson, seconded by Trustee Corte, it was RESOLVED to enter into Executive Session to discuss the litigation case C.C. vs. Village of Westbury. The Board was polled, all present voting "Aye" (5-0). Also invited were Clerk-Treasurer Kiernan and Village Attorney Vikse.

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

No action was taken. Upon a duly made and seconded motion, the Board unanimously resolved to exit executive session.

11. Update on Maple/Union Streetscape Project & DPW Yard Repaving

Mayor Cavallaro reported that the Maple/Union Streetscape project has started. The Department of Public Works yard will be paved on May 11, 2024.

12. Resolution Authorizing \$2,500 Expenditure for Electric Box Panel Security at the Ernesto Strada Piazza Waterfall

Mayor Cavallaro reported that Bruckner Electric will be modifying the electric box panel to include additional welded latches with key locks to further secure the panel door from being tampered with. The consolidation of all the current outlets will be housed in a single enclosed unit with added locks to discourage passerby from using the electric.

After discussion, on motion by Trustee Corte, seconded by Trustee Wise, it was RESOLVED to approve the proposal of Bruckner Electric including labor and materials in the amount of \$2,500 which will include the removal of the current receptacle outlets and consolidation into a new single panel box with a reinforced door panel and identifying all the splice boxes scattered throughout the waterfall area. The Board was polled, all present voting "Aye" (5-0).

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

13. Pledge of Allegiance

Mayor Cavallaro led the Pledge of Allegiance.

14. Board Liaison/Committee Reports

A. Trustee Steven Corte

1. Assessor – Trustee Corte reported that this time of year, the Assessment Department is usually quiet. The annual exemption procedures will begin in August.
2. Seniors – Trustee Corte reported that the Westbury Seniors will be hosting Bingo Night Fundraisers on May 17, June 21, and July 12. The Westbury Seniors rely on fundraisers for their operation. Please come out and show your support.
3. Memorial Day Parade- The Memorial Day Parade will be Monday, May 27th and will start at the Maple Avenue Fire House at 10am. The parade will march down Maple to Post Avenue and will end at the Community Center for refreshments. Following the parade, the Village's Historical Military Collection will be open from Noon-4pm. All are invited to attend. Mayor Cavallaro inquired as to Grand

Marshals. Trustee Corte responded that one of the four Parade Grand Marshals is a 50-year member.

B. Trustee Beaumont Jefferson

1. Recreation – Trustee Jefferson reported that the six-week Summer Recreation Program with Westbury Arts is nearly full. There are three spots open in week six.
2. Westbury Arts – Westbury Arts will host a Wine Tasting Fundraiser at the Bristol from 7:00-9:30pm on Friday, May 3, 2024. Tickets are available online.

C. Trustee William Wise

1. NCPD 3rd Precinct Report – Trustee Wise had no report from the Nassau County Police Department Third Precinct.

D. Trustee Vincent Abbatiello

1. Audit and Claims – Review and approval of Claims and Expenditures for the period April 5, 2024 through May 2, 2024 in the amount of \$258,999.48 of which, \$1,800.00 is from Capital Expenses and \$257,199.48 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).

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| 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 4, 2024 from 10am-4pm on Post Avenue. It will include vendors, businesses, and an 8-piece jazz band. Please come down to the street fair!

E. Mayor’s Report


1. Finance & Public Works – Mayor Cavallaro reported that the Village will continue road repaving this spring and summer.
2. This past week, the long awaited \$7 million Maple and Union Avenues Streetscape Project funded by Nassau County Legislator Siela Bynoe has begun. There was an article today in Newsday about the project.
3. The New York State Department of Transportation will be making repairs on Jericho Turnpike from Hillside Avenue to Brush Hollow Road in response to a joint letter from the villages of Old Westbury and Westbury.
4. The Department of Public Works and the Building Department are both busy with projects. Parking enforcement will be expanded on nights and weekends.
5. Mayor Cavallaro urged everyone to come to the BID Street Fair, support the Westbury Arts Wine Tasting, and attend all of the Westbury Arts summer concerts in the piazza.

15. Public Comments

Mayor Cavallaro opened the meeting up to public comments.

- A. Resident, 467 Sudbury Lane – Inquired as to the Jericho Turnpike road repairs. Mayor Cavallaro explained that Jericho Turnpike is a concrete roadway and that concrete lasts 30-35 years, as opposed to asphalt which has a useful life of 10 years. The concrete road repairs will include sections of roadway. This will make it so that motorists are not inconvenienced. If the entire roadway concrete was replaced, the roadway would have to be closed for much longer.
- B. Mrs. Moebius- Inquired to ice cream trucks and whether they are permitted to idle in the same spot with music on. Village Attorney Vikse responded that ice cream trucks are required to obtain peddler permits with the Village and they are not permitted to idle for more than 10 minutes at one location unless they are actively selling products, or their permit may be revoked. Building Superintendent Brilliantino added that code enforcement staff checks the license plates in the field to make sure they are permitted to sell within the Village. Mayor Cavallaro stated that the Village would reach out to our permitted ice cream vendors and remind them not to sit too long and to be mindful of their music.

On a motion by Mayor Cavallaro, duly seconded, the Meeting was adjourned at 7:55p.m.

Submitted by: 
Chrissy Kiernan, Village Clerk-Treasurer