

BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING MINUTES  
INC. VILLAGE OF WESTBURY  
VILLAGE HALL CONFERENCE AND BOARD ROOM  
THURSDAY, JUNE 1, 2023  
6:30 P.M.

Present: Mayor Peter I. Cavallaro  
Trustee Steven L. Corte  
Trustee Vincent Abbatiello

Excused: Trustee Beaumont A. Jefferson  
Trustee William B. Wise

Staff present: Chrissy Kiernan, Village Clerk-Treasurer  
Anna Vikse, Village Attorney  
Joseph Brilliantino, Superintendent of Buildings  
Phil Fulgieri, Superintendent of Public Works  
Pasquale Iannucci, Dept. Supt. 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 May 18, 2023**

On motion by Trustee Corte, seconded by Trustee Abbatiello, it was RESOLVED to approve the Work Session/Regular Meeting Minutes of May 18, 2023 as prepared and distributed by Clerk-Treasurer Kiernan. The Board was polled, all present voting "Aye" (3-0).

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

**2. Resolution Authorizing Equipment Purchases Under Community Benefit Fund**

**WHEREAS**, the Village of Westbury and the Long Island Railroad ("LIRR") are parties to a Memorandum of Understanding dated December 22, 2017, which provides that a "Project Community Fund" which is to be used to reimburse the Village for certain expenses related to the mitigation of impacts caused by the LIRR's third track project; and

**WHEREAS**, the Village's portion of the Community Fund is \$1,945,000.00; and

**WHEREAS**, the Superintendent of Public Works has recommended the purchase of certain equipment to mitigate the effects of construction of the third track project and has provided

quotes for those equipment purchases, as follows: Chevrolet watering truck- \$59,189.00; Chevrolet snowplow/sander truck- \$70,564.00; Cat 903D Wheel Loader and Pallet Fork- \$82,785.00; two leaf blowers- \$2,835.49; two snowblowers- \$3,906.00; International HV607 with Vaccon 9 cubic yard Vacuum/Sewer Jet- \$406,580.00; and

**WHEREAS**, the Village has applied for and received pre-approval from the LIRR for the purchase of said equipment; and

**WHEREAS**, the Board believes that these the purchase of such equipment is needed to offset certain impacts caused by the construction of the third track project, and believes it to be in the best interest of the Village to purchase said equipment; and

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Board of Trustees to authorize the Village Clerk/Treasurer to deliver a purchase order to the supplier of the Chevrolet watering truck for \$59,189.00; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** by the Board of Trustees to authorize the Village Clerk/Treasurer to deliver a purchase order to the supplier of the Chevrolet snowplow/sander truck for \$70,564.00; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** by the Board of Trustees to authorize the Village Clerk/Treasurer to deliver a purchase order to the supplier of the Cat 903D Wheel Loader and Pallet Fork for \$82,785.00;

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** by the Board of Trustees to authorize the Village Clerk/Treasurer to deliver a purchase order to the supplier of the two leaf blowers for \$2,835.49;

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** by the Board of Trustees to authorize the Village Clerk/Treasurer to deliver a purchase order to the supplier of the two snowblowers for \$3,906.00;

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** by the Board of Trustees to authorize the Village Clerk/Treasurer to deliver a purchase order to the supplier of the International HV607 with Vaccon 9 cubic yard Vacuum/Sewer Jet for \$406,580.00;

Motion to adopt the foregoing Resolution was made by Trustee Corte, seconded by Trustee Abbatiello. The Board was polled, all present voting "Aye" (3-0).

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

### **3. Discuss update regarding Ellison Ave. water main issue**

Trustee Abbatiello reported that PSEG, who was asked by the Westbury Water District to look at the water leak issue on Ellison Avenue, stated that they did the study and provided maps and it is not their line and it is not their service that is causing the issue. Westbury Water District replaced the leaks with plastic piping so PSEG tests cannot be done after they did the repair. PSEG believes it could be an issue with the Long Island Rail Road third track project disrupting the ground. The discussion remains open.

### **4. Discuss Farmer's Market**

Mayor Cavallaro presented an application submitted by Traicy Caines, Founder & CFO of Community Connections of Long Island Inc., d/b/a New Cassel Farmer's Market, to operate a Farmer's Market in conjunction with the Village, in Ernesto Strada Piazza. The Market will employ local youth to run the market. The proposed dates include every Saturday, July 15, 2023 to October 28, 2023 from Noon to 3pm.

### **5. Review Public Hearing materials for Bill 5 of 2023**

Mayor Cavallaro asked Attorney Vikse to provide a summary of bill 5 of 2023. Attorney Vikse reported that the bill is an amendment of Chapter 157 of the code and adds a requirement that if any license or permit is required by law, then the business it required to have otherwise they are not permitted to do business without it. The bill also adds a penalty provision.

### **6. Peddler Permits**

The Board discussed peddler permits and an issue involving an unlicensed peddler operating in the Village.

### **7. Discussion of Recreational Cannabis**

The Board discussed a resident request to establish a recreational cannabis business in the Village.

### **8. Pledge of Allegiance**

Mayor Cavallaro began the regular meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance.

### **9. Public Hearing, Bill 5 of 2023**

Mayor Cavallaro opened up the public hearing and asked Clerk-Treasurer Kiernan to read the notice aloud.

Clerk-Treasurer Kiernan read the following notice:

“Notice is hereby given that the Board of Trustees of the Inc. Village of Westbury will hold a Public Hearing at the Village Hall, 235 Lincoln Place, Westbury, New York, on Thursday, June 1, 2023, at 7:30 p.m. The Board will consider a proposed local law to amend Chapter 157, Licenses and Permits, of the Village Code. The bill would amend § 157-4 of the Village Code and would add a new § 157-16. At the hearing, all interested persons will be given an opportunity to be heard.”

Mayor Cavallaro then explained that Bill 5 of 2023 would amend Village Code Section 157, to require that any person or business within the Village that is engaged in an activity for which a license or permit would be required under federal, state, or local law possesses the relevant license or permit while engaged in such activity within the boundaries of the Village. In addition, the bill would add a penalties section.

Mayor Cavallaro 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 Corte, it was RESOLVED to close the public hearing for bill 5 of 2023. The Board was polled, all present voting “Aye” (3-0).

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

#### **10. Resolution Adopt Bill 5 of 2023**

On motion by Trustee Corte, seconded by Trustee Abbatiello, it was RESOLVED to adopt Bill 5 of 2023 as Local Law 7 of 2023. The Board was polled, all present voting “Aye” (3-0).

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

#### **11. Request for Processional Permit – Italian Community of St. Brigid’s Church**

On motion by Trustee Abbatiello, seconded by Trustee Corte, it was RESOLVED to approve the Italian Community of St. Brigid’s Church Processional request for Sunday, June 11, 2023 at 9:15am.

#### **12. Resolution to Approve New Cassel Farmer’s Market**

Mayor Cavallaro reported that the Village co-sponsors a Farmer’s Market run by Founder Traicy Caines in the Ernesto Strada Piazza at the corner of Maple and Post Avenues. Mayor Cavallaro

added that the Farmer's Market is a well-received market by residents who purchase fresh produce. It is encouraged by businesses along Post Avenue as well and the market employs Westbury youth.

On motion by Trustee Abbatiello, seconded by Trustee Corte, it was RESOLVED to approve the New Cassel Farmer's Market every Saturday from July 15th to October 28<sup>th</sup> 2023 in Enresto Strada Piazza from 12:00 to 3:00pm. The Board was polled, all present voting "Aye" (3-0).

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

### 13. Board Liaison/Committee Reports

- A. Trustee Steven Corte report on the Memorial Day Parade held on May 29, 2023. It was a well attended and great day for the parade. The Parade Committee three years ago reinstated Grand Marshals. All 50-year fire department members and ex-chiefs automatically become Grand Marshals, but members of the community are also eligible. This year Mayor Peter Cavallaro was selected as the Co-Grand Marshal.
- B. Trustee Vincent Abbatiello - Audit and Claims – Review and approval of Claims and Expenditures for the period May 5, 2023, to June 1, 2023

The Board reviewed claims for the period May 4, 2023 through June 1, 2023, in the amount of \$351,773.05 of which, \$171,814.30 is from Capital Expenses and \$179,958.75 is from the General Fund. Trustee Abbatiello made a motion to submit bills for payment, seconded by Trustee Corte. Motion to approve was passed; The Board was polled, all present voting "Aye" (3-0).

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

Trustee Abbatiello also thanked Steve Corte and Craig Stewart, as well as the Parade Committee.

Trustee Abbatiello reported on the Street Fair which was held two weeks ago. It was a great success and the vendors get better each year. Many compliments were received.

- C. Mayor's Report - Peter I. Cavallaro

Mayor Cavallaro expressed that it was humbling to serve in the role of Parade Co-Grand Marshal as it is a day that we remember great service and people who sacrificed their lives. John Wick, a 50 year veteran of fire department and Co-Marshal was well deserving and the Mayor was happy to share with him. Mayor Cavallaro thanked the committee and fire department. After the parade, the VFW Hall was open. Several years ago the Village received a donation of the building from the last remaining members of the VFW including Trustee Steve Corte's dad. For the last nine years, it has been used to preserve a military collection including items from donor's relatives. There is quite an extensive collection of memorabilia. The intent is to circulate and periodically change the exhibit so that everybody who has donated can see their family members items displayed. It gives people a sense of peace remembering the service they gave and is a nice addition to the community. A steady stream of fifty people came through. For Veteran's Day we will modify the display. We also have on loop, three oral histories; two from WWII veterans and one from an Iraq war veteran. It is interesting to hear first-hand accounts. Gail Slotnick who works here does a great job curating the material we have.

Mayor Cavallaro further reported that we have had a Street Fair since the late 1970's sporadically and then annually the last fifteen years. The Spring 2023 Street Fair organized by the Business Improvement District was the best one we had. It was a great mix of vendors. The bid did a tremendous job. There will be another one in September. Last year they made the decision to have two street fairs a year.

Mayor Cavallaro reported that Trustee Jefferson is not present, but had he been present, he would share that residents will be receiving in the mail in ten days a flier announcing our annual summer concert series, every Thursday from July 6 through August and on September 8<sup>th</sup> there will be a film festival in the Piazza. It is free entertainment, well attended, 150-200 people attend music and 300 come to film concert. It's a way to energize and activate the downtown through expressions of art through music and film. The village started years ago with three concerts and then the arts council was formed and they expanded it.

The police department notified us today that they are holding a community forum on Wednesday, June 21<sup>st</sup> at 7pm at the new Nassau County Police Training Center at Nassau Community College. Topics such as catalytic converter thefts, and recommendations on car and home safety will be amongst the topics discussed.

Mayor Cavallaro further reported that the Village will be doing some paving this year. Last year we paved our last road as part of a ten year plan, but we will be paving by the end of June. The paving should be quick and last three weeks or so. We will be doing our sidewalk program as well. The Village allocates money to do sidewalks in the order we receive requests. So if you know anyone who you think needs their sidewalk done, we will assess, and if we agree, they will be done.

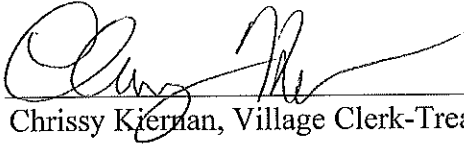
Mayor Cavallaro shared that he met today with Councilman Troiano and Legislator Bynoe regarding the streetscape on Maple and Union Avenues. Legislator Siela Bynoe was able to get a grant for \$7 million for new sidewalks, pavers, bike racks, 200 trees to be planted, and crosswalks to enhance safety especially at intersections where school children cross. We go to bid end of June and award sometime in August with the intent of the work starting in the

fall. We would continue into next summer and fall, 18 months from now thereabout. There will be a lot of safety enhancements, including a train station crossing enhancements. The Village has been talking to the county for twenty years about this. We have done a lot of work on other projects that are coming to an end. This project will take up a lot of time. We are always looking for money to make improvements.

#### 14. Public Comments

- a. Resident, 60 Sudbury Lane – A resident inquired as to the streetscape project in relation to Brush Hollow. Mayor Cavallaro responded that we would not widen the roadway on Brush Hollow, but would do some traffic calming, make it neater by replacing old sidewalks, add pavers and add trees to make it softer. We will be putting trees, bike racks, and track receptacles in. There will be a traffic calming effect.
- b. Delphine Way, 543 Queen Street, inquired as to crosswalks and street lighting at Powell's Lane at Brush Hollow. Mayor Cavallaro responded that the light itself will not change, but crosswalks with pedestrian signalization to tell the cars to stop similar to Post Avenue will be added. The triangle itself will be redone to a smaller footprint. Part of the project was to create a safer intersection at that location, kids and other people cross in between so we are putting up a guardrail to prevent people from crossing in between. Ms. Way asked if the lighting will be adjusted. Mayor Cavallaro responded that it will be brighter.
- c. Lorna Hylton inquired as to the project being done at the water district. Trustee Abbatiello responded that the Westbury Water District is working on a water quality improvement to eliminate 1, 4 dioxane in the water. He added that water districts throughout NYS have new mandates and Westbury is in the process of compliance including new treatment measures such as multiple carbon filters deep in the ground. They are also updating their administrative building. They are temporarily working in a trailer, so with a payment you can put your payment in the box. They extended the parking lot so you can park. It will be another year and a half to two years until completion of the project. Mayor Cavallaro added that the 1, 4 dioxane will be removed, but is already almost untraceable, but will be going from ten parts per trillion to one part per trillion.
- d. Ms. Hylton also asked about the sidewalk across from Post Avenue on Linden Avenue. Mayor Cavallaro explained that the whole area will be redeveloped. We will examine and consider any dangerous situation.
- e. Ms. Delphine Way asked if the residents of the Westbury Water District will be incurring extra cost. Mayor Cavallaro responded that the district bonded the expenses authorizing \$56 million and in addition received grants close to \$18 million. Water rates went up the last quarter. Borrowing does not have great interest rates at present due to the economy.

On a motion by Mayor Cavallaro, seconded by Trustee Jefferson, the Meeting was adjourned at 8:10p.m.

Submitted by:   
Chrissy Kiernan, Village Clerk-Treasurer