

BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING MINUTES  
INC. VILLAGE OF WESTBURY  
VILLAGE HALL CONFERENCE & BOARD ROOM  
THURSDAY, JUNE 6, 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  
Pasquale Iannucci, Deputy 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 May 16, 2024**

On motion by Trustee Corte, seconded by Trustee Abbatiello, it was RESOLVED to approve the Meeting Minutes of May 16, 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 Appointing Manuel Calidonio, Code Enforcement Bi-Lingual Trainee**

On motion by Trustee Abbatiello, seconded by Trustee Wise, it was RESOLVED to approve the appointment of Manuel Calidonio, Code Enforcement Bi-Lingual Trainee, with a starting salary of \$41,600.00. 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. Resolution Approving June 15, 2024 Juneteenth Freedom Day Walk**

Mayor Cavallaro shared that Nassau County Legislator Siela Bynoe has reached out to the Village to coordinate a walk on June 15, 2024 in celebration of the Juneteenth Freedom Day Holiday.

On motion by Trustee Jefferson, seconded by Trustee Corte, it was RESOLVED to approve the Juneteenth Freedom Walk Procession from Westbury Middle School on Rockland Street to Westbury AME Zion Church on Grand Street. 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. Bocce Court Permit Request**

The Board discussed a request from current Bocce Court recreation users to expand their hours to use the Bocce Court during the week, Monday through Friday.

After discussion, on motion by Trustee Abbatiello, seconded by Trustee Jefferson, it was RESOLVED to permit the users of the Bocce Court may expand the hours they use the Court which is currently Saturday afternoon to during the week under the condition that they are only to use the bathrooms in the Recreation Office, 347 Rockland Street, Monday through Friday after 3:30pm and will use the restroom in the Senior Center, 360 Post Avenue, before 3:30pm. FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Bocce Court users are not permitted to use the restroom in the Recreation Center, 348 Post Avenue, when it is being used by the after-school program or the summer program. A map highlighting the restroom locations and availability days and times will be included in an approval letter. 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. Department of Public Works (DPW) Projects Update**

- A. DPW Lot – Mayor Cavallaro reported that the DPW lot repaving and drainage work is complete Deputy Public Works Superintendent added that there were a few punch list items left.
- B. Roadwork - Mayor Cavallaro updated the Board that most of the roadwork planned for this year is complete. We will be paving Baldwin Drive, Broadmoor Lane, and Linden Avenue next. The Contractor will be moving onto milling and paving three

Village public parking lots. The sidewalk program will begin in late summer/early fall.

- C. Maple/Union Streetscape Project – Mayor Cavallaro reported that the sidewalks on the south side of Maple up to Brush Hollow Road are complete and the Contractor has started on the north side from Maple and Brush Hollos Road working toward Post Avenue. There will be additional work in front of the VFW at 403 Maple Avenue including adding a 4’x4’ cement Village seal.

**5. Resolution Ratifying a Home Rule Request for the Enactment and Adoption By the New York State Assembly (A10169-B) and New York State Senate (S7064-C) Authorizing Designated Villages including the Village of Westbury to Establish A Demonstration Program Imposing Owner Liability On the Owner of a Vehicle for Failure of an Operator to Comply with Stop Signs**

The following Resolution was offered for adoption by Trustee Abbatiello:

WHEREAS, Assembly Bill A.10169-B and Senate Bill S.06590 have been introduced in the New York State Assembly and the New York State Senate, respectively each entitled “Protect our Pedestrians (POP) Act”, and

WHEREAS, the purpose of this proposed legislation is to authorize designated villages including the Village of Westbury to adopt a local law, as well as amend such law, to establish a demonstration program imposing owner liability on the owner of a vehicle for failure of an operator to comply with stop signs, which shall authorize said villages to install and operate stop sign photo violation monitoring systems within the boundaries of said villages, and

WHEREAS, the safety of pedestrians and cyclists is of the utmost concern to the Village; and

WHEREAS, the failure of motorists to come to a full stop at intersections controlled by a stop sign has become an significant problem in the Village and puts pedestrians and cyclists in danger; and

WHEREAS, the Village, like all small municipalities, lacks the resources to conduct live surveillance at all such intersections; and

WHEREAS, technology is available to conduct such surveillance using cameras; and

WHEREAS, the New York State Legislature has proposed a law to amend the vehicle and traffic law, in relation to owner liability for failure of an operator to comply with stop signs in designated villages located within the counties of Nassau and Suffolk including the Village of Westbury; and

WHEREAS, the Village of Westbury is willing to participate in the demonstration program for the benefit of the Village and its residents; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Trustees of the Village of Westbury believes such a program would be in the best interest of the Village of Westbury and its residents; now,

THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees of the Village of Westbury, New York does hereby respectfully make a Home Rule Request pursuant to the New York State Home Rule Law in support of the legislation known as the “Protect Our Pedestrians” act pending in the New York State Legislature as New York State Senate Bill S.7064-C and New York State Assembly Bill A.10169-B, which shall

authorize the Village to participate in a pilot program to install and operate stop sign photo violation monitoring systems, a copy of which is attached hereto; and be it further RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees of the Village of Westbury recommends immediate passage of said bills to help address the safety concerns of pedestrians and cyclists; and be it further RESOLVED, that the Village Clerk is hereby authorized and directed to forward the appropriate number of copies of this Resolution and the Home Rule Request form with the appropriate transmittal letters to each House of the New York State Legislature.

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

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

#### **6. Paper Street/265 Post Avenue/Lewis Place**

The Village has a “paper street” called Lewis Place on the official map, which means that although the street is drawn on the official map, it does not actually exist. It appears to have been on the official map since before the incorporation of the Village. The Village does not need this street, while the owner of 265 Post Avenue relies on the lot for parking. The owner is currently attempting to sell the property, and the matter of the paper street has been raised as an issue by the prospective buyer’s title company. Therefore, the current owner would like to acquire the lot. The first step in the process is to discontinue the street, as outlined in Section 6-612 and 6-614 of the Village Law, which requires a public hearing, after which it may resolve to discontinue the street. If the Board resolves to discontinue the paper street, the Village would then follow the procedures required by the Nassau County Clerk to discontinue the street and have a section/block/lot designation established. At that point, the Village may convey the land to the owner of 265 Post Avenue, for fair and adequate consideration. The Board viewed an appraisal report submitted by the owner of 265 Post Avenue, in addition to a report submitted by the Village Assessor. The Board determined to have a public hearing on August 1, 2024, and directed Clerk-Treasurer Kiernan to publish a notice of same.

#### **7. Parking Request – Village Auto Body Works Inc.**

The Board continued to discuss a request from Village Auto Body Works Inc., a business location at 248 Winthrop Avenue, Westbury, New York 11590, for an on-street parking change. The proposed change would change the street parking for part of the north side of Winthrop Avenue, between Post Avenue and Fulton Street, at the back entrance to 242 Drexel Avenue (a distance of about 60 feet) from “NO PARKING MON WED FRI” to “NO PARKING MON WED FRI except for Commercial Vehicles”, and to allow all-night tow truck parking as an

exception to Section 237-15 of the Village Code, which the parking of commercial vehicles between the hours of midnight and 6:00 a.m. No action was taken.

## 8. Pledge of Allegiance

Mayor Cavallaro led the Pledge of Allegiance. Mayor Cavallaro also asked for a moment of silence in commemoration of the 80<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Battle of Normandy D-Day Operation on June 6, 1944, which was a major turning point in World War II for the Allied forces and one of the biggest moments in history for western civilization.

## 9. New Business

**A. Community Connections of Long Island Permit Request for Farmer’s Market in Village Piazza every Saturday July through October 2024** – The Board reviewed a permit request for use of the piazza by Community Connections of Long Island, a farmer’s market run by a local resident that employs Westbury youth.

On motion by Trustee Abbatiello, seconded by Trustee Corte, it was RESOLVED to approve the facilities use application of Communications Connections of Long Island for a Farmer’s Market in the Village Piazza every Saturday from July through October 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

## 10. Board Liaison/Committee Reports

### A. Trustee Steven Corte

1. Assessor – Trustee Corte reported the annual exemption procedures will begin in August.
2. Seniors – Trustee Corte reported that the Westbury Seniors will be hosting the next Bingo Night Fundraiser on June 21, 2024 at 7pm in the Community Center. Trustee Corte shared that first one he attended that was held last month was a lot of fun. The Westbury Seniors rely on fundraisers for their operation. Please come out and show your support.

### B. Trustee Beaumont Jefferson

1. Recreation – Trustee Jefferson reported that the six-week Summer Recreation Program with Westbury Arts which runs from July 8 through August 16 is nearly full with only three spots open in week six. Trustee Jefferson expressed his appreciation for the DPW and facilities staff for making sure that the campus will be ready for the program.

2. Westbury Arts Summer Concert Series – The Westbury Arts Summer Concert Series begins on Wednesday, July 10, 2024 in the Piazza. Westbury Arts is looking for Summer Concert Series sponsors with opportunities ranging from \$300-\$1,250, individuals or businesses. See Trustee Jefferson if interested in taking a sponsorship.
  3. On June 21, 2024, Westbury Arts will be doing a paint night.
  4. Cricket World Cup at Eisenhower Park – The Cricket World Cup event has been running smoothly.
- C. Trustee William Wise
1. NCPD 3rd Precinct Report – Trustee Wise reported 4 accidents, 11 moving violations and 15 parking violations issued for April.
- D. Trustee Vincent Abbatiello
1. Audit and Claims – Review and approval of Claims and Expenditures for the period May 3, 2024 through May 31, 2024 in the amount of \$925,124.67 of which, \$451,614.97 is from Capital Expenses and \$473,509.70 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 had a street fair on May 4, 2024. It was well attended and had 112 vendors. The second BID fair of the year will be the 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday in September.
- E. Mayor’s Report
1. Finance & Public Works – Mayor Cavallaro reported that the Village has completed a majority of its roadwork planned for this year. We had additional funds available for roadwork this year and were still able to get roadwork done in a timely manner. Repaving three Village parking lots and the sidewalk program in late August/early Fall will complete the roadwork program for this year.
  2. The \$7 million Maple and Union Avenues Streetscape Project funded by Nassau County Legislator Siela Bynoe has begun. The Contractor has completed sidewalks along the south side of Maple Avenue to Brush Hollow Road and will work their way back on the north side toward Post Avenue. They will then work on Union Avenue.
  3. New York State Stop Sign legislation (“Protect our Pedestrians Act”)– The Village of Westbury is named with three other Nassau County villages and four Suffolk villages to be part of pilot program to permit the Village to install stop sign cameras, if legislation passes in the state.
  4. The Village Summer Newsletter should be going out shortly. It is also available on our website ([www.villageofwestbury.org](http://www.villageofwestbury.org)).

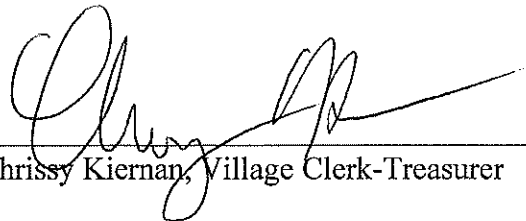
## 11. Public Comments

Mayor Cavallaro opened the meeting up to public comments.

- A. Resident, Chester McGibbon – Mr. McGibbon inquired about the stop sign legislation noting that Advent and Post Avenue have a lot of accidents. Mayor Cavallaro shared that we can pull Nassau County Police data. Mr. McGibbon also observed the rat situation in the piazza is better. Mayor Cavallaro shared that this requires follow-up. Mr. McGibbon asked if the newsletter could remind residents not to block sidewalks. Mayor Cavallaro responded that the newsletter does not include specific Village code items and noted that obstructing a sidewalk is an obvious violation. Mr. McGibbon asked if the shooting on Pepperidge Road where no one was fatally killed at a birthday party several weeks ago was included in Trustee Wise's report.
- B. Resident Mrs. Moebius- Mrs. Moebius inquired as to whether the stop sign legislation would address cement trucks speeding on Cambridge. Mayor Cavallaro responded that only the police can enforce that.
- C. Pat Barrow- Ms. Barrow requested a meeting with Mayor Cavallaro. Ms. Barrow represents a private company that provides identity theft and legal services to employees. Mayor Cavallaro asked Ms. Barrow to contact the Clerk to arrange a meeting.

On a motion by Trustee Abbatiello, seconded by Trustee Corte, the Meeting was adjourned at 8:15p.m.

Submitted by:

  
Chrissy Kiernan, Village Clerk-Treasurer