

INCORPORATED VILLAGE OF HEWLETT HARBOR

Minutes of the regular meeting of the

Board of Trustees held October 8, 2020

The Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Incorporated Village of Hewlett Harbor was held in Village Hall, 449 Pepperidge Road, Hewlett Harbor, New York 11557, on October 8, 2020.

PRESENT: Mark Weiss, Mayor
Leonard Oppenheimer, Deputy Mayor
Ken Kornblau, Trustee
Tom Cohen, Trustee
Jonathan Polakoff, Trustee

ALSO PRESENT: Michael Ryder, Village Clerk
Nicole Giacopelli, Deputy Village Clerk
Hon. (Ret.) Merik R. Aaron, Village Attorney
Gil Bruh, Village Treasurer
Tariq Kahn, Deputy Fire Commissioner (Late)

ABSENT: Nanette Ecker, Pond Commissioner
Amir Gal, Road Commissioner

Mayor Weiss opened the meeting up at 5:00PM. The Mayor requested that all in attendance to practice social distancing and wear masks.

Public Comment: Resident David Mosayov of 275 Pepperidge Road discussed with the Board that the Village did not include the residents regarding the sale of the Seawane Club. Mr. Mosayov reported an accident on Seawane Drive and how he feels lights are necessary in the Village. Mr. Mosayov expressed to the Board that they need to be more transparent. Mayor Weiss in a very lively response explained to Mr. Mosayov that the

Village is open everyday and that if a resident cannot reach Village hall, they can call him on his personal cell phone. Mayor Weiss made it clear for the record that he is accessible and takes offense to the transparency accusations. Resident John Novello of 320 Heather lane inquired about the Zoom tv and objected to the lack of prior notification of the zoom meeting. Mayor Weiss explained that the Zoom tv was simply only a test/trial at this time. Mayor Weiss explained further that only a few resident guests were invited to see what they thought of the video and audio of the Zoom meeting. The invited residents were muted the entire time of the meeting. Resident Ron Austin of 1295 Seawane Drive voiced his objection to the recent noise ordinance. Mr. Austin spoke about a recent auto accident near his home. Mr. Austin alleged that the lack of lighting in the Village was a contributing factor to the vehicle accident. Mayor Weiss was aware of the auto incident and publicly explained that the Board is putting together a street lighting committee. The committee will look at all the pros and cons of the current Village Lighting and then report back to the board with their findings. Lastly...Mr. Austin is concerned about the recent influx of kids on bicycles. Mr. Austin would like to see more security to resolve this influx of bikes. Mayor Weiss requested Trustee/Police Commissioner Tom Cohen to speak to the 4th Precinct about this mass gathering of bicycles. Deputy Mayor Oppenheimer added that a contributing factor to the recent large gathering of bicycles was due to the visit by a popular YouTube rap artist. Trustee Kornblau asked Mr. Austin if he knew the address of the street light pole outage he reported several weeks ago. Mr. Austin said he would get back to the Board or VC Ryder with the address.

Minutes of the BOT September 10, 2020 – Motion by Trustee Cohen to approve the minutes.

Seconded by Trustee Kornblau, Unanimous approved.

Reports

- Treasurer's Report: Treasurer Gil Bruh presented the September 2020 treasurer's report.
- Mayor Weiss requested Treasurer Bruh speak with the Village Attorney about forwarding letters to homeowners regarding back taxes.
- Police and Security Reports for month of September 2020 was Reported by Police Commissioner/Trustee Tom Cohen. Police Commissioner/ Trustee Cohen mentioned that the police responded to a noise complaint on Everit Avenue. Summonses were issued after the third call.
- Hewlett Bay Fire Department Report for the month of September 2020 was Reported by Fire Commissioner/Trustee Jon Polakoff. Fire Commissioner/Trustee Polakoff mentioned that there was a recent power surge on Heather Lane, Harbor Road and Seawane Drive. VC Ryder inquired with PSEG who told VC Ryder that the incidents were isolated incidents. Mayor Weiss mentioned to the BOT how he and VC Ryder had an emergency teleconference with PSEG to go over these recent dangerous power surges. PSEG reps had mentioned how they were responsible and would be in touch with each homeowner. VC Ryder contacted the homeowners and confirmed to the BOT that yes indeed PSEG has been following up with all impacted homeowners.

Committee Reports:

- Public Works Report: VC Ryder mentioned that the DPW has vehicles and materials ready for the upcoming winter weather.
- Deputy Mayor Oppenheimer requested VC Ryder to investigate loose wire on Heather Lane.

- NY Rising: VC Ryder explained to the BOT that the roads have been marked up for underground utilities, trench saw cuts have been completed, test pits have been completed and the water company is starting their new water main installs and offsets.
- Willow Pond Update: Deputy Mayor Oppenheimer mentioned that muck pellet treatments are currently underway. DM Oppenheimer requested VC Ryder to keep Hewlett Bay Park apprised of all our doings and cost.
- Street Opening Permit Update: Trustee Cohen: Requested to defer to next month.
- Building Department Updates: Village Clerk Ryder reported that the last month was quiet and that 11 inspections were completed.
- Complaint Report: VC Ryder reported most complaints pertained to noise and Loitering on the bridge.

Old Business:

- Private Roads – VC Ryder discussed pothole and bad condition on Birch Drive. Mayor Weiss to set up a Private Road committee.
- ZOOM TV – Mayor Weiss explained that this October 8, 2020 meeting is a zoom experiment. The zoom livestream would not have been possible without Treasurer Gil Bruh’s assistance. Mayor Weiss acknowledged all the time and effort from Treasurer Gil Bruh. The Mayor requested another small group of invitees for November’s BOT meeting. Mayor Weiss explained that the reason for the small group is to get it right because of our inexperience at the current time.

New Business:

- Muni Logic – Treasurer Gil Bruh discussed with the BOT about a new computer program that will upgrade the Villages current old, outdated Tax and building programs. Treasurer

Bruh said the Village of Island Park is using and loving it. Mayor Weiss requested an overview webinar to learn more about the program. Treasurer Bruh said he will set something up in the next week.

- Election officers – VC Ryder requested additional pay be granted to the election officers. VC Ryder requested additional pay not only for the professional service that was provided on election day but also for the long fifteen (15) hour day. Trustee Polakoff made the motion to award an additional \$200.00 to the election officers. The motion was seconded by DM Oppenheimer. Five (5) aye's in favor of the motion.
- Trustee Cohen made a motion to close the public meeting and enter into Executive Session pursuant to Section 105 (F) of the Public Officials Law of the State of New York. The motion was unanimously accepted and seconded by All. 5-0 in favor. The Board entered executive session. Trustee Kornblau seconded.

The Board returned from the Executive Session. A motion was made by Trustee Kornblau to adjourn the public meeting. Trustee Cohen seconded the motion to adjourn. All approved.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED

Mark Weiss, Mayor

Michael Ryder, Village Clerk