

INCORPORATED VILLAGE OF HEWLETT HARBOR

Minutes of the regular meeting of the

Board of Trustees held April 8, 2021

Time started: 5:00 P.M.

The Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Incorporated Village of Hewlett Harbor was held via ZOOM in Village Hall, 449 Pepperidge Road, Hewlett Harbor, New York 11557, on April 8, 2021. Those who attended via ZOOM are annotated with a (z) next to their names.

PRESENT: Mark Weiss, Mayor (z)
Leonard Oppenheimer, Deputy Mayor
Ken Kornblau, Trustee (z)
Tom Cohen, Trustee (z)
Gil Bruh

ALSO PRESENT: Michael Ryder, Village Clerk
Nicole Giacobelli, Deputy Village Clerk
Hon. Merik R. Aaron. (Ret.), Village Attorney
Tariq Kahn, Deputy Fire Commissioner (z)
Amir Gal, Road Commissioner (z)

ABSENT:

Nanette Ecker, Pond Commissioner

Deputy Mayor Oppenheimer opened the meeting up at 5:00 PM. DM Oppenheimer mentioned he will be running the meeting due to the Mayor traveling for business. The DM welcomed our Zoom attendees and staff in the Village Hall.

Public Comment: DM Oppenheimer welcomed Sanitation District #1 Superintendent George Pappas to the meeting. Village Clerk Ryder shared with Mr. Pappas about all the recent complaints pertaining to sanitation. Such as...missing houses, not returning cans to origin, not placing lids back on cans, walking thru people's yards, speeding thru the streets, leaving trash in receptacles, boxes not being picked up etc. Superintendent Pappas said there are two trucks for Hewlett Harbor and that he will speak to the drivers and laborers. Superintendent Pappas suggested having the driver come in and talk to the Board. Residents Amir Gal, Tariq Khan and Jon Lieberman shared their displeasure with sanitation Superintendent Pappas. Superintendent Pappas promised the workers will do a better job. Trustee Kornblau thanked superintendent Pappas for attending the meeting and appreciated the service being provided. Resident John Novello thanked Superintendent Pappas for the service he and his men provide. Resident Jon Lieberman requested upgrading the old street signage on his block (Hewlett Lane). Resident Ron Austin inquired about upgrading the existing dim street lighting. DM Oppenheimer explained VC Ryder is looking into using a white light bulb in one of the existing light poles as a test for public feedback. Mr. Austin inquired about the lack of fencing between the Seawane Club and his property. VC Ryder spoke to the owners of the Seawane club and was advised that wood fencing will be installed in the next 2-3 weeks. Mr. Austin also inquired about the legality of statues on private property. Village attorney Merik Aaron said he is looking into the matter. Resident Novello mentioned the statue being a structure and enforcing the code. VA Aaron said he is looking into the matter.

Public Hearing: Proposed 2021-2022 fiscal year Budget. Motion by Trustee Gil Bruh to open the public hearing. Seconded by Tom Cohen...5-0 approved. Village accountant Paul Feldman read the budget to the BOT and the public. No questions were asked. The hearing was closed. The budget vote will take place at the May 6th, 2021 Board of Trustees meeting.

Minutes of the BOT March 11, 2021 Meeting – Motion made by Trustee Bruh to approve minutes. Seconded by Trustee Kornblau. Unanimously approved 5-0.

Reports

- Trustee Gil Bruh presented the March 2021 treasurer's report.

- Police and Security Reports for month of March 2021 was reported by Police

Commissioner/Trustee Tom Cohen. Trustee Cohen mentioned traffic violations were up due to truck traffic on Hewlett lane.

- Hewlett Bay Fire Department Report for month of March 2021 was reported by trustee Gil Bruh.

Committee Reports:

- Public Works Report: VC Ryder mentioned that Carman-Dunne have completed their field work and hopefully will have road bid specs ready by April 21, 2021.

- GOSR: Deputy Mayor Oppenheimer asked VC Ryder to explain the status of the GOSR project. VC Ryder said all the storm pipes have been installed in the streets and that 75% of the project is complete. VC Ryder optimistically predicted completion by mid to late May 2021. Resident Novello inquired about restoration of his neighbor's lawn due to

road construction. VC Ryder mentioned he was well aware of the issue and that it is being addressed.

- Willow Pond Update: Deputy Mayor Oppenheimer reported that the 2021 DEC permit has recently been approved. DM Oppenheimer reported the tide movement fountains have been turned on.
- Street Opening Permit Update: Trustee Cohen mentioned nothing to report this month
- Building Department Updates: VC Ryder reported since our March 11, 2021 BOT meeting nine (9) building and three (3) plumbing permits were filed, and twelve (12) inspections were completed. Mayor Weiss spoke about the gating committee and the new bridge camera that was installed. Trustee Bruh mentioned the costs for six (6) additional PTZ cameras. Trustee Bruh mentioned the cameras are not to be used as surveillance cameras. Resident Novello had a questions about who is on the gating committee and how the cameras will be used. DM Oppenheimer mentioned who was on the committee.
- Complaint Report: VC Ryder reported 31 complaints; mostly pertaining to March 26th, 2021 power outage.

New Business:

- Two election officers salary increase to \$150.00 tabled to next month's BOT hearing

Trustee Cohen made a motion to close the public meeting and enter into Executive Session at 6:20 PM pursuant to Section 105(F) of the Public Officials Law of the State of New York. The motion was seconded by Trustee Kornblau. The vote was 5-0 in favor.

The BOT returned from Executive Session. A motion was made to close the meeting by Trustee Cohen. Seconded by Trustee Kornblau.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED

Michael Ryder, Village Clerk