

INCORPORATED VILLAGE OF HEWLETT HARBOR

**Minutes of the regular meeting of the
Board of Trustees held September 10, 2020**

The Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Incorporated Village of Hewlett Harbor was held in the Village Hall at 449 Pepperidge Road, Hewlett Harbor, New York 11557, on September 10, 2020.

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

ALSO PRESENT: Michael Ryder, Village Clerk
Hon. (Ret.) Merik R. Aaron, Village Attorney
Gil Bruh, Village Treasurer

ABSENT: Nanette Ecker, Pond Commissioner
Tariq Kahn, Deputy Fire 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: Maureen Meridinger of 162 Schencks Circle a new homeowner spoke to the Board about the poor odor and insect condition coming from the pond. Mrs.

Meridinger wanted to know what the Village is doing about it. Mayor Weiss welcomed her to the Village and spoke about the history of the pond and what the Village has done regarding cleaning and maintaining the pond. Mayor Weiss expressed he will listen to all

ideas about cleaning the pond. Mayor Weiss recommended that Mrs. Meridinger stay in touch with Village Hall for pond updates and getting involved with the Pond committee.

Trustee Kornblau welcomed Mrs. Meridinger to the Village.

Minutes of the BOT July 9, 2020 – Motion by Trustee Cohen to approve the minutes. Seconded by Trustee Kornblau, Unanimous approved.

Reports

- Treasurer's Report: Treasurer Gil Bruh presented the July and August 2020 treasurers reports.

- Mayor Weiss requested Treasurer Bruh speak with the Village Attorney about forwarding letters to homeowners in regard to back taxes.

- Police and Security Reports for month of August 2020 Report by Trustee Cohen. Trustee Cohen mentioned nothing to report except one crime report at the Seawane Club.

- Hewlett Bay Fire Department Report for the month of August 2020 Report by Trustee Polakoff.

One water rescue in the month of August. Trustee Polakoff thanked everybody for the storm response that knocked down a large number of trees.

Committee Reports:

- Public Works Report: VC Ryder mentioned that the DPW storm response was excellent.

Mayor Weiss thanked Gerard LeClair and Mike Schmitt for their excellent response and fast roadway tree clearance.

- VC Ryder discussed a recent electric surge on Heather Lane. Mayor Weiss directed VC Ryder to put together a meeting with PSEG representatives.

- Deputy Mayor Oppenheimer requested VC Ryder to look into loose wire on Heather Lane.

- NY Rising: Special Counselor Charles Casolaro proposed to the Board Resolution #5-2020. This Resolution is for the execution of contract for the village's 2020 stormwater remediation grant-funded project. This resolution authorizes the Village Clerk to execute the contract between the Village and Pioneer Asphalt Paving, Inc. Motion made by DM Oppenheimer to approve resolution proposal, 2nd by Trustee Polakoff. Approved.
- Willow Pond Update: Mayor Weiss mentioned that muck pellet treatments are currently underway. Mayor Weiss directed VC Ryder to inquire with Ron Abrams about the necessity of an additional treatment.
- Street Opening Permit Update: Trustee Cohen: Requested to defer to next month.
- Building Department Updates: Village Clerk Ryder reported about an uptick this year in swimming pool permits.
- Complaint Report: VC Ryder reported most complaints pertained to noise and sanitation.

New Business:

- Private Roads – Birch Drive is in poor condition and not getting better per VC Ryder. Mayor Weiss asked VC Ryder to find out who owns the drywell and to get some pricing to fix the huge potholes.
- ZOOM TV – Treasurer Bruh spoke about TV install and Zoom account. The zoom app will cost \$150.00 per year. The TV can provide transcriptions which can save the Village stenographer fees. Trustee Cohen acknowledged the many benefits of ZOOM.
- Village Attorney – Merik Aaron discussed the recent papers filed in court against the Village pertaining to FOIL denials. The Village won the case. Mayor Weiss would like to know the cost to the Village.

- 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