

INCORPORATED VILLAGE OF HEWLETT HARBOR

Minutes of the regular meeting of the
Board of Trustees held February 11, 2021

Time started: 5:00 P.M.

Time ended: 6:40 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 February 11, 2021. Those who attended via ZOOM are annotated with a (z) next to their names.

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

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

ABSENT: Tariq Kahn, Deputy Fire Commissioner

Mayor Weiss opened the meeting up at 5:00 PM. The Mayor welcomed our Zoom attendees and staff in the Village Hall.

Mayor Weiss discussed the recent and sudden resignation of Trustee Jon Polakoff. Mayor Weiss thanked trustee Polakoff for his dedication and volunteerism in overseeing and managing the operations of Village Hall. Mayor Weiss welcomed and announced resident Gil Bruh as the newly appointed trustee. Mayor Weiss swore in Gil Bruh as trustee for the remainder of Trustee Jon Polakoff's term.

Public Comment: Resident Beth Fliegel 1335 Hewlett Lane discussed her displeasure with the current unsafe condition at the corner of Hewlett Lane and Everit Avenue which is directly in front of her house. The issue is that trucks continue to come down her block (Hewlett Lane) which is extremely narrow and due to the narrowness of Hewlett Lane keep running over her landscaped corner, Belgium blocks and grass area. Mrs. Fliegel believes it is Village property and that the Village should re-imburse the Fliegels for all repair costs. After back and forth on ownership of the land in question... Merik Aaron Village Attorney began researching the Village Code. Section 145-15.2 Maintenance of Village Rights of Way and Easements states: it shall be the responsibility of the property owner whose property includes a Village right of way or easement adjacent(to the property) to maintain the right of way, which shall include, but not limited to, cutting the grass, trimming trees and bushes, and keeping the property adequately watered. Resident Nannette Ecker suggested large boulders to act as a deterrent.

Minutes of the BOT January 14, 2021 Meeting – Motion made by Trustee Cohen to approve minutes. Seconded by Trustee Kornblau. Unanimously approved 5-0.

Reports

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

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

Commissioner/Trustee Tom Cohen. Representatives from the 4th pct linked into our zoom meeting. Officer's Zanni and Lt. Sollin discussed the advantages of the Flock cameras and was appreciative that the Village Government is being proactive in the safety and welfare of its residents. Lt. Sollin would like to meet with the Mayor and PC Cohen to discuss future camera use.

- Hewlett Bay Fire Department Report - Village Clerk (VC) Ryder will invite Chief Lewin to next month's BOT meeting.

Committee Reports:

- Public Works Report: Gerard LeClair and Mike Schmitt did an excellent job plowing during the recent snowstorm.
- GOSR: Deputy Mayor Oppenheimer and VC Ryder explained to the BOT that the GOSR project is on schedule. National Grid is currently upgrading gas lines. Deputy Mayor (DM) Oppenheimer told residents to contact National Grid if they needed to upgrade their service.
- Willow Pond Update: Deputy Mayor Oppenheimer reported the current state of the pond is clean and environmentally friendly. Collaborating with other Villages to maintain and financially fund the maintenance efforts is in discussion.
- Street Opening Permit Update: Trustee Cohen reported that there is nothing to report this month.

- Building Department Updates: VC Ryder reported since our January 14th. meeting eight (8) building and plumbing permits were filed, and three (3) inspections were completed. Mayor Weiss spoke about the gating committee and new cameras to be installed.
- Complaint Report: VC Ryder reported 26 complaints; mostly pertaining to snow removal and trash pick-up. Mayor Weiss requested we try to get Sanitation Supervisor George Pappas to the March BOT meeting.

Old Business:

- Mayor Weiss spoke about the Security gating community committee. The committee is looking into additional cameras strategically placed throughout the Village.
- Mayor Weiss and Trustee Bruh spoke about our FLOCK cameras and how helpful they are in police investigations. Trustee Bruh is also waiting to hear back from Muni-Logic.

New Business:

- Trustee Cohen made a motion to close the public meeting and enter into Executive Session at 6:40 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