

VILLAGE OF WESLEY HILLS  
VILLAGE BOARD MEETING  
JUNE 12, 2007

PRESENT: Mayor R. Frankl  
Deputy Mayor E. Mc Pherson  
Trustee D. Goldsmith  
Trustee D. Gantshar  
Trustee H. Richman  
Village Attorney F. Brown  
Village Clerk J. Pagliaroli

Sheriff Kralik was before the board at 7:55 P.M. He was asked to discuss the security needs in the Village Hall. He said that the most important items he could recommend is armed court officer and panic alarms. He said that the County Justice Courts are going to form a committee to look at security in court rooms in the county. He also suggested cameras be installed to provide security. Discussion was held on the need for automatic electronic defibulators ( AEDs) to be in the Village Hall. Sheriff Kralik suggested we contact Kim Lippis and ask about funding or grants for AEDs.

Mayor Frankl called the public portion of the meeting to order at 8:00 P.M. Mayor Frankl advised the Board that it has been suggested that shades be installed on the windows in the court and a key pad system for the main office for the Village Hall.

Mayor Frankl opened the floor to the public. Mr. Freedman was before the Board with a concern about the bridge in Willow Tree Park. The Board requested the Code Enforcement Officer, Steve Abrams, to take a look at the bridge.

Mayor Frankl reported that there are several grants that are coming into the Village.

Trustee Gantshar made the following resolution:

**RESOLUTION 71-07**

WHEREAS, on March 30, 2007, Adam Marlin and Randi Marlin deposited the sum of \$14,625.00 with the Village of Wesley Hills to be held in escrow until the completion of rough grading and fine grading, completion of front walkway, splash pads for roof leaders, topsoil, seeding, and final as-built drawing affecting premises located at 14 Skylark Drive and identified on the Town of Ramapo Tax Map as Section 41.16, Block 1, Lot 71, and

WHEREAS, by site visit report dated May 8, 2007, the Village Engineer has advised this Board that such work has been completed to his satisfaction,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the said escrow funds in the amount of \$14,625.00 be released and returned to Adam Marling and Randi Marling.

The resolution was seconded by Trustee Richman and was so carried with a vote of 5 ayes and 0 nays.

Trustee Richman made the following resolution:

**RESOLUTION 72-07**

WHEREAS, on December 19, 2000, Jonathan E. Gross and Naomi Gross deposited the sum of \$7,700.00 with the Village of Wesley Hills to be held in escrow until the completion of grading, seeding, planting and construction work affecting premises located at 15 Rockwood Lane, and

WHEREAS, on June 12, 2001, by Resolution #147-01, this Board authorized the release of \$3750.00 from said escrow funds based upon the partial completion of such required work, leaving the amount of \$3950.00 retained in escrow, and

WHEREAS, by site visit report dated April 12, 2007, the Village Engineer has advised this Board that the remain portion of such work has been completed to his satisfaction,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the balance of said escrow funds in the amount of \$3,950.00 be released and returned to Jonathan E. Gross and Naomi Gross.

The resolution was seconded by Trustee Gantshar and so carried with a vote of 5 ayes and 0 nays.

Trustee Gantshar requested an explanation of the Technical Advisory Committee. Mayor Frankl explained that it is a committee comprised of the Village Engineer, the Village Planner and Village Attorney to review applications to the Planning Board to advise them as to what is missing, what is needed, etc. Discussion was held that the T.A.C. meetings are public hearings. Mr. Brown

advised that it is discretionary. Trustee Goldsmith said that he had a problem if the public were allowed to attend the TAC meetings. He

said that they should not be allowed to comment because that would be done at the opening meeting of the Planning Board. Trustee Gantshar made the following resolution:

**RESOLUTION 73-07**

RESOLVED, that for any application pending before the Planning Board, the applicant shall have the right, at the applicant's sole discretion, to meet with the "Technical Advisory Committee" of the Village (consisting of the Village's planning consultant, the Village Engineer and the Village Attorney) in advance of the Planning Board meeting to discuss the details of such application, provided that the applicant shall reimburse the Village for the cost incurred by the Village for such meeting by payment of the Technical Advisor Committee appearance fee as set forth in the Village's Fee Schedule.

The resolution was seconded by Trustee Richman and so carried with a vote of 5 ayes and 0 nays.

Trustee Goldsmith made the following resolution:

**RESOLUTION 74-07**

RESOLVED, that the Fee Schedule of the Village of Wesley Hills is hereby revised, effective immediately, to add the following item:

"24 – TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE  
APPEARANCE FEE \$500.00 per meeting"

The resolution was seconded by Trustee Gantshar and so carried with a vote of 5 ayes and 0 nays.

Trustee Goldsmith asked if the money from the bond is paying for Skylark Drive work. It is to be researched and reported back to the Village Board. Trustee Gantshar said he would vote against the abstract as presented because of the inclusion of a bill from Zarin & Steinmetz. He said that he feels the Village should not be wasting money on legal expenses outside the boundaries of the Village. After discussion by the Board the bill for \$26.76 for Zarin & Stienmetz

was removed from the abstract because of a charge that was questioned. Trustee Goldsmith made the following resolution:

**RESOLUTION 75-07**

RESOLVED, that general fund claims #1 though 32 in the aggregate amount of \$144959.48, as set forth in Abstract #6-07 dated June 12, 2007, a copy of which abstract of audited claims is made a part of the Minutes of this Board, are hereby approved.

The resolution was seconded by Trustee Gantshar and so passed with a vote of 4 ayes (Mayor Frankl, Deputy Mayor Mc Pherson, Trustee Gantshar and Trustee Richman) and one abstention (Trustee Goldsmith).

Trustee Goldsmith made the following resolution:

**RESOLUTION 76-07**

RESOLVED, that the Minutes of the meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Village of Wesley Hills on May 8, 2007, as submitted by the Village Clerk, be approved, and that the reading of such Minutes be waived.

The resolution was seconded by Trustee Gantshar and so carried with a vote of 5 ayes and 0 nays.

Trustee Goldsmith asked about the presentation that Frank Brown made to the New Hempstead Village Board regarding the proposed school on the corner of Route 306 and Grandview Avenue. Mr. Brown informed him that there are several problems including the amount of parking and the traffic flow. Trustee Gantshar said that he did not agree with the Village of New Hempstead's position that Hasidic women did not drive. However, he still feels that the Village of Wesley Hills should not take a position on items outside of the village boundaries. He said he is not sure it is in our best interest to oppose this project. Trustee Richman asked if the traffic created from Hatzolah Ambulance, which is located across the street on Route 306, was taken into consideration? Mr. Brown said that it was not addressed. Mr. Brown also advised that the school needs permission from NY State for access onto Route 306 and Rockland County for entrance onto Grandview Avenue. Trustee Goldsmith said that he thinks the extent of our involvement at this time is what we have discussed regarding Mr. Brown's presentation and if New Hempstead decides to give permission than we should not file legally. Deputy Mayor McPherson said that if

the intersection is going to be blocked, it may be a serious problem for fire coverage. Trustee Gantshar said that he now understands Mr. Brown's position and he is in agreement with that and supports the position.

Trustee Richman asked if the Board wanted to hold the workshop meeting on July 3<sup>rd</sup>. The Board was in agreement that it would be all right.

The Village Clerk brought up the issue of the Weinberger subdivision and the notification that the Village received. The Board has asked that this be pursued and that the subdivision drawings be obtained for review.

Trustee Goldsmith made a motion to adjourn and was seconded by everyone and so carried.

Respectfully submitted,  
Julie Pagliaroli  
Village Clerk