

Village of Wesley Hills  
Village Board Meeting-January 8, 2008

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Goldsmith at 8:00 P.M.

Present: Mayor David Goldsmith, Deputy Mayor Ed McPherson, Howard Richman, Trustee, Brett Bekritsky, Trustee.

Also Present: Frank Brown-Village Attorney, Barbara Cartaya-Village Clerk.

Absent: Marion Ben-Jacobs, Trustee.

Mayor Goldsmith announced the appointment of Brett Bekritsky to the Board. Mayor Goldsmith said that he will fill the vacancy of the office of Trustee until the end of the current official year, which ends April 7, 2008.

A motion was made by Howard Richman and seconded by Deputy Mayor McPherson to approve the following resolution:

RESOLUTION 1-08

RESOLVED, that the minutes of the respective meetings of the Board of Trustees of the Village of Wesley Hills on December 11, 2007 and December 19, 2007, as submitted by the Village Clerk, be approved, and that the reading of such minutes be waived.

The following vote was taken: Mayor Goldsmith-yes, Deputy Mayor McPherson-yes, Trustee Richman-yes, Trustee Bekritsky-abstain.

The vote was carried with 4 ayes and 0 nays.

A motion was made by Deputy Mayor McPherson and seconded by Trustee Howard Richman to approve the following resolution:

RESOLUTION 2-08

RESOLVED, pursuant to Election Law section 15-104, that the next general Village election shall be held on March 18, 2008, and that the polling place for such election for the entire Village of Wesley Hills shall be the Village Hall, 432 Route 306, and that the hours during which the polls shall be open from 6:00 A.M. until 9:00 P.M.

The following vote was taken: Mayor Goldsmith-yes, Deputy Mayor McPherson-yes, Trustee Richman-yes, Trustee Bekritsky-yes.

The vote was carried with 4 ayes and 0 nays.

A motion was made by Howard Richman and seconded by Deputy Mayor McPherson to approve the following resolution:

RESOLUTION 3-08

RESOLVED, pursuant to Election Law section 15-116, that the following four persons are hereby appointed inspectors of election to serve at the general Village election to be held on March 18, 2008: Rosene Corsentino, Emily J. Kass, Marie T. Bazille, and Antoinette Del Biondo; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that Rosene Corsentino is hereby designated as chairman of the inspectors of election; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the following persons are hereby designated as alternative inspectors of election who shall assume the office of inspectors of election upon the inability or refusal of an inspector to assume or perform her duties: Gloria C. Van Campen, Liberty B. Cruz, and Carol Friedman; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the compensation of the inspectors of election shall be \$8.00 per hour for each inspector who shall serve on election day.

The following vote was taken: Mayor Goldsmith-yes, Deputy Mayor McPherson-yes, Howard Richman-yes, Brett Bekritsky-yes.

The vote was carried with 4 ayes and 0 nays.

Mayor appoints Janet R. Golda to the office of Deputy Village Clerk, effective January 22, 2008, for the balance of the term expiring in April, 2008.

A motion was made by Howard Richman and seconded by Deputy Mayor McPherson to adopt the following resolution:

RESOLUTION 4-08

RESOLVED, that the Mayor's appointment of Janet R. Golda to the office of Deputy Village Clerk, effective January 22, 2008, for the balance of the term expiring in April, 2008 is hereby approved.

The following vote was taken: Mayor Goldsmith-yes, Deputy Mayor Ed McPherson-yes, Howard Richman-yes, Brett Bekritsky-yes.

The vote was carried with 4 ayes and 0 nays.

A motion was made by Deputy Mayor McPherson and seconded by Howard Richman to adopt the following resolution:

RESOLUTION 5-08

RESOLVED, that William Fried is hereby appointed as second alternate member of the Planning Board of the Village of Wesley Hills for the balance of the term expiring in April, 2008.

The following vote was taken: Mayor Goldsmith-yes, Deputy Mayor McPherson-yes, Howard Richman-yes, Brett Bekritsky-yes.

The vote was carried with 4 ayes and 0 nays.

A motion was made by Deputy Mayor McPherson and seconded by Howard Richman to adopt the following resolution:

RESOLUTION 6-08

WHEREAS, a vacancy presently exists in the position of Registrar of Vital Statistics as a result of the resignation of Julie Pagliaroli;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, pursuant to Section 4121 of the Public Health Law, that Barbara Cartaya is hereby appointed as Registrar of Vital Statistics for the Village of Wesley Hills for the balance of the term expiring in April, 2008, and that the Registrar shall be paid the fees prescribed by Section 4124 of the Public Health Law in lieu of a stipulated salary; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that pursuant to Domestic Relations law Section 11-c, Barbara Cartaya is hereby appointed as a marriage officer authorized to solemnize marriages within the Village of Wesley Hills, for the balance of the term expiring in April, 2008, and that she shall not receive any salary or wage from the Village of Wesley Hills for her performance of her duties as such marriage officer.

The following vote was taken: Mayor Goldsmith-yes, Deputy Mayor McPherson-yes, Trustee Richman-yes, Trustee Bekritsky-yes.

The vote was carried with 4 ayes and 0 nays.

A motion was made by Howard Richman and seconded by Deputy Mayor McPherson to approve the following Resolution:

RESOLUTION 7-08

WHEREAS, Wells Fargo Home Mortgage has made payments for the 2007 Village Tax on numerous parcels of real property in the Village of Wesley Hills, and

WHEREAS, such payment by Wells Fargo Home Mortgage erroneously included a duplicate tax payment for each of the following two parcels of real property (inasmuch as

payment of such tax for each of those parcels also was made by other parties): (a) 14 Buena Vista Road, designated on the Town of Ramapo Tax map as Section 32.19, Block 1, Lot 41; and (b) 145 East Willow Tree Road, designated on the Town of Ramapo Tax map as Section 41.11, Block 2, Lot 6; and

WHEREAS, the total amount of such two duplicate payments was \$779.10;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Village Treasurer is hereby directed to remit the amount of \$779.10 to Wells Fargo Home Mortgage for a refund of the said duplicate payments.

The following vote was taken: Mayor Goldsmith-yes, Deputy Mayor McPherson-yes, Trustee Richman-yes, Trustee Bekritsky-yes.

The vote was carried with 4 ayes and 0 nays.

Mayor Goldsmith then discussed with the Board members a meeting he had with Brian Brooker. Mayor Goldsmith said that he and Mr. Brooker discussed the proposed sidewalks. Mayor Goldsmith said that there are approximately 10 homes that will be directly affected by the sidewalks. Mayor Goldsmith then said that the sidewalks will be funded by CHIPS and that the most troublesome property is the northwest corner property located on Lime Kiln and Route 306. Mayor Goldsmith said that he was advised by Mr. Brooker that a portion of a house is located in the easement on that lot.

Mayor Goldsmith then said that he has asked Brian Brooker to research the cost of constructing sidewalks on Willow Tree Road, and the possibility of having this done before the budget is discussed. Mayor Goldsmith said that he was advised that the State would include the proposed sidewalk plan in their 2010 budget.

A member of the public asked if the Village receives any refunds for alternative power sources and if the Village would waive permit fees for installation of alternate power.

Frank Brown said that because the inspections for alternative power may be specialized, the Building Inspector should consult with the Village Engineer to determine the cost of inspections.

Frank Brown then discussed the highway contract with Mayor Goldsmith and the Board members. Mr. Brown said that the Town Attorney accepted the changes that the Village made to the contract and that the monthly payments will be \$26,822.67.

Deputy Mayor McPherson then said that he had a discussion with a representative from Verizon. Deputy McPherson said that Verizon wants to come to the Village and talk about the possibility of a franchise agreement with the Village of Wesley Hills.

Mayor Goldsmith and the Board members then discussed hiring outside help for the Zoning Board meetings.

Mayor Goldsmith then talked about the recent changes in the website and that the website is now ready to go. Mayor Goldsmith and the Board will decide who is going to host the website.

A motion was made by Howard Richman and seconded by Deputy Mayor McPherson to approve the following resolution:

#### RESOLUTION 8-08

RESOLVED, that general fund claims #216 through #240 in the aggregate amount of \$147,008.10, as set forth in Abstract # 1-08 dated January 8, 2008, a copy of which abstract of audited claims is made a part of the Minutes of this Board, are hereby approved.

The following vote was taken: Mayor Goldsmith-yes, Deputy Mayor McPherson-yes, Trustee Richman-yes, Trustee Bekritsky-yes.

The vote was carried with 4 ayes and 0 nays.

A motion was made by Howard Richman and seconded by Deputy Mayor McPherson to approve the following Resolution:

#### RESOLUTION 9-08

RESOLVED, that parks and recreation fund claim # 190 in the amount of \$1,497.50 as set forth in Abstract # PR 1-08 dated January 8, 2008, a copy of which abstract of audited claim is made a part of the Minutes of this Board, is hereby approved.

The following vote was taken: Mayor Goldsmith-yes, Deputy Mayor McPherson-yes, Trustee Richman-yes, Trustee Bekritsky-yes.

The vote was carried with 5 ayes and 0 nays.

At this time a motion was made by Howard Richman and seconded by Deputy Mayor McPherson to go into Executive Session to discuss a lawsuit just commenced against the Village.

The following vote was taken: Mayor Goldsmith-yes, Deputy Mayor McPherson-yes, Trustee Richman-yes, Trustee Bekritsky-yes.

Mayor Goldsmith announced the return of the Board from Executive Session and that no vote was taken during Executive Session.

A motion was made by Howard Richman and seconded by Deputy Mayor McPherson to adjourn the meeting.

The following vote was taken: Mayor Goldsmith-yes, Deputy McPherson-yes, Howard Richman-yes, Brett Bekritsky-yes.

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