

Village of Wesley Hills
Village Board Meeting-June17, 2008

The meeting was called to order by David Goldsmith, Mayor at 7:00 P.M.

Present: David Goldsmith, Mayor, Ed McPherson-Deputy Mayor, Howard Richman-Trustee, Marion Ben Jacob-Trustee, Brett Bekritsky-Trustee.

Also Present: Ben Selig-Village Attorney, Barbara Cartaya-Village Clerk.

A motion was made by Howard Richman and seconded by Marion Ben-Jacob to approve the following resolution.

RESOLUTION #58-08

WHEREAS, the minutes of the meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Village of Wesley Hills on May 13, 2008, 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, Ed McPherson-yes, Howard Richman-yes, Marion Ben-Jacob-yes, Brett Bekritsky-yes.

The resolution was carried with a vote of 5 ayes and 0 nays.

At this time the Mayor opened the floor for comments from the public.

Jack Hughes, from Earl Court said that the corner house on Earl Court and Kentor Lane is full of debris and very dirty, and the lot is overgrown with weeds and trees which is creating a sight distance problem.

Mayor Goldsmith and the Board members discussed this issue and it was decided to have Code Enforcement send a letter to the homeowner to remedy the situation.

Mayor Goldsmith then briefly discussed the status of the E-mail boxes for the Trustees, the website and the contract with FYS computer system.

A motion was made by Howard Richman and seconded by Marion Ben-Jacob to approve the following resolution.

RESOLUTION #59-08

RESOLVED, that the proposed contract with FYS Computer Consulting as set forth in FYS Computer Consulting's proposal for the period of June 1, 2008, and ending May 31, 2009, a copy of which proposal/agreement is made a part of the minutes of this Board, is hereby accepted; and the Mayor is hereby authorized to indicate the approval of such contract by signing the proposal/agreement on behalf of the Village of Wesley Hills.

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

The resolution was carried with a vote of 5 ayes and 0 nays.

Mayor Goldsmith and the Board members then discussed the encroachment onto the conservation easement at the Senter residence. Mayor Goldsmith said that the Village Engineer went to the property and in the opinion of the Engineer it would cause more harm to remove the wall than to leave it in place.

A motion was made by Marion Ben-Jacob and seconded by Ed McPherson to approve the following resolution.

RESOLUTION# 60-08

RESOLVED, that the owner of the premises known as Tax Lot No. 42.13.1.23.3, otherwise known as the Senter Residence, is hereby required to perform remediation to the conservation easement encroachment at said property as set forth in the letter of Brooker Engineering, PLLC, dated may 13, 2008, a copy of which letter is made a part of the minutes of this Board to the satisfaction of the Village Engineer of the Village of Wesley Hills.

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

The resolution was carried with a vote of 5 ayes and 0 nays.

A discussion began between the Mayor and the Board members regarding the moving of the blinking light on Wilder and Willow Tree Road to Lime Kiln Road. Mayor Goldsmith said that he spoke to Howard Lampert, P.E. and Mr. Lampert quoted a price of \$1,000 to reinstall the traffic light on Lime Kiln Road.

A motion was made by Marion Ben-Jacob and seconded by Howard Richman to approve the following resolution.

RESOLUTION# 61-08

RESOLVED, that the contract/proposal of Howard Lampert, P.E., for the preparation of plans and specifications for the installation of a flashing signal at the intersection of Wilder Road and Lime Kiln Road dated May 16, 2008, a copy of which contract/proposal is made a part of the minutes of this Board, is hereby accepted; and that the Mayor is hereby authorized to indicate the approval of such contract/proposal by signing the said contract/proposal on behalf of the Village of Wesley Hills.

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

The resolution was carried with a vote of 5 ayes and 0 nays.

Mayor Goldsmith discussed with the Board members the idea of having a credit card issued for the Village that he and the Village Clerk could use for small purchases only. Mayor Goldsmith said that there are times when he needs to purchase computer items etc. and he then must use his personal card and wait to be reimbursed by the Village.

The Board members all agreed to the proposal.

A motion was made by Marion Ben-Jacob and seconded by Howard Richman to approve the following resolution.

RESOLUTION# 62-08

RESOLVED, that the proposal of Provident Bank to issue credit cards for use by the Mayor and the Village Clerk as set forth in the letter from Provident Bank dated June 6, 2008, a copy of which letter/proposal is made a part of the minutes of this Board, is hereby accepted; and that the Mayor is hereby authorized to indicate the approval of such contract by signing the said proposal/letter on behalf of the Village of Wesley Hills.

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

The resolution was carried with a vote of 5 ayes and 0 nays.

Mayor Goldsmith and the Board members discussed the fact that the sign for East Hillside Court was never installed.

A motion was made by Marion Ben-Jacob and seconded by Howard Richman to approve the following resolution.

RESOLUTION# 63-08

RESOLVED, that the Town of Ramapo is hereby requested to change the existing street sign for "Hillside Court", at its intersection with Park Terrace, to "East Hillside Court".

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

The resolution was carried with a vote of 5 ayes and 0 nays.

Mayor Goldsmith and the Board members then discussed the Super Saver Bus Ticket proposal. The Mayor and Board members feel that it will be good to provide this service to the community.

A motion was made by Howard Richman and seconded by Ed McPherson to approve the following resolution.

RESOLUTION #64-08

RESOLVED, that the agreement between the County of Rockland, on behalf of its Department of Public Transportation, and the Village of Wesley Hills for the sale of Super Saver Bus Tickets, a copy of which agreement for the period of 3/1/08 through 2/28/10, is made a part of the minutes of this Board, is hereby accepted; and that the Mayor is hereby authorized to indicate the approval of such agreement by signing the said agreement on behalf of the Village of Wesley Hills.

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

The resolution was carried with a vote of 5 ayes and 0 nays.

The Mayor and Board members discussed the abstract. Mayor Goldsmith said that the graffiti removal at Lime Kiln Park is the best that it will be. Mayor Goldsmith said that the Company advised him that if they try to remove all the graffiti on the bench it will damage the wood. Mayor Goldsmith then discussed the repaving on Suhl and Baker Lanes. Mayor Goldsmith said that Tilcon will finish these roads (because of the small size of the roads) when they have “leftover” paving material on their trucks

At this time the Mayor and the Board members discussed a letter from Mrs. Schwartz of 19 Buena Vista Road, in great detail. Mayor Goldsmith said that years ago the Town of Ramapo installed a drain on the neighboring Klein property.

Ben Selig said that it appears to be a dispute between neighbors.

Mr. Selig then said that Judge Berliner denied the rearguement of the Neal Marcus lawsuit and the NYMRR has until June 26, 2008 to submit their answer.

Mayor Goldsmith and the Board members then discussed the progress of the website.

Mayor Goldsmith then asked the Board members for their input on an article that appeared in the Journal News. Mayor Goldsmith said that he would like the Trustees to consider choosing another newspaper for the Village.

Mayor Goldsmith discussed a letter with the Trustees that he would like to send to all tax exempt properties in the Village. Mayor Goldsmith said that the owners pay no Village taxes and that the Village is supplying pick-up services for these properties.

The Board members all agreed that these owners should be paying for garbage removal services.

At this time Mayor Goldsmith said that when the cell tower site on Lime Kiln Road was constructed, it appears that the drainage pipe was placed too high which in turn is causing a runoff problem. Mayor Goldsmith then said that he has been in contact with Tony Sharan, Supervisor of Highways, Town of Ramapo, and Mr. Sharan said that the Town will get permission from the County to clean and widen the stream to see if that will alleviate the problem.

Mayor Goldsmith then advised the Board that he has also been discussing the paving of Timber Trail with Mr. Sharan.

Howard Richman said that the meeting was held on the proposed religious use law and that progress that has been made at the meetings.

Mayor Goldsmith and the Board members briefly discussed the issue and that the law may be ready for a public hearing by July or August.

Marion Ben-Jacob told the Mayor that she has heard from many residents that they are pleased with the E-mails that the Mayor is sending out.

After further discussion, a motion was made by Howard Richman and seconded by Ed McPherson to adjourn the meeting.

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

