

Village of Wesley Hills
Special Board Meeting-April 1, 2009

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

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

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

Mayor Goldsmith asked for discussion on the proposed budget.

Marvin Nyman said that the Budget was discussed in great detail and that the only new issue was that of the Village's portion of CHIPS money. Mr. Nyman said that the moneys were supposed to remain the same but that the State is now proposing a 34% cut (as of this date). Mr. Nyman said that New York State moves forward with the reduction, this will create an additional deficit of \$11,000.00.

At this time Mayor Goldsmith said that he and Trustee Ben-Jacob went out and did the road review. Mayor Goldsmith said that they found that the worst roads in the Village were East Willow Tree from Route 306 to Deerwood Road.

Mayor Goldsmith then discussed the repaving and drainage issues on Timber Trail and said that he spoke with Tony Sharan and discussed their prior agreement (Tony Sharan had agreed to defray ½ the repaving cost with the Village). Mayor Goldsmith said that Mr. Sharan said that he wasn't sure if he could help with the repaving but he would help with the drainage portion of the job.

Mayor Goldsmith said that the increase in taxes is due to the Ramapo Highway Contract increase and the drop in property assessment income.

Mayor Goldsmith then asked if anyone from the public wished to speak regarding the budget.

Joe Del Biondo of 38 Skylark Drive said that Skylark Drive has many potholes and that he would like to see the road repaved. Mr. Del Biondo said that Tammy Lane, Sherri Lane and Sansberry Lane are also in need of paving.

Mayor Goldsmith said that he would like to pave Sansberry Lane but that there are no funds to do any paving at this time due to the drastic cutback in funds at both the State and Federal level.

As there were no further comments from the public, a motion was made by Howard Richman and seconded by Marion Ben-Jacob to close the public hearing.

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

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

RESOLUTION # 18-09

WHEREAS, the Board of Trustees of the Village of Wesley Hills has met and considered the tentative budget for the fiscal year beginning June 1, 2009, and has conducted a public hearing thereon as required by Section 5-508 of the Village Law,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the tentative budget as set forth in the copy of such budget annexed hereto made a part of the of the Minutes of this Board, is hereby adopted, and that the several amounts as set forth in the "Adopted" column of such budget be and hereby are appropriated for the objects and purposes specified, and the salaries and wages set forth in Schedule 4 of the budget shall be and hereby are fixed at the amounts shown therein effective June 1, 2009.

The following vote was taken: Mayor Goldsmith-yes, Ed McPherson-yes, Howard Richman-yes, Marion Ben-Jacob-yes, Brett Bekritsky-no.

The resolution was carried with a vote of 4 ayes and 1 nay.

Mayor Goldsmith appointed Edward B, McPherson, Jr., as Deputy Mayor for a one-year term.

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

RESOLUTION # 19-09

RESOLVED, that the Mayor's appointment of Janice R. Golda to the office of Deputy Village Clerk, for a one-year term is hereby approved.

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

RESOLUTION #20-09

RESOLVED, that the Mayor's appointment of Yael Ash to the office of Deputy Village Treasurer for a one-year term is hereby approved.

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

RESOLUTION # 21-09

RESOLVED, that the Mayor's appointment of Benjamin E. Selig to the office of Village Attorney for a one-year term is hereby approved.

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

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

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

RESOLUTION # 22-09

RESOLVED, that the Mayor's appointment of Frank I. Brown to the office of Deputy Village Attorney for a one-year

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

RESOLUTION #23-09

RESOLVED, that the Mayor's appointment of Doris Ulman, Jeffrey James Fortunato and Jan Ulman, respectively, to the office of Assistant Village Attorney for respective one-year terms is hereby approved.

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

RESOLUTION # 24-09

RESOLVED, that the Mayor's appointment of Stephen Abrams to the position of Code Inspector for a one-year term is hereby approved.

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

RESOLUTION #25-09

RESOLVED that the Mayor's appointment of N. Dennis Kaplan to the office of Acting Village Justice for a one-year term is hereby approved.

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

RESOLUTION # 26-09

RESOLVED, pursuant to the provisions of Section 7-718 of the Village Law, that the Mayor's appointment of Marshall F. Katz as Chairman of the Planning Board of the Village of Wesley Hills for a term of one year is hereby approved.

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 motion was made by Brett Bekritsky and seconded by Howard Richman to approve the following resolution.

RESOLUTION # 27-09

RESOLVED, that Ester Ben-Dov Shucht is hereby approved as first alternate member of the Planning Board of the Village of Wesley Hills for a one-year term.

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

RESOLUTION # 28-09

RESOLVED, that William Fried is hereby appointed as second alternate member of the Planning Board of the Village of Wesley Hills for a one year term.

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

RESOLUTION #29-09

RESOLVED, that the Mayor's appointment of Richard Weinberger to the Zoning Board of Appeals of the Village of Wesley Hills for a five-year term extending to April 2014, is hereby approved.

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 motion was made by Brett Bekritsky and seconded Ed McPherson to approve the following resolution.

RESOLUTION #30-09

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

RESOLUTION # 31-09

RESOLVED, pursuant to the provisions of Section 7-712 of the Village Law, that the Mayor's appointment of Richard Weinberger as Chairman of the Zoning Board of Appeals of the Village of Wesley Hills for a term on one year is hereby approved.

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 motion was made by Brett Bekritsky and seconded by Ed McPherson to approve the following resolution.

RESOLUTION # 32-09

RESOLVED, that Felicia S. Hirshfeld is hereby appointed as alternate member of the Zoning Board of Appeals of the Village of Wesley Hills for a one-year term.

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 Mayor Goldsmith appointed Robert Frankl to the office of Village Historian, pursuant to Section 57.07 of the Arts and Cultural Affairs Law.

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

RESOLUTION #33-09

RESOLVED, that the following banks are hereby designated as official depositories for Village funds: HSBC Bank; Key Bank; JP Morgan; Chase Bank, N.A.; M & T Bank; First Union National Bank; M.B.I.A. and Provident Bank.

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 motion was made by Brett Bekritsky and seconded by Howard Richman to approve the following resolution.

RESOLUTION # 34-09

RESOLVED, that the Rockland Journal News, a local newspaper, be designated as the official Village newspaper.

The following vote was taken: Mayor Goldsmith-no, Ed McPherson-yes, Howard Richman-yes, Marion Ben-Jacob-yes, Brett Bekritsky-yes.

The resolution was carried with a vote of 4 ayes and 1 nays.

A motion was made by Marion Ben-Jacob and seconded by Howard Richman to close the special meeting.

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