

Village of Wesley Hills  
Village Board Meeting-April 21, 2009

The meeting was called to order by David Goldsmith, Mayor, at 7:03 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 # 35-09

WHEREAS, the minutes of the Board of Trustees of Wesley Hills on March 17, 2009, as submitted by the Village Clerk, be approved, and 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.

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

RESOLUTION # 36-09

WHEREAS, the minutes of the Special Board Meeting of Trustees of Wesley Hills on April 1, 2009, as submitted by the Village Clerk, be approved, and 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.

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

RESOLUTION # 37-09

RESOLVED, that the proposed contract with Ascape Landscaping and Construction Corp., dated March 12, 2009, for landscape maintenance at Lime Kiln Park for the period of April 1<sup>st</sup> through November 30<sup>th</sup> of each year 2009, 2010, 2011 and 2012, a copy of which is made a part of the Minutes of this Board, is hereby accepted; and the Mayor is

authorized to indicate the approval of such contract by signing said contract 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 proposed changes to the existing fee schedule. Mayor Goldsmith said that the major change is escrow fees will be set in place before construction etc. to absorb some of the cost to the Village relating to inspection fees generated by the Village Planner and the Village Engineer.

Ben Selig said that the sketch plat fees were increased and the extension of a building permit fees were increased.

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

RESOLUTION # 38-09

RESOLVED, that the proposed revised Village of Wesley Hills Fee Schedule, a copy of which Revised Village of Wesley Hills Fee Schedule is made a part of the Minutes of this Board, is hereby approved and accepted as the official Fee Schedule for the Village of Wesley Hills, effective April 22, 2009.

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 #39-09

WHEREAS, the Board of Trustees of the Village of Wesley Hills deems it to be in the interests of the Village to consider the enactment of a Local Law Providing for Reimbursement of Professional Fees to the Village of Wesley Hills, and

WHEREAS, the Village Attorney, at the request of this Board, has prepared such a proposed Local Law, a copy of which proposed Local Law is made a part of the Minutes of this Board,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that in accordance with the provision of the Municipal Home Rule Law, a Public Hearing on the adoption of such proposed Local Law, entitled,

A Local Law to Provide for Reimbursement of Professional Fees to the Village of Wesley Hills, shall be held before the Board of Trustees of the Village of Wesley Hills on the 27<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2009, at 7:00 P.M.. at the Village Hall, 432 Route 306, in the Village of Wesley Hills, at which hearing citizens shall have the opportunity to be heard with respect to such proposed local law.

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 a request from Granite Title Company for a refund of monies for a title search. Mayor Goldsmith said that this is the second time in a month that they have requested money to be refunded. Mayor Goldsmith said that due to the fact that there is a cost factor to the Village in future the Title Companies must absorb a portion of the cost.

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

#### RESOLUTION #39-09

WHEREAS, on March 3, 2009, National Granite Title Insurance Agency, Inc., requested and paid for a Certificate of Occupancy/Violation Search of the Building Department of the Village of Wesley Hills for premises known as 2 Sherri Lane, Wesley Hills, New York, and

WHEREAS, National Granite Title Insurance Agency, Inc., has paid to the Village of Wesley Hills the required fee for search in the sum of \$150.00, and

WHEREAS, on March 26, 2009, National Granite Title Insurance Agency, Inc., withdrew and cancelled the request for a Certificate of Occupancy/Violation Search with respect to the premises at 2 Sherri Lane, Wesley Hills, New York,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that it is hereby determined that National Granite Title Insurance Agency, Inc., is entitled to a refund of the fee heretofore paid in the sum of \$150.00, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Village Clerk is hereby directed to remit the aforementioned refund in the sum of \$150.00 to National Granite Title Insurance Agency, Inc.

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 then discussed with the Board members and an officer from the Ramapo Police Department a problem with ongoing vandalism that is occurring to approximately five houses on Lime Kiln Road. Mayor Goldsmith said that during the winter the problem seems to go away, but now that warmer weather is here the vandalism is occurring again. Mayor Goldsmith said that they have thrown eggs on cars, dumped soup on the interior of the cars and that the events seem to occur late Friday night into Saturday. Mayor Goldsmith asked that Ramapo PD step up their patrol in the area and the Officer said that he would advise Ramapo PD of the problem and they would step up their patrols in the area.

Mayor Goldsmith discussed the proposed walking path that he would like installed in Bokar Park with the Board members. Mayor Goldsmith said that the Army Corp of Engineers requested additional information regarding the proposal and that a proposal was received from Environmental Construction to do the path for approximately \$3,000.00.

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

#### RESOLUTION # 40-09

RESOLVED, that the proposed contract with ERS Consultants, Inc., dated April 13, 2009, for Environmental Consulting Services for the Bokar Park Site, a copy of which is made a part of the Minutes of this Board, is hereby approved; and the Mayor is hereby authorized to indicate the approval of such proposal on said document 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.

At this time Mayor Goldsmith asked if anyone from the public wished to be heard with regard to the proposed change in the parking law.

As no one from the public wished to speak, 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.

Mayor Goldsmith and the Board members then discussed the change to the overnight parking law. Mayor Goldsmith said that Chris Kear, Fire Inspector for the Village said that there are too many instances of people parking overnight in cul-de-sacs and that if

there was a fire, the fire trucks would not be able to access the property. Mayor Goldsmith then said that the Fire Inspector is very concerned about safety issues.

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

#### RESOLUTION # 41-09

RESOLVED, that the proposed Local Law Amending Local Law No. 1 of 1984 as amended, (1) to prohibit the issuance of all-night parking permits during the period of November 1 to April 1, inclusive, and (2) to set the minimum fine for violation of the ban on all-night parking at \$30.00 per violation, is hereby approved and enacted as Local Law No. 2 of 2009.

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 said that he spoke with Tony Sharan from Ramapo Highway and Chris St. Lawrence, regarding the repaving and drainage issues on Timber Trail. Mayor Goldsmith said that Supervisor St. Lawrence told him that the Town will split the cost of paving and that they will also supply all the material for the drainage portion of the work. Mayor Goldsmith then said that he asked Mr. Sharan to give him an estimate for paving from Route 306 (on East Willow Tree) to Deerwood Road.

Mayor Goldsmith then said that he spoke with John Layne about the Building Inspector position that is open in the Village. Mayor Goldsmith said that Mr. Layne is currently employed in the Village of Sloatsburg and works part time in the Village of Suffern. Mayor Goldsmith said that upon review of Mr. Massaros' current work schedule, he feels that 15 hours a week would be sufficient at this time. Mayor Goldsmith said that Mr. Layne would start at \$30.00 per hour.

Ben Selig said that at the request of the Village, he spoke with Dick Comi explaining why the Village released him as their telecommunications advisor. Mr. Selig said that he told Mr. Comi that the Village felt that his bills were excessive and that his travel time was also a problem.

