

Village of Wesley Hills
Village Board Meeting-September 22, 2009

The meeting was called to order by Mayor David Goldsmith at 7:04 P.M.

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

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

Absent: Brett Bekritsky.

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

RESOLUTION # 65-09

RESOLVED, that the minutes of the Board of Trustees of the Village of Wesley Hills, on September 22, 2009, 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.

The resolution was carried with a vote of 4 ayes and 0 nays.

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

RESOLUTION # 66-09

RESOLVED, that the Mayor's appointment of Felicia S. Hirshfeld to the Zoning Board of Appeals of the Village of Wesley Hills for the balance of a five-year term extending to April 2012, is hereby approved.

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

The resolution was carried with a vote of 4 ayes and 0 nays.

At this time Mayor Goldsmith appointed Jan M. Hilgeman as an alternate member of the Zoning Board of Appeals for the balance of a one-year term extending to April 2010.

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

RESOLUTION # 67-09

WHEREAS, pursuant to an escrow agreement dated May 20, 2009, Israel Gold deposited the sum of \$4,000.00 with the Village of Wesley Hills to be held in escrow until the completion of construction items, to wit (a) final grading, (b) seeding, (c) grading of a swale from the low areas toward the front of the property, and (d) extension of a drain from the pool area to daylight at the dwelling located at 121 Forshay Road in the Village of Wesley Hills, and

WHEREAS, the required work has been completed to the satisfaction of the Village Engineer of the Village of Wesley Hills,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the said escrow funds be released and returned to Israel Gold.

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

The resolution was carried with a vote of 4 ayes and 0 nays.

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

RESOLUTION # 68-09

WHEREAS, the budget adopted for the fiscal year beginning June 1, 2008, and ending May 31, 2009, did not provide for certain increases and decreases in specific appropriations which the Board of Trustees of the Village of Wesley Hills deemed to be in the best interests of the residents of said Village to occur; and

WHEREAS, the said increases and decreases result in no change in the total budget and total appropriations;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the following modifications be made to the following accounts for use during such fiscal year;

Appropriations	Account #	Adopted Budget 5-31-08	Modification	Modified Budget 5-31-09
1. Legislative-Village Trustees	A1010	15,600	100	15,700
2. Judicial-Justice	A1110	54,823	4,600	59,423
3. Finance-Treasurer	A1325	59,844	2,500	62,344
4. Village Clerk	A1410	140,356	(11,000)	129,356
5. Attorney	A1420	100,500	24,500	124,500
6. Engineer	A1440	50,000	(2,500)	47,500

7. Village Hall	A1620	33,000	(13,000)	20,000
8. Unallocated Insurance	A1910	23,000	200	23,200
9. Contingency	A1990	20,000	(20,000)	
10. Lands Maintenance	A7110	14,000	9,700	23,700
11. Planning	A8020	12,885	1,900	14,785
12. Storm Water Management	A8090	2,000	(2,000)	
13. Refuse & Garbage	A8160	588,504	100	588,604
14. State Retirement	A9010	23,000	(4,800)	18,200
15. Medical Insurance	A9060	31,000	10,200	41,200

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Revenues

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

The resolution was carried with a vote of 4 ayes and 0 nays.

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

RESOLUTION # 69-09

RESOLVED, that general fund claims # 72-87 and 89-104 in the aggregate amount of \$100,153.76, as set forth in Abstract #9/09, dated September 22, 2009, 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, Ed McPherson-yes, Howard Richman-yes, Marion Ben-Jacob-yes.

The resolution was carried with a vote of 4 ayes and 0 nays.

Mayor Goldsmith and the Board members discussed the change in health insurance plan from Oxford to NYSHIP.

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

RESOLUTION # 70-09

WHEREAS, the Village of Wesley Hills, by Resolution dated September 23, 2008, adopted the Employee handbook of the Village of Wesley Hills effective September 24, 2008, and

WHEREAS, the Village of Wesley Hills Board of Trustees has determined to obtain medical insurance coverage through the New York State Health Insurance Program (NYSHIP), and

WHEREAS, the New York Health Insurance Program (NYSHIP) plan mandates an amendment to the Employee Handbook of the Village of Wesley Hills,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that Section 315 entitled Medical Insurance of the Employees Handbook of the Village of Wesley Hills be and the same is hereby amended in accordance with new provision captioned 315 - Medical Insurance in accordance with said provision, a copy of which is made a part of the minutes of this Board is hereby adopted effective September 22, 2009.

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

The resolution was carried with a vote of 4 ayes and 0 nays.

Mayor Goldsmith said that Steve Abrams has been looking into some violations that are occurring in the Village. Mr. Abrams discussed the different options of pursuing the violations with the Mayor and the Board members.

At this time Mayor Goldsmith discussed the Timber Trail improvement project with the Board members. Mayor Goldsmith said that the Town of Ramapo has agreed to provide all materials and that he will ask Bruce Smith of Environmental Construction to start the job as soon as possible.

Mayor Goldsmith then proposed changing the Workshop meeting of the Village Board, to the third Tuesday of the month and holding the regular Board Meeting the first Tuesday of the month because there are time sensitive issues that need to be resolved. The Board members all agreed with the change of the meeting.

Mayor Goldsmith then said the Village received a check from CHIPS in the amount of \$47, 172.34, which helped defray the cost of repaving Willow Tree Road.

Ben Selig then briefly discussed the Rosenblum case with the Mayor and the Board members. Ben Selig said that the case is before the Court in October and he will keep the Board apprised of the proceedings.

At this time a motion was made by Howard Richman and seconded by Ed McPherson to go into executive session.

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