

Village of Wesley Hills
Village Board Special Meeting-December 22, 2009

The meeting was called to order by Mayor David Goldsmith, 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.

Mayor Goldsmith briefly discussed the proposed highway contract with the Board members.

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

RESOLUTION # 85-09

RESOLVED, that the proposed 2010 Village Highway Agreement with the Town of Ramapo for the provision of highway services, for the period from January 1, 2010, through December 31, 2010, a copy of which of 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 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 said that William Fried sent a letter of resignation from his position on the Planning Board to the Village, which the Mayor and the Board accepted.

Mayor Goldsmith then announced the appointment of Rachel Taub (as second alternate) to the Planning Board.

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

RESOLUTION # 86-09

WHEREAS, the Board of Trustees of the Village of Wesley Hills deems it to be in the interest of the Village of Wesley Hills to consider the enactment of a Local Law amending Local Law #1 of 1989 to authorize the appointment of a second alternate member to the Zoning Board of Appeals, and

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

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that is hereby determined that the enactment of such proposed Local Law will not have a significant impact on the environment as defined in the New York State Environment Quality Review Act for the reason that the only effect of such proposed Local Law will be to increase the total authorized members of the Zoning Board of Appeals, and therefore such proposed Local Law does not involve any matter having any adverse impact on the environment; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that in accordance with the provisions of the Municipal Home Rule Law, a Public Hearing on the adoption of such proposed Local Law, entitled “ A Local Law Amending Local Law #1 of 1989 to Authorize the Appointment of a Second Alternate Member to the Zoning Board of Appeals”, shall be held before the Board of Trustees of the Village of Wesley Hills on the 5th day of January, 2010, 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; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the notice of the time and place of such Public Hearing shall be published by the Village Clerk in the manner provided by 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.

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

RESOLUTION #87-09

WHEREAS, comprehensive planning, land use regulation and the review and approval of land development proposals are among the most important functions of local governments in the State of New York;

WHEREAS, members of local administrative boards such as the planning board, zoning board of appeals, and conservation advisory boards consider and dispose of many important applications for permits, variances and interpretations of local land use regulations;

WHEREAS, local legislative bodies are authorized to use their delegated authority under state law to adopt a wide variety of land use regulations, controls and incentives to provide for the balanced and harmonious development of the community;

WHEREAS, land owners, developers, and leaders of local civic organizations are regularly involved in testifying regarding matters pending before these legislative and administrative bodies;

WHEREAS, knowledge of the authority of local governments regarding land use control and responsible decision-making regarding these matters is important to the quality of life and future success of the communities; and

WHEREAS, the Land Use Law Center of Pace University School of Law has established an exemplary program of training and supporting local officials, private sector representatives and civic leaders in land use decision-making;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, BY THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE VILLAGE OF WESLEY HILLS

THAT it supports the continuation and expansion of the Land Use Leadership Alliance Training Program of the Land Use Law Center,

That it offers its official sponsorship of the training sessions conducted under the Center's programs, and

THAT it encourages other cities, towns and villages in the Hudson Valley Region to offer their support and sponsorship of these land use training programs and to nominate local leaders for participation in these programs.

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 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.