

Village of Wesley Hills
Village Board Meeting-June 6, 2011

The meeting was called to order by Mayor David Goldsmith 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 Ed McPherson to approve the following resolution.

RESOLUTION # 53-11

WHEREAS, the minutes of the meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Village of Wesley Hills on May 10, 2011, 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.

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

RESOLUTION # 54-11

RESOLVED, that the contract with FYS Computers for support for computer systems for the Village of Wesley Hills, dated May 9, 2011, a copy of which is made a part of the Minutes of this Board, is hereby approved; and the Mayor is authorized to indicate approval of such contract 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.

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

RESOLUTION # 55-11

RESOLVED, that the contract with Cornell Cooperative Extension of Rockland for the 2011 Stormwater II Education Program for the period April 1, 2011, to March 31, 2012, a

copy of which is made a part of the Minutes of this Board, is hereby approved; and the Mayor is authorized to indicate approval of such contract 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.

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

RESOLUTION # 56-11

WHEREAS, Jonathan Gross, the owner of a parcel of real property designated on the Town of Ramapo Tax map as Section 32.19, Block 2, Lot 20.1, has applied to the Board of Trustees of the Village of Wesley Hills for a refund of a portion of his 2010 Village Tax pursuant to Real Property Tax Law Section 556, and

WHEREAS, the Village of Wesley Hills has adopted the 2010 Town of Ramapo Assessment Roll as its 2010 Assessment Roll, pursuant to Real Property Tax Law Section 1402, and

WHEREAS, Jonathan Gross has presented proof to the satisfaction of the Board of Trustees that the assessed value of the said property on the 2010 Town of Ramapo Assessment Roll, pursuant to a So Ordered Stipulation of Settlement from the Supreme Court, Rockland County, dated February 15, 2011, is \$152,600.00, but the assessed value of the said parcel of property is listed on the 2010 Village Assessment Roll as \$175,000.00.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that it is hereby determined that the portion of the 2010 Village Tax resulting from such erroneous over-assessment was attributable to a "clerical error" as defined in Real Property Tax Law Section 550, subdivision 2, and that the application for a refund thereof has been timely made and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that Jonathan Gross is therefore entitled to receive a refund of \$219.26 calculated as follows:

Erroneous 2010 Village Tax based on assessment of \$175,000.00, per tax bill:	\$1,712.94
Correct 2010 Village Tax based on assessment of \$152,600.00:	\$1,493.68
Overpayment:	\$ 219.26

and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Village Treasurer is hereby directed to remit the sum of \$219.26 to Jonathan Gross forthwith for such refund.

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 # 57-11

RESOLVED, that general fund claims # 1 through #21 in the aggregate amount of \$100,433.89, as set forth on Abstract # 6/11 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, Brett Bekritsky-yes.

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

Mayor Goldsmith discussed with the Board members the Bond proposal. Mayor Goldsmith said that there was only one bid with a proposed 4.34 percent interest and that the money should be available within the next two weeks.

Mayor Goldsmith then said that the drainage work had been completed on Hillside and that the paving of the Road should be completed very soon. Mayor Goldsmith said that the Contractor extended the drainage work a bit more than proposed because it was evident that there was a need for more drainage than was originally proposed.

Mayor Goldsmith then said that he requested that Tilcon give an estimate to pave Harriet Lane and that they came back with a proposal of \$35,000.00. Mayor Goldsmith and the Board members decided to place Harriet Lane on the list for possible paving next year.

Mayor Goldsmith and the Board members then discussed at length the proposed changes to the Neighborhood Gathering Law.

Mayor Goldsmith and the Board members discussed the concept of “stand alone” and attached synagogues, the pros and cons of “stand alone” structures and if the law should allow a synagogue to be constructed greater in height than the law currently allows.

Mayor Goldsmith and the Board members then discussed a change in the solar panel portion of the existing local law and if the request for larger signs to be placed on properties would be too excessive.

Mayor Goldsmith and the Board members then discussed the possibility of no longer requiring that single family dwellings have a garage. The Board discussed the possibility of allowing the Planning Board to give permission for applicants to exceed the current .40 maximum impervious surface limit. The Board would like to hear from the Village Engineer on this issue.

Mayor Goldsmith said that he would speak with Frank Brown regarding the issues discussed at the Board meeting.

Howard Richman then said that he sent an e-mail to Richard Stark to have him finalize the transfer of ownership of the Domain name to Mayor Goldsmith so that the ownership of the name can be transferred to the Village of Wesley Hills.

A motion was made by Howard Richman and seconded by Ed McPherson to enter into Executive session.

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

Mayor Goldsmith announced the return of the Board from Executive Session and that no vote was taken during Executive Session.

Mayor Goldsmith then said that the Community Garage Sale was a great success and that there would be another sale on June 12th at Village Hall. Mayor Goldsmith said that many people came to the sale and it appeared that everyone had a good time.

After further discussion, a motion was made by Howard Richman and seconded by Marion Ben-Jacob 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.

