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**Village of Wesley Hills
Board of Trustees
Board Meeting, Village Hall
Tuesday, February 6, 2018**

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Marshall Katz, Mayor
Ed McPherson, Deputy Mayor
Howard Richman, Trustee
Marion Ben-Jacob, Trustee
Ruth Ivey, Trustee

MEMBERS ABSENT:

None

OTHERS PRESENT:

Ben Selig, Village Attorney
Camille Guido-Downey, Village Clerk
Donalee Berard, Treasurer

Mayor Katz called the meeting to order at 7 pm followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Item #1

Resolution #09-18

Approval of Minutes of the Regular Meeting: January 2, 2018

Howard Richman made a motion to approve the minutes of January 2, 2018, seconded by Ruth Ivey. Upon vote, this motion carried (Ben-Jacob abstained).

Item #2

Resolution #10-18

Approval of Minutes of the Special Meeting: January 16, 2018

Howard Richman made a motion to approve the minutes of January 16, 2018, seconded by Ed McPherson. Upon vote, this motion carried (Ben-Jacob, Ivey abstained).

Item #3

Resolution #11-18

Resolution approving and accepting the February 2018 Budget Amendment.

Howard Richman made a motion to move the following resolution, seconded by Ed McPherson:

RESOLVED, that the Village of Wesley Hills February 2018 Budget Amendment as prepared by the Village Treasurer of the Village of Wesley Hills be and the same is hereby approved and accepted.

Discussion:

Donalee Berard stated that the following budget amendments are proposed:

<u>Item #</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Reason</u>
620.50 Village Hall Remodeling	\$5,000.00	Carper Cleaning, tree removal
5112.10 Highway Improvements	\$47,000.00	paving
47550 Celebrations	\$1,880.00	Frankl celebration

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Ms. Berard stated that the total amount of \$53,880.00 will be funded from line item #A6999, contingency account.

Upon vote, this motion carried unanimously.

Item #4

Resolution #12-18

Resolution appointing Election Inspectors

Ruth Ivey made a motion to move the following resolution, seconded by Marion Ben-Jacob:

RESOLVED, pursuant to Election Law Section 15-116 that the following four (4) persons are hereby appointed Inspectors of Election to serve at the Village Election to be held on March 20, 2018: Chris Christie, Bernice Bienenfeld, Gabriella Kerty and Rita Joachim;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that Chris Christie is hereby designed as Chair Person of the Inspectors of Election;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the compensation of Inspectors of Election shall be ten (\$10.00) dollars per hour for each inspector and twelve (\$12.00) dollars per hour for the chairperson who shall serve on Election Day.

Upon vote, this motion carried unanimously.

Item #4A

Resolution #13-18

Resolution accepting the Proposal for Engineering Services in connection with the Rockland County MS-4 Mapping Grant

Howard Richman made a motion to move the following resolution, seconded by Ruth Ivey:

RESOLVED, that the Proposal for Engineering Services in connection with the Rockland County MS-4 Mapping Grant a copy of which is made a part of the minutes of this Board be and the same is hereby approved and accepted and the Mayor is authorized to sign on behalf of the Village of Wesley Hills.

Discussion

Mayor Katz stated that the Village has been expecting this grant for some time. The staff will need to contact Brooker Engineering to discuss funding appropriations.

Upon vote, this motion carried unanimously.

Item #6

Resolution #14-18

Resolution approving abstracts of audited claims

Howard Richman made a motion to move the following resolution, seconded by Ruth Ivey:

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RESOLVED, that the general fund claims, #14783 through #14867 in the aggregate amount of \$120,321.97 as set forth in Abstract #2/18 dated February 6, 2018, a copy of which abstract of audited claims is made a part of the Minutes of this Board, are hereby approved.

Upon vote, this motion carried unanimously.

Item #7

Mayor's Report

Website

Mayor Katz stated that the newly designed website is up and running. The Mayor has also created a Face Book page and twitter page and will link those pages to the new website in the near future.

Keep Rockland Beautiful

Board Members discussed that over the past three years there has been very low enrollment in this event. Last year the Village had 12 volunteers. Board Members decided that the Village will not participate in this event as there is not enough interest.

Town of Ramapo Real Property Tax Exemption Amendments

The Village has received notification from the Town of Ramapo that the Town is considering an amendment the tax exempt law to include an alternate veterans and cold war veteran's exemption. The Town will be considering the amendment at its February 14, 2018 meeting.

Ben Selig stated that the Village will need to pass a local law to accept these exemptions on the Village tax role, which includes holding a public hearing. Mr. Selig stated that there are also options on the percentage that is offered.

Board Members stated that they would like to see if the Town passes the amendment and with what options before the Village acts.

Passover Dumpsters

Mayor Katz stated that the Village will be providing dumpster service at Village Hall for the Passover holiday. Mayor Katz stated the Village Hall is closed on Friday, March 30, 2018 for Good Friday. Mayor Katz is seeking a Board Member to volunteer on Friday, March 30th from 9-1 at Village Hall to check the status of the dumpsters and communicate with the carting company on dumpster removal. Trustee Richman agreed to check on the dumpsters.

Bridge NY Grant

Mayor Katz stated that last year the Village applied for and was denied a bridge NY grant for a culvert replacement on Wesley Chapel Road. This grant is available again and the Village would like to submit again. This year there are more requirements than last year. The Village needs to obtain a ROW survey from Brooker Engineering along with other items for the grant. The State has also added the allowance for municipalities to sign up to have the State do the design/construction work as a bundle which the Village would be interested in.

Treasurer's Report

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Donalee Berard reviewed the monthly reports with the Board and stated that at the Mayor's request she has moved an additional \$100,000 to NY Class from Sterling to earn extra interest. Ms. Berard stated that the Village's expenses are on target at 66% for the year to date and had nothing unusual to report.

Ms. Berard stated that there was a payroll error that was found when she started working at the Village and the Village has received one year's worth of credit towards Paychex's costs. The IRS will refund the year 2014. We are still waiting for the IRS review letter for 2015; however she is hopeful that they will approve the refund.

Ms. Berard, Mayor and Board Members discussed the proposed budget that was provided to the Board. Next month the budget will be ready for public review.

Village Clerk's Report

Village Clerk stated that there were 81 vehicle and traffic cases for the month of January. The staff participated in meetings and have been trained on how to make changes to the website. The Village is currently seeking proposals for the landscape maintenance at the Village Park which are due back later this month. There is a new toilet that will be installed in the women's backroom later this week.

March Meeting Dates

March 6, 2018	Regular Meeting
March 20, 2018	Workshop Meeting

Village Attorney's Report

Ben Selig stated that he has been working on the dismissal documents for the Wicks case. Mr. Selig stated that he will also reach out to Doris Ulman to get the Ethics workshop schedule.

Howard Richman made a motion to enter executive session, seconded by Ruth Ivey. Upon vote, this motion carried unanimously.

Howard Richman made a motion to exit executive session, seconded by Marion Ben-Jacob. Upon vote, this motion carried unanimously.

No action was taken during executive session.

Howard Richman made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Ruth Ivey. Upon vote, this motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,

Camille Guido-Downey