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**Village of Wesley Hills
Board of Trustees
Board Meeting, Village Hall
Tuesday, February 5, 2019**

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 #08-19

Approval of Minutes of the Regular Meeting: January 8, 2019

Howard Richman made a motion to approve the minutes of January 8, 2019, seconded by Ruth Ivey. Upon vote, this motion carried (Ben-Jacob & Ivey abstained).

Item #2

Resolution #09-19

Resolution adopting “The Village of Wesley Hills Resolution in Opposition to Governor Cuomo’s Proposal to Eliminate Aid & Incentives to Municipalities (AIM)”

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

WHEREAS, Gov. Andrew Cuomo has proposed eliminating AIM to Municipalities funding to ninety-one (91%) percent of towns and villages in New York as part of his 2019-20 budget proposal, and

WHEREAS, the Governor’s proposed elimination of AIM to most of the Towns and Villages in Rockland County will definitely impact the financial well being of those Towns and Villages, and

WHEREAS, the Towns and Villages are already dealing with a 2% tax cap in their budgets while the cost of relative products and services continues to rise, and

WHEREAS, New York State continues to issue mandates to be instituted by local governments that cost money to institute with no financial relief to pay for them, and

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WHEREAS, many of the Towns and Villages in Rockland County have already adopted their budgets for 2019 and elimination of this funding will necessitate that said budgets will have to be amended and it will be difficult, if not impossible, to meet their fiduciary responsibilities.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that because this proposal of elimination of AIM by Governor Cuomo will have a negative financial impact on every Town and Village in Rockland County, as well as the rest of New York State, the Village of Wesley Hills does hereby give strong voice to Governor Cuomo to remove his proposal that would eliminate the AIM funding, that represents a portion of our budget, in his 2019-20 budget.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this resolution of opposition to the elimination of Aid and Incentives to Municipalities (AIM) be sent to Governor Cuomo as well as Senator David Carlucci, Assemblyman Karl Brabenec, and Assemblyman Kenneth Zebrowski with the hope that they will do due diligence, on behalf of their constituents, to have the Governor's proposal to eliminate AIM funding removed from the 2019-20 New York State budget.

Discussion:

Mayor Katz stated that he has had discussions with our State representatives and will provide them with copies of this resolution.

Upon vote, this motion carried unanimously.

Item #3

Resolution #10-19

Resolution approving the 2019 Highway Contract with the Town of Ramapo.

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

RESOLVED, that the proposed 2019 Village Highway Agreement with the Town of Ramapo for the provision of highway services for the period of January 1, 2019, through December 31, 2019, a copy of which is made a part of the Minutes of this Board, is hereby accepted, and the execution of same by the Mayor of the Village of Wesley Hills on January 9, 2019 is likewise approved nunc pro tunc.

Upon vote, this motion carried unanimously.

Item #4

Resolution #11-19

Resolution approving the 2018 Intermunicipal Agreement with the Town of Ramapo for Sidewalk Plowing Services.

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

RESOLVED, that the proposed Intermunicipal Agreement between the Village of Wesley Hills and the Town of Ramapo whereby the Town agrees to plow certain sidewalks within the Village of Wesley Hills for the period of January 1, 2019, through December 31, 2019, a copy of which is made a part of the Minutes of this Board, is hereby approved, accepted and the execution of same by the Mayor of the Village of Wesley Hills on January 10, 2019 is likewise approved nunc pro tunc.

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Upon vote, this motion carried unanimously.

Item #5 **Resolution #12-19**
Resolution authorizing the refund of Building Department fees paid to the Village of Wesley Hills by Demarse Electric, Inc. with respect to 19 Skylark Drive and 488 Route 306.

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

WHEREAS, Demarse Electric, Inc. paid certain Building Department fees to the Village of Wesley Hills as follows: \$65.00 in connection with premises located at 488 Route 306 and \$50.00 with respect to premises located at 19 Skylark Drive for a total of \$115.00, and

WHEREAS, the applications to the Building Department of the Village of Wesley Hills with respect to said premises at 19 Skylark Drive and 488 Route 306 have been withdrawn prior to consideration.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Village Clerk of the Village of Wesley Hills is hereby authorized and directed to remit to Demarse Electric, Inc. a refund of the aforementioned Building Department fees in the sum of \$115.00.

Upon vote, this motion carried unanimously.

Item #6 **Resolution #13-19**
Resolution reducing the escrow deposit of \$20,000 posted by Barak Jacobov in connection with 110 East Willow Tree Road to \$8,000.00

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

WHEREAS, pursuant to Resolution No. 18-2 of the Planning Board of the Village of Wesley Hills, Barak Jacobov has heretofore posted an escrow deposit with the Village of Wesley Hills in the amount of \$20,000.00, and

WHEREAS, by letter dated January 29, 2019, the Village Engineer of the Village of Wesley Hills has determined that \$12,000.00 of the aforementioned \$20,000.00 escrow deposited be refunded to said Barak Jacobov and that the balance of said escrow deposit in the sum of \$8,000.00 shall remain in escrow pursuant to the aforementioned letter dated January 29, 2019.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Village Clerk is the Village of Wesley Hills is hereby authorized and directed to remit to Barak Jacobov the sum of \$12,000.00 out of the original escrow fund deposited with the Village of Wesley Hills.

Upon vote, this motion carried unanimously.

Item #7 **Resolution #14-19**
Resolution accepting the resignation of Chris Kear as Village of Wesley Hills Fire Inspector

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

RESOLVED, that the resignation of Chris Kear from the Office of Fire Inspector for the Village of Wesley Hills be and the same is hereby accepted.

Upon vote, this motion carried unanimously.

Item #8

Resolution #15-19

Resolution appointing Evan Humphrey as Fire Inspector of the Village of Wesley Hills

- A. Mayor Katz appoints Evan Humphrey to the Office of Village Fire Inspector for the balance of a one-year term extending to April 2019.

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

- B. RESOLVED**, that the Mayor's appointment of Evan Humphrey to the Office of Village Fire Inspector for the balance of a one-year term extending to April 2019 is hereby approved.

Upon vote, this motion carried unanimously.

Item #8.1

Resolution #16-19

Resolution accepting the resignation of John Erps as Village Code Enforcement Officer

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

RESOLVED, that the resignation of John Erps as Village Code Enforcement Officer for the Village of Wesley Hills be and the same is hereby accepted.

Upon vote, this motion carried unanimously.

Item #9A

Resolution #17-19

Resolution approving abstracts of audited claims

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

RESOLVED, that the general fund claims #15984 through #16065 in the aggregate amount of \$112,040.30 as set forth in Abstract #2/19 dated February 5, 2019, 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 #9B

Resolution #18-19

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 transfers in the aggregate amount of \$140,000.00 as set forth in Abstract #2/19 dated February 5, 2019, 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.

Executive Session

Howard Richman made a motion to enter Executive Session to discuss the 2019-2020 budget, seconded by Ruth Ivey. Upon vote, this motion carried unanimously.

Howard Richman made a motion to exit Executive Session to discuss the 2019-2020 budget, seconded by Ruth Ivey. Upon vote, this motion carried unanimously.

There was no action taken in Executive Session.

Treasurer's Reports

Donalee Berard presented to the Board the monthly financial reports and stated that she is available for any questions. Ms. Berard stated that the Mayor and she have been working on the 2019-2020 budget for presentation next month.

Mayor's Report

Upcoming Meetings:

3/5/19	Regular Meeting
3/19/19	Workshop

RCSWMA RFP for Garbage

The Village is currently out for proposals for garbage service and there were no attendees at the pre-bid meeting. The bids will be opened on February 11, 2019.

Planning Board

Mayor Katz stated that he has received a letter from the Planning Board Chairperson who has requested the Village Board to act upon one member who has not met the training requirements or the attendance requirements. That member has chosen to resign and the Mayor will appoint a new member at the next meeting.

E Willow Tree Sidewalk Project

The Village has received final approval from the NYSDOT for the last payment request and we are preparing all the paperwork to finalize next month.

Northeast Ramapo Strategic Plan

Mayor Katz stated that he had a meeting with Supervisor Specht in reference to the Village's concerns about the Northeast Ramapo Plan.

Environmental Committee

Mayor Katz stated that the committee is exploring the option for the Village to purchase rain barrels and compost bins for storage and purchase at the Village Hall. The committee estimates that they would

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purchase approximately \$650.00 worth for re-sale at cost. Board Members are in favor. Mayor Katz stated that as part of the climate smart and clean energy community initiatives there is a standard solar building permit application that they are asking all municipalities to use. The Village will review and implement.

Parks Committee

Mayor Katz stated that the parks committee is still seeking landscapers to assist with the Village projects as little or no cost to the Village.

Intersection of Wilder & Lime Kiln Road

Mayor Katz stated that he will schedule a meeting with Ed Day to discuss this matter further.

Village Clerk's Report

N-Courts

The Judge is reviewing the proposal from N-Court which would offer an online portal for justice court payments. There is no cost to the Village or to the Court for this service. All the cost is absorbed by the person making the payment.

Worker's Comp

On January 30, 2019 the Village had a successful inspection.

Interview

One interview has been scheduled for the Code Enforcement Officer replacement.

Village Park

The Village is currently seeking proposals for the annual Village Park maintenance.

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

Respectfully Submitted
Camille Guido-Downey