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

MEMBERS PRESENT:

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

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Ed McPherson, Deputy Mayor

OTHERS PRESENT:

Ben Selig, Village Attorney
Camille Guido-Downey, Village Clerk

Mayor Katz called the meeting to order at 7 pm followed by the Pledge of Allegiance. Mayor Katz stated that Donalee Berard was unable to attend the meeting tonight; her monthly reports are provided in the meeting packet.

RJ Impastato, FOA & Son Corporation, Village's Insurance Broker was present and presented to the Village Board the annual renewal policy. The renewal policy includes property, general & law enforcement liability, public official's liability, automobile liability and excess liability. The annual premium has increased due to the Village park claim that was settled.

Item #8

Resolution #19-19

Resolution approving and adopting the FOA & Son Corp. insurance renewal report for the 2019-2020 term.

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

RESOLVED, that the FOA & Son Corp. Insurance renewal report for the 2019-2020 term, a copy of which is made a part of the Minutes of this Board, is hereby approved and adopted and the Mayor is hereby authorized to execute any document confirming said approval.

Upon vote, this motion carried unanimously.

Item #1

Resolution #20-19

Approval of Minutes of the Regular Meeting: February 5, 2019

Marion Ben-Jacob made a motion to approve the minutes of February 5, 2019, seconded by Howard Richman. Upon vote, this motion carried unanimously.

Item #2

Resolution #21-19

Resolution scheduling a Public Hearing for approval of tentative budget for the fiscal year beginning June 1, 2019.

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

- A. **RESOLVED**, that a Public Hearing on the tentative budget of the Village of Wesley Hills for the fiscal year beginning June 1, 2019, shall be held before the Board of Trustees of the Village of Wesley Hills on April 2, 2019, at 7:00 p.m. at the Village Hall in the Village of Wesley Hills and that the Village Clerk is hereby directed to arrange for proper publication of a Notice of such Public Hearing in the official newspaper of the Village.
- B. **RESOLVED**, that the tentative budget of the Village of Wesley Hills for the fiscal year beginning June 1, 2019 shall be available at the Village Hall, 432 Route 306, in the Village of Wesley Hills, from March 11, 2019 until April 2, 2019, during the hours of 9 am until 4 pm weekdays, for the purpose of inspection be interested persons.

Upon vote, these motions A and B carried unanimously.

Item #3

Acceptance of resignation of Uri Kirschner as Planning Board member effective February 6, 2019.

Mayor Katz accepts the resignation of Uri Kirschner as Planning Board member effective February 6, 2019.

Item #4

Resolution #22-19

Appointment of one member of the Planning Board for the balance of a five year term ending April 2019.

- A. Mayor Katz appoints Joe Moskowitz to the Wesley Hills Planning Board for the balance of a term ending April 2019.

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

- B. **RESOLVED**, that the Mayor's appointment of Joe Moskowitz to the Wesley Hills Planning Board for the balance of a term ending April 2019 is hereby approved.

Upon vote, this motion carried unanimously.

Item #5

Appointment of first alternate member of the Planning Board for the balance of a one year term ending April 2019.

Mayor Katz appoints David Katznelson as the first alternate member of the Wesley Hills Planning Board for the balance of a one year term ending April 2019.

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Item #6

Appointment of second alternate member of the Planning Board for the balance of a one year term ending April 2019.

Mayor Katz appoints Lon Lieberman as the second alternate member of the Wesley Hills Planning Board for the balance of a one year term extending to April 2019.

Item #7

Resolution #23-19

Resolution approving the landscaping proposal of Extreme Pavers Masonry Inc for maintenance of Gregory Sikorsky Park for 2019

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

RESOLVED, that the proposal for the supplying of landscaping maintenance services at Gregory Sikorsky Park in the Village of Wesley Hills of Extreme Pavers Masonry Inc, a copy of which is made a part of the minutes of this Board, is hereby approved and accepted, and the Mayor is authorized to indicate such approval and acceptance by signing same on behalf of the Village of Wesley Hills.

Discussion:

Mayor Katz stated that this proposal is \$5.00 more per month for a total of \$40.00 per year than the lowest bidder. Mayor and Board Members stated that the current contractor has serviced the Village well for the past year and did extra work at little cost to the Village. Mayor does not think the Village should consider switching contractors for a minimal savings. The Village Board agreed.

Upon vote, this motion carried unanimously.

Item #9

Resolution #24-19

Resolution reducing the escrow deposit of \$24,000.00 posted by 34 Astor Place Realty LLC in connection with 34 Astor Place to \$15,500.00.

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

WHEREAS, pursuant to an Escrow Agreement between the Village of Wesley Hills and 34 Astor Realty LLC dated September 2018, 34 Astor Place Realty LLC posted an escrow deposit with the Village of Wesley in the amount of \$24,000.00, and

WHEREAS, by letter dated February 26, 2019, the Village Engineer of the Village of Wesley Hills has determined that \$8,500.00 of the aforementioned \$24,000.00 escrow deposited be refunded to said 34 Astor Realty LLC and that the balance of said escrow deposit in the sum of \$15,500.00 shall remain in escrow pursuant to the aforementioned letter dated February 26, 2019.

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NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Village Clerk of the Village of Wesley Hills is hereby authorized and directed to remit to 34 Astor Realty LLC the sum of \$8,500.00 out of the original escrow fund deposited with the Village of Wesley Hills.

Upon vote, this motion carried unanimously.

Item #10

Resolution #25-19

Resolution approving and adopting the “Intermunicipal Shared Services and Collaboration Agreement” between the County of Rockland and the Village of Wesley Hills

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

RESOLVED, that the proposed “Intermunicipal Shared Services and Collaboration Agreement” between the County of Rockland and the Village of Wesley Hills, a copy of which Intermunicipal Agreement is made a part of the Minutes of this Board, is hereby approved and adopted and the execution of same by the Mayor of the Village of Wesley Hills is hereby authorized.

Discussion:

Mayor Katz stated that this is the agreement for the County for shared services. The Village has signed up for Highway Engineer for consulting engineer reviews on request, establish ROW for Town Roads, municipal engineering services to towns and villages for highway and drainage projects, and contract with Town of Ramapo for tree trimming and removal in Village parks not covered by current town contract for road maintenance

Upon vote, this motion carried unanimously.

Item #11

Resolution #26-19

Resolution approving the “Third Party Custodian Agreement” (Collateralized Municipal Deposits) between Sterling National Bank, the Bank of New York Mellon and the Village of Wesley Hills

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

RESOLVED, that the proposed agreement entitled, “Third Party Custodian Agreement” (Collateralized Municipal Deposits) between Sterling National Bank, the Bank of New York Mellon and the Village of Wesley Hills a copy of which Intermunicipal Agreement is made a part of the Minutes of this Board, is hereby approved and adopted and the execution of same by the Mayor of the Village of Wesley Hills is hereby authorized.

Upon vote, this motion carried unanimously.

Item #12

Resolution #27-19

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 general fund claims #15992 through #16184 in the aggregate amount of \$326,451.36 as set forth in Abstract #3/19 dated March 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 #12A

Resolution #28-19

Resolution approving transfer of funds

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

RESOLVED, that the transfers in the aggregate amount of \$347,000.00 as set forth in Abstract #3/19 dated March 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 #12B

Resolution #29-19

Resolution appointing Bill Press as Code Enforcement Officer II of the Village of Wesley Hills

- A. Mayor Katz appoints Bill Press to the Office of Code Enforcement Officer for the balance of a one-year term extending to April 2019 pending Rockland County Personal approval.

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

- B. **RESOLVED**, that the Mayor's appointment of Bill Press to the Office of Code Enforcement Officer for the balance of a one-year term extending to April 2019 is hereby approved and subject to the approval of the Rockland County Department of Personal.

Upon vote, this motion carried unanimously.

Mayor's Reports

Average Density Development

Mayor Katz stated that there will be a potential average density development being submitted for the Board's consideration. The property is located behind the Lime Kiln School and consists of 20.58 acres. Board Members stated that they are looking forward to reviewing the proposal project.

Reorganizational Meeting

Mayor Katz stated that next month is the Village's reorganizational meeting.

Upcoming Meetings:

March 19 – Workshop

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April 2 – Regular Meeting-Reorganizational Meeting-Budget

April 16 – Workshop

Rockland County Water Conservation Workshop

Mayor will be in attendance this Thursday, at 8am at the FTC.

Hudson Hills/HVEA

Contract close out documents are being processed by the NYSDOT and final payments were made this month.

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

Respectfully Submitted

Camille Guido-Downey