

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

MEMBERS PRESENT:

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

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Ruth Ivey, Trustee

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 #113-19

Approval of Minutes of Regular Meeting-October 2, 2019

Howard Richman made a motion to approve the Minutes of October 2, 2019, seconded by Ed McPherson. Upon vote, this motion carried unanimously.

Item #2

Public Hearing on the proposed Resolution of the Board of Trustees of the Village of Wesley Hills delegating to the Rockland County Solid Waste Management Authority the collection of solid waste for the Village of Wesley Hills including property classes, 170; 210; 220; 280, 312, 411, 464, and 483.

Mayor Katz read the public hearing notice into the record. Mayor Katz confirmed that the public hearing notice was published in the newspaper.

Village Clerk confirmed.

Howard Richman made a motion to open the public hearing, seconded by Ed McPherson. Upon vote, this motion carried unanimously.

No one wished to speak.

Howard Richman made a motion to close the public hearing, seconded by Ed McPherson. Upon vote, this motion carried unanimously.

Resolution #114-19

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

RESOLVED, that the proposed Resolution of the Board of Trustees of the Village of Wesley Hills delegating to the Rockland County Solid Waste Management Authority the collection of solid waste for the Village of Wesley Hills including property classes, 170; 210; 220; 280, 312, 411, 464, and 483 is hereby approved and enacted as Local Law #4 of 2019.

Upon vote, this motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Katz noted that the RCSWMA Board has approved the contract and there are minor changes being discussed with Donato Marangi.

Item #3
Scheduling of Public Hearing on proposed local law

Resolution #115-19

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

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 to provide for and fine for illegal all-night parking of not less than thirty (\$30.00) dollars; and

WHEREAS, the Village Attorney at the request of the Board has prepared such a Local Law entitled, "A LOCAL LAW AMENDING THE CODE OF THE VILLAGE OF WESLEY HILLS TO PROVIDE FOR A FINE FOR ILLEGAL ALL-NIGHT PARKING OF NOT LESS THAN THIRTY (\$30.00) DOLLARS", a copy of which proposed Local Law has been made a part of the Minutes of this Board;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT 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 THE CODE OF THE VILLAGE OF WESLEY HILLS TO PROVIDE FOR A FINE FOR ILLEGAL ALL-NIGHT PARKING OF NOT LESS THAN THIRTY (\$30.00) DOLLARS", be held before the Board of Trustees of the Village of Wesley Hills on the 3rd day of December, 2019 at 7:00 pm 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.

Discussion:

Ben Selig stated that the proposed local law is to correct an administrative error.

Upon vote, this motion carried unanimously.

Item #4
Resolution certifying amount of unpaid taxes

Resolution #116-19

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

WHEREAS, the Village Treasurer has returned the 2019 Village of Wesley Hills Assessment Roll and Warrant and has delivered to this Board an account of the unpaid taxes which sets forth the sum of \$45,040.95, exclusive of interest as the total amount of taxes unpaid (\$48,193.81, inclusive of interest), and

WHEREAS, this Board has compared the account of unpaid taxes with the original Assessment Roll, and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that this Board hereby finds and certifies that the account of unpaid taxes is correct and that the total amount of taxes unpaid of \$45,040.95, exclusive of interest (\$48,193.81, inclusive of interest).

Upon vote, this motion carried (Ben-Jacob abstained).

Item #5

Resolution #117-19

Resolution approving “Building Permit Plan” for 8 Laura Lane

Marion Ben-Jacob made a motion to approve the following resolution, seconded by Ed McPherson:

WHEREAS, the owner of premises known as 8 Laura Lane, Wesley Hills, New York has submitted a “Building Permit Plan to Gross-8 Laura Lane”, which Building Permit Plan was last revised on September 27, 2019, a copy of which Building Permit Plan is made a part of the Minutes of this Board, and

WHEREAS, the Village Engineer of the Village of Wesley Hills reviewed and approved the said Building Permit Plan for 8 Laura Lane,

NOW, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Village Board of the Village of Wesley Hills hereby approves the aforementioned Building Permit Plan conditioned upon all work being performed pursuant to said Building Permit Plan being performed to the satisfaction of the Building Inspector of the Village of Wesley Hills and the Village Engineer of the Village of Wesley Hills and further conditioned upon compliance with any and all requests and directives of the Village Attorney of the Village of Wesley Hills with respect to said Plan.

Discussion:

Jack Spaeth, Wesley Hills Construction was present and stated the owner is proposing to extend the existing Village road in the existing ROW by 75’ to allow access for the circular driveway. A proposed easement has been drafted and provided to the Village for review.

Mayor Katz and Board Members stated that they would like to see landscaping on the side that faces 6 Laura Lane. Mayor Katz noted that the homeowner at 8 Laura Lane needs to understand

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that in the future they cannot install driveway pillars with or without lights or bushes in the road extension as it would restrict fire truck accessibility.

Mayor Katz directed the Village Clerk to speak with the Village Engineer about the landscaping request and have the Village Engineer speak with the homeowner at 6 Laura Lane.

Upon vote, this motion carried unanimously.

Reports

Treasurer's Report

Donalee Berard presented the monthly reports to the Board Members and stated that the Village is on target for the year. Ms. Berard stated that the Village received the final grant payment for the E Willow Tree Sidewalk project of \$100,000.00.

Item #6

Resolution #118-19

Resolution approving abstracts of audited claims

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

RESOLVED, that the general fund claims #16828 through #16908 in the aggregate amount of \$144,048.58 as set forth in Abstract #11/19 dated November 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.

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Resolution #119-19

Resolution approving transfer of funds

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

RESOLVED, that the transfers in the aggregate amount of \$60,000.00 as set forth in Abstract #11/19 dated November 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.

Mayor's Report

Streetlights-Timber Trail

Albert Tew, 1 Timber Trail was present and stated that he has lived in his home since 1989 and is opposed to the installation of streetlights on Timber Trail. Mr. Tew stated that the street should be preserved. Mr. Tew stated that the residents who live on the block purchased their home with no streetlights.

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Mayor Katz stated that last month at the Village Board's workshop this item was discussed, and the Village Board heard both sides from the residents and the Village Board decided to visit the street during the day and at night.

Howard Richman stated that the conversation last month was reasonable, and residents were respectful of each other.

Mayor Katz stated that it also discussed whether 2 or 4 lights would be appropriate and if the Lumineers could be reduced from 5,000 to 3,900 along with the location of the lights. Mayor Katz stated that he was able to walk the full length of roadway with no moon light. The only lights were from existing homes and the one streetlight. It was dark however he was able to walk the length of the roadway.

Howard Richman stated that he was able to walk the roadway and it was dark.

Marion Ben-Jacob stated that it was very dark, and she feels that one light is needed and should be at the 3900 luminaires.

Ed McPherson stated that historically streetlights are installed when there is a sharp turn in the roadway or a change in the grade which warrants a light.

Mayor Katz polled the following Board Members on their decision for streetlights on Timber Trail:

Marion Ben-Jacob stated one streetlight at the lower luminaire

Ed McPherson stated one streetlight at the lower luminaire

Howard Richman stated no streetlight needed

Mayor Katz stated no streetlights

Mayor Katz stated that one member of the Board is absent tonight and the Village Board will revisit this issue at the December meeting.

Orange & Rockland LED Upgrades

Mayor Katz stated that the Village has 24 streetlights left for upgrading to LED and the Village's allocation is 14 for the year. Mayor Katz stated that he will speak with the Village's O&R representative to add the remaining 12 lights this year.

Suez & Paving

Mayor Katz stated that the Village was notified by Suez Water that they are now not moving forward with the water main replacements on Villa, Astor and Onderdonk. Mayor Katz expressed his frustration with Suez and will be seeking reimbursement for the Village's cost of raising the manholes and now lowering them. Mayor Katz also stated that Suez is also not entertaining any discussions in reference to a cost sharing agreement for the paving of those roads. Mayor Katz stated that he will reach out to Bill Madden of Suez and express his frustration.

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419 Route 306

Mayor Katz stated that the Village has been notified that the specifications for the work needed at 419 Route 306 have been completed by the Village Engineer. Village is waiting for the copies for announcement. Recently a tree fell, and the homeowner is concerned as there was damage to her fence. Mayor Katz stated that the Village Engineer and the Town of Ramapo will visit the property and determine if the tree is in the Village easement.

Assemblyman Ken Zebrowski Meeting

Mayor Katz stated that he had a meeting with Assemblyman Ken Zebrowski and has requested funding for roads, records management for scanning, and Village Hall upgrades including landscaping. Mayor Katz stated that they also discussed legislative issues such as increasing AIM funding, reduction of bail and the CCA program.

Upcoming Meetings

November 19	Workshop
December 3	Regular Meeting
December 17	Workshop

Village Clerk's Report

Village Clerk stated the Village tax collection period is over and there were 57 complaints submitted.

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

Respectfully Submitted,
Camille Guido-Downey