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**Village of Wesley Hills  
Board of Trustees  
Board Meeting, Village Hall  
Tuesday, March 3, 2020**

**MEMBERS PRESENT:**

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

**MEMBERS ABSENT:**

None

**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.

**Item #1**

**Resolution #32-20**

**Approval of Minutes of Regular Meeting: February 4, 2020**

Marion Ben-Jacob made a motion to approve the Minutes of February 4, 2020, seconded by Ruth Ivey. Upon vote, this motion carried (Ben-Jacob abstained).

**Item #2**

**Resolution #33-20**

**Resolution scheduling a Public Hearing for approval of tentative budget for the fiscal year beginning June 1, 2020.**

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

**RESOLVED**, that a Public Hearing on the tentative budget of the Village of Wesley Hills for the fiscal year beginning June 1, 2020, shall be held before the Board of Trustees of the Village of Wesley Hills on April 2, 2020 at 7:00 pm at the Village Hall in the Village of Wesley Hills, and that the Village Clerk is hereby directed to arrange for the proper publication of a Notice of such Public Hearing in the official newspaper of the Village.

Discussion:

Mayor Katz stated that he made minor changes to the budget which include a new computer program for Planning & Zoning, restoration of the Village Park pathways, town assessment was incorporated, and transferred funds into surplus.

Upon vote, this motion carried unanimously.

**Item #2A**

**Resolution #34-20**

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

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**RESOLVED**, that the tentative budget of the Village of Wesley Hills for the fiscal year beginning June 1, 2020, shall be available at the Village Hall, 432 Route 306, in the Village of Wesley Hills, from March 10, 2020 until April 2, 2020, during the hours of 9:00 am until 4:00 pm weekdays, for the purpose of inspection by interested persons.

Upon vote, this motion carried unanimously.

**Item #3**

**Resolution #35-20**

**Public Hearing on proposed Local law Amending the Code of the Village of Wesley Hills in relation to the expiration of a variance granted by the Zoning Board of Appeals**

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

No one from the public wished to speak.

Marion Ben-Jacob made a motion to close the public hearing, seconded Howard Richman. Upon vote, this motion carried unanimously.

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

**RESOLVED**, that the proposed Local Law entitled, “A Local Law Amending the Code of the Village of Wesley Hills in relation to the Expiration of a variance granted by the Zoning Board of Appeals,” a copy of which is made a part of the Minutes of this Board, is hereby approved and enacted as Local Law No. 1 of 2020.

Upon vote, this motion carried unanimously.

**Item #4**

**Resolution accepting the Extension of the Intermunicipal Agreement with the Town of Ramapo to snowplow sidewalks on Route 306 from Grandview Avenue to Lime Kiln Road, Forshay Road from Grandview Avenue to Willow Tree Road and the north side of East Willow Tree Road thru December 31, 2020.**

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

**RESOLVED**, that the proposed extension of the Intermunicipal Agreement between the Village of Wesley Hills and the Town of Ramapo to snowplow sidewalks on Route 306 from Grandview Avenue to the Lime Kiln Road, Forshay Road from Grandview Avenue to Willow Tree Road, and the north side of East Willow Tree Road through December 31, 2020, a copy of which is made a part of the Minutes of this Board, is hereby accepted and the Mayor is authorized to confirm such acceptance by signing said extension on behalf of the Village of Wesley Hills.

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Discussion:

Mayor Katz stated that he would like to table this item as the Village is concerned with the 75% increase in the contract from the Town of Ramapo.

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

**Item #5**

**Resolution #36-20**

**Resolution approving and adopting the FOA & Son Corp, insurance renewal report for the 2020-2021 term.**

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

**RESOLVED**, that the FOA & Son Corp, insurance renewal report for the 2020-2021 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 #6**

**Resolution #37-20**

**Resolution accepting the Memorandum of Understanding between the Village of Wesley Hills and Nexamp Inc. concerning the Community Solar Program**

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

**RESOLVED**, that the Memorandum of Understanding between the Village of Wesley Hills and Nexamp, Inc. a copy of which is made a part of the Minutes of this Board concerning the community solar program be and the same is hereby accepted and the Mayor is authorized to execute same on behalf of the Village of Wesley Hills.

Discussion:

Mayor Katz stated that the Memorandum of Understanding has been revised as per the Board's comments. Mayor Katz and Board Members discussed the use of the funds that the Village will receive and agreed that the Village will use those funds for Green/Environmental/Beautification projects in the Village.

Upon vote, this motion carried unanimously.

**Item #7**

**Resolution #38-20**

**Resolution authorizing refund of the \$15,000.00 Security Deposit of Donato Marangi, Inc.**

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

**WHEREAS**, the contract between the Village of Wesley Hills and Donato Marangi, Inc, to provide residential garbage and trash collection services to the Village of Wesley Hills has

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been cancelled; and

**WHEREAS**, said Donato Marangi, Inc, has heretofore paid a security deposit to the Village of Wesley Hills in the sum of \$15,000.00,

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Village Clerk is hereby directed to issue a refund of the aforementioned \$15,000.00 security deposit to Donato Marangi, Inc.

Upon vote, this motion carried unanimously.

**Item #8**

**Resolution #39-20**

**Resolution approving abstracts of audited claims**

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

**RESOLVED**, that the general fund claims #17151 through #17286 in the aggregate amount of \$67,948.08 as set forth in Abstract #3/20 dated March 3, 2020, 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 #8A**

**Resolution #40-20**

**Resolution approving transfer of funds**

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

**RESOLVED**, that the transfers in the aggregate amount of \$100,000.00 as set forth in Abstract #3/20 dated March 3, 2020, 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 #9**

**Mayor's Report**

Upcoming Meeting Dates

April 2, 2020	Regular Meeting
April 21, 2020	Workshop Meeting
May 5, 2020	Regular Meeting
May 19, 2020	Workshop

Lime Kiln Road/Wilder Road Intersection

Mayor Katz stated that there was another accident at this intersection and he once again reached out to the County to discuss a traffic mitigation option. Mayor Katz stated that the County has stated that they will not approve a 4-way stop sign at this intersection. The County is proposing

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the installation of rumble strips and additional signage. Mayor Katz will follow up with the County and report back.

#### Proposed Local Law – Property Maintenance

Mayor Katz stated that he received a letter from Judge Schnelwar in reference to proposed changes to the Village code. Ben Selig stated that he has a draft of the code and will review and report back.

Mayor Katz and Board Members discussed methods to sanction repeat offenders in the Village who do not get building permits for work being done in the Village. The Village Clerk was directed to contact consumer protection for a meeting. Mayor Katz and Board Members discussed implementing additional fines for building permits if violations/stop work orders are issued. Mayor Katz will meet with consumer protection and report back to the Board.

#### **Treasurer's Report**

The monthly reports were submitted to the Board Members for review and any questions should be directed to the Village Treasurer and/or Mayor.

#### **Village Clerk's Report**

Village Clerk stated that the Village received 23 complaints this month. The following projects are being worked on; submission of records grant application, the attic is 80% cleaned out of old records and by April this project should be completed, election preparation, electrical work will start this week, Village Park walking paths quote was received, final NYS Retirement training, updating all Village forms, and scheduling construction work at 419 Route 306.

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

Respectfully Submitted,  
Camille Guido-Downey