

**Village of Wesley Hills
Board of Trustees
Board Meeting, ZOOM
Tuesday, March 2, 2021**

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 #17-21

Approval of Minutes of the Regular Meeting: February 2, 2021

Marion Ben-Jacob made a motion to approve the minutes of February 2, 2021, seconded by Howard Richman. Upon vote, this motion carried (Ivey abstained).

Item #2

Resolution #18-21

Resolution scheduling a Public Hearing on the Proposed Local Law amending the Code of the Village of Wesley Hills in Relation to Driveways Serving One-Family Dwellings

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

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 requiring that all one family driveway applications pursuant to §230-34 adhere to the design and construction requirements; 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 in relation to Driveways Serving One-Family Dwellings”, 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 in relation to Driveways Serving One-Family Dwellings” be held before the Board of Trustees of the Village of Wesley Hills on the 6th day of April, 2021 at 7:00 pm at the Village Hall, 432 Route 306 in the Village of Wesley Hills, or via Zoom at which hearing citizens shall have the opportunity to be heard with

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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.

Upon vote, this motion carried unanimously.

Item #3

Resolution #19-21

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 #4

Resolution #20-21

Resolution scheduling a Public Hearing for approval of tentative budget for the fiscal year beginning June 1, 2021.

Howard Richman 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, 2021, shall be held before the Board of Trustees of the Village of Wesley Hills on April 6, 2021, at 7:00 p.m. via Zoom 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.

RESOLVED, that the tentative budget of the Village of Wesley Hills for the fiscal year beginning June 1, 2021 shall be available at the Village Hall, 432 Route 306, in the Village of Wesley Hills, from March 5, 2021 until April 6, 2021, during the hours of 9 am until 4 pm weekdays, for the purpose of inspection be interested persons.

Upon vote, this motion carried unanimously.

Item #5

Resolution #21-21

Resolution approving the landscaping proposal of Extreme Rock for maintenance of Gregory Sikorsky Park

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

RESOLVED, that the proposal for the supplying of landscaping maintenance services

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expiring November 23, 2023 at Gregory Sikorsky Park in the Village of Wesley Hills of Extreme Rock, 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.

Upon vote, this motion carried unanimously.

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Resolution #22-21

Resolution approving the landscaping proposal of Extreme Rock for maintenance of Village Hall

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

RESOLVED, that the proposal for the supplying of landscaping maintenance services expiring November 23, 2023 at the Village Hall in the Village of Wesley Hills of Extreme Rock, 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.

Upon vote, this motion carried unanimously.

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Resolution #23-21

Resolution approving the snowplowing proposal of Extreme Rock for Village Hall

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

RESOLVED, that the proposal for the supplying of snowplowing services at Village Hall expiring December 31, 2023 in the Village of Wesley Hills of Extreme Rock, 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.

Upon vote, this motion carried unanimously.

Item #8

Resolution #24-21

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 #18204 through #18264 in the aggregate amount of \$67,512.83 as set forth in Abstract #3/21 dated March 2, 2021, a copy of which abstract of audited claims is made a part of the Minutes of this Board, are hereby approved.

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Upon vote, this motion carried unanimously.

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Resolution #25- 21

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 \$130,000.00 as set forth in Abstract #3/21 dated March 2, 2021, 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

Reports

Terrace Road Parking

Mayor Katz stated that he has received a request from a resident for no parking signs on Terrace Road as the road is narrow and a lot of cars are parking on the roadway which makes it difficult to exit their driveways and maneuver the street. Mayor Katz stated that he will send a letter to the homeowners advising them of the parking issue and hopefully that will resolve the issue.

Laura Lane

Mayor Katz stated that the Village provided permission to #8 Laura Lane to extended road for their circular driveway and Frank Brown stated that the Village needs to address the currently pending subdivision. Currently, there is a pending subdivision from a homeowner in the Pomona Country Club who have requested permission to run a sewer line thru the paper roadway. The Village has no interest in this property and as per last month's discussion, the Village is interested in selling the road as it has no benefit to the Village. Mayor Katz stated that he has reached out to the two neighbors to solicit interest and currently we have three interested parties.

Ed McPherson stated that there is a procedure in place from the State where the interested parties petition the State, and the Village has no role in the segmentation of the property.

Ben Selig stated that he will discuss with Frank Brown and report back to the Village.

North Wesley Estates Road Dedication

Mayor Katz stated that as part of the North Wesley Estates subdivision, Soundview Drive was created, and the road is ready to be offered to the Village for dedication. To date, the only issue left is the sewer connection for a single-family resident and synagogue on E Willow Tree Road. Mayor Katz stated that based on his conversations with Frank Brown the Village can move

forward with the road dedication and not release the letter of credit. Mayor Katz stated that he feels that the road dedication and the sewer hookup are separate issues, and the new homeowners are being penalized by a lack of plowing service by the developer. Mayor Katz stated that the sewer connections are required by Town/Sewer Law and were required by the GML letters.

Spook Rock Road

Mayor Katz stated that he has received feedback from approximately 35 residents who responded to his letter and it depends on where they live to their response. In general, those favoring closing the road reside south of the dam and those favoring keeping the road reside north of the dam and/or on properties that have access to the lake. The overwhelming sentiment was to keep the road and repair the dam.

Those who would like the road closed were looking for a quieter/walkable Spook Rock Road and were concerned that at least a pedestrian/cyclist pathway be maintained even if vehicular traffic is ended. Several neighbors to the south of the dam were concerned about increased traffic on Wesley Chapel Road and want signage at intersection of Spook Rock and Grandview indicating that it is no longer a through road.

The following are concerns which he believes the County would need to address if they were to go ahead with the road closure:

- The County should conduct a proper environmental study of the impact of draining the lake.
- The County should study the potential damage to downstream properties both in the Village and beyond the Village borders.
- There will be a permanent detour for those north of the dam who wish to travel south to or from Suffern/Mahwah (only access option would be Lime Kiln eastbound to Wilder northbound). This would be a major impact on the quality of life for many people.
- The County should also study how the detour will affect emergency services access to those north of the dam.
- There will also be an impact on school busing as those north of the dam are in the Suffern Central School district and the busses will also need to take the permanent detour.
- To mitigate the detour issues, the County should study the 202/Spook Rock/Lime Kiln intersection to redesign and reconstruct it in a manner that would allow for safe left turn access from 202 on the north as well as provide a safe access to 202 south.
- There were also some people who believe a closure would have a severely negative impact on the Antrim Playhouse itself as it will be much more difficult for people to get to (especially those unfamiliar with any changes made to the road system).

Mayor Katz stated that he will share these results with the County via email and report back.

Treasurer's Report

Donalee Berard stated that we are nine months into the budget year, and we are on track for expenses.

Village Clerk's Report

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Village Clerk stated that the Village received 56 complaints this month. The annual State Building report has been completed and submitted. The Village was not awarded the Justice Court grant this year. The next round of grant funding is available through the stormwater consortium that the Village will participate. Village park fountain will be installed next week pending weather and the Village will be utilizing a new company for the Village park inspection. Fire and Building Inspectors will be re-starting interior inspections this week. Fire inspection bills have been completed and mailed.

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

Respectfully Submitted
Camille Guido-Downey