Village of Wesley Hills Board of Trustees Board Meeting, ZOOM Tuesday, April 6, 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 #26-21

Approval of Minutes of Regular Meeting: March 2, 2021

Howard Richman made a motion to approve the minutes of March 2, 2021, seconded by Marion Ben-Jacob. Upon vote, this motion carried unanimously.

Item #2 Public Hearing on tentative budget

Marion Ben-Jacob made a motion to open the public hearing, seconded by Ruth Ivey. Upon vote, this motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Katz stated that the following items are changes to the Mayor's budget:

	Account	From	To	Difference			
1.	A1110-Justice Clerk	\$51,465	\$49,966	\$1,499 Decrease			
2.	A3620-Bldg Dept Software	\$4,400	\$3,200	\$1,200 Decrease			
	The Village is eliminating the	e software the '	Village has for online b	ouilding submission			
	This software is not as useful as anticipated.						
3.	A3501-CHIPS	\$58,316	\$58,294	\$22.00 Decrease			
	Minor change from the State budget.						
4.	A3098- PAVENY	\$13,311	\$13,306	\$5.00 Decrease			
	Minor change from the State budget.						
5.	A3097-EWR	\$0	\$7,891	\$7,891 Increase			
	This was not originally funded by the State and the State made a change.						
6.	TAV	\$121,273,894	\$121,182,758	\$91,136 Decrease			
	Revised numbers from the To	own of Ramapo).				

Account	From	To	Difference				
7. A5110 Highway	\$165,000	\$586,211	\$421,211 Increase				
The Village scheduled paving for	or Ashlawn, P	ilgrim, Kentor &	Earl. We received notification				
from Suez that they will be doing a water main replacement and offered to pay the Village							
100% of the paving for the following streets: Charlotte Drive, Deerwood Road, Bruck Court,							
Park, Terrace, Laura Lane, Hillside Court. The amount of \$421,211 was added to our paving							
cost.							
8. A2770 Other Revenue	\$0	\$421,211	\$421,211 Increase				

As a consequence of item #7, the Village is showing the \$421,211 on the revenue side to offset the increase to A5110.

Janice Golda, 16 Martha Road was present (via telephone) and stated that she remembers that during the 2009 recession the previous Mayor took an aggressive approach with the Village budget and eliminated a lot of spending. Considering the current COVID times and the affect it has had and continues to have on everyone, what changes has the Board made to reflect that as she can't see the changes. Especially a salary freeze.

Ed McPherson stated that he remembers that time and stated that the Village has and continues to have a tight budget.

Donalee Berard stated that the Village has made a great effort to keep expenses to a minimal however, some expenses cannot be reduced. The Village is currently showing a 1.26% increase in expenses from last year.

Mayor Katz answered that the Village will consider a tax freeze/vacation if we American Rescue Plan funds from the federal government and that a tax/ freeze/vacation is a permitted use for those funds. To date, the details of that funding is not available.

Janice Golda stated that she noticed that there is an increase in Engineering Fees, has something changed?

Mayor Katz answered that nothing has changed, and he realized that that line item was underbudgeted for the past years.

Donalee Berard stated that this budget is not a balanced budget as we pulled \$64,000 from reserves.

Mayor Katz stated that for the past few years the Village has budgeted \$250,000-\$500,000 for paving and this year we budgeted \$165,000.

Ed McPherson stated that the maintenance of sidewalks has increased as we completed E Willow Tree Road.

Janice Golda stated why is there no savings for the hourly employees as construction was stopped for a period time.

Mayor Katz answered that even though construction work was halted there was still paperwork and inspections of violators occurring.

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

Item #3 Resolution #27-21

Resolution Adopting 2021/2022 Village Budget

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

WHEREAS, the Board of Trustees of the Village of Wesley Hills has met and considered the tentative budget for the fiscal year beginning June 1, 2021, and has conducted a public hearing thereon as required by Section 5-508 of the Village Law; and

WHEREAS, said Board of Trustees has determined that the amounts estimated in the tentative budget are more than required for said fiscal year,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the tentative budget for said fiscal year is hereby revised as follows:

Account	From	То	Difference
A1110-Justice Clerk	\$51,465	\$49,966	\$1,499 Decrease
A3620-Bldg Dept Software	\$4,400	\$3,200	\$1,200 Decrease
A3501-CHIPS	\$58,316	\$58,294	\$22.00 Decrease
A3098- PAVENY	\$13,311	\$13,306	\$5.00 Decrease
A3097-EWR	\$0	\$7,891	\$7,891 Increase
TAV	\$121,273,894	\$121,182,758	\$91,136 Decrease
A5110 Highway	\$165,000	\$586,211	\$421,211 Increase
A2770 Other Revenue	\$0	\$421,211	\$421,211 Increase

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, as a consequence of such changes such tentative budget, "Summary of Budget" is hereby revised as follows:

- 1. Total Appropriated Surplus is hereby deceased to \$64,437
- 2. Balance to be raised by Taxation is hereby not increased.
- 3. Tax Rate is hereby changed from 7.4489 to 7.4546.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the tentative budget as so amended and revised and as set forth in the copy of such budget annexed hereto and made a part of the Minutes of this Board, is hereby adopted, and that the several amounts set forth in the "Tentative Budget" column of such budget be and hereby are appropriated for the objects and purposes specified, and the salaries and wages set forth in the budget shall be and hereby are fixed at the amounts shown therein effective June 1, 2021.

Upon vote, this motion carried unanimously.

Item #4

Appointment of Deputy Mayor

Mayor Katz appoints Edward B. McPherson, Jr., as Deputy Mayor for one year term.

Item #5 Resolution #28-21

Appointment of Village Attorney- one year term

Mayor appoints Benjamin E. Selig to the Office of Village Attorney for a one-year term.

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

RESOLVED, that the Mayor's appointment of Benjamin E. Selig to the office of Village Attorney for a one-year term is hereby approved.

Upon vote, this motion carried unanimously.

Item #6 Resolution #29-21

Appointment of Deputy Village Attorney - one year term

Mayor appoints Frank I. Brown to the Office of Deputy Village Attorney for a one-year term.

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

RESOLVED, that the Mayor's appointment of Frank I. Brown to the office of Deputy Village Attorney for a one-year term is hereby approved.

Upon vote, this motion carried unanimously.

Item #7 Resolution #30-21

Appointment of four Assistant Village Attorneys - one year term

Mayor appoints Doris Ulman, Jan Ulman, Bruce Minsky, and Jay Golland to the Office of Assistant Village Attorney each for a one-year term.

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

RESOLVED, that the Mayor's appointment of Doris Ulman, Jan Ulman, Bruce Minsky, and Jay Golland, respectfully, to the office of Assistant Village Attorney for respective one-year terms is hereby approved.

Upon vote, this motion carried unanimously.

Item #8 Resolution #31-21

Appointment of Building Inspector - one year term

Mayor appoints John Layne to the position of Building Inspector for a one-year term.

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

RESOLVED, that the Mayor's appointment of John Layne to the position of Building Inspector for a one-year term is hereby approved.

Upon vote, this motion carried unanimously.

Item #9 Resolution #32-21

Appointment of two Code Inspectors - one year term

Mayor appoints Bill Press and Ray Canario to the position of Code Inspector each for a one-year term.

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

RESOLVED, that the Mayor's appointment of Bill Press and Ray Canario to the position of Code Inspector each for a one-year term is hereby approved.

Upon vote, this motion carried unanimously.

Item #10 Resolution #33-21

Appointment of Village Fire inspector - one year term

Mayor appoints Evan Humphrey to the office of Village Fire Inspector for a one-year term.

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

RESOLVED, that the Mayor's appointment of Evan Humphrey to the office of Village Fire Inspector for a one-year term is hereby approved.

Upon vote, this motion carried unanimously.

Item #11 Resolution #34-21

Appointment of Acting Village Justice - one year term

Mayor appoints Michael B. Silvermintz to the office of Acting Village Justice for a one-year term.

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

RESOLVED, that the Mayor's appointment of Michael B. Silvermintz to the office of Acting Village Justice for a one-year term is hereby approved.

Upon vote, this motion carried unanimously.

Item #12 Resolution #35-21

Appointment of Planning Board Chairman

Mayor appoints Vera Brown as Chairwoman of the Planning Board of the Village of Wesley Hills for a one-year term.

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

RESOLVED, pursuant to the provisions of Section 7-718 of the Village Law, that the Mayor's appointment of Vera Brown as Chairwoman of the Planning Board of the Village of Wesley Hills for a one-year term is hereby approved.

Upon vote, this motion carried unanimously.

Item #13 Resolution #36-21 Appointment of 1st Alternate Member of the Planning Board for a one-year term

Mayor appoints Vanessa Newman-Caren as 1st Alternate Member of the Planning Board for a one-year term.

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

RESOLVED, that the Mayor's appointment of Vanessa Newman-Caren as 1st Alternate Member of the Planning Board for a one-year term is hereby approved.

Upon vote, this motion carried unanimously.

Item #14 Resolution #37-21 Appointment of 2nd Alternate Member of the Planning Board for a one-year term

Mayor appoints Neal Wasserman as 2nd Alternate Member of the Planning Board for a one-year term.

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

RESOLVED, that the Mayor's appointment of Neal Wasserman as 2nd Alternate Member of the Planning Board for a one-year term is hereby approved.

Upon vote, this motion carried unanimously.

Item #15 Resolution #38-21 Appointment of Planning Board Member to the Planning Board- four-year term

Mayor appoints Albert Tew to the Planning Board of the Village of Wesley Hills for a four-year term ending April 2025.

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

RESOLVED, that the Mayor's appointment of Albert Tew to the Planning Board of the Village of Wesley Hills for a four-year term ending April 2025, is hereby approved.

Upon vote, this motion carried unanimously.

Item #16 Resolution #39-21 Appointment of Zoning Board of Appeals Chairman

Mayor appoints Mordechai Schwab as Chairman of the Zoning Board of Appeals of the Village of Wesley Hills for a one-year term.

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

RESOLVED, pursuant to the provisions of Section 7-718 of the Village Law, that the Mayor's appointment of Mordechai Schwab as Chairman of the Zoning Board of Appeals of the Village of Wesley Hills for a one-year term is hereby approved.

Upon vote, this motion carried unanimously.

Item #17 Resolution #40-21 Appointment of 1st Alternate Member of the Zoning Board of Appeals for a one-year term

Mayor appoints Randi Marlin as 1st Alternate Member of the Zoning Board of Appeals for a one-year term.

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

RESOLVED, that the Mayor's appointment of Randi Marlin as 1st Alternate Member of the Zoning Board of Appeals for a one-year term is hereby approved.

Upon vote, this motion carried unanimously.

Item #18 Resolution #41-21 Appointment of 2nd Alternate Member of the Zoning Board of Appeals for a one-year term Stefanie Collantes

Mayor appoints Stefanie Collantes as 2nd Alternate Member of the Zoning Board of Appeals for a one-year term.

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

RESOLVED, that the Mayor's appointment of Stefanie Collantes as 2nd Alternate Member of the Zoning Board of Appeals for a one-year term is hereby approved.

Upon vote, this motion carried unanimously.

Item #19 Resolution #42-21 Appointment of Village Clerk, Marriage Officer and Registrar of Vital Statistics - one year term

Mayor appoints Camille Guido-Downey as Village Clerk, Marriage Officer and Registrar of Vital Statistics for a one-year term.

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

RESOLVED, that the Mayor's appointment of Camille Guido-Downey as Village Clerk, Marriage Officer and Registrar of Vital Statistics for a one-year term is hereby approved.

Upon vote, this motion carried unanimously.

Item #20 Resolution #43-21 Appointment of Deputy Village Clerk- one year term

Mayor appoints Sydney Aliseo to the office of the Deputy Village Clerk for a one-year term.

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

RESOLVED, that the Mayor's appointment of Sydney Aliseo to the office of the Deputy Village Clerk for a one-year term is hereby approved.

Upon vote, this motion carried unanimously.

Item #21 Resolution #44-21 Appointment of Deputy Village Treasurer-one year term

Mayor's appointment of Yael Ash to the office of Deputy Village Treasurer for a one-year term.

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

RESOLVED, that the Mayor's appointment of Yael Ash to the office of Deputy Village Treasurer for a one-year term is hereby approved.

Upon vote, this motion carried unanimously. Item #22 was moved to the end of the agenda.

Item #23 Resolution #45-21

Appointment of Court Officers – each for one year term

Mayor appoints Dennis Bazazian and Raymond Burns to the office of Court Officer, each for a one-year term.

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

RESOLVED, that the Mayor's appointment of Dennis Bazazian and Raymond Burns to the office of Court Officer, each for a one-year term, is hereby approved.

Upon vote, this motion carried unanimously.

Item #24 Resolution #46-21

Resolution designating official depositories for Village finds

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

RESOLVED, that the following banks are hereby designed as official depositories for Village funds: Key Bank, N.A.; JPMorgan Chase Bank, N.A.; M&T Bank; MBIA; Sterling Bank; T.D. Bank Corp; and N.Y. Class.

Upon vote, this motion carried unanimously.

Item #25 Resolution #47-21

Resolution designating official newspaper

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

RESOLVED, that the Rockland County Times and the Rockland Journals News, local newspapers, be designed as the official Village newspapers.

Upon vote, this motion carried unanimously.

Item #26

Public Hearing Local Law #1 of 2021, A 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 open the public hearing, seconded by Marion Ben-Jacob. 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 by Howard Richman. Upon vote, this motion carried unanimously.

Resolution #48-21

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

RESOLVED, that the proposed 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 is made a part of the Minutes of this Board, is hereby approved, and enacted as Local Law No. 1 of 2021.

Upon vote, this motion carried unanimously.

Item #27 Resolution #49-21 Resolution Authorizing the contract between N-Court and the Village of Wesley Hills for a term ending 2024

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

RESOLVED, that the proposed contract between the Village of Wesley Hills and N-Court to provide payment processing services to the Village Justice Court for the period of June 1, 2021, through May 31, 2024, a copy of which is made a part of the minutes of this Board, is hereby accepted, and the Mayor is authorized to indicate the approval and acceptance of such proposal by signing same on behalf of the Village of Wesley Hills.

Upon vote, this motion carried unanimously.

Item #28 Resolution #50-21
Resolution approving the proposed contract of FYS Computer Consulting with the Village of Wesley Hills

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

RESOLVED, that the proposed contract renewal between the Village of Wesley Hills and FYS Computer Consulting to provide technical support for the Village of Wesley Hills for

the period of June 1, 2021, through May 31, 2022, a copy of which is made a part of the minutes of this Board, is hereby accepted, and the Mayor is authorized to indicate the approval and acceptance of such proposal by signing same on behalf of the Village of Wesley Hills.

Upon vote, this motion carried unanimously.

Item #29 Resolution #51-21 Resolution approving proposal of Brooker Engineering, PLLC, for engineering services for preparation of the 2020/2021 annual report for MS4/Municipal Stormwater Sewer Systems and the 2020-2021 Municipal Compliance Certificate.

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

RESOLVED, that the proposal for engineering services of Brooker Engineering, PLLC, for preparation of the 2020/2021 annual report concerning MS4/Municipal Separate Stormwater Sewer Systems, and the 2020/2021 MCC/Municipal Compliance Certificate and 2020/2021 Annual Report, a copy of which is made a part of the Minutes of this Board, is hereby approved, and the Mayor is authorized to indicate approval of such proposal on said document on behalf of the Village of Wesley Hills.

Upon vote, this motion carried unanimously.

Resolution #52-21 Resolution approving the 2021-2022 proposal and fee schedule of Brooker Engineering, PLLC.

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

RESOLVED, that the 2021-2022 Proposal and Fee Schedule for Engineering Consultation Services for the Village of Wesley Hills by Brooker Engineering, PLLC, a copy of which is made a part of the Minutes of this Board, is hereby approved and the Mayor is authorized to indicate approval of such agreement on said document on behalf of the Village of Wesley Hills.

Upon vote, this motion carried unanimously.

Item #31 Resolution #53-21 Resolution approving proposal of Brooker Engineering, PLLC, to perform the in-depth inspection and detailed documentation of the storm water outfalls under dry weather conditions as required by the NYSDEC.

Howard Richman made a motion to approve the following resolution, seconded by Marion Ben-Jacob: **RESOLVED**, that the proposal of Brooker Engineering, PLLC, to perform the in-depth inspection and detailed documentation of the storm water outfalls under dry weather conditions as required by the NYSDEC, a copy of which is made a part of the Minutes of this Board, is hereby approved, and the Mayor is authorized to indicate approval of such proposal on said document on behalf of the Village of Wesley Hills.

Upon vote, this motion carried unanimously.

Item #32 Resolution #54-21

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 #18307 through #18382 in the aggregate amount of \$94,446.55 as set forth in Abstract #4/21 dated April 6, 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 #32A Resolution #55-21

Resolution approving transfer of funds

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

RESOLVED, that the transfers in the aggregate amount of \$80,000.00 as set forth in Abstract #4/21 dated April 6, 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 #33

REPORTS-Mayor

Charlotte Drive

Mayor Katz stated that he has received a request from Congregation Ateres Rosh for no parking signs to be located in front of neighbor to the west of the shul as per the plan that was submitted.

Resolution #56-21

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

RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees hereby requests that the Town of Ramapo Highway Department install "No Parking" signs prohibiting the parking of vehicles along Charlotte Drive in front of #14 in accordance with the written recommendation of the Village

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Engineer of the Village of Wesley Hills dated March 17, 2021, a copy of which recommendation is made a part of the Minutes of this Board, subject to the agreement for such "No Parking" signs of the Town of Ramapo Highway Department and the Village Engineer of the Village of Wesley Hills.

Upon vote, this motion carried unanimously.

Terrace Road-No Parking

Mayor Katz stated that he did send letters to the residents of Terrace Road and the parking situation has not improved. Mayor Katz requested permission for the Village Engineer to inspect the area for no parking options. Board Members are in favor.

Keep Rockland Beautiful

Mayor Katz stated that he has received notification from one resident who is willing to organize a cleanup in the Village. Mayor Katz stated that he will reach out to the resident to ensure that the tentative date of May 2, 2021 is still scheduled.

Benmoshe Property-Wesley Chapel Road

Mayor Katz stated that the Village has received notification that the 4-parcel property was sold to Bikur Cholim Inc. Mayor Katz stated that the Deputy Village Attorney will provide the Village Board with a letter in reference to a proposed use.

Road Survey

Mayor Katz stated that he will be preforming the Village road survey alone due to COVID.

PFAS Support

Mayor Katz stated that the Village has received a request to support the Rockland Water Coalition efforts for more restrictions on the toxic PFAS chemicals which were recently detected in Rockland's drinking water. Howard Richman and Ed McPherson stated that they would like more information and requested to table this item till next month.

Upcoming Meetings:

April 20 Workshop Meeting May 4 Regular Meeting May 18 Workshop Meeting

Treasurer's Report

Donalee Berard stated that we are 10 months into the budget year, and we are on track for expense and revenue.

Village Clerk's Report

Village Clerk stated the following: 32 complaints were received, Justice Court is moving ahead with virtual local law court, new attorneys are working out well, Village passed our annual Worker's Comp Village Hall inspection, Wesley Chapel Road culvert replacement project is moving ahead, the Village filled 8 dumpsters for the Passover drop off, 2021-yard waste dates

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are set and posted on the Village website, and the Village received our delivery of recycling bins and biodegradable leaf bags.

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

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

No action was taken in executive session.

Item #22 Resolution #57-21

Appointment of Court Clerk - one year term

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

RESOLVED, that the Mayor's appointment of Jayne Homyak to the Office of Court Clerk for a one-year term is hereby approved.

Roll Call:

Katz Nay McPherson Nay Richman Nay Ben-Jacob Nay Ivey Nay

Upon vote, this motion did not carry.

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

Respectfully Submitted,

Camille Guido-Downey