

Minutes of the meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Incorporated Village of Hewlett Neck held on Tuesday , April 12, 2022 at 4:00 PM. At Village Hall, 30 Piermont Avenue, Hewlett NY 11557

The public had a right to speak at this meeting.

1. Calling the meeting to order:

Mayor Epstein called the meeting to order at 4:04 p.m.

2. Roll call:

Mayor	Ross Epstein
Deputy Mayor	Aron Schnell
Trustee	Moshe Blinder- Via Zoom
Trustee	Kenneth Frenkel- Arrived 4:20pm

Village Clerk/Treasurer	Michelle Blandino
Village Attorney	Brian Stolar, Esq.

Excused	Trustee	Michael Levine
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3. Notice of Meeting–Nassau Herald:

Clerk Blandino reported that notice of this evening’s public meeting was sent to the Nassau Herald, posted on website, posted on the bulletin board outside Village Hall and sent out in email notification.

4. Minutes –Minutes for Meeting March 8, 2022

On motion by Mayor Epstein, seconded by Deputy Mayor Schnell and unanimously approved, the Board dispensed with the reading of the minutes of March 8, 2022 meeting as the Clerk had previously mailed such minutes and they are hereby approved.

5. Surveillance Video Cameras/ LPR Security Cameras: Flock Camera Presentation

Joe Damico of Flock Camera appeared before the Board with a presentation on Flock Cameras. The Board discussed.

Trustee Blinder left at the conclusion of the security camera discussion.

6. Public Hearing for Bill HN 2202A local law to adopt a new Chapter 128 of the Code of the Village of Hewlett Neck, entitled “Telecommunications Licenses and Franchises”, providing for the regulation of telecommunications within the public ways.

The Mayor opened the public hearing. The Village Attorney explained the proposed local law. After confirming that the hearing notice was published in the Nassau Herald and posted on the bulletin board outside of Village Hall and in the lobby of Village Hall,

and the affidavits of posting and publication of the hearing notices are on file at the Village Clerk's office, and hearing no comments from the public, on motion duly made by the Mayor, seconded by Deputy Mayor Schnell, and adopted unanimously, the Board closed the public hearing and adopted the following resolution:

RESOLVED, that the Board hereby finds and concludes that

- (a) Proposed Law HN2202A is an Unlisted Action under the State Environmental Quality Review Act and its regulations;
- (b) the Board is the lead agency with respect to environmental review of this proposed action;
- (c) the Board has considered the following factors in respect to its review of the environmental impacts of the proposed action:
 - (i) whether the proposed action would result in any substantial adverse change in existing air quality, ground or surface water quality or quantity, traffic or noise levels, nor any substantial increase in solid waste production, nor create a substantial increase in the potential for erosion, flooding, leaching or drainage problems;
 - (ii) whether the proposed action would result in the removal or destruction of large quantities of vegetation or fauna, substantial interference with the movement of any resident or migratory fish or wildlife species, impacts on a significant habitat area, substantial adverse impacts on a threatened or endangered species of animal or plant, or the habitat of such a species, or other significant adverse impacts to natural resources;
 - (iii) whether the proposed action would impair the environmental characteristics of any Critical Environmental Area;
 - (iv) whether the proposed action would conflict with the community's current plans or goals as official approved or adopted;
 - (v) whether the proposed action would impair the character or quality of important historical, archeological, architectural or aesthetic resources or of existing community or neighborhood character;
 - (vi) whether the proposed action would result in a major change in the use of either the quantity or type of energy;
 - (vii) whether the proposed action would create a hazard to human health;
 - (viii) whether the proposed action would create a substantial change in the use, or intensity of use, of land, including agricultural, open space or recreational resources, or in its capacity to support existing uses;
 - (ix) whether the proposed action would encourage or attract large numbers of persons to any place for more than a few days, compared to the number who would come to such place without such action;
 - (x) whether the proposed action would create changes in two or more elements of the environment, no one of which would have a significant impact on the environment, but when taken considered together would result in a substantial adverse impact on the environment;
 - (xi) whether the proposed action would create substantial adverse impacts when considered cumulatively with any other actions, proposed or in process;
 - (xii) whether the proposed action would result in substantial adverse impact with respect to any relevant environmental consideration, including noise, aesthetics, traffic, air quality, water quality or adequacy of water supply, drainage, soil conditions, or quality of life in the community in general and the immediate neighborhood in particular;

(d) the proposed action, would not have a significant adverse environmental impact, as that impact is considered under SEQRA; and

(e) no further environmental review is required with respect to the proposed action, and it is further

RESOLVED, that the Board adopts Proposed Bill HN 2202A as Local Law HN-4-2022, and directs the Village Clerk to file Local Law HN 4-2022 with the New York Secretary of State and take all actions required by law.

7. Woodbine Ditch/Village Drain Improvement Update (Bid Update)

The Board discussed.

8. Public Hearing for adoption of 2022/23 Tentative Budget:

A. Open Hearing – The mayor opened the public hearing:

B. Notice of hearing - Clerk Blandino reported that notice of this evening’s public hearing appeared in the Nassau Herald and was posted on the bulletin board outside Village Hall and in the lobby of Village Hall

C. Affidavits – Clerk Blandino reported that notice of publication and posting was received.

D. Appearances: None

E. Close hearing – All those desiring to be heard, having been heard, Mayor Epstein made a motion to close the public hearing. The motion was seconded by Deputy Mayor Schnell and unanimously approved.

9. Adoption of Budget:

By motion duly made by Trustee Schnell, seconded by Trustee Cooper, and unanimously adopted, the Board adopted the following resolution:

WHEREAS, the Board of Trustees of the Incorporated Village of Hewlett Neck, held a public hearing on April 12, 2022, regarding the tentative budget, and heard all persons desiring to be heard thereon, now therefore be it,

RESOLVED, that the tentative budget, as hereinafter set forth, is hereby adopted as the final budget, and that the several amounts stated be, and they hereby are, appropriated for the objects and purposes specified and the salaries and wages, as provided for in said budget, shall be and are hereby fixed at the amounts shown therein, effective June 1, 2022, and be it,

FURTHER RESOLVED, that this resolution shall become effective at the expiration of the time required for filing with the State Comptroller of the State of New York of

the statement of the estimated amount of real estate taxes to be levied on account of such budget as required by the State Finance law, and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board directs the Village Treasurer to (a) file a certified copy of the budget with the Office of the State Comptroller, (b) to the extent practicable, post the adopted budget on the Village website and (c) take such actions as are necessary and required by law with respect to the budget.

(COPY OF ADOPTED BUDGET IS ATTACHED)

10.- 14. Additional Budget/Tax Resolution:

On motion duly made by Mayor Epstein, seconded by Trustee Schnell, and adopted unanimously, the Board adopted the following resolution:

WHEREAS, the Board of Trustees of the Incorporated Village of Hewlett Neck has prepared, after public hearing pursuant to notice duly posted and published according to law, has completed and adopted its annual budget for the 2022-2023 fiscal year;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the rate of 125.474 for Class 1 properties, 1.946 for Class 3 properties and 4.273 for Class 4 properties be affixed to apply to each \$100.00 of assessed valuation as appearing on the Village assessment roll for the fiscal year commencing June 1, 2022 and ending May 31, 2023, and the Clerk is authorized and directed to extend and carry out the Roll, and that the assessment roll be completed accordingly; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Mayor be and he hereby is authorized and directed to sign the proper warrant directed to the Collector of Taxes commanding said Collector to collect said taxes, and to attest same with proper seal of the Village of Sea Cliff and deliver said warrant to the Clerk of the Village; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Village Clerk be and she hereby is directed to publish notice of the collection of taxes in the official paper of the Village in two (2) consecutive issues and the required number of said notices to be posted in at least six conspicuous places in the Village pursuant to law; such notices shall state that such tax roll and warrant have been left with said Collector of Taxes for collection; designate the Village Hall as the place where the Collector of Taxes will receive taxes from 9:00am until 4:00pm, Mondays through Fridays except on holidays or such other days or times that the Village Hall Offices may be closed; that taxes shall be paid in two (2) installments, with late payments subject to interest and penalties, as provided by law; and it is

RESOLVED, that the Collector of Taxes mail to all persons whose property appears on the tax roll, at their last known post office address, a statement of the tax rate, the assessment and the amount of tax due on the property described in such notice and the time and place at which the same may be paid.

15. Salary Increases:

On motion by Mayor Epstein, seconded by Deputy Mayor Schnell, the Board voted unanimously to approve a salary increase for the employees listed below effective June 1, 2022.

Michelle Blandino 4 %
Karen Quintavalle 4 %
Karen Quintavalle Court Clerical raised to \$275 Monthly
Karen Quintavalle Court Attend raised to \$60 per appearance
Dana Garraputta 4 %

16. Set Public Hearing for Annual Storm Water Report

On motion by Mayor Epstein, seconded by Trustee Frenkel and unanimously approved, the Board voted to hold a Public Hearing on May 23, 2022 at 5:00 pm, with respect to the Storm Water Annual Report, and directed the publication of the required legal notice.

17. Update from meeting with NYS Comptroller

Treasurer Blandino updated the Board.

18. Election Update and Resolution:

A. Appoint Election Inspectors and Compensation

On motion by Mayor Epstein, seconded by Deputy Mayor Schnell, the following resolution was unanimously adopted by the Board:

WHEREAS, pursuant to the Election Law of the State of New York, personal registration is required in the Village of Hewlett Neck for Village Elections, and

WHEREAS, pursuant to the Election Law, the Board of Trustees is required, at least 40 days prior to the Village election, to appoint an even number of inspectors of election, and fix their compensation and designate one of them as Chair,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the following persons are hereby designated and appointed inspectors of election, and they shall meet on June 21, 2022 at the place designated for such Village Election, between the hours of 12 Noon and 9:00 p.m., inclusive, for the purpose of the Village Election:

<u>NAME</u>	<u>ADDRESS</u>	<u>PARTY</u>
Bruce Serkes	602 HARRISON AVENUE EAST MEADOW, NY 11554	Democrat
Geri Serkes	602 HARRISON AVENUE EAST MEADOW, NY 11554	Democrat
Phyllis Goldberg	357 Bar Road	Republican

Woodmere New York 11598

Chaim Goldberg

357 BAR ROAD
WOODMERE NY 11598

REPUBLICAN

AND IT IS FURTHER RESOLVED, that Bruce Serkes, hereby is, designated to act as Chair of said inspectors of election, and it is further

RESOLVED, that the compensation for each of the aforesaid inspectors of election shall be 135.00 for each of said days that said inspectors of election may be required to serve.

B. Designate polling place and hours for Village Election to be held on Tuesday, June 21, 2022.

On motion by Mayor Epstein, and seconded by Deputy Mayor Schnell, the following resolution was unanimously adopted.

WHEREAS, pursuant to the Election Law, the Board of Trustees is required to designate the polling place for the Village election to be held on June 21, 2022, and the hours of election,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the polling place for the Village Election to be held on June 21, 2022 shall be the Keystone Yacht Club, Woodmere Blvd, Woodmere, New York.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the hours of the said Village Election shall be from 12:00 noon to 9:00 p.m., inclusive.

19. Welsbach Electric Proposal to install new PVC pipe from s/w/c Dolphin & Pricilla to Pole c/o 150 Dolphin Drive

Tabled

20. Horse Fly Traps

The Board discussed.

21. Proposed Stop Sign on Woodmere Blvd South

Tabled

22. Road Curbing

Tabled

23. Street Sweeping Intermunicipal Agreement/ Village of Lynbrook

Clerk Blandino discussed with the Board.

24. Storm Drain Cleaning

Tabled

25. Altice requesting the placement of a Fiber Optic Cabinet in Hewlett Neck

The Board reviewed the submission by Altice. On motion duly made by Mayor Epstein, seconded by Deputy Mayor Schnell, and adopted unanimously, the Board adopted the following resolution:

RESOLVED, that the Board hereby finds and concludes that

- (a) Altice's request to place a Fiber Optic Cabinet in the Village right-of-way is an Unlisted Action under the State Environmental Quality Review Act and its regulations;
- (b) the Board is the lead agency with respect to environmental review of this proposed action;
- (c) the Board has considered the following factors in respect to its review of the environmental impacts of the proposed action:
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RESOLVED, that the Board approves the issuance of a permit by the Building Department on the condition that the Building Department confirms that the proposed cabinet complies with the requirements of Local Law 4-2022 and the Village’s Policies and Standards for Small Cell Wireless Facility Siting Permits, including payment of the required application fee.

26. Reports:

A. Public Safety –March 2022

1. Police Activity Report

March	Arrests	0
	Crime Reports	0

B. Treasurer’s Report – March 2022

Cash status March 2022

Bank balances	Reg., Pay., M.M.	
As of 3/1/2022		\$830,779.38

Plus Receipts

Non Property Taxes	4,000.00	
Departmental Income	275.00	
Use of Money & Property	82.98	
Licenses and Permits	8,660.00	
Fines & Forfeitures	300.00	
Sale of property/other Comp	600.00	
Miscellaneous	2,200.00	
State Aid	2,439.99	
		<u>18,557.97</u>
		\$849,337.35

Less Disbursements

General Government Support	14,252.60	
Judicial	316.66	
Public Safety	8,574.48	
Transportation	1,244.74	
Employee Benefit	<u>2,607.67</u>	<u>28,104.55</u>

821,232.80

Proof Bank Balances:

Signature Regular	25,829.06
Signature Money Market	651,430.55
Signature Payroll	3,973.19
Signature- Trust Account	<u>140,000.00</u>
	821,232.80

1. Audit of Claims

The Board discussed the claims. Village Treasurer confirmed that the items in such abstract represented the purchase of goods and services actually received and/or performed and that each item contained in the abstract was for a proper Village purpose, on motion duly made by Mayor Epstein, seconded by Deputy Mayor Schnell, and adopted unanimously, the Board authorized and directed the Village Clerk/Treasurer to pay the general fund claims in the total sum of \$60,925.02 set forth in abstract #679 (copy of the abstract is on file in the Village office).

27. New Business: None
28. Next Meeting: May 23, 2022 at 5:00 PM
29. Adjournment:

As there was no further business the meeting was adjourned 6:40 P.M.

Village Clerk
Michelle Blandino