

Minutes of the meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Incorporated Village of Hewlett Neck held on Monday, March 15, 2021 at 8:00p.m. via Zoom video conference. The meeting was held in compliance with Executive Orders issued by Governor Cuomo.

The meeting was held by Zoom with all Board members being able to participate at the same time and hear all other Board members. The public was provided with an opportunity to view the meeting live.

The meeting was recorded and shall remain available for public viewing on the Village website.

The public had a right to speak at this meeting, there were no participants from the public

1. Calling the meeting to order:

Mayor Epstein called the meeting to order at 8:04 p.m.

2. Roll call:

Via Zoom	Mayor	Ross Epstein
	Deputy Mayor	Steve Hochberg
	Trustee	Aron Schnell
	Trustee	Brett Cooper
	Trustee	Michael Levine signed on at 8:09pm
	Village Clerk	Michelle Blandino
	Village Attorney	Brian Stolar, Esq.

Excused

Treasurer	Moe Blinder- signed in at 8:10pm
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3. Notice of Meeting–Nassau Herald:

Clerk Blandino reported that notice of this evening's meeting was sent to the Nassau Herald and was posted on the bulletin board outside Village Hall and posted on the Village Website.

4. Minutes –Meeting January 25, 2021, Special Meeting February 1, 2021 Special Meeting March 4, 2021, Special Meeting March 8, 2021

On motion by Mayor Epstein, seconded by Deputy Mayor Hochberg and approved by Trustee Schnell and Trustee Cooper, the Board dispensed with the reading of the January 25, 2021 meeting minutes and Special meeting February 1, 2021, special meeting March 4, 2021 and Special meeting, March 8, 2021 as the Clerk had previously mailed such minutes and they are hereby approved.

5.

Proposed Local Law HN 2005A- A local law to amend Chapter 115 of the Code of the Village of Hewlett Neck, in relation to obstruction or encumbering of public right-of-ways and adjoining property owners obligations relating to trees impeding the public right-of-way

A. Open Hearing – Mayor Epstein 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, the Village Website and in the lobby of Village Hall.

C. Affidavits - Clerk Blandino reported that notice of publication and posting were received and are filed in the Clerk's office.

D. Appearances – None.

E. Close hearing –On motion by Mayor Epstein, seconded by Trustee Aron Schnell and unanimously approved, the Board voted to close the public hearing, determine that it is the lead agency, that the proposed local law is an Unlisted Action under SEQRA and adopts the following resolution:

RESOLVED, that the Board hereby finds and concludes that \

(a) Proposed Law HN 2005A 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 2005A as Local Law HN-1-2021, and directs the Village Clerk to file Local Law HN 1-2021 with the New York Secretary of State and take all actions required by law.

6.

Proposed Bill HN 2006C- A local law to amend Chapter 97 of the Code of the Village of Hewlett Neck, in relation to collection and storage of garbage and rubbish containers.

A. Open Hearing – Mayor Epstein 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, the Village Website and in the lobby of Village Hall.

C. Affidavits - Clerk Blandino reported that notice of publication and posting were received and are filed in the Clerk's office.

D. Appearances – None.

E. Close hearing –On motion by Mayor Epstein, seconded by Trustee Aron Schnell and unanimously approved, the Board voted to close the public hearing, determine that it is the lead agency, that the proposed local law is an Unlisted Action under SEQRA and adopts the following resolution:

RESOLVED, that the Board hereby finds and concludes that \

(a) Proposed Law HN 2006C 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 2006C as Local Law HN-2-2021, and directs the Village Clerk to file Local Law HN 2-2021 with the New York Secretary of State and take all actions required by law.

7. Set Budget Hearing for adoption of 2021/22 Tentative Budget

On motion by Mayor Epstein, seconded by Trustee Schnell and unanimously approved, the Board voted unanimously to hold a public hearing on April 12, 2021 at 5:00p.m. with respect to the adoption of 2021/22 Budget.

8. Nelson Pope Drainage Proposal for Storm Water Drain project

Tabled

9. Welsbach Electric Proposal to replace defective street light cable between Dolphin Drive and Priscilla Rd

Tabled pending further review

10. Bank Proposals for all Village accounts

TD Bank  
First National Bank  
Signature Bank

On motion by Mayor Epstein, seconded by Trustee Levine and unanimously approved, the Board voted to designate Signature Bank for all accounts for the balance of the official year.

11. Court Stenographer Proposals

Alexa Lorenzo  
North Shore Court Reporters, Inc.

On motion by Mayor Epstein, seconded by Deputy Mayor Hochberg and unanimously decided, the Board voted to contract Alexa Lorenzo as the Court Reporter for the Village of Hewlett Neck meetings when transcribing and court reporting is needed, in accordance with the proposal submitted by Alexa Lorenzo, for the remainder of the Village official year.

12. Storm Water Report Proposal

West Side Engineering	\$2000	Tabled
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13. Emergency Operations Plan

On motion by Mayor Epstein, seconded by Trustee Levine and unanimously agreed, the Board adopted the Emergency Operations Plan to become effective immediately

14. Reports:

A. Public Safety –January 2021, February 2021

1. Police Activity Report

January	Arrests	0
	Crime Reports	0
February	Arrests	0
	Crime Reports	0

Treasurer's Report – January 2021 and February 2021

Cash status January 2021

Bank balances Reg., Pay., M.M.  
As of 1/1/2021 \$635,682.27

Plus Receipts

Non- Property Taxes 3,699.91  
Departmental Income 300.00  
Licenses and Permits 3,437.50  
Sale of Property 100.00  
Fines and Forfeitures 250.00

7,787.41

\$643,469.68

Less Disbursements

General Government Support 19,682.68  
Judicial 250.00  
Public Safety 8,140.00  
Transportation 890.08  
Home and Community 770.00  
Employee Benefit 2,276.54

32,009.30

611,460.38

Proof Bank Balances:

Capital One – Regular -6,349.63  
Capital One – Payroll 4,817.32  
Capital One – Money Market 612,992.69  
611,460.38

Cash status February 2021

Bank balances Reg., Pay., M.M.  
As of 2/1/2021 \$611,460.38

Plus Receipts

Non- Property Taxes 11,231.18  
Departmental Income 225.00  
Licenses and Permits 2,238.75

13,694.93

\$625,155.31

Less Disbursements

General Government Support 5,875.56  
Judicial 250.00  
Public Safety 1,560.00  
Transportation 24,042.06  
Employee Benefit 464.84

32,192.46

592,962.85

Proof Bank Balances:

Capital One – Regular	6,067.40
Capital One – Payroll	8,902.76
Capital One – Money Market	<u>577,992.69</u>
	592,962.85

15. New Business:

A. Mr. and Mrs. Matt Margulies, whom reside at 849 Smith Lane, appeared before the Board expressing their opinion about the p road way at the end of Smith Lane.

Tabled until further review by the Board

16. Next Meeting: April 12 2021 at 5 PM

17. Adjournment:

As there was no further business the meeting was adjourned 8:51 P.M.

Village Clerk  
Michelle Blandino