

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
BOARD OF TRUSTEES
December 13, 2023, 6:30 PM**

PRESENT:

Mayor Daniel F. DeVita
Deputy Mayor Kevin Jusko
Trustee Nicholas Tsafos
Trustee Jeffrey Miritello
Trustee Nancy Jones
Trustee Richard Nicklas

Howard Avrutine, Village Attorney via Zoom
Kate Hillmann, Clerk/Treasurer
Elizabeth Kaye, Financial Consultant
Renee Fenton, Deputy Clerk/Court Clerk
Michael McNerney, Building Inspector

EXCUSED:

James Antonelli, Village Engineer
Trustee Jeffrey Nemshin

MAYOR DEVITA called the meeting to order at 6:30 pm with the Pledge of Allegiance.

POLICE REPORT: The Board reviewed the Oyster Bay Cove Police Department Monthly Report for November 2023, which was distributed to the Board prior to the meeting. Statistics for the month are as follows:

	Totals this month	Totals this year	Totals prior year to date
Auto Accidents Personal Injury	0	7	3
Auto Accidents Property Damage	1	22	28
Aided Cases Resulting from Auto Accidents	0	11	6
Aided Cases Other	4	60	58
Arrests	1	5	1
Summonses - Moving Violations	30	306	239
Summonses - Parking	1	25	36
Fire Calls	0	13	12
Patrol Mileage	4,500	50,100	50,100
Offenses - Case Reports	3	23	21
Suspicious Autos	1	32	30
Suspicious Persons	2	24	26
Suspicious Phone Calls	0	0	1
Recorded Alarms	7	139	195
Vacant Houses	0	24	38
Disturbances	3	25	15
Malicious Mischief	0	0	0
Non-Case Incidents	0	10	8
Animal Nuisance Complaints	3	15	10
Assist From NCPD	0	0	0

Stop Signs	1
Cell Phone	1
Speeding	4
Unlicensed Operation	5
Uninspected mv	0
DWI	0
No Insurance	9
Expired Registration	2
Disobey Traffic Control	0
Device	
Vio. Village Ordinance	0
Following Too Closely	0
Fail to Keep Right	0
Improper Turn	0
No Parking	1
Equipment Violation	7
No Seatbelt	1
Total	31

BUILDING REPORT – PERMIT EXTENSION FOR D’ARDUINI: The D’Arduinis, who reside at 31 White Oak Tree Road, applied for a swimming pool permit #3451 which expired on November 8, 2023. The construction of the swimming pool was stalled due to scheduling conflicts and the completion of a newly constructed dwelling on site.

Upon motion by Mayor DeVita, seconded by Trustee Nicklas, and approved by those present, the Board approved the extension of permit #3451 until January 8, 2024, to allow time for the project to be completed as well as receipt of required insurance and license documents to be submitted to the Village.

LO BIANCO CONSTRUCTION DEPOSIT: The Lo Biancos, who reside at 5 Glen Lane, have completed 75% of the construction of a rear addition to their house in which they submitted a construction deposit in the amount of \$15,000.00 to the Village. In addition, the Lo Biancos have applied for a permit to construct a 2-car detached garage which would require a separate \$10,000.00 construction deposit.

Upon motion by Mayor DeVita, seconded by Trustee Miritello, and approved by those present, the Board approved waiving the construction deposit in the amount of \$10,000.00 and, instead, the Village will hold the construction deposit in the amount of \$15,000.00 for both the rear addition and the garage. The \$15,000.00 construction deposit will be returned upon satisfactory inspection of the property by the Building Inspector and that there is no damage to Village property upon completion of both projects.

COLD SPRING HARBOR LABORATORY (LAB) RENOVATION OF BASEMENT

APARTMENT AT DAVENPORT HOUSE: The Lab has submitted an application to renovate an existing basement apartment in the Davenport House. As per the Village Code, the application

requires Board of Trustees approval as the existing residence lies in a required buffer zone from a waterway.

Upon motion by Mayor DeVita, seconded by Deputy Mayor Jusko, and approved by those present, the Board approved the issuance of the permit to renovate the basement apartment at the Davenport House.

COLD SPRING HARBOR LABORATORY (LAB) PLAN TO CREATE BUILDING STREET

ADDRESSES: The Lab has submitted a plan creating a building street address numbering system for the campus to improve emergency response. Upon motion by Mayor DeVita, seconded by Trustee Tsafos, and approved by those present, the Board approved the street address numbering plan as set forth in the documents dated November 8, 2023.

VILLAGE ENGINEER REPORT –STORM WATER SYSTEM CLEANING ON LAUREL

HOLLOW ROAD: The Village Engineer provided a report to the Board stating that Busch Brothers completed its dry well cleaning project by cleaning the dry wells located at 1536 and 1538 Laurel Hollow Road which had more than 4 feet of material removed from each dry well.

MINUTES of the Board of Trustees Regular Meeting held on November 8, 2023 were distributed to the Board prior to the meeting for review. It was moved by Mayor DeVita, seconded by Trustee Nicklas, and approved by those present, that the minutes be approved.

MINUTES of the Board of Trustees Special Meeting held on November 21, 2023 were distributed to the Board prior to the meeting for review. It was moved by Mayor DeVita, seconded by Deputy Mayor Jusko, and approved by those present, that the minutes be approved.

FINANCIAL REPORT and the **REPORT OF UNPAID TAXES:** The Financial Report and the Report of Unpaid Taxes were distributed to the Board prior to the meeting for review and the Village Clerk-Treasurer reported on them.

APPROVAL OF ABSTRACTS: The abstracts were distributed to the Board prior to the meeting for review. It was moved by Trustee Tsafos, seconded by Trustee Jones, and approved by those present, that the abstracts of vouchers presented by the Village Clerk-Treasurer be approved for payment.

APPROVAL OF PAYMENT TO NANCY POPPER: Payment to retired Village Clerk Nancy Popper for Medicare Part B Reimbursement was moved by Deputy Mayor Jusko, seconded by Trustee Jones, and approved by those present, except for Mayor DeVita who recused himself from the discussion and vote.

BUDGET WORK SESSION: The Board agreed to schedule a special meeting for Saturday, February 17, 2024, at 9 am to prepare a draft budget for the 2024-25 fiscal year with an additional date of February 27, 2024, if needed.

SEPTIC SYSTEM INSTALLATION PROPOSALS: After receiving one proposal from the November 2023 bid for installation of a septic system at Village Hall, the Mayor contacted the Nassau County SWCD to discuss opening the bid to contractors outside the Nassau County approved vendor list. Nassau County advised that the Village is free to do so, however the Village would be responsible to ensure that the work is performed according to the Nassau County

S.E.P.T.I.C. grant requirements. After discussion, the Board decided to have the Village Engineer prepare a public bid to see if more contractors submit proposals.

PUBLIC HEARING SCHEDULED FOR LOCAL LAW A-2024 – PROHIBITION OF FISHING ON THE BEACH: A draft ordinance prepared by the Village Attorney was distributed to the Board prohibiting fishing on the Village beach during swimming months. It was moved by Mayor DeVita, seconded by Trustee Nicklas, and approved by those present, that a public hearing be scheduled for January 10, 2024, at 6:30 pm in connection with this local law and that the Clerk be authorized to publish and post the required notice of public hearing.

MEDICARE PART B IRMAA REIMBURSEMENT TO RETIREES: The Mayor reported that one of the current retirees submitted paperwork requesting reimbursement for an unusually high IRMAA reimbursement rate which is based on the recipient's income and tax filing status. Upon motion by Mayor DeVita, seconded by Deputy Mayor Jusko, and approved by those present, the Board approved limiting the IRMAA reimbursement to only the first-tier base portion of the IRMMA payment and not the additional portion triggered by higher income. This determination will also be reflected by updating section 808 of the employee handbook.

RENEWAL OF AETNA DENTAL COVERAGE FOR RETIREES: The Clerk reported that Aetna has proposed the following increases to dental coverage for retirees for 2024:

Individual Coverage Increase \$20 per month

Family Coverage Increase \$30 per month

It was moved by Mayor DeVita, seconded by Trustee Jones, and approved by those present, that the dental coverage with Aetna for retirees be renewed with the above-mentioned rate increases.

WELSBACH ELECTRIC RENEWAL: It was moved by Mayor DeVita, seconded by Trustee Tsafos and approved by those present, that the Board approve and authorize the Mayor to sign the agreement with Welsbach Electric to maintain approximately six streetlights in the Village at the existing hourly rate of \$130 per hour.

FLOOD INSURANCE RENEWAL: A memo from Nicole Morton of Salerno Brokerage describing the 2023-2024 rates for flood insurance was distributed to the Board for review. It was moved by Mayor DeVita, seconded by Trustee Nicklas, and approved by those present, that Option 1, as described in the memo from Salerno Brokerage, be approved.

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 8:00 pm.

THE NEXT REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES WILL BE HELD AT 6:30 P.M. ON WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 10, 2024.

Cathryn Hillmann

Cathryn Hillmann, Village Clerk

ALSO PRESENT:

Lisa D'Arduini, resident

Lee Israel, Liaison for Intergovernmental Affairs