

**MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL MEETING
BOARD OF TRUSTEES
HELD VIA ZOOM VIDEOCONFERENCE
(due to COVID-19 public assembly restrictions)
STENOGRAPHICALLY RECORDED
TUES., MAY 19, 2020
5:00 PM**

PRESENT:

Mayor Daniel F. DeVita
Trustee Kevin Jusko
Trustee Jeffrey Nemshin
Trustee Richard Nicklas
Trustee Martin Novick

Howard D. Avrutine, Village Attorney
Elizabeth Kaye, Clerk/Treasurer

EXCUSED: Trustee Miritello, Trustee Tsafos

Mayor DeVita called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m. with the Pledge of Allegiance.

RESCISSION OF TAXPAYER PROTECTION PROGRAM EXEMPTION

Mayor DeVita discussed the recent NYS legislation known as the Taxpayer Protection Program (TPP) (N.Y. Real Property Tax Law Section 485-u). This law allows an assessing entity the ability to apply an exemption to amortize over a five-year period the recent real property tax increases resulting from recent property reassessment. . The Board had previously resolved to adopt the TPP exemption utilized by Nassau County for its 2020-2021 Tax Roll at its meeting of May 13. Village Attorney Avrutine subsequently determined that the legislation did not authorize Villages like Laurel Hollow the authority to adopt the Nassau County Roll which implemented the exemption. An analysis prepared by the Clerk/Treasurer based on a small sample of homes showed that applying the exemption did not assure a tax benefit for all homeowners, depending on each property owner's change in assessment. Discussion ensued. Village Attorney Avrutine stated that because Villages were left out of the legislation, he advised that the Village rescind the vote of May 13.

Motion to rescind the resolution of May 13, 2020 which adopted the Nassau County tax roll utilizing the TPP exemption made by Trustee Nicklas, seconded by Trustee Jusko, approved by all present upon the following vote of the Board:

Mayor DeVita	Aye
Deputy Mayor Nemshin	Aye
Trustee Jusko	Aye
Trustee Nicklas	Aye
Trustee Novick	Aye
Trustee Miritello	Excused
Trustee Tsafos	Excused

BEACH TO REMAIN CLOSED MEMORIAL DAY WEEKEND; PARKING AND SOCIAL DISTANCING

Mayor DeVita updated the Board on the Village's plan for Memorial Day weekend. Even though the beach is officially closed, parking will be limited to two lots and partial road parking; bathroom will remain closed; and residents will be asked to wear masks or keep a 6' distance. Mayor DeVita authorized overtime for the Police to ticket vehicles of non-residents parked in the parking lot or on roadways.

There being no further business to come before the Board, Mayor DeVita moved to adjourn the meeting at 6:45 PM, seconded by Trustee Nicklas, approved by all present.

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THE NEXT REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES WILL BE HELD AT
7:00 PM ON WEDNESDAY, JUNE 17, 2020.