

June 17, 2020

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
BOARD OF TRUSTEES
HELD VIA ZOOM VIDEOCONFERENCE
(due to COVID-19 public assembly restrictions)
STENOGRAPHICALLY RECORDED
JUNE 17, 2020
6:00 PM**

PRESENT:

Mayor Daniel F. DeVita	Tamar Harutunian, Esq. , Avrutine & Assoc.
Trustee Kevin Jusko	Elizabeth Kaye, Clerk / Treasurer
Trustee Jeffrey Miritello	Nancy Popper, Deputy Clerk/Court Clerk
Trustee Jeffrey Nemshin (arr. 6:50 PM)	
Trustee Richard Nicklas	
Trustee Martin Novick	
Trustee Nicholas Tsafos	

EXCUSED:

MAYOR DE VITA called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. with the Pledge of Allegiance.

POLICE REPORT

The May Report was distributed to the Board prior to the meeting. No oral report was given.

	Totals this Month	Totals year-to-date	Totals prior year- to- date
Auto Accidents Personal Injury	0	0	3
Auto Accidents Property Damage	0	2	8
Aided Cases Resulting from Auto Accidents	0	0	4
Aided Cases Other	3	28	19
Arrests	0	1	0
Summonses-Moving Violations	1	80	122
Summonses-Parking	36	39	8
Fire Calls	0	3	4
Patrol Mileage	4,550	22,800	22,650
Offenses -Case Reports	3	8	5
Suspicious Autos	4	14	5
Suspicious Persons	2	12	7
Suspicious Phone Calls	0	0	0

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Recorded Alarms	13	59	76
Vacant Houses	4	19	16
Disturbances	5	12	17
Malicious Mischief	0	0	0
Non-Case Incidents	0	6	5
Animal Nuisance Complaints	1	4	5
Assist from NCPD	0	0	0

Stop Signs	0
Cell Phone	0
Speeding	0
Unlicensed Operation	0
Uninspected MV	1
DWI	0
No Insurance	0
Expired Registration	0
Disobey Traffic Control Device	0
Following Too Closely	0
Defective Lights	0
Obstructed View	0
Fail to Signal	0
No Parking	36
Equipment Violation	0
No Seatbelt	0
Total	37

BUILDING REPORT

None given.

MINUTES of the Board of Trustees meeting, held on May 13, 2020, was approved as amended on a motion by Mayor DeVita and seconded by Trustee Miritello upon the following poll of the Board:

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

MINUTES of the Board of Trustees meeting, held on May 19, 2020, was approved as amended on a motion by Mayor DeVita and seconded by Trustee Tsafos upon the following poll of the Board:

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

MINUTES of the Board of Trustees meeting, held on June 4, 2020, was approved on a motion by Mayor DeVita and seconded by Trustee Miritello upon the following poll of the Board:

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

The **FINANCIAL REPORT** for May 2020 and the **REPORT OF UNPAID TAXES** were distributed to the Board prior to the meeting for review. Bank statements and reconciliations were reviewed by Trustee Tsafos prior to the meeting.

RECEIPT OF \$57,500 FROM CROWN CASTLE

Mayor DeVita reported that the \$57,500 payment from Crown Castle had been received, as stipulated by Court Order, and he indicated the need to use part of the funds for screening the nodes.

PARKING TICKET FINES

Mayor DeVita discussed the draft legislation proposing an increase in parking ticket fines from \$150.00 to \$250.00 for first offenses. Discussion ensued regarding the adequacy of existing signage. Mayor DeVita moved to set the public hearing on introductory local law G-2020 for July 15, 2020 at 7 pm, seconded by Trustee Jusko, approved upon the following poll of the Board:

Mayor DeVita	Aye
Trustee Jusko	Aye

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Trustee Miritello	Aye
Trustee Nemshin	Excused
Trustee Nicklas	Aye
Trustee Novick	Aye
Trustee Tsafos	Aye

Mayor DeVita noted that after passage of the law at the public hearing, the Board may adopt a Resolution setting an incentive fee for guilty pleas.

DISCUSSION OF SQUATTER MATTER

Mayor DeVita discussed possible legislation to help with the problem of squatters moving into vacant houses. The Board debated whether new owners should be required to file a deed with the Village within 30 days of taking ownership and whether agents should be required to advise their buyers of this requirement. The Board also discussed whether residents should be required to advise the Police if they will be out of town for any extended period of time. The Clerk was asked to obtain a copy of the Village of Kensington's law regulating rentals.

APPROVAL OF ABSTRACTS

Trustee Nicklas moved that the following abstracts of vouchers be approved for payment, seconded by Trustee Jusko, and approved upon the following poll of the Board:

- Abstract # 24 Trust & Agency \$11,795.00
- Abstract # 1111 Prepays \$ 1,006,542.84
- Abstract # 1112 General Fund \$158,673.66

Mayor DeVita	Aye
Trustee Jusko	Aye
Trustee Miritello	Aye
Trustee Nemshin	Aye (arr. 6:50 pm)
Trustee Nicklas	Aye
Trustee Novick	Aye
Trustee Tsafos	Aye

LIFE INSURANCE RENEWAL

Trustee Miritello moved to renew the Life Insurance policy for active full time employees with Reliance Standard for the period 7/1/20-7/1/2021 with no rate increase, seconded by Trustee Nicklas, approved by the following poll of the Board:

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

WORKERS COMPENSATION INSURANCE RENEWAL

Mayor DeVita moved to approve the 2nd year renewal of the Workers Compensation Policy with PERMA for the period 7/1/2020-7/1/2021 for \$20,930 by accepting a 3rd year renewal option for

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which a rate is to be determined after the 2nd year, seconded by Trustee Tsafos, and approved upon the following poll of the Board:

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

VISION INSURANCE RENEWAL

Trustee Miritello moved to renew the Vision Insurance for active employees with Shelter Point Life Insurance Co. for the period 8/1/2020-8/1/2021 with no rate increase, seconded by Mayor DeVita, approved by the following poll of the Board:

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

SAFETY COMMITTEE UPDATE

The Board of Trustees sitting as the Safety Committee reported that there were no safety issues for the latest quarter.

PARKING BOATS AT DOCK

Trustee Miritello discussed the problem of some boats being docked for longer than the 10-minute time restriction and the need for him, in his role as Harbormaster, to be able to issue tickets without personal service. Mayor DeVita suggested replacing the sign at the dock indicating the 10-minute restriction. Mayor DeVita asked Attorney Harutunian to confirm with Village Attorney Avrutine whether Harbormaster Miritello can effect service of a ticket without personal service.

There being no further business to come before the Board, Mayor DeVita moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:34 pm, seconded by Trustee Miritello, and approved by all present.

Elizabeth Kaye
Elizabeth Kaye, Clerk / Treasurer

ALSO PRESENT:

THE NEXT REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES WILL BE HELD AT 7:00 P.M. ON WEDNESDAY, JULY 15, 2020