

Minutes of the Board of Trustees Meeting
 Village of Kensington, 2 Nassau Drive, Great Neck, NY
 January 16, 2019

Present: Mayor Susan Lopatkin
 Trustees: Alina Hendler, Darren Kaplan

Mayor Lopatkin brought the Board of Trustees meeting to order at 8:03pm, seconded by Trustee Hendler, all in favor.

Mayor Lopatkin made a motion to approve the December Board minutes, seconded by Deputy Mayor Kaplan, all in favor.

Special Use Permit for Office Space:

A special use permit application was presented for Dr. Pelcovitz residing at 29 North Drive. The office space will be for an ancillary psychology office with approximately 5-7 patients a week. Patients will park in driveway and/or street. Appointments are 45 minutes long. Mayor Lopatkin made a motion to approve, Deputy Mayor seconded, all in favor.

Meadow Carting Sanitation Bid:

| Prior 3 Years | | Current 3 Year Bid | |
|---------------|------------|--------------------|-----------|
| Year 1 | 119,760.00 | Year 1 | \$207,840 |
| Year 2 | 123,960.00 | Year 2 | \$216,672 |
| Year 3 | 128,400.00 | Year 3 | \$225,840 |

The bid is a 60% increase for the 1st Year and a 4% increase for Years 2 and 3. Mayor Lopatkin made a motion to accept the bid with the assumption that Mayor Lopatkin and Anthony Core from Meadow Carting will continue discussions/negotiations.

Resident Mr. Lin from 59A Nassau Drive came in to talk about a Village tree by his driveway. The roots of the tree are raising the belgium block about 2 inches and the asphalt has started to crack. We have sent our DPW Brian Morris and Henry from Old Village Tree to assess the tree and they both concluded that it is a healthy tree. Mr. Lin stated that he would like to cut some of the root. Alina, our Tree Commissioner stated that if the roots are cut back, it could damage the integrity of the tree. Mayor Lopatkin stated that it is not uncommon for this to happen; many people fix belgium block and parts of their driveway every couple of years because of tree roots. The board

explained to Mr. Lin, we would not be taking the tree down because it is healthy and not posing a hazard. Deputy Mayor Kaplan stated that Mr. Lin has two options: (1) to leave the tree the way it is or (2) cutting the root. If the tree died, Mr. Lin would be responsible to having the tree taken down and replacing it with a significant tree (at least a 6ft foot tree with a 3in diameter) Mayor Lopatkin suggested that Mr. Lin hire his own Arborist and if he decided to cut the root, we would have him sign an agreement making him responsible and assuming liability for the tree and any impact that would occur to others in the event the tree were to fall due to the roots being cut. Mr. Lin will get back to the Board.

Mayor Lopatkin made a resolution to appoint the Village Clerk as the Receiver of Taxes, seconded by Deputy Mayor Kaplan, all in favor.

Mayor Lopatkin made a resolution to designate the polling place of the Village Election at The Village Hall of Kensington on Tuesday, March 19th, 2019 from 12pm – 9pm.

Mayor Lopatkin opened a public hearing for the 2019-2020 Budget. The budget is basically the same as the proposed budget. We added money to the pool personnel line item for pool employees to be more competitive with hourly wages. We had excess money in the proposed health care benefits cost but after receiving the final numbers, we moved the extra money to the Sanitation budget to cover part of the increase we knew was coming.

Mayor Lopatkin made a motion to pass the Budget, seconded by Trustee Hendler, all in favor.

Rental Permit Update

Anna, our Village Deputy Clerk will be sending out Rental permit applications, along with a letter to people who are renting. All letters will be sent out certified.

On motion of Mayor Lopatkin, seconded by Trustee Hendler, accept the Police and Treasurers reports. The vote was 5 for, 0 against and 0 abstentions. Motion carried.

On motion of Mayor Lopatkin, seconded by Trustee Hendler, the meeting adjourned at 9:10pm.