

Minutes of the Board of Trustees Meeting
Village of Kensington, 2 Nassau Drive, Great Neck, NY
January 19, 2022
8:00pm – Board of Trustees zoom meeting

Present: Mayor Susan Lopatkin

Trustees: Deputy Mayor Greener, Phil Bornstein, Brent Greenspan, Alina Hendler

The Board meeting was brought to order by Mayor Lopatkin at 8:04pm.

Mayor Lopatkin made a motion to approve the December board minutes, seconded by Deputy Mayor Greener, all in favor

Architectural Review Board projects before the board:

21 Arleigh – New patio, driveway, walkway and refacing of exterior

Architect Alan Cooper spoke about the project and explained that it has been discovered that the exterior trim of the home is deteriorating. There is leakage and the homeowners would like to restore the stucco and waterproof the home. The homeowners would also like to make some changes to modernize the home without losing the existing Tudor character. The project was brought to the ARB where numerous changes were made and the project has now been approved. Mayor Lopatkin made a motion to approve the project, seconded by Deputy Mayor Greener, all in favor.

Mayor Lopatkin read a resolution appointing Village Clerk Treasurer Melissa McComb the receiver of taxes for fiscal year March 1, 2022 – February 28, 2023. Seconded by Trustee Bornstein, all in favor.

Mayor Lopatkin read a resolution designating the election polling place and hours.

The Village Election will take place on March 15, 2022 at the Village Hall from 12pm – 9pm.

Mayor Lopatkin made a motion to open the public hearing for the Budget for 2022-2023 seconded by Trustee Bornstein, all in favor. Mayor Lopatkin stated we have been operating under a 2% tax cap since 2011. Our budget is \$20,000 under our permitted tax levy, we are in compliance. We introduced the budget last month and since then there has only been one change to the budget because we went to bid for Sanitation and didn't know the total at the time. Mayor Lopatkin was happy to report that the Sanitation total will stay the same for the next three years.

Mayor Lopatkin reported that the Village is getting a \$50K grant from New York State and that money will be used towards an upgrade to the kiddie pool at the Village Pool. The Village is appropriating \$330K of cash funds to offset the appropriations. The village's taxes stay lower and the tax levy is lower as well. Mayor Lopatkin made a motion to approve the 2022-2023 budget, seconded by Trustee Bornstein, all in favor.

Mayors Report:

Mayor Lopatkin gave an update regarding the engineers for the kiddie pool project. She has received one estimate, but has another meeting with another company next week.

Mayor Lopatkin also met with FEMA regarding the Village Hall restoration, they are looking for a material list that we incurred, our Building Inspector will be putting that together for them. Regarding our Insurance Company Zurich and the claim for the Village Hall, the Insurance adjuster and the public adjuster are very far apart on their numbers. Our public adjuster told Zurich that we wanted an appraisal done, Zurich stated they would take another look at the claim.

Mayor Lopatkin was happy to report the East Shore Rd drainage issue is being fixed by Nassau County. The Village was contacted by the Contractors that are in charge of the drainage work, we were asked if our Pool parking lot was available to rent for them to store their materials. The Village obliged their request and we are receiving \$2,500 per month for the next two months.

Mayor Lopatkin gave an update regarding the stolen vehicle on North Drive, it is still an active investigation and she wanted to remind everyone to not leave your key fobs in your vehicle, lock car doors and do not leave vehicles running unattended as these are things that perpetrators look for.

On a motion of Mayor Lopatkin, seconded by Trustee Bornstein accept the Police and Treasurers reports.

On the motion of Mayor Lopatkin, seconded by Deputy Mayor Greener the meeting adjourned at 8:56pm.