

Minutes of the Board of Trustees Meeting
Village of Kensington, 2 Nassau Drive, Great Neck, NY
May 17, 2023
8:00pm – Village Hall

Present: Mayor Susan Lopatkin

Trustees: Deputy Mayor Greener, Brent Greenspan, Carey Ye

The Board meeting was brought to order by Mayor Lopatkin at 8:00pm.

Mayor Lopatkin made a motion to approve the April board minutes, all in favor.

Architectural Review Board projects before the board:

28 Nassau – Construct a Basketball Court

The residents of 28 Nassau Dr. have a large side yard and are proposing to construct an asphalt basketball court. All front, side and rear setbacks have been met. A large net will be installed and tall trees will also be planted away from the fence since the fence is low. The evergreen trees will start at a minimum of 7ft. along the west side of the property along the fence with the addition of a Belgium block apron. The approval for the net is contingent upon the ARB going to the property once the court is staked out to determine what length and height the net should be. Mayor Lopatkin made a motion to approve the project, all in favor.

Resolution NYCLASS: New York Cooperative Liquid Assets Securities System, is a short-term, liquid investment fund designed specifically for the public sector. The following resolution was read into the minutes. The Village of Kensington will be transferring funds to NYCLASS.

WHEREAS, New York General Municipal Law, Article 5-G, Section 119-o (Section 119-o) empowers municipal corporations [defined in Article 5-G, Section 119-n to include school districts, boards of cooperative educational services, counties, cities, towns and villages, and districts] to enter into, amend, cancel, and terminate agreements for the performance among themselves (or one for the other) of their respective functions, powers, and duties on a cooperative or contract basis;

WHEREAS the Village of Kensington wishes to invest portions of its available investment funds in cooperation with other corporations and/or districts pursuant to the NYCLASS Municipal

Cooperation Agreement Amended and Restated as of March 28, 2019;

WHEREAS the Village of Kensington

Entity Name


wishes to satisfy the safety and liquidity

needs of their funds;

Now, therefore, it is hereby resolved as follows:

That Susan Lopatkin Mayor
Key Contact* Title
_____ of The Village of Kensington

_____ is hereby authorized to participate in the NYCLASS program under
Entity Name


Key Contact Signature

Superintendent Greg Graziano and Assistant Superintendent Michael Rispoli from the Great Neck Water Authority came to our board meeting to discuss the new USEPA requirements.

The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) is requiring all water providers, including the Water Authority of Great Neck North, to identify all homes with lead pipes by no later than October 16, 2024. As a result, the Water Authority has created, with the assistance of its Board of Directors, a one-page flyer that they have asked us to send out to our residents to expedite this process which will benefit the entire community. The flyer explains the reason for the request and provides information on how residents/customers can identify if their water pipes are lead.

The mayor and the board decided that we would put the information as a link on our website and send out a swiftreach to alert the residents to please take a look for more information.

The following is the statement from Lt Giraulo regarding the results of a pedestrian safety concern brought to the departments attention:

Mayor and Board of Trustees,

I attended the board meeting on March 15 ,2023, where I gave a state of the village address to all attendees. During the open part of the meeting, a resident expressed his concerns about the intersection of Beverly Road and Park Lane. His concern was that the intersection is dangerous for pedestrians attempting to cross Beverly Road/Nassau Drive to enter the village green. This is not the first time the safety of this intersection was brought to the attention of the village. Please read the facts below and my follow up, as promised, with Nassau County Traffic Safety Bureau.

As I stated at the meeting, I did a ten-year lookback and there has not been an auto accident or pedestrian incident at the location in question. The signage has been updated to meet the current MUTCD (Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices) guidelines for enhanced reflective properties and pole reflectors were added as well. These improvements were completed not just at this intersection but throughout the entire village prior to the meeting date. The intersection has clearly indicated white pedestrian crossing paint with individual pedestrian crossing signage placed within those markings. The intersection is also controlled by a stop sign for westbound traffic. The resident still felt that there needed to be more done and as such I agreed to reach out to Nassau County Traffic Safety Bureau for their input.

I was able to have an extensive conversation with one of the Nassau County engineers who is responsible for planning and designing roadways within the county. He viewed the intersection and then we spoke about signage, lighting and current traffic control methods. To sum up his findings he stated the following:

- 1- The current signage with the additional pedestrian signage withing the crosswalk was sufficient.
- 2- The current stop sign located for westbound traffic should assist with pedestrian safety as the motorists should be stopping anyway as opposed to a crosswalk not located at a stop sign.
- 3- When asked about his opinion of a speed hump for the purposes of pedestrian safety at that intersection, he would not recommend it. He said that having a hump there as an elevated pedestrian crossing creates more of a hazard (especially during icy conditions as it creates a slippery condition on either side of the hump).

I agree with the residents' statement that we should take every precaution to prevent an accident from occurring. Based on my conversation with the engineer and considering the accident data, I can only conclude that the intersection is correctly outfitted with the proper signage. Although we cannot predict the actions of every motorist or pedestrian, nor stop every accident, I will continue to make it an area of increased monitoring and enforcement priority. I do recommend that the lines be repainted yearly for improved visibility to motorists.

Commanding Officer

LT Curt Giraulo

Residents from 3 Arleigh attended the board meeting to address obtaining a permit extension for window replacements for their home. Due to a language barrier, trustee Carey Ye will speak with the residents offline to better explain the process.

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

On the motion of Mayor Lopatkin, seconded by Deputy Mayor Greener, the meeting adjourned at 9:07pm.