

Minutes of the Board of Trustees Meeting
Village of Kensington, 2 Nassau Drive, Great Neck, NY
April 19, 2023
8:00pm – Village Hall

Present: Mayor Susan Lopatkin
Trustees: Deputy Mayor Greener, Phil Bornstein, Brent Greenspan,

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

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

Upcoming pool season:

Non - resident pool applications will still be accepted but will be limited to 5 families, the fees will remain the same.

The board spoke in length about pool guest passes and how they will proceed this year. The village has had turn over and there are a lot more families with young children. Trustee Greener and Bornstein, who are Co-Pool Commissioners stated that the weekends are much more crowded than during the week. To be fair to all our residents, it was decided that 10 guest passes will be provided to each family and they could only be used on weekdays, not weekends.

Mayor Lopatkin discussed the destination Great Neck Street banners again that will be placed throughout Middle Neck Rd. The design and locations of the banners have changed. The board discussed the cost and agreed to take part in this wonderful opportunity to unify the peninsula.

The mayor and the board discussed the proposed LRP (License plate readers) Grant. Lt Giraulo wrote a letter to the board about his research and findings regarding installing LPR's in the Village.

As stated by Lt. Giraulo: The grant provides a substantial sum of money and would cover the purchase and install of LPR equipment that would successfully monitor every entrance and exit to the village. However, it would lock the village into a yearly obligation to budget the recurring costs for items. The yearly cost for communications and software licensing fees amount to approx. \$9,000. The company requires a 5-year contract leaving the village with a \$45,000 initial outlay with no chance of reimbursement from NYS.

Lt Giraulo also stated that of the police departments who were awarded these grants, none as of now have been able to utilize them because of the expenses which do not get covered.

The board spoke at length about the increased cost the village will incur over time, since the grant would not cover any recurring costs which include the software, licensing, and communication fees. As well, Lt Giraulo stated that it would be helpful to have the LPRs but would not necessarily act as a deterrent or to help catch any break ins or robberies. The mayor and the board decided not to move forward with the LPR's, citing the additional costs.

Our Village Clerk looked into buying a new boardroom table since the bottom had been damaged in the flood. It was established that nothing she looked at was as nice or traditional as our own boardroom table, and therefore she suggested that the current table be refinished. The mayor and the village clerk met with Jan Filipowicz from Jan Finishing. Mr. Filipowicz stated that the table could absolutely be refinished and would also supply samples of colors so that it will better match the newer décor of the village hall. The quoted cost was \$5,000, which the board felt was extremely appropriate. The board agreed to move forward with this project. The board table will be refinished in the summer.

The mayor spoke to the board about NYCLASS. New York Cooperative Liquid Assets Securities System is a short-term, liquid investment fund designed specifically for the public sector and endorsed/supported by the NYS Controller's office as appropriate for villages and towns to invest in. Mayor Lopatkin and the village clerk met with Chris Starr, Director of Investment Services to get more information for the board. NYCLASS provides the opportunity to invest funds on a cooperative basis in short term investments that are carefully chosen to yield favorable returns while striving to provide maximum safety and liquidity. Mayor Lopatkin asked that Trustee Greenspan look into the program as well and weigh in on his thoughts. Mayor Lopatkin and Trustee Greenspan will talk offline and make a decision if the village should move forward and will bring their finding to the next board meeting. The mayor will also speak to several of the Municipal references cited in the NYCLASS materials.

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 8:46pm.