

Minutes of the Board of Trustees Meeting  
Village of Kensington, 2 Nassau Drive, Great Neck, NY  
June 21, 2023  
8:00pm – Village Hall

Present: Mayor Susan Lopatkin

Trustees: Phil Bornstein, 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 May board minutes, all in favor

**Architectural Review Board projects before the board:**

**40 Beverly – Windows**

Homeowner will be replacing 21 windows and 1 patio door. The brand will be the Pella Lifestyle Series, the inside is wood wrapped in aluminum. The color for both the windows and door will be white and will also be true simulated divided light windows. The two front windows will be converted from a bay window to a flat window. The ARB has approved this project. Mayor Lopatkin made a motion to approve the project, seconded by Trustee Bornstein, all in favor.

The following resolution for a Home Rule request was read into the minutes regarding retroactive membership in the NY State & Local Retirement system.

**RESOLUTION OF THE KENSINGTON BOARD OF TRUSTEES**

**WHEREAS**, the Village of Kensington Board of Trustees (“Board”) has enacted an act granting retroactive membership with Tier IV status in the New York State and Local employees’ retirement system to Dawn Ward.

**WHEREAS**, granting retroactive membership with Tier IV status in the New

York State and Local employees' retirement system to Dawn Ward requires a Home Rule Request from the Village of Kensington.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** the Village of Kensington will file a Home Rule Request granting retroactive membership with Tier IV status in the New York State and Local employees' retirement system to Dawn Ward.

**AYES: 4**

**NOES: 0**

**ABSENT: 1**

The Water Authority of Great Neck North will start their Valve Replacement Project in a couple of weeks as per Mayor Lopatkin. The Water Authority will alert residents of disrupted service and will also email the village clerk to alert the Kensington police department.

Mayor Lopatkin stated at the last board meeting a resident asked if there could be a change in direction on Nassau Drive and Beverly Rd at the end of the hill to control traffic and accidents. He proposed that Nassau Drive at the end of the hill to only go east bound and at the end of the hill for Beverly Rd to only go west bound.

Mayor Lopatkin spoke with Lieutenant Giraulo and he checked the history and there have been no accidents at those intersections. Lt Giraulo also mentioned that if we were looking into doing this it would require the Nassau County Traffic and Safety board to evaluate and do studies. Lt Giraulo stated that he feels that at this time, there is no need to change traffic patterns, but will but a heavier patrol in place at that area due to people speeding.

Residents from 3 Arleigh attended board meeting in May. Due to a language barrier, Trustee Carey Ye spoke with the residents offline after the meeting to better explain the process. The residents are seeking a permit extension for windows that they are doing in the home. The windows are now in stock and the resident would like to obtain a 3-month extension on their permit. The mayor and the board spoke about it and agreed to extend the permit with a \$100.00 fee. The Village Clerk will relay the message to Anna in the Building Department.

For the record: A sink hole was discovered by the residents of 8 Nassau Drive on May\_\_\_ and they informed the village public works and the sewer district at that time. The situation was investigated by the sewer district using their closed circuit camera system and they determined that there was an abandoned lateral sewer pipe that is emitting debris and this is what caused the sink hole. The sewer district wrote a letter to our village, addressed to mayor lopatkin, explaining what transpired. The Mayor wrote a letter to the resident with an attachment from the sewer district – explaining that the village has no responsibility for this issue, and they need to discuss further with the sewer district. The matter is ongoing.

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

The board entered into executive session 8:26pm

On the motion of Mayor Lopatkin, seconded by Trustee Bornstein, the meeting adjourned at 8:43pm.