

Minutes of the Board of Trustees Meeting
Village of Kensington, 2 Nassau Drive, Great Neck, NY
February 28, 2024
8:00pm – Village Hall

Present: Mayor Susan Lopatkin

Trustees: Jeff Greener, 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 January board minutes, all in favor.

The Village Clerk received an email from the Home Rule Request in Albany stating that another resolution needed to be adopted at our board meeting regarding the Tier IV status in the New York state and local employees' retirement system for Dawn Ward; they changed the bill numbers on the request. The Village passed another resolution requesting the State Legislature to enact A.7544A and S.7410A. The Village clerk will now resend the eight copies of the legislation to Albany with the new bill numbers.

Mayor Lopatkin brought the Municipal Valuation contract before the board to go over and sign. Tom Donato from Municipal valuation does all our tax certiorari claims. The contract consists of a \$5 per hour increase in the small claims service from \$125 to \$130 and the commercial certiorari from \$175 to \$180. The mayor and the board agreed that this was still a very fair price as they haven't gotten a price increase in the 4 years since we hired them. The mayor made a motion to approve the new contract, all in favor.

Mayor Lopatkin brought the Vigilant contract before the board. Deputy mayor Greener has reviewed the contract. The only significant item was if we want a report for budgeted ambulances less reimbursable insurance, the village would have to pay for these reports and the consensus is we don't feel that we should. Deputy Mayor Greener wants to be able to acquire a report at no cost to the Village. The contract section 1B bottom of page 2 needs to be revised. The Mayor or Deputy Mayor will reach out to Vigilant to ask for the change to the contract. Signing the contract has been tabled until this matter is resolved.

Mayors Update:

45 North Dr has retained a permit to remove the garage that was damaged due to the fallen tree. They still have not paid their open permit fees and still do not have a CO and therefore they will not be able to obtain a permit to replace the garage with a new one until the existing open permit is completed.

A Local law will be coming that we will be recommended to adopt which is the Multiple Registration and Inspection ruling for apartment buildings, a requirement for NYS. Our Village attorney and our building inspector have had conversations about this requirement. We will introduce this local law next month.

The speed signs are still pending with Nassau County Legislator Pilip, these are the movable speed signs all over the peninsula. We are expecting to hear back on the timing of this grant soon,

It has been a smooth transition with our new email blast system Constant Contact.

The board went into a discussion regarding filming in the village. The village currently does not have a protocol or permit in place for filming. The Village clerk will send out an email to the clerk's association to get other villages protocols and report back and a discussion will be revisited at the next board meeting.

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

The board entered into executive session at 8:50pm

On the motion of Mayor Lopatkin, seconded by Trustee Greenspan, the meeting adjourned at 9:00pm.