

Minutes of the Board of Trustees Meeting
Village of Kensington, 2 Nassau Drive, Great Neck, NY
January 22, 2025
8:00pm – Village Hall

Present: Mayor Susan Lopatkin

Trustees: Deputy Mayor Greener, Brent Greenspan, Andrew Bloom, Carey Ye

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

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

Mayor Lopatkin read a resolution appointing Village Clerk Treasurer, Melissa McComb the receiver of taxes for fiscal year March 1, 2025 – February 28, 2026. Seconded by Trustee Greenspan, all in favor.

Mayor Lopatkin read a resolution designating the election polling place and hours. The Village Election will take place on March 18, 2025 at the Village Hall from 12pm – 9pm. Seconded by Trustee Greenspan, all in favor.

Mayor Lopatkin made a motion to open the public hearing for the 2025-26 village budget. Mayor Lopatkin prefaced by stating that this budget stays within the tax cap. The tax cap limit is \$3,928,564 and our tax levy \$ 3,919,544; we are \$8,720 under the tax cap.

This budget includes \$100K for a pickleball court that will be built at our village pool. Due to parkland funds and overall village savings, the village is able to fund the court.

The cost of employee and police retirement has significantly gone up, we will budget the projection amount given by the state. Health insurance from NYSHP has also increased. Additionally, the village will complete paying our bond for road repaving in three years.

On the revenue side, our revenue from licensing/permits is lower than in past years, so we need to budget more conservatively for permit revenue going forward.

Mayor Lopatkin made a motion to approve the 2025-2026 village budget, all in favor.

Mayor Lopatkin opened the public hearing to amend Local Law 151-13.2 Additional regulations for new construction and substantial improvements

The purpose of this change is to correct the local law on new construction based on lot sizes which had a quirk in the lot size calculations. The law will be amended to cover the following:

151-13.2 (3) For lots having a minimum lot width of 90 feet up to a maximum of 99 feet. Amend to a maximum of 99.9 feet

151-13.2 (4) For lots having a minimum lot width of 80 feet up to a maximum of 89 feet. Amend to a maximum of 89.9 feet

Mayor Lopatkin made a motion to approve this amendment, all in favor.

Mayor Lopatkin opened the ongoing discussion regarding building a pickleball court at the village pool area. Deputy Mayor Greener stated that the bids received were not consistent with one another and we will be creating a spec for the construction of the court. We will then ask the contractors to rebid based on that spec. We are hoping to have those bids back in time for the next meeting so that the board can come to a decision on the contractor.

The speed signs for the village that were ordered as part of a grant have been received. Mayor Lopatkin, Deputy Mayor Greener along with Lieutenant Giraulo drove around the village to determine the best placement of these signs.

Lieutenant Giraulo will coordinate with the Electricians to get the work started as soon as possible.

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 8:41pm.