

VILLAGE OF NEW HEMPSTEAD
108 OLD SCHOOLHOUSE RD.
NEW CITY, N.Y. 10956

BOARD OF TRUSTEES

RE-ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING
THURSDAY, APRIL 23, 2015
7:30 P.M. – VILLAGE HALL

PRESENT

FRED BRINN, MAYOR
SOLOMON FUERST, DEPUTY MAYOR
MICHAEL KOPLIN, TRUSTEE
BRUCE MINSKY, TRUSTEE

ABSENT

PAUL MUNDT, TRUSTEE

ALSO PRESENT

STEVE SILVERBERG, VILLAGE ATTORNEY
CAROLE VAZQUEZ, VILLAGE CLERK-TREASURER

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ROLL CALL

Open Floor – Public Participation

No one from the public wished to speak.

MS4 – Public Discussion

Mayor Brinn explained that the MS4 is our storm water report. This report needs to be done every year. It is our obligation to be sure that those outfalls are intact and not clogged and not damaged and that people are not pouring any illegal waste down them.

No Discussion

Mayor appoints Solomon Fuerst as Deputy Mayor for a period of one (1) year expiring on April 21, 2016.

Mayor appoints Charles Frankel as Chairman of the Planning Board for a term expiring on April 21, 2016.

Mayor appoints Carole Vazquez to the position of Village Clerk-Treasurer for a period of two (2) years expiring April 27, 2017.

Mayor Brinn offered the following motion, which was seconded by Trustee Minsky:

Resolution # BOT 2015-26

Resolved, that Carole Vazquez is appointed to the position of Village Clerk-Treasurer for a period of two (2) years expiring April 27, 2017.

Mayor Brinn called for a vote and the vote was 4-0. The resolution was adopted.

Mayor appoints Charles Frankel as member of the Planning Board for a term of five (5) years expiring on April 23, 2020.

Deputy Mayor Fuerst offered the following motion, which was seconded by Trustee Minsky:

Resolution # BOT 2015-27

Resolved, that Charles Frankel is appointed as member of the Planning Board for a term of five (5) years expiring on April 23, 2020.

Mayor Brinn called for a vote and the vote was 4-0. The resolution was adopted,

Mayor appoints Rachel Schwartz as Deputy Chairman of the Planning Board for a term of one (1) year expiring April 21, 2016.

Mayor appoints Angela Esposito as *Ad Hoc* member of the Planning Board for a term of one (1) year expiring April 21, 2016.

Trustee Minsky offered the following motion, which was seconded by Trustee Koplen:

Resolution # BOT 2015-28

Resolved, that Angela Esposito is appointed as *Ad Hoc* member of the Planning Board for a term of one (1) year expiring April 21, 2016.

Mayor Brinn called for a vote and the vote was 4-0. The resolution was adopted.

Mayor appoints Joshua Eller as *Ad Hoc* member of the Planning Board for a term of one (1) year expiring April 21, 2016.

Trustee Minsky offered the following motion, which was seconded by Deputy Mayor Fuerst:

Resolution # BOT 2015-29

Resolved, that Joshua Eller is appointed as *Ad Hoc* member of the Planning Board for a term of one (1) year expiring April 21, 2016.

Mayor Brinn called for a vote and the vote was 4-0. The resolution was adopted.

Mayor appoints Martin Leibowitz as Chairman of the Zoning Board of Appeals for a term of one (1) year expiring April 21, 2016.

Mayor appoints David Weiss as Deputy Chairman of the Zoning Board of Appeals for a term of one (1) year expiring April 21, 2016.

Mayor appoints David Weiss as member of the Zoning Board of Appeals for a term of (5) years expiring April 23, 2020.

Trustee Koplen offered the following motion, which was seconded by Deputy Mayor Fuerst:

Resolution # BOT 2015-30

Resolved, that David Weiss is appointed as member of the Zoning Board of Appeals for a term of (5) years expiring April 23, 2020.

Mayor Brinn called for a vote and the vote was 4-0. The resolution was adopted.

Mayor appoints Leonard Greenberg as *Ad Hoc* member of the Zoning Board of Appeals for a term of one year expiring April 21, 2016.

Deputy Mayor Fuerst offered the following motion, which was seconded by Trustee Minsky:

Resolution # BOT 2015-31

Resolved, that Leonard Greenberg is appointed as *Ad Hoc* member of the Zoning Board of Appeals for a term of one year expiring April 21, 2016.

Mayor Brinn called for a vote and the vote was 4-0. The resolution was adopted.

Mayor appoints Howard Baum as Chairman of the Architectural Review Board for a term of one (1) year expiring April 21, 2016.

Mayor appoints Arleen Janis as member of the Architectural Review Board for a term of five (5) years expiring April 23, 2020.

Deputy Mayor Fuerst offered the following motion, which was seconded by Trustee Koplen:

Resolution # BOT 2015-32

Resolved, that Arleen Janis is appointed as member of the Architectural Review Board for a term of five (5) years expiring April 23, 2020.

Mayor Brinn called for a vote and the vote was 4-0. The resolution was adopted.

Mayor appoints Leah Diskin-Weinstein as Architectural Review Board member for a term of two (2) years expiring April 27, 2017.

Trustee Minsky offered the following motion, which was seconded by Deputy Mayor Fuerst:

Resolution # BOT 2015-33

Resolved, that Leah Diskin-Weinstein is appointed as Architectural Review Board member for a term of two (2) years expiring April 27, 2017.

Mayor Brinn called for a vote and the vote was 4-0. The resolution was adopted.

Mayor appoints Francie Brinn as Architectural Review Board member for a term of three (3) years expiring April 26, 2018.

Deputy Mayor Fuerst offered the following motion, which was seconded by Trustee Minsky:

Resolution # BOT 2015-34

Resolved, that Francie Brinn is appointed as Architectural Review Board member for a term of three (3) years expiring April 26, 2018.

Mayor Brinn called for a vote and the vote was 3-0. The resolution was adopted. Mayor Brinn recused himself from the vote.

Mayor appoints Howard Baum as member of the Architectural Review Board for a term of four (4) years expiring April 25, 2019.

Deputy Mayor Fuerst offered the following motion, which was seconded by Trustee Minsky:

Resolution # BOT 2015-35

Resolved, that Howard Baum is appointed as member of the Architectural Review Board for a term of four (4) years expiring April 25, 2019.

Mayor Brinn called for a vote and the vote was 4-0. The resolution was adopted.

Resolution establishing a Justice Court in the Village of New Hempstead.

Deputy Mayor Fuerst offered the following motion, which was seconded by Trustee Minsky:

Resolution # BOT 2015-36

Resolved, that the Board of Trustees of the Village of New Hempstead hereby establishes a Justice Court for the Village of New Hempstead.

Mayor Brinn called for a vote and the vote was Brinn, aye, Fuerst, aye, Minsky, aye, Koplen aye. 4-0.

Mayor Brinn offered the following motion, which was seconded by Deputy Mayor Fuerst:

Resolution # 2015-36

WHEREAS, the Village has not had a Justice Court

WHEREAS, the Town of Ramapo Justice Court, pursuant to State Law, has processed matters arising in the Village,

WHEREAS, the Board of Trustees believes it will be in the best interest of the Village to have its own court for purposes of processing, among other matters, code violations and traffic matters.

NOW THEREFORE IT IS:

RESOLVED: Pursuant to New York State Village Law, the Board of Trustees of the Village of New Hempstead hereby establishes the positions of Village Justice and Acting Village Justice, and it is further

RESOLVED: that Michael Koplen is hereby appointed Village Justice to serve a term until the next annual Village Election, at which time a Village Justice shall be elected for a term of four years, and it is further;

RESOLVED: that the Village Clerk is directed to file and publish notice of this resolution, which is subject to permissive referendum, in accordance with the provisions of New York Village Law section 9-902, and it is further;

RESOLVED; that the salary for the Village Justice shall be fixed at \$5500, annual, commencing upon the date this resolution takes effect, and it is further;

RESOLVED; that this resolution shall not take effect until thirty (30) days after the adoption of this resolution, provided that no valid petition for referendum has been filed pursuant to Village Law section 9-902, or if such valid petition is filed than this resolution shall not take effect until after the voters of the Village have approved this resolution.

Mayor Brinn called for a vote and the vote was 3-0-1, Brinn, aye, Fuerst, aye, Minsky, aye, Koplen abstained.

Mayor appoints John Layne as Building Inspector for the Village of New Hempstead.

Trustee Fuerst offered the following motion, which was seconded by Trustee Minsky:

Resolution # 2015-37

WHEREAS, the Village has not had a building inspector for more than one (1) year, and

WHEREAS, the Town of Ramapo Building Inspector has been performing the job of Building Inspector for the Village, and

WHEREAS, the Board of Trustees has determined that it would be in the best interests of the Village to again have its own Building Inspector to address issues for the Village and process building permit applications, and

WHEREAS, the Board of Trustees finds that John Layne is qualified to perform the duties of Building Inspector for the Village,

NOW THEREFORE IT IS

RESOLVED, that John Layne is hereby appointed Building Inspector of the Village of New Hempstead until the next annual organizational meeting of the Board of Trustees and to be compensated at the rate of \$25.00 per hour for such hours as the Mayor deems necessary and appropriate to perform the duties of Building Inspector.

Mayor Brinn called for a vote and the vote was 4-0. The resolution was adopted.

Resolution authorizing agreement with McClaren Engineering Group as Professional Planning Consultant for the Village of New Hempstead for one (1) year expiring on April 21, 2016 upon terms and conditions of agreement furnished by the Village Clerk.

Trustee Fuerst offered the following motion, which was seconded by Trustee Minsky:

Resolution # BOT 2015-38

Resolved, that the Mayor is hereby authorized to sign an agreement with McClaren Engineering Group as Professional Planning Consultants for the Village of New Hempstead for one (1) year expiring on April 21, 2016 upon terms and conditions of agreement furnished by the Village Clerk.

Mayor Brinn called for a vote and the vote was 4-0. The resolution was adopted.

Resolution authorizing Brooker Engineering PLLC to prepare and submit 2015 MS4 report for the Village of New Hempstead and further authorizing payment of \$1,200.00 for said report.

Trustee Minsky offered the following motion, which was seconded by Deputy Mayor Fuerst:

Resolution # BOT 2015-39

Resolved, that the Mayor is hereby authorized to sign an agreement with Brooker Engineering PLLC to prepare and submit 2015 MS4 report for the Village of New Hempstead and further authorizing payment of \$4,200.00 for said report.

Mayor Brinn called for a vote and the vote was 4-0. The resolution was adopted.

Resolution authorizing contract with Cornell Cooperative Extension for year April 1, 2015 to March 31, 2016 not to exceed \$1,000.00.

Mayor Brinn explained that Cornell Cooperative Extension is the firm that provides the MS4 classes and educational matters. All Villages utilize their services.

Deputy Mayor Fuerst offered the following motion, which was seconded by Trustee Minsky:

Resolution # BOT 2015-40

Resolved, that the Mayor is hereby authorized to sign a contract with Cornell Cooperative Extension for a term from April 1, 2015 to March 31, 2016, not to exceed \$1,000.00.

Mayor Brinn called for a vote and the vote was 4-0. The resolution was adopted.

Resolution renewing contract with Brooker Engineering PLLC as Engineer for the Village of New Hempstead for one (1) year expiring on April 21, 2016 upon terms and conditions of the contract furnished by the Village Clerk.

Trustee Minsky offered the following motion, which was seconded by Deputy Mayor Fuerst:

Resolution # BOT 2015-41

Resolved, that the contract with Brooker Engineering, PLLC as Village Engineer for the Village of New Hempstead is hereby renewed for one (1) year upon the terms and conditions of the contract furnished by the Village Clerk, expiring April 21, 2016.

Mayor Brinn called for a vote and the vote was 4-0. The resolution was adopted.

Resolution renewing contract with Eric Lafazan, CPA as Village Financial Consultant for the Village of New Hempstead for one (1) year expiring April 21, 2016 upon terms and conditions of the contract furnished by the Village Clerk.

Deputy Mayor Fuerst offered the following motion, which was seconded by Trustee Minsky:

Resolution # BOT 2015-42

Resolved that the contract with Eric Lafazan, CPA as Village Financial Consultant for the Village of New Hempstead is hereby renewed for one (1) year upon the terms and conditions of the contract furnished by the Village Clerk, expiring April 21, 2016.

Mayor Brinn called for a vote and the vote was 4-0. The resolution was adopted.

Resolution authorizing a contract with Consolidated Technologies, Inc. for telephones and services for the Village of New Hempstead upon terms and conditions of the contract furnished by the Village Clerk.

Mayor Brinn explained that the Village is getting a new phone system. "This is our own system."

Deputy Mayor Fuerst offered the following motion, which was seconded by Mayor Brinn:

Resolution # BOT 2015-43

Resolved, that the Mayor is hereby authorized to sign a contract with Consolidated Technologies, Inc. for telephones and services for the Village of New Hempstead upon the terms and conditions of the contract furnished by the Village Clerk.

Mayor Brinn called for a vote and the vote was 3-0. Trustee Minsky recused himself from the voting. The resolution was adopted.

Resolution authorizing Mayor to retain the services of Joel Grossbarth to obtain grants for the Village of New Hempstead.

Deputy Mayor Fuerst offered the following motion, which was seconded by Trustee Minsky:

Resolution # BOT 2015-44

WHEREAS, the Board of Trustees wishes to seek funding for certain activities that it intends to undertake on behalf of the Village, and

WHEREAS, Joel Grossbarth has certain expertise in obtaining grants for municipalities,

NOW THEREFORE IT IS

RESOLVED: the Mayor is authorized to retain the services of Joel Grossbarth for the limited purpose of seeking grants for (1) the paving of the Village Hall parking lot and (2) to offset the costs of establishing a Village Justice Court, and it is further

RESOLVED: that the payments to Mr. Grossbarth shall be the sum of fifty dollars (\$50.00) per hour not to exceed three hundred and fifty dollars (\$350.00) for each grant, payable upon presentation of a voucher certifying the time spent on each grant application.

Mayor Brinn called for a vote and the vote was 4-0. The resolution was adopted.

Resolution authorizing Mayor and Deputy Mayor to attend Form Based Codes Institute on May 8, 2015.

Trustee Minsky offered the following motion, which was seconded by Deputy Mayor Fuerst:

Resolution # 2015-45

Resolved, the Mayor and Deputy Mayor are hereby authorized to attend, Form-Based Codes Institute on May 8, 2016.

Mayor Brinn called for a vote and the vote was 4-0. The resolution was adopted.

Resolution designating the Rockland Journal News as the Official Newspaper for publication of notices for the Village of New Hempstead.

Trustee Minsky offered the following motion, which was seconded by Trustee Koplen:

Resolution # 2015-46

Resolved, that the Rockland Journal News is designated as the official newspaper for publication of notices for the Village of New Hempstead.

Mayor Brinn called for a vote and the vote was 4-0. The resolution was adopted.

Resolution authorizing JP Morgan Chase Bank, M & T Bank, TD Banknorth, Key Bank and Sterling National Bank as the official depositories of the Village of New Hempstead with a balance not to exceed \$1,500,000 per institution.

Deputy Mayor Fuerst offered the following motion, which was seconded by Trustee Minsky:

Resolution # BOT 2015-47

Resolved, that JP Morgan/Chase Bank, M & T Bank, TD Banknorth, Key Bank and Sterling National Bank are authorized as the official depositories of the Village of New Hempstead with a balance not to exceed \$1,500,000 per institution.

Mayor Brinn called for a vote and the vote was 4-0. The resolution was adopted.

Resolution approving minutes of March 26, 2015.

Deputy Mayor Fuerst offered the following motion, which was seconded by Mayor Brinn:

Resolution # BOT 2015-48

Resolved, that the minutes of the Board of Trustees of the Village of New Hempstead, held on March 26, 2015, are hereby approved as submitted by the Village Clerk-Treasurer, and the reading of said minutes is waived.

Mayor Brinn called for a vote and the vote was 3-0, 1 abstention. Trustee Koplen was absent from that meeting and Trustee Mundt is absent this evening. The resolution was adopted.

Resolution approving Abstract of Audited Vouchers 2015-4.

Trustee Minsky offered the following motion, which was seconded by Trustee Koplen:

Resolution # BOT 2015-49

Resolved, that Abstract 2015-4 of Audited Vouchers 16478 thru 16521 in the amount of \$41,741.09 is hereby approved.

Mayor Brinn called for a vote and the vote was 4-0. The resolution was adopted.

Mayor's Report

The Mayor stated he is pleased that there has been tremendous progress this past year. At the behest of Bruce Minsky, he is going to be putting together a newsletter to be mailed out to the all the residents, telling them about the things that have been done this past year and what they have to look forward to. He is also going to be working with Tony Sharon in the next week regarding the roads that need to be done every year. We will come up with a list of those who need it the most. Mayor Brinn also stated he is meeting this week with Senator Carlucci to inform him of the needs of the Village, including updates to this building. He also spoke about the new phone system and the new computers that have already been set up. He encouraged the Board members to get their own e-mail address books in order. He also feels the Village Codes should be finished before the year is over and will be published.

Shlomo Pomeranz (resident) asked if the Village is still working on the sidewalks.

Mayor Brinn stated he will be speaking to Senator Carlucci regarding that issue as well.

Charles Frankel – Reminded the Board that on 4/30/15 the Planning Board will be holding its second session of training. The course will be given by Steve Silverberg, Esq.

Deputy Mayor's Report – "Thank you for the appointment"

Trustees' Report - Trustee Koplen thanked the Board for his appointment as Judge for the Justice Court.

Trustee Koplen offered the following motion, which was seconded by Deputy Mayor Fuerst:

Resolution # BOT 2015-50

Resolved, that the meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Village of New Hempstead , held on April 23, 2015, is hereby adjourned.

Mayor Brinn called for a vote and the vote was 4-0. The resolution was adopted.

Respectfully submitted,

Carole Vazquez,
Village Clerk-Treasurer (LPM)