

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

BOARD OF TRUSTEES

REGULAR MEETING
TUESDAY, DECEMBER 26, 2017
7:30 P.M. – VILLAGE HALL

PRESENT

ABE SICKER, MAYOR
SHALOM MINTZ, DEPUTY MAYOR
JEN EISENSTEIN, TRUSTEE
MOSHE SCHULGASSER, TRUSTEE
ADAM REICH, TRUSTEE

ABSENT

ALSO PRESENT

BRUCE MINSKY, VILLAGE ATTORNEY
ALLISON WEINRAUB, SECRETARY

Pledge of Allegiance

Roll Call

Open Floor

Public appreciates the paving on Elizabeth Ct. and Rovitz Place.

Request for adjournment of public hearing regarding mapping of neighborhood commercial zone.

Deputy Mayor Mintz offered the following motion, which was seconded by Trustee Schulgasser:

Resolution # BOT 2017-220

Resolved, that the public hearing regarding mapping of neighborhood commercial zone will be adjourned to February 27, 2018. Mayor Sicker called for a vote. The vote was 4-0. (The Mayor does not vote unless his vote is needed for a quorum). The resolution was adopted.

Continuation of public hearing on codification of Local Laws, ordinances and certain resolutions of the Village of New Hempstead, New York into a municipal code to be designated the "Code of the Village of New Hempstead, New York".

Mayor Sicker asked that the public hearing be adjourned until the next meeting of the Board of Trustees. He asked that the Trustees review the Editorial and Legal Analysis and make comments on the follow-up questions and comments packet before January 11th to be sent in and to be finalized before the February meeting of the Board.

Trustee Eisenstein offered the following motion, which was seconded by Trustee Reich:

Resolution # BOT 2017-221

Resolved, that the public hearing on Codification of Local Laws, Ordinances and certain resolutions of the Village of New Hempstead be adjourned until the February 27, 2018 meeting of the Board of Trustees. Mayor Sicker called for a vote. The vote was 4-0. The resolution was adopted.

Discussion: Change on-street parking regulations for Manchester, Southgate and Marsha Lane.

Mayor Sicker stated he went over the parking regulations with the Village Engineer and the Village Planner. They decided they are not going to remove the "no parking" signs anywhere there is a turn in the road or where there is a curve. They are not going to remove "no parking signs" in front of #112.

Harry Grossman, 6 Manchester, would like to be allowed to park in front of his house. Mayor Sicker will speak to the Village Engineer and the Village Planner to see if that request is safe. (Mr. Grossman stated there is an O & R light in front of his house.)

Deputy Mayor Mintz offered the following motion, which was seconded by Trustee Eisenstein:

Resolution # BOT 2017-222

Resolved, that the Board of Trustees hereby adopts the new parking designation in keeping with what is similar to the rest of the Village; reason being that Ramapo High School is no longer there. This designation is contingent on the Village Planner's recommendation and approval. Mayor Sicker called for a vote. The vote was 4-0. The resolution was adopted.

Resolution authorizing payment of annual fees to New York Planning Federation not to exceed \$260.00.

Deputy Mayor Mintz offered the following motion, which was seconded by Trustee Schulgasser:

Resolution # BOT 2017-223

Resolved, that the Board of Trustees authorizes payment of annual fees to New York Planning Federation not to exceed \$260.00. Mayor Sicker called for a vote. The vote was 4-0. The resolution was adopted.

Proposed Local Law to increase salary of the Village Justice based on the increase of Court hours and days worked.

Mayor Sicker explained that the Court has gotten a lot busier. We have the criminal court and the traffic and zoning court. It was done on the same evening. In December we split it up so people did not have to wait so long. Traffic & Zoning is done on the 3rd Wednesday of the month. The Criminal court gets done on the first Tuesday of the month. We created another day so Judge Koplen needs to be compensated for that. Right now the Judge is getting \$6500. We have checked with other municipalities. We want to bring it up to be comparable with other municipalities.

Trustee Eisenstein offered the following motion, which was seconded by Trustee Mintz:

Resolution # BOT 2017-224

Resolved, that the Board of Trustees declares its intent to be Lead Agency with reference to a proposed local law to increase the salary of the Village Justice based on increase of court hours and days worked. Mayor Sicker called for a vote. The vote was 4-0. The resolution was adopted.

Resolution amending contract of Elana Yeger, Village Prosecutor, effective January 2018 to monthly payments of \$666.67.

Mayor Sicker explained the salary is amended to a monthly figure, however, it represents the same amount of time worked; it eliminates the need for monthly vouchers.

Trustee Mintz offered the following motion, which was seconded by Trustee Eisenstein:

Resolution # BOT 2017-225

Resolved, that the Board of Trustees hereby authorizes the amending of the contract of Elana Yeger, Village Prosecutor, effective January 2018, to monthly payments of \$666.67. Mayor Sicker called for a vote. The vote was 4-0. The resolution was adopted.

Declare intent to work out a default \$ (Dollar) figure if someone doesn't come to court after a zoning violation. The Judge can give a default penalty and can put a lean on the property.

Mayor Sicker explained that we are having an issue as far as Court is concerned. We had 13 violations this month that were supposed to be "on" this month. Three people showed up. That means that 10 of them get bench warrants. We want to work out a \$ figure so that if someone does not show up in Court after a zoning violation, the judge can give a default penalty.

Attorney Minsky explained that this is happening on houses that are either abandoned or filled illegally with tenants. We are having a tough time getting them in here to remedy the situation.

Trustee Schulgasser offered the following motion, which was seconded by Trustee Eisenstein:

Resolution # BOT 2017-226

Resolved, that the Board of Trustees declares its intent to work out a default \$ figure if someone doesn't come to court after a zoning violation, the Judge can give a default penalty and can put a lean on the property. Mayor Sicker called for a vote. The vote was 4-0. The resolution was adopted.

Deputy Mayor Mintz offered the following motion, which was seconded by Trustee Reich:

Resolution # BOT 2017-227

Resolved, that the Board of Trustees will have a meeting on January 23rd to continue the default penalty discussion. Mayor Sicker called for a vote. The vote was 4-0. The resolution was adopted.

Audited Vouchers

Trustee Eisenstein offered the following motion, which was seconded by Trustee Reich:

Resolution # BOT 2017-228

Resolved, that Audited claim numbers #17777 through #17824 in the amount of \$230,791.65 is hereby approved. Mayor Sicker called for a vote. The vote was 4-0. The resolution was adopted.

Approval of minutes of November 28, 2017 and December 11, 2017

Trustee Schulgasser offered the following motion, which was seconded by Trustee Reich:

Resolution # BOT 2017-229

Resolved, that the minutes of the Board of Trustees meeting, held on November 28, 2017 are hereby approved and the reading of said minutes is hereby waived. Mayor Sicker called for a vote and the vote was 4-0. The resolution was adopted.

Trustee Schulgasser offered the following motion, which was seconded by Trustee Reich:

Resolution # BOT 2017-230

Resolved, that the minutes of the Board of Trustees meeting, held on December 11, 2017 are hereby approved and the reading of said minutes is hereby waived. Mayor Sicker called for a vote. The vote was 3-0. The resolution was adopted. (Deputy Mayor Mintz was not present at that meeting.)

John Lange – Independent Contract

Mayor Sicker stated that Mr. John Lange is retiring from McLaren Engineering at the end of this calendar year. He has requested to stay on under his new company, Lange Consulting. We discussed fees. Based upon the McLaren Engineering fees (we did bring the fee down considerably). We have agreed on a fee of \$500 a month. That includes meetings that we need for him to be here. Planning Board meetings are very essential for him to be here. He is moving to South Carolina. He will be here via Skype. It seems not to be an issue, legally. Planning Board issues are more detailed. He will be here any time he is needed or requested to come; Zoning as well. Previously we were paying \$190 per hour. We will monitor this fee for the next 6 months to see if it is realistic. For larger Village projects, for applicants, he agreed at \$160 per hour instead of \$190 per hour. No travel expenses.

Deputy Mayor Mintz offered the following motion, which was seconded by Trustee Eisenstein:

Resolution # BOT 2017-231

Resolved, that the Board of Trustees approves the independent contract for Village Planner, John Lange, for 6 months to be re-evaluated on June 28, 2018. Mayor Sicker called for a vote. The vote was 4-0. The resolution was adopted.

Mayor's Report - Mayor Sicker stated he has a meeting scheduled for Jan. 10, 2018 with Nicole Allen from Laberge Group, a grant consulting firm.

Deputy Mayor's Report - none

Trustee's Report – none

Trustee Reich offered the following motion, which was seconded by Trustee Schulgasser:

Resolution # BOT 2017-232

Resolved, that the meeting of the Board of Trustees held on December 26, 2017 is hereby adjourned. Mayor Sicker called for a vote. The vote was 4-0. The resolution was adopted.

Respectfully submitted,

Lee Mazza, Secretary