

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

BOARD OF TRUSTEES

REGULAR MEETING
Tuesday, June 23, 2020
7:30 P.M. – ZOOM

PRESENT

ABE SICKER, MAYOR
SHALOM MINTZ, DEPUTY MAYOR (ARRIVED 7:55)
MOSHE SCHULGASSER, TRUSTEE
JEN EISENSTEIN, TRUSTEE
ADAM REICH, TRUSTEE

ABSENT

ALSO PRESENT

ALLISON WEINRAUB, DEPUTY VILLAGE CLERK-TREASURER
BRUCE MINSKY, VILLAGE ATTORNEY
GLENN MCCREEDY, VILLAGE ENGINEER
JOHN LANGE, VILLAGE PLANNER

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ROLL CALL

OPEN FLOOR – PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

APPROVAL OF ABSTRACT OF AUDITED VOUCHERS 2020-5

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

Resolution # BOT 2020-35

Resolved, that abstract of Audited Vouchers 2020-5, #19050-19083 in the amount of \$78,886.72 is hereby approved. Mayor Sicker called for a vote. The vote was 4-0. The resolution was adopted.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: 4/28/2020, 5/26/2020

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

Resolution # BOT 2020-36

Resolved, that the minutes of the meeting of 4/28/2020 are hereby approved and the reading of said minutes is waived. Mayor Sicker called for a vote. The vote was 3-0. The resolution was adopted.

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

Resolution # BOT 2020-37

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Resolved, that the minutes of the meeting of 5/26/2020 are hereby approved and the reading of said minutes is waived. Mayor Sicker called for a vote. The vote was 3-0. The resolution was adopted.

Discussion- Pennington Way Petition

Mayor Sicker explained the Village received a Petition for something to be done to mitigate the excessive speeding on Pennington Way.

Leah Sobel, Sandybrook

Is this going to be paired with the Petition for Sandybrook?

The Mayor explained we did not receive a petition for Sandybrook, but we will invite the area in for next Board Meeting to have a discussion. In regards to the Pennington area one option the board can consider would be speed humps.

We did a speed test where we monitored the speed for about 12 days. The speed was pretty excessive at a maximum of 60 MPH. something does have to be done.

Charlene Rosman, 18 Pennington

I see a lot of trucks and cars from different areas not from the neighborhood. My husband did email the pros and cons of speed humps vs Stop Signs to the village for review. Stop Signs don't always work and I realize Speed Bumps may be problematic for the plows in the winter but maybe there is something temporary that can be put up from Spring to Autumn.

Mayor Sicker explained the information included in the packet. Stop signs would essentially only work for about 150 ft. which won't resolve this problem. Speed bumps are illegal in NY, but we can consider speed humps which is as effective. The issue is in winter Plows won't plow streets with speed humps. We had to come up with a solution where if it is approved they would go in for the Spring and Summer. We will send an engineer out to determine how many would be needed and at what distance.

Trustee Eisenstein is in support of something to be done. She lives in the area and sees the speeding is a real issue and believes it will only get worse. If the Village can install something that comes out in the winter not in interfere will the plowing that would be best in her opinion.

Trustee Reich agrees with Trustee Eisenstein that it should be removable for winter but also potentially adding a stop sign.

Mayor Sicker explained that at first he agreed with adding a stop sign but after further discussion it was determined that if you add a stop sign in the middle of a block a car will constantly be stopping and going in front of one particular properties house ultimately disrupting their quality of life. Not to say if it is warranted and the Humps don't prove to be effective we won't reconsider.

Glenn McCreedy, Village Engineer

I believe stop signs have a plausible use especially on major cut throughs like on Wayne Rd. There should be a three way stop sign there. As you get closer to lantern or other cul de sacs at the bottom a Stop Sign can do more detriment but a Speed Hump could provide a similar effect without having to come to a complete stop. We should do a case study where we place one down, monitor its effect, and see if we should add more. These things are costly but if we find it to be effective after the case study we should have them installed.

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Trustee Schulgasser agrees this is something that needs to be addressed but what would the cost of something like this be and is there any other way of accomplishing the same thing. Maybe no thru traffic or local traffic only and I know we say we would want them to go in and out per season but what is the probability and cost of that happening.

Deputy Mayor Mintz does not like the idea of stop signs because he does not believe people would stop. Speed humps could be the better option because you are forced to slow down so it won't need policing.

John Lange, Village Planner
Speed humps are very effective and plows can go over them.

Walter Le Raus, 15 Pennington Way
Have lived in the Village for 52 Years and seen this problem evolve. It's a potential tragedy. Something has to be done. I believe Stop signs should be installed by each cul de sac and by each major roadway.

Saperstein's, 4 Pennington Way
Believes speed cameras are the way to go if possible.

Rosman's,
All of the proposed ideas are very good. Maybe education in the form of a letter to make people aware.

Mr. Greenfield
Agrees with Trustee Schulgasser that it's a matter of price will these things actually come down in the winter and will it be effective. I am in favor of the humps if they are effective.

Trustee Schulgasser brought up the point that they may not need to be removed in the winter.

The Mayor will confirm with highway on if they will need to be removed or not.

Mr. McCreedy explained an area that has an asphalt permanent installation that can be comparable to the Pennington area would be on Mountain View Dr. in Haverstraw.

Elana Stamm,
There is a lot on construction vehicles that drive thru here will that be an issue with noise? Otherwise pro anything slowing down the traffic.

Mayor Sicker would like to find out if we could make that area a no truck zone.

Mrs. Mintz
Prefers the Humps over the stop sign.

Mrs. Achler, Sandybrook Resident
Has had vehicles end up on her lawn so anything that can be done to reduce the speeding is appreciated.

After hearing everyone's comments Mayor Sicker will reach out to Ramapo PD to randomly monitor and distribute tickets when necessary until a more permanent solution is decided on. Children should try and use the sidewalks in the area. The neighborhood should spread the word that PD will be out there. This is tentatively going to be put on the August agenda with more answers as to what can be done. Everyone should join our email list at updates@newhempstead.org it only takes 2 minutes. Just email "please add me" and you will be added.

Discussion- Roadway Bonds

The Mayor explained the village is looking into a bond for road paving. The Village engineer did a study to determine the status of all the roads in the village and place them into 3 major categories for repair. The first step for going for a Bond would be hiring bond council. The Mayor confirmed with Mrs. Weinraub that she spoke with The Bond Council at Orrick, Herrington & Sutcliffe LLP and based on the proposal submitted the fee the village would incur would be about \$1,800 per bond. The Village is currently looking into a potential bond of \$3,000,000.00 for Road Paving.

The board discussed the pros and cons of the roadway and park bonds and the importance of quality when repaving.

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

Resolution # BOT 2020-38

Resolved, that the Village Board of the Village of New Hempstead hereby accepts the Proposal from Orrick, Herrington & Sutcliffe LLP for Bond Council to the Village of New Hempstead. Mayor Sicker called for a vote. The vote was 5-0. The resolution was adopted.

Discussion- 589 New Hempstead Rd- Special Use Permit

The applicant is working in revised plans. The Public Hearing will be scheduled for August 25, 2020 as long as the applicant submits 35 days before.

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

Resolution # BOT 2020-39

Resolved, that the Public Hearing for 589 New Hempstead Rd. Special Use Permit for Place of Assembly is hereby scheduled for August 25, 2020. Mayor Sicker Called for a vote. The vote was 4-0. The resolution was adopted.

Mayor appoints Moshe Zamir as member to the Zoning Board

The Mayor stated Mr. Zamir will be filling the vacant seat as member for the Zoning Board from the Architectural Review Board term to expire April 2024.

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

Resolution # BOT 2020-40

Resolved, that the Village Board of the Village of New Hempstead hereby appoint Moshe Zamir as Member to the Zoning Board term to expire March 31, 2024. Mayor Sicker called for a vote. The vote was 4-0. The resolution was adopted.

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Comprehensive Plan- Lead Agency

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

Resolution # BOT 2020-41

Resolved, that the Village Board of the Village of New Hempstead hereby act as Lead Agency for the Village of New Hempstead updated Comprehensive Plan. Mayor Sicker called for a vote. The vote was 4-0. The resolution was adopted.

Resolution Accepting the 2020 MS4 Report

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

Resolution # BOT 2020-42

Resolved, that the Village Board of the Village of New Hempstead hereby accept the 2020 MS4 Report. Mayor Sicker called for a vote. The vote was 4-0 the resolution was adopted.

Continuation of Public Hearing for Avrohom Spitzer-8 Red Oak Ln. The Applicant is requesting Special Use Permit per Section 290-28.E(2) from the Village of New Hempstead Zoning Code; The construction of an accessory building or structure over 1,000 square feet in floor area or greater than 20 feet in height shall require the issuance of a special permit by the Board of Trustees. The subject property is located on North side of Red Oak Ln, 350 ft. from the intersection of McNamara Rd. designated on the Town of Ramapo Tax Map as Section 33.17 Block 3 Lot 32 in a 1R-50 Zoning District

The Applicant has requested to adjourn until the next Board of Trustees. The Board agreed to allow them on but not until August. All submissions must be made according to the village schedule

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

Resolution # BOT 2020-43

Resolved, that the Village Board of the Village of New Hempstead hereby adjourn the Public Hearing for Avrohom Spitzer for the Special use Permit to August 25, 2020. The subject property is located at 8 Red Oak Ave. New Hempstead NY. Mayor Sicker called for a vote. The vote was 4-0. The resolution was adopted.

CONTINUATION PUBLIC HEARING FOR BAIS MALKA- THE APPLICANTS ARE SEEKING Special Permit APPROVAL TO PERMIT THE CONSTRUCTION, MAINTENANCE AND USE OF A PERMANENT CLASSROOM BUILDING. THE SUBJECT PROPERTY IS LOCATED AT 46-48 GRANDVIEW AVE ON THE WEST SIDE OF GRANDVIEW AVE 900 FEET WEST OF PLEASANT RIDGE RD. DESIGNATED ON THE TOWN OF RAMAPO TAX MAP AS SECTION 41.20 BLOCK 2 LOT 41 IN A 1R-25 ZONING DISTRICT

The Applicant has requested to adjourn until the next Board of Trustees. The Board agreed to allow them on but not until August. All submissions must be made according to the village schedule

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

Resolution # BOT 2020-44

Resolved, that the Village Board of the Village of New Hempstead hereby adjourn the Public Hearing for Bais Malka for the Special use Permit to August 25, 2020. The subject property is located at 46-48 Grandview Ave. New Hempstead NY. Mayor Sicker called for a vote. The vote was 4-0. The resolution was adopted.

MAYORS REPORT-everyone should have a great evening

DEPUTY MAYORS REPORT – thanks the Mayor for his work on the roadway bond.

TRUSTEES REPORT-None

MOTION TO ADJOURN

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

Resolution # BOT 2020-45

Resolved, that the meeting on June 23, 2020 of the Board of Trustees is hereby adjourned. Mayor Sicker called for a vote. The vote was 4-0. The resolution was adopted.

Respectfully submitted,
Allison Weinraub, Deputy Village Clerk-Treasurer