

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

BOARD OF TRUSTEES

REGULAR MEETING
August 24, 2021
7:36 P.M.

PRESENT

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

ABSENT

ALSO PRESENT

BRUCE MINSKY, VILLAGE ATTORNEY
ALLISON WEINRAUB, VILLAGE CLERK TREASURER
EILEEN SAMMARONE, DEPUTY VILLAGE CLERK-TREASURER
GLENN MCCREEDY, VILLAGE ENGINEER
ZACK KAMM, VILLAGE ENGINEER
JOHN LANGE, VILLAGE PLANNER (ZOOM)

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ROLL CALL

OPEN FLOOR – PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Mr. Geis, 7 Kingston Dr.

Where the 1R-50 is being changed to 1R-25 can it be considered to be changed to 1R-30 instead?

Mayor Sicker asked our village planner to look into this.

APPROVAL OF ABSTRACT OF AUDITED VOUCHERS 2021-8

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

Resolution # BOT 2021-59

Resolved, that abstract of Audited Vouchers 2021-8, #19645-19688 in the amount of \$96,191.77 is hereby approved. Mayor Sicker called for a vote. The vote was 5-0. The resolution was adopted.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES BOT July 27, 2021

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

Resolution # BOT 2021-60

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Resolved, that the minutes of the regular meeting of July 27, 2021 are hereby approved and the reading of said minutes is waived. Mayor Sicker called for a vote. The vote was 4-0. The resolution was adopted.

DISCUSSION- UNION RD. PETITION REGARDING SPEEDING

Mayor Sicker explained the Village received a petition with about 16 signatures regarding potential traffic issues on Union Rd between Ivy and Viola. The village invited the surrounding area to have a discussion on what can be done to help remedy the issues. We also have Sgt. Youngman and the Village Engineer to help us with guidance on this issue. No action will be taken this evening. The village procedure for this type of issue is we will have a discussion, gather all the information, and have a discussion with our professionals to determine the best course of action by the next Board meeting.

Jay Rothstein, 660 Union Rd.

Read through the Petition submitted (annexed to the minutes). The village should let us know what the response of the village is to this petition and the information contained in to.

Joshua Rothstein, 660 Union Rd.

In the village consideration there's a strip of the road where people have the opportunity to speed up. There is limited lighting along that strip that goes around 660 Union Rd where there is vacant land, there is very limited signage, children are playing and elderly people walking believes it is a life or death situation and is sure the village will take the appropriate action to research and do what is right by its tax payers. With the increase in population and more traffic flow believes it's important for the village to consider through engineering reports and other various tools to ensure the safety of the people that live along these main roads.

Rosa and Iris Balbuena, 664 Union Rd.

Has been living in the village for 43 years and has seen their share of accidents. One even resulted in a death where the person was airlifted to the hospital and unfortunately died. Has taken many photos and videos of the cars overturning. They had to replace many mailboxes over the years. Has a physical therapist not from this area who walks with them that also believes it's extremely dangerous. It has been going on before the Village was even established. Really appreciates the village attention to this.

Glenn McCreedy, Village Engineer

The report compiled by the residence is very clear. It's well documented and there is plenty of things the village can do. A combination of a number of different things could work. The village should establish an emergency budget for his office to explore. Has a number of options to explore and if they don't work we can always try more.

Mayor Sicker stated he will work with the village engineer and Ramapo PD on a solution. We will have a conference call this week to discuss and would like to put this on the next Board Meeting on September 13, 2021 at 7:00pm.

Deputy Mayor Mintz would like to know if this has been getting increasingly worse over the years.

Mayor Sicker went over the accidents that were submitted in the petition and requested Sgt. Youngman try to get the reports from the last 10 years.

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The Mayor was disrupted and was unable to finish his thoughts. He decided the conversation will be put over and more research will be done to make a determination. We will put this on for September 13, 2021 and thanks Sgt. Youngman for attending.

PUBLIC HEARING ON AN AMENDMENT TO THE VILLAGE OF NEW HEMPSTEAD ZONING CODE FOR THE DESIGNATIONS ADOPTED IN THE VILLAGE OF NEW HEMPSTEAD ZONING MAP TO REFLECT WHAT WAS ADOPTED IN THE VILLAGE OF NEW HEMPSTEAD COMPREHENSIVE PLAN.

Due to errors in the Public hearing notification this item will be placed on the September 13, 2021 Board of Trustees Meeting.

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

Resolution # BOT 2021-61

Resolved, that the Village Board of the Village of New Hempstead hereby adjourn the Public Hearing for an Amendment to the Village of New Hempstead Zoning Code the for Designations adopted in the Village of New Hempstead Zoning Map to reflect what was adopted in the Village of New Hempstead Comprehensive Plan to September 13, 2021. Mayor Sicker called for a vote. The vote was 5-0 the resolution was adopted.

CONTINUATION OF THE PUBLIC HEARING LOCAL LAW REGARDING TREE REMOVAL

Mrs. Weinraub stated it appeared in the Rockland Journal News on July 12, 2021

Comments Read Into the Record:

Rockland County Sewer 7,27,2021

Rockland County Planning 7.12.2021

The Village updated the Local Law to address the County Comments

The Mayor would like all the board members to have their comments submitted to the Village Planner before September 6, 2021.

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

Resolution # BOT 2021-62

Resolved, that the Village Board of the Village of New Hempstead hereby Adjourn the Public Hearing on a Local Law regarding Tree removal until September 13, 2021. Mayor Sicker called for a vote the vote was 5-0. The resolution was adopted.

RESOLUTION THE AUTHORIZE NO LEFT TURNS EXCEPT FOR BUSSES ON A PROBATIONARY PERIOD FOR 667 NEW HEMPSTEAD RD.

Mayor Sicker explained the village received a request from the owners of the property regarding allowing the No Left Turn Except for busses at the property. At this time the No Left Turn sign that is there is not enforceable and we need to decide if we will allow them to try it for a probationary period.

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Village Engineer does not think it can be done without County Approval. If you allow left turns and there is a traffic study that says No Left Turns and an accident happens you are leaving the village open. If you want to approve this another traffic study must be done to prove it is acceptable.

Mayor Sicker would like to put this on for September 13, 2021.

Mr. Sheinfil, 9 Kingston

Believes there is a blind spot when making a left turn from there and feels it should be enforced.

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

Resolution # BOT 2021-63

Resolved, that the Village Board of the Village of New Hempstead hereby schedule the next Regular Board of Trustees Meeting for Monday, September 13, 2021 at 7:00pm

MAYORS REPORT

DEPUTY MAYORS

TRUSTEES REPORT

MOTION TO ADJOURN

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

Resolution # BOT 2021-64

Resolved, that the meeting on July 27, 2021 of the Board of Trustees is hereby adjourned.
Mayor Sicker called for a vote. The vote was 5-0. The resolution was adopted.

Respectfully submitted,

Allison Weinraub,
Village Clerk-Treasurer