

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

BOARD OF TRUSTEES

REGULAR MEETING
September 24, 2024
7:00pm

PRESENT

ABE SICKER, MAYOR
SHIMON LEVI, TRUSTEE
MOSHE SCHULGASSER, TRUSTEE
MARC SCHIFFMAN, TRUSTEE
SHALOM MINTZ, DEPUTY MAYOR

ABSENT

BRUCE MINSKY, VILLAGE ATTORNEY

ALSO PRESENT

ALLISON WEINRAUB, VILLAGE CLERK TREASURER

PLEDGE ALLEGIANCE

ROLL CALL

OPEN FLOOR- PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Moishe Farkas, 7 Wishers Lane

Would like to thank the village for assisting in making sure the work on New Hempstead Rd. was done over the weekend. Appreciates that traffic during the week was not disturbed.

Mordechai Braun, 22 Fairway Oval

Appreciates the brush cutback on the side of the road.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: May 21, 2024_ July 30, 2024

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

Resolution # BOT 2024-68

Resolved, that the minutes of the regular meeting of May 21, 2024 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.

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

Resolution # BOT 2024-69

Resolved, that the minutes of the regular meeting of July 30, 2024 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.

APPROVAL OF AUDITED VOUCHERS 2024-8 & 9

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

Resolution # BOT 2024-70

Resolved, that abstract of Audited Vouchers 2024-8&9, #21380-21471 in the amount of \$ 118915.77 are hereby approved. Mayor Sicker called for a vote. The vote was 4-0. The resolution was adopted.

SEQR DETERMINATION: UNION RD SIDEWALK UPGRADE FOR THE CLIMATE SMART COMMUNITIES GRANT

Abe Sicker, Mayor

Noticed the majority of the crowd in attendance was here because of the start of the sidewalk on Union Rd. he explained, the sidewalk project on Union Road was initiated in response to safety complaints, as it was considered the most dangerous road within the village. Unlike county or town roads, Union Road is classified as a village road, making it eligible for a specific grant that required a 50% match and the decision to prioritize this project was made three to four years ago.

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

Resolution # BOT 2024-71

Resolved, that the village board of the village of New Hempstead hereby declare The Union Rd. Sidewalk Upgrade as a type II action under SEQR. Mayor Sicker called for a vote. The vote was 4-0 the resolution was adopted.

DISCUSSION: SIDEWALK INSTALL ALONG MCNAMARA ROAD FROM NEW HEMPSTEAD ROAD TO E WILLOW TREE ROAD, NEW HEMPSTEAD RD. FROM ELLINGTON WAY TO SUMMIT PARK ROAD. , AND NEW HEMPSTEAD RD. FROM HEMPSTEAD RD. TO RT 45.

Mayor Sicker appreciates the emails that came in, and would like anyone with any other suggestions to please email them to have it looked into. He discussed securing a grant for new sidewalks in heavy pedestrian areas that were previously overlooked. The grant would be a 20% match contributing to a total of \$1 million. Sidewalks will be developed along McNamara from New Hempstead to Willow Tree and extending from the end of the school to the corner of Hempstead Rd. The New Hempstead Rd. project is the one we have been working on trying to get the land dedications. Efforts are being made to gather signatures for the project, supported by additional resources. The Mayor is also trying to secure additional grants for other heavy pedestrian areas that need sidewalks such as New Hempstead Rd. from Hempstead to RT 45. There are other areas such as Brick Church Rd. and Grandview Ave. that the Mayor is working on. He's hoping in the next year to have more opportunity for grant funding.

Bayla Solomon, 4 Fisher Ct.

Understand that it takes time, but someone was just hit in the area. Can anything be done to expedite the process?

Mayor Sicker explained that governments often have trouble getting money, especially from state and federal sources. In New Hempstead, local taxes aren't enough, the village could either raise taxes by \$2,000 per house or apply for federal and state grants, which can be complicated. Ideally, he'd like to get everything shovel ready quickly so we can avoid any delays. He anticipates getting results in about 18 months. Sadly, some municipalities are still dealing with grants from 2016, showing how tough the process can be. The sidewalk on Union Rd. is scheduled to begin work on October 7th. Mayor Sicker wanted to reiterate that anyone who has areas the need to be evaluated as part of this sidewalk project to please send an email to have it included.

Michael Leo, 3 Sarah Dr.

Had questions on who is responsible for maintaining the sidewalk once its put in.

The mayor said the village will maintain. He did want to mention for the record that the sidewalk on Hempstead Rd. is not the Village. The village has no control over it.

Nachum Weiss, 33 Willow Tree Rd

There's a very dangerous intersection by Willow tree, McNamara, Fairway Oval. It's dangerous for pedestrian and vehicular traffic. Would like to advocate for a side walk on McNamara Rd. Was once walking and was actually hit by a car passing by. The side of the road isn't wide enough for safe pedestrian traffic. Would like the village to force new developments to put in these upgrades as they come in.

Mayor Sicker said the village will look into the intersection, but the area down the block by Grandview and Union is priority as it is worse. The new grant is intended for the sidewalk on McNamara Rd. A couple years ago the mayor authorized additional lights in that area, which seemed to have helped as well. Each new development has requirements that have to be met. Each one is different depending on what the project is. The village does what it can to require these upgrades as well as collect Rec fees.

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

Resolution # BOT 2024-72

Resolved, that the village board of the village of New Hempstead hereby authorize the funds to cover the cost of Engineering and Surveying for Sidewalk Planning throughout the village. Mayor Sicker called for a vote. The vote was 4-0. The resolution was adopted.

RESOLUTION ACCEPTING THE PROPOSAL FROM CIVIL DESIGN WORKS FOR ENGINEERING FOR MS4 GRANT MAPPING SERVICES

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

Resolution # BOT 2024-73

Resolved, that the village board of the village of New Hempstead hereby Accept the proposal from Civil Design Works for engineering services for the MS4 mapping Grant. Mayor Sicker called for a vote. The vote was 4-0 the resolution was adopted.

RESOLUTION APPROVING THE CONTRACT WITH ALL COUNTY ASPHALT FOR PAVING WORK ON BRIDLE RD., WITS END AND KERI LN

Mayor Sicker received a petition that he's going to forward to the Clerk and Board about paving on all of Spring Rock, Keri, Barnacle, Anchor, Wishers, and Bridle. The village cannot approve all of this, but some of the areas are getting repaved. Using all the funds allocated to this as well as the funds from Veolia from the work they did there, the village is looking to approve Bridle, Wits End, and Keri Ln.

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

Resolution # BOT 2024-74

Resolved, that the village board of the village of New Hempstead hereby approve the contract from All County Asphalt for paving work being done on Bridle Wits End and Keri. Mayor Sicker called for a vote. The vote was 4-0 the resolution was adopted.

RESOLUTION APPROVING FREERICK NUGGENT MACCARTNEY AS SPECIAL COUNCIL FOR THE VILLAGE OF NEW HEMPSTEAD

This is for items like code amendments and shared services grants. The town received a grant to distribute to the villages and this firm managed it.

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

Resolution # BOT 2024-75

Resolved, that the village board of the village of New Hempstead hereby approve Freerick Nuggent Maccartney as Special counsel for the village of New Hempstead. Mayor Sicker called for a vote. The vote was 4-0 the resolution was adopted.

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE ADOPTION OF THE 2024 ROCKLAND COUNTY, NY HAZARD MITIGATION PLAN UPDATE

Trustee Schiffman offered the following motion, which was seconded by Trustee Levi:

Resolution # BOT 2024-76

**A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE VILLAGE OF NEW HEMPSTEAD
AUTHORIZING THE ADOPTION OF THE
2024 ROCKLAND COUNTY, NY HAZARD MITIGATION PLAN UPDATE**

WHEREAS, all jurisdictions within Rockland County have exposure to natural hazards that increase the risk to life, property, environment, and the County and local economy; and
WHEREAS; pro-active mitigation of known hazards before a disaster event can reduce or eliminate long-term risk to life and property; and

WHEREAS, The Disaster Mitigation Act of 2000 (Public Law 106-390) established new requirements for pre and post disaster hazard mitigation programs; and

WHEREAS; a coalition of Rockland County municipalities with like planning objectives has been formed to pool resources and create consistent mitigation strategies within Rockland County; and

WHEREAS, the coalition has completed a planning process that engages the public, assesses the risk and vulnerability to the impacts of natural hazards, develops a mitigation strategy consistent with a set of uniform goals and objectives, and creates a plan for implementing, evaluating and revising this strategy;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the VILLAGE OF NEW HEMPSTEAD

- 1) Adopts in its entirety, the 2024 Rockland County Hazard Mitigation Plan Update (the "Plan") as the jurisdiction's Natural Hazard Mitigation Plan and resolves to execute the actions identified in the Plan that pertain to this jurisdiction.
- 2) Will use the adopted and approved portions of the Plan to guide pre- and post-disaster mitigation of the hazards identified.
- 3) Will coordinate the strategies identified in the Plan with other planning programs and mechanisms under its jurisdictional authority.

- 4) Will continue its support of the Planning Partnership as described within the Plan.
- 5) Will help to promote and support the mitigation successes of all participants in this Plan.
- 6) Will incorporate mitigation planning as an integral component of government and partner operations.
- 7) Will provide an update of the Plan in conjunction with the County no less than every five years.

PASSED AND ADOPTED on this 24TH day of September, 2024, Mayor Sicker called for a vote. The vote was 4-0 the resolution was adopted.

ADJOURN TO OCTOBER CONTINUATION OF THE PUBLIC HEARING: DENTON ACRES_FAVISH LANGSAM, INTERSECTION OF RT-45 AND NEW HEMPSTEAD RD, NEW HEMPSTEAD, NY 10977. THE APPLICANTS ARE PETITIONING THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES FOR A ZONE CHANGE FROM A 1R-35 TO AN NCD (NEIGHBORHOOD COMMERCIAL DISTRICT) PER THE REQUIREMENTS OF SECTION 290-36.1 TO PERMIT THE CONSTRUCTION MAINTENANCE AND USE OF A TWO STORY OFFICE BUILDING WITH ACCESSORY PARKING. THE SUBJECT PROPERTY IS LOCATED ON THE EAST SIDE OF RT-45 315 FT. +/- FROM THE INTERSECTION OF NEW HEMPSTEAD RD. THE PROPERTY IS DESIGNATED ON THE TOWN OF RAMAPO TAX MAP AS SECTION 42.15-1-1

Trustee Schiffman offered the following motion, which was seconded by Trustee Levi:

Resolution # BOT 2024-77

Resolved, that the village board of the village of New Hempstead hereby adjourn the Public Hearing of Denton Acres for a petition for a zone change to October 29, 2024. Mayor Sicker called for a vote. The vote was 4-0. The resolution was adopted.

**MAYORS REPORT:
DEPUTY MAYORS REPORT:
TRUSTEES REPORT:**

MOTION TO ADJOURN

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

Resolution # BOT 2024-78

Resolved, that the meeting on September 24, 2024 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,
Village Clerk-Treasurer