

MINUTES
BOARD OF TRUSTEES
VILLAGE OF NORTH HILLS
Village Hall
One Shelter Rock Road
North Hills, New York
October 18, 2023
7:30 pm

PRESENT: Mayor Marvin Natiss
Deputy Mayor Dennis Sgambati
Trustees Gail Cohen, Elliott Arnold and Phyllis Lentini
Marianne Lobaccaro, Village Administrator
A. Thomas Levin, Village Attorney

EXCUSED: Peter Cinquemani, Superintendent of Building Department

Mayor Natiss called the meeting to order at 7:30 pm.

Mayor Natiss announced that the next regular meeting date for the Board of Trustees will be November 15, 2023 at 7:30 pm.

The minutes of the September 20, 2023 meeting were approved on motion by Trustee Cohen, seconded by Trustee Arnold and adopted unanimously. The approved minutes are on file in the village office.

The Board opened the continued public hearing in Case 22-11bt, Application of Greater New York Corp. of Seventh Day Adventists. The minutes of the hearing were transcribed stenographically and are on file with these minutes. Kathleen Deegan Dickson, Esq. appeared for the applicant. Bruce Migatz, Esq. and Michael Hopkins, Esq. appeared for different neighboring property owners. After hearing all interested persons, on motion by Deputy Mayor Sgambati, seconded by Trustee Lentini and adopted unanimously, the hearing was closed and decision reserved.

The Village Administrator read the Treasurer's Report for September 2023, which was approved unanimously on motion by Deputy Mayor Sgambati, seconded by Trustee Cohen.

On motion by Trustee Cohen, seconded by Trustee Arnold and adopted unanimously, the Board approved the budgetary fund transfers and amendments as requested in the October 12, 2023 memorandum from the Village Administrator, a copy of which is on file in the Village office.

On motion by Trustee Lentini, seconded by Deputy Mayor Sgambati and adopted unanimously, the Board approved payment of the claims on General Fund Warrant 10/23. A copy of the approved Warrant is attached to these minutes.

The Board discussed proposals received for redesign of the Village website. The Village administrator described three proposals received by the Village, and recommended selection of the current vendor, NYLI Web Technology, based on its undated proposal received by the Village dated September 11, 2023, a copy of which is on file in the Village office. After discussion, on motion by Deputy Mayor Sgambati, seconded by Trustee Cohen and adopted unanimously, the Board accepted that proposal, subject to approval of form by the Village Attorney.

The Board discussed proposals for new Village entrance signs. On motion by Trustee Lentini, seconded by Trustee Arnold and adopted unanimously, the Board accepted the revised Estimate 5510, originally dated April 18, 2023, and revised on October 17, 2023 in the amount not to exceed \$16,380.00, as received by transmission to

Deputy Mayor Sgambati. A copy of the revised proposal is on file in the Village office.

The Mayor noted that Mr. Cinquemani's absence at the meeting was due to the recent passing of his father. The Board members expressed their condolences to the Cinquemani family.

The Board reviewed the most recent report on usage of the Village shuttle, as per the October 12, 2023 memorandum from the Deputy Village Clerk. The Board will continue to review usage.

The Board discussed a communication from the Nassau County Village Officials' Association regarding increased incidents of anti-Semitism, and the recent attacks on the State of Israel. Mayor Natiss moved the following resolution, which was seconded by Trustee Cohen and adopted unanimously:

WHEREAS, on October 7, 2023, Hamas terrorists launched a coordinated, unprovoked attack on Israel from the Gaza Strip; and

WHEREAS, Hamas has fired thousands of rockets toward Israel's major population centers, breached Israel's borders, infiltrated Israeli communities and reportedly kidnapped more than 100 civilians from numerous nations, killed more than 900 Israelis, and wounded more than a thousand more; and

WHEREAS, numerous Americans have been declared dead at the hands of Hamas; and

WHEREAS, this is the most significant attack on Israel since the Yom Kippur War, which was launched 50 years ago nearly to the day; and

WHEREAS, such a barbaric attack on a civilian population is a violation of international law, and deserves condemnation from all peace-loving peoples,

Now, Therefore, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE VILLAGE OF NORTH HILLS, as follows:

SECTION 1. The Board of Trustees unequivocally condemns Hamas for this deplorable and unprovoked attack on Israel, its citizens, and other innocent victims.

SECTION 2. The Village of North Hills stands in solidarity with the State of Israel and condemns this unprovoked attack by Hamas against Israel and its citizens and supports Israel's right to defend itself and protect its citizens from indiscriminate violence and terrorism.

SECTION 3. The Village of North Hills unequivocally supports the internationally recognized right of the State of Israel to exist as a sovereign and independent nation, with full recognition of its borders and territory.

Deputy Mayor Sgambati moved that the Village lower the American flags at Village Hall and the Lowell H. Kane Park to half-staff for a period until the next regular Board of Trustees meeting, as may be permitted by law, in memory of the Americans and Israelis who died in the recent attacks. The motion was seconded by Trustee Cohen and adopted unanimously. [Note that subsequent to the meeting, the Village Attorney advised that the United States Flag Code permitted the flag to be flown at half-mast only upon order of the President or the Governor.]

On motion by Mayor Natiss, seconded by Deputy Mayor Sgambati and adopted unanimously, the Board convened in executive session at 8:35 pm to obtain legal advice from counsel. The Board took no action in executive session. On motion by Mayor Natiss, seconded by Trustee Cohen, the Board returned to public session at 8:46 pm.

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There being no further business, on motion by Deputy Mayor Sgambati, seconded by Trustee Arnold, and adopted unanimously, the meeting was adjourned at 8:47 pm.

THE ABOVE MINUTES WERE FILED IN THE VILLAGE
OFFICE OF THE VILLAGE OF NORTH HILLS AT:

TIME: 11:00 (AM/PM)

DATE: November 16, 2023.

PERSON FILING: Marianne Clobaccaro
(Print full name of filer)

11-16-23 11:00 AM