

MINUTES
BOARD OF TRUSTEES
VILLAGE OF NORTH HILLS
Village Hall
One Shelter Rock Road
North Hills, New York
March 20, 2024
7:30 pm

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

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 April 17, 2024 at 7:30 pm.

The minutes of the February 21, 2024 meeting were approved on motion by Trustee Cohen, seconded by Trustee Lentini and adopted unanimously. The approved minutes are on file in the village office.

The Village Administrator read the Treasurer's Report for February 2024, which was approved unanimously on motion by Deputy Mayor Sgambati, seconded by Trustee Arnold.

On motion by Trustee Cohen, seconded by Trustee Lentini and adopted unanimously, the Board approved the General Fund budgetary fund transfers as requested in the March 13, 2024 memorandum from the Village Administrator, a copy of which is on file in the Village office. On motion by Deputy Mayor Sgambati, seconded by Trustee Arnold and adopted unanimously, the Board approved the Community Amenities Fund budgetary fund transfers and amendments as requested in

the March 13, 2024 memorandum from the Village Administrator, a copy of which is on file in the Village office.

On motion by Trustee Cohen, seconded by Trustee Lentini, and adopted unanimously, the Board approved payment of the claims on General Fund Warrant 03/24. A copy of the approved Warrant is attached to these minutes.

The Board turned to discussion of requests for the Village to construct sidewalks along the western side of Shelter Rock Road along the properties of the Village, and Imperial Gardens, Acorn Ponds and Cricket Club communities. Mayor Natiss advised that the Board had received an opinion from the Village Attorney, and would be meeting in executive session to discuss it. This business item was continued to the April monthly meeting.

On motion by Deputy Mayor Sgambati, seconded by Trustee Cohen, the Board unanimously adopted the following resolution regarding AIM Funding:

RESOLUTION CALLING FOR AN INCREASE IN AIM FUNDING

Whereas, the Aid and Incentives for Municipalities (AIM) program plays a critical role in funding essential municipal services for cities and villages across New York State; and

Whereas, city and village officials share the same priorities as our State leaders, which is to make New York safer and more affordable; and

Whereas, New York's local governments, which are on the frontline of controlling property tax affordability and ensuring public safety, are integral to achieving those goals; and

Whereas, the State has not increased AIM funding in 15 years and according to the Bureau of Labor Statistics, inflation has increased by nearly 45% during that same period;

and

Whereas, this neglect from the State has led to rising municipal tax burdens and harmful disinvestment in essential municipal services and staff; and

Whereas, the property tax cap further limits the ability of local governments to properly fund the services their residents need; and

Whereas, the challenges of rising inflation, the increasing costs of labor and supplies, and the end of extraordinary federal aid, only accentuate the need for an increase in AIM funding; and

Whereas, the Governor's 2024-25 Executive Budget proposes to keep AIM funding flat; and

Whereas, an increase in AIM funding would reduce the local tax burden and help revitalize communities across New York;

Now, therefore, be it resolved that the Board of Trustees of the Village of North Hills urges Governor Hochul to work with the leaders of the Senate and Assembly and increase AIM funding in the 2024-25 adopted State Budget; and it is further

Resolved, that the Village Administrator shall transmit a copy of this resolution to Governor Kathy Hochul, Senate Majority Leader Andrea Stewart-Cousins, Assembly Speaker Carl Heastie, Senator Jack Martins, Assemblymember Gina Sillitti and the New York State Conference of Mayors

The Board reviewed the most recent report on usage of the Village shuttle service. The Board noted that the service continues to be useful to Village residents, and the Board will continue to review usage.

On motion by Deputy Mayor Sgambati, seconded by Trustee Cohen and adopted unanimously, the Board convened in executive session at 7:39 pm to discuss legal advice, and real estate matters with respect to which a public discussion might affect the price.

The Board took no action in executive session.

On motion by Mayor Natiss, seconded by Deputy Mayor Sgambati, and adopted unanimously, the Board returned to public session at 8:02 pm

The Board discussed general matters of Village business, without taking any actions.

There being no further business, on motion by Deputy Mayor Sgambati, seconded by Trustee Arnold, and adopted unanimously, the meeting was adjourned at 8:12 pm.

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

TIME: 10:15 AM/PM

DATE: 4/18 2024.

PERSON FILING: W. Russo
(Print full name of filer)