

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

PRESENT: Mayor Marvin Natiss
Deputy Mayor Dennis Sgambati
Trustees Elliott Arnold, Gail Cohen and Phyllis Lentini
Marianna 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 December 18, 2024 at 7:30 pm.

On motion by Trustee Cohen, seconded by Trustee Lentini and adopted unanimously, the Board approved the October 16, 2024 minutes for filing.

The Board held a public hearing with respect to Case 24-11bt-ex2, LaGuardia Steel LLC, for renewal of a special use permit for rooftop—mounted parabolic antennae at premises 3333 New Hyde Park Road, North Hills. The minutes of the hearing were transcribed stenographically, and are filed with these minutes. Eric Holman appeared for the applicant. After hearing all interested persons, the hearing was closed, and the decision reserved, on motion by Deputy Mayor Sgambati, seconded by Trustee Arnold, and adopted unanimously.

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

On motion by Trustee Cohen, seconded by Trustee Arnold and adopted unanimously, the Board approved the budgetary transfers as requested in the November 15, 2024 memorandum from the Village Administrator. A copy of the memorandum is on file in the Village office.

On motion by Deputy Mayor Sgambati, seconded by Trustee Cohen and adopted unanimously, the Board approved payment of the claims on General Fund Warrant 11/24. A copy of the approved Warrant is attached to these minutes.

Trustee Cohen moved the adoption of the following resolution, which motion was seconded by Trustee Lentini and adopted unanimously:

Resolution in Support of Continued and Increased State Aid for Local Governments

Whereas, until 2024, cities, villages and towns had not received an increase in unrestricted state aid (AIM funding) in 15 years, significantly impacting their ability to provide essential services to their residents; and

Whereas, after a prolonged period without financial support, local governments finally received an increase of \$50 million in unrestricted state aid; and

Whereas, local officials express their gratitude for the \$50 million increase in unrestricted state aid, recognizing it as a positive step towards addressing long-standing funding challenges; and

Whereas, the State has referred to this new aid as Temporary Municipal Assistance, suggesting that such increase may not continue, jeopardizing the sustainability of crucial municipal programs and services; and

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

and

Whereas, increased and ongoing state aid for local governments is vital for maintaining infrastructure, public safety, housing and other municipal services; and

Whereas, the challenges of inflation, the increasing costs of labor and supplies, and the end of extraordinary federal aid only accentuate the need for consistent and predictable funding to effectively plan for the future and meet the growing needs of their residents;

Now, therefore, be it resolved, that the Board of Trustees of the Village of North Hills calls upon the Governor and the State Legislature to commit to continuing the additional \$50 million in unrestricted state aid in the 2025-26 State Budget and beyond, and

Be it further resolved, that the Village of North Hills urges state officials to recognize the need for a long-term plan that ensures consistent and predictable increases in financial support for local governments that keep pace with inflation.

A copy of this resolution shall be sent by the Village Administrator to Governor Kathy Hochul, Senate Majority Leader Andrea Stewart-Cousins, Assembly Speaker Carl Heastie, State Senator Jack Martins, Assemblymember Gina Silliti, Assemblymember-elect Daniel J. Norber, and the New York State Conference of Mayors (NYCOM).

The Board discussed the Village Administrator's November 15, 2024 memorandum regarding a proposed agreement with Laserfiche to move various records to the cloud. Mayor Natiss moved that the matter be tabled to the December meeting to permit time for the Village Attorney to review the proposal. The motion was seconded by Deputy Mayor Sgambati and adopted unanimously. The Village Attorney was requested to negotiate the terms of the agreement with Laserfiche.

The Board reviewed the most recent report on usage of the Village shuttle service.

The Board noted that the service continues to increase, and continues to be a valuable and popular service to all Village residents. The Board will continue to review usage.

Trustee Cohen requested that the speed sign on the southbound side of Shelter Rock Road be examined, as it seemed not to be operating properly. Mr. Cinquemani will review this.

Deputy Mayor Sgambati reported that two lights under the LIE Overpass by Searingtown Road are not working. Mr. Cinquemani will reach out to Nassau County to confirm who is in charge of maintaining the lights and repairing same.

The Board discussed a resident request that the Village purchase the Shelter Rock Tennis Club property, for use as a clubhouse center for Village residents. Mayor Natiss noted the purported asking price for the property, and expressed the view that the price was excessive and that the property was not needed by the Village for a resident clubhouse. Other Board members concurred.

Mayor Natiss reported that he had received a request from the North Shore Unitarian Universalist Church for approval of a banner to be put up for a period of two weeks prior to a scheduled December 8 event, to be removed after the event, and had approved the request. He requested that the Board ratify that approval, which was done on motion by Trustee Lentini, seconded by Deputy Mayor Sgambati and adopted unanimously. The request, and the Mayor's response, are on file in the Village office.

The Village Administrator reported that she had met with the Managing Agent of Acorn Ponds, and various individuals from Acorn Ponds, regarding use of the Village's

Parkway Access property. Notes on the meeting were distributed to the Board members and are on file in the Village office. The Board agreed that if Acorn Ponds wished to make any use of Village property, or to have any improvements made on Village property, a written request should be submitted for a discussion to held with the Board of Trustees at a Village Board of Trustees meeting.

The Village Administrator reported on a request from North Shore PATV to schedule a public hearing with respect to a franchise renewal being negotiated by the Great Neck/North Shore Cable Commission. Details are not yet available, and the matter was tabled for further discussion after receipt of additional information.

There being no further business, on motion by Deputy Mayor Sgambati, seconded by Trustee Cohen and adopted unanimously, the meeting was adjourned at 8:17 pm.

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

TIME: _____ AM/PM

DATE: _____, 2024.

PERSON FILING: _____

(Print full name of filer)