

**MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING  
OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES  
OF THE VILLAGE OF THOMASTON**

September 10, 2012

The Board of Trustees met on Monday, September 10, 2012, at the Village Hall, 100 East Shore Road, Great Neck, New York.

**Present:** Mayor Robert Stern, Deputy Mayor Steven Weinberg, Trustee Gary Noren and Trustee To-on Pang

**Absent:** Trustee James Sharkey

The Mayor opened the meeting at 7:30 PM

**Adoption of Minutes**

**RESOLUTION 12-55**

Upon motion of Deputy Mayor Weinberg, seconded by Trustee Pang, and unanimously approved, the following resolution was adopted:

RESOLVED, that the minutes of the Board of Trustees meeting held on July 16, 2012 and the Special meeting held on August 6, 2012 are hereby approved and accepted as presented.

**Explanation of Financial Report**

Mr. John Lundy, from Satty, Levine & Ciacco, CPA's P.C. whose firm conducted the audit for the fiscal year March 1, 2011 to February 29, 2012, discussed the audit and the Village financial statements for the fiscal year, including an explanation of Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) Statement 54 and 34.

Upon conclusion of his remarks, the Board asked several questions which Mr. Lundy answered. There being no further questions, the Board thanked Mr. Lundy for the explanation.

**Request for Change in Work Hours**

Mr. Sandy Caplan, a resident of 8 Avalon Road, requested that the Village Code be amended to prohibit construction work on Sundays and Legal Holidays. He also stated that the work hours during the week are too long being allowed until 8:00 PM at night.

The Board took the matter under advisement.

**Title Search Authorization**

The Mayor explained to the Board that along Shoreward Drive and Highland Avenue the ownership of the land between the sidewalk and property lines is unclear. There have been several incidents with Great Neck Plaza where repair requests for tree removal and sidewalk repair have been made by property owners in Great Neck Plaza whose property is along Shoreward Drive and Highland Avenue. The Village Attorney has suggested a title search checking the dedication of the streets for the blocks/lots adjoining these two streets.

**RESOLUTION 15-56**

Upon motion of Trustee Noren, seconded by Mayor Stern, and unanimously approved, the following resolution was adopted:

RESOLVED, that the Village Attorney is authorized to engage a title company at a cost not to exceed two thousand dollars to conduct a title search for the dedication of the streets for the blocks/lots adjoining Shoreward Drive and Highland Avenue.

### **Tax Certiorari Claim**

Upon motion of Deputy Mayor Weinberg seconded by Trustee Pang and unanimously approved, the following resolutions were adopted:

#### **RESOLUTION 12-57**

RESOLVED, that the Village Attorney is authorized to negotiate a settlement with Edward Jen v. Assessor as outlined in the letter of A. Thomas Levin, Esq. to the Village dated September 7, 2012.

### **Final Payment 1997 Public Improvement Bond**

The Mayor informed the Board that the final payment for the 1997 Public Improvement Bond has been made, leaving the Village with only one remaining payment on the 1998 Public Improvement Bond (which is to be paid in 2013). Accordingly, the Village will become debt free in 2013, at which time all the bonds issued to finance road renovations (aggregating \$5.66 million) will have been paid in full.

### **Re-surface Linden Street & Part of Schenck Ave.**

Mayor Stern discussed the need to resurface Linden Street, the cost of which is estimated at \$34,000 and a portion of Schenck Avenue at the intersection of Windsor Road 65' East and 250' South on Schenck which is estimated at \$30,000 (to be funded primarily from CHIPS moneys) total cost for both projects not to exceed \$64,000.00.

#### **RESOLUTION 12-58**

Upon motion of Deputy Mayor Weinberg, seconded by Mayor Stern, and unanimously approved, the following resolution was adopted:

RESOLVED, that the Mayor is authorized to solicit proposals in accordance with the Village Purchasing Policy for the repaving of Linden Street; additionally Schenck Avenue at the intersection of Windsor Road 65' to the East and 250' South on Schenck Avenue, and the Mayor is hereby authorized to accept the lowest such proposal in an amount not to exceed \$64,000 for both on behalf of the Village.

### **Vouchers**

#### **RESOLUTION 12 - 59**

Upon motion of Trustee Pang seconded by seconded by Deputy Mayor Weinberg and unanimously approved, the following resolution was adopted:

RESOLVED, that vouchers, in the aggregate amount of \$ 102,019.17 ( as itemized on the Abstract of Vouchers dated Monday September 10, 2012), are hereby approved for payment, all allocated to the General Fund.

### **Zoning Board of Appeals Fees**

Due to the increasing associated costs of conducting a hearing before the Board of Appeals regarding one and two-family homeowners, the current application fees no longer cover such costs.

## RESOLUTION 12-60

Upon motion of Mayor Stern, seconded by Deputy Mayor Weinberg and unanimously approved the following resolution was adopted:

RESOLVED, the fee for one and two family home owners to file an application and have a hearing before the Zoning Board of Appeals shall be as follows:

### **APPLICATION FEES AND DEPOSIT AGAINST COST FOR 1 AND 2 FAMILY HOMES:**

Application fee: \$250.00, plus \$3,050 deposit against costs, for a total payment required at the time of application in the amount of \$3,300 (the Village estimates that its average cost for a single hearing is approximately \$1,525 based on past experience; the increased deposit is intended to cover up to two hearings). Any portion of the expense deposit not used by the Village will be returned to the applicant upon conclusion of the proceedings.

This fee structure is to be effective immediately. The Village Administrator is directed to apply the new fee schedule to all applications received after the date of this meeting.

### **Adjournment**

At 8:45 pm, there being no further business, a motion to adjourn was made by Trustee Noren, seconded by Deputy Mayor Weinberg and unanimously approved.

Respectfully submitted,

Barbara J. Daniels

Village Administrator