

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

January 8, 2024

The Board of Trustees met on Monday, January 8, 2024 at the Village Hall, 100 East Shore Road, Great Neck, New York at 7:30 p.m.

Present: Mayor Steven Weinberg, Deputy Mayor Burton S. Weston, Trustee Jay W. Chagrin, Trustee Aaron Halpern and Trustee Nancy Sherman

Excused: None

The Mayor opened the meeting at 7:35 p.m.

Approval of Minutes

RESOLUTION 24-01

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

RESOLVED, that the minutes of the Board of Trustees meeting held on December 11, 2023 are hereby approved and accepted as corrected.

The vote on this resolution was:	Mayor Weinberg:	Aye	Deputy Mayor Weston:	Aye
	Trustee Chagrin:	Aye	Trustee Halpern:	Aye
	Trustee Sherman:	Aye		

Public Hearing on the 2024/25 Tentative Budget

Mayor Weinberg opened the public hearing on the 2024/25 tentative budget at 7:36 p.m.

The Board previously discussed the 2024/25 tentative budget at the December 11, 2023 meeting. The Board had no further comments on the 2024/25 tentative budget.

There were no members of the public in attendance.

The public hearing was closed at 7:37 p.m.

RESOLUTION 24-02

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

RESOLVED, that the public hearing on 2024/25 tentative budget is hereby closed.

The vote on this resolution was:	Mayor Weinberg:	Aye	Deputy Mayor Weston:	Aye
	Trustee Chagrin:	Aye	Trustee Halpern:	Aye
	Trustee Sherman:	Aye		

Adoption of the 2024/25 Budget

RESOLUTION 24-03

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

RESOLVED, that the Budget of the Village of Thomaston for the fiscal year March 1, 2024 through February 28, 2025, in the form attached to these minutes, is hereby approved and adopted, and that the several amounts set forth therein be and hereby are apportioned for the objects and purposes specified, and that the schedule of salaries and wages attached to such budget shall be the maximum salaries to be paid, and it is further

RESOLVED, that a general tax rate of \$33.481 per \$100 assessed valuation is and the same is hereby levied on all real property within the Village of Thomaston, and it is further;

WHEREAS, that portion of the Village of Thomaston which is north of the Long Island Railroad Co. property lies outside of the Manhasset-Lakeville Fire and Water District, and no services are rendered by said Fire and Water District in said portion of the Village of Thomaston north of the LIRR property, and no taxes for such services are levied by the Town of North Hempstead against the real property located in said northerly portion of the Village of Thomaston,

NOW THEREFORE,

BE IT RESOLVED, that an additional tax rate of \$17.277 per \$100 assessed valuation be and the same hereby is levied on all real property within the Village of Thomaston north of the Long Island Rail Road Co. property as it appears on the assessment roll for 2024/25 for the protection of persons and property, said protection to be provided by Vigilant Engine and Hook and Ladder Co. by contract with the Village of Thomaston. The cost of such services shall be equal to the amount raised by the additional tax rate of \$17.277 per \$100 assessed valuation, inclusive of such insurance premium as the Village of Thomaston shall be required to pay pursuant to the Volunteer Firefighters’ Benefit Laws of the State of New York, as amended.

The vote on this resolution was: Mayor Weinberg: Aye Deputy Mayor Weston: Aye
 Trustee Chagrin: Aye Trustee Halpern: Aye
 Trustee Sherman: Aye

Resolution Authorizing the Mayor to Execute the Tax Warrant

RESOLUTION 24-04

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

RESOLVED, that the Mayor is authorized to execute the 2024/25 tax warrant in the form attached to these minutes.

The vote on this resolution was: Mayor Weinberg: Aye Deputy Mayor Weston: Aye
 Trustee Chagrin: Aye Trustee Halpern: Aye
 Trustee Sherman: Aye

2023/24 Budget Modifications

RESOLUTION 24-05

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

RESOLVED, that the following 2023/24 budget modifications as of January 8, 2024 are hereby accepted as presented:

Budget Modifications as 1/8/24	ADOPTED	Proposed Modification	Difference
	2023/24	1/8/24	
Revenues:			
USE OF MONEY & PROPERTY			
A2401 Interest Earnings	\$102,508	\$146,003	\$43,495
Change in Revenues:			\$43,495
Appropriations:			

SPECIAL ITEMS			
A1950.4 Property Taxes	\$2,200	\$3,287	\$1,087
STREET MAINTENANCE			
A5110.2 Maint. of Streets & Capital Outlay	\$317,000	\$359,408	\$42,408
Change in Appropriations:			\$43,495

The vote on this resolution was: Mayor Weinberg: Aye Deputy Mayor Weston: Aye
Trustee Chagrin: Aye Trustee Halpern: Aye
Trustee Sherman: Aye

Village Election 2024 – Polling Place

RESOLUTION 24-06

Upon motion of Trustee Sherman, seconded by Trustee Chagrin, and unanimously approved, the following resolution was adopted:

WHEREAS, pursuant to the Election Law, the Board of Trustees is required, to designate the polling place for the village election to be held on Tuesday, March 19, 2024, and the hours of election,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED, that the polling place for the village election to be held on March 19, 2024 shall be Village Hall, 100 E. Shore Road, Thomaston, New York,

AND IT IS FURTHER,

RESOLVED, that the hours of the said village election shall be from noon to 9 p.m., inclusive.

The vote on this resolution was: Mayor Weinberg: Aye Deputy Mayor Weston: Aye
Trustee Chagrin: Aye Trustee Halpern: Aye
Trustee Sherman: Aye

Village Election Inspectors

RESOLUTION 24-07

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

WHEREAS, pursuant to the Election Law, the Board of Trustees is required, at least 40 days prior to the village election, to appoint an even number of inspectors of election, and fix their compensation, and designate one of them as Chair,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT,

RESOLVED, that the election inspectors shall be selected from the list of certified inspectors supplied by Nassau County, and that should there be a shortage of election inspectors who are residents of the Village of Thomaston, that the selection extend the residency of inspectors to Nassau County to satisfy New York State Election Law conditions for selecting election inspectors,

AND IT IS FURTHER

RESOLVED, that the following persons are hereby designated and appointed inspectors of election, and they shall meet on March 19, 2024 at the place designated for such village election, between the hours of noon and 9 p.m., inclusive, for the purpose of the village election:

NAME	ADDRESS	PARTY
Sanford Caplan	8 Avalon Road, Great Neck	Democrat
Qiping Zhang	28 Valley View Road, Great Neck	Republican

Alternates to serve as inspectors for their party in the event that one of the above-named inspectors of election from their party cannot serve:

NAME	ADDRESS	PARTY
Lisa Ayendy	69 Pond Hill Road, Great Neck	Democrat
Nazanin Kekmati	33 Piccadilly Road, Great Neck	Republican
Elaine Igneri	700 Middle Neck Road, Great Neck	Democrat
Yuet Ming Kam	72 Radnor Road, Great Neck	Republican

AND IT IS FURTHER

RESOLVED, that Sanford Caplan be, and hereby is, designated to act as Chair of said inspectors of election,

AND IT IS FURTHER

RESOLVED, that the compensation for each of the aforesaid inspectors of election shall be \$200 for each day that said inspectors of election may be required to serve.

The vote on this resolution was:	Mayor Weinberg:	Aye	Deputy Mayor Weston:	Aye
	Trustee Chagrin:	Aye	Trustee Halpern:	Aye
	Trustee Sherman:	Aye		

Road, Drainage and Sidewalk Improvements 2023-01

RESOLUTION 24-08

Upon motion of Trustee Sherman, seconded by Trustee Chagrin, and unanimously approved, the following resolution was adopted:

WHEREAS, the Village of Thomaston heretofore entered into an agreement with John McGowan & Sons, Inc. (“McGowan”), for the performance of certain public works identified as “Road Drainage and Sidewalk Improvements - Bid 2023-01”, and

WHEREAS, during the performance of such contract work by McGowan, various unanticipated conditions were discovered, by reason of which certain extra work, labor and materials were required to effectuate the contract purposes, and certain work, labor and materials required by the contract were no longer necessary or appropriate, and

WHEREAS, in particular, when sidewalk panels were lifted, it became apparent that utilizing concrete to ramp the resulting height differential would create tripping hazards, and cutting of tree roots exposed by lifting the panels might have made trees unstable and damaged the habit of the trees, and

WHEREAS, it was determined, and agreed, by the Village and McGowan that replacement of more sidewalk panels than originally anticipated, by eliminating some concrete ramping and utilizing greater quantities of concrete than originally contemplated, and without cutting of tree roots and/or removal of trees, was more desirable to effectuate the purposes of the public work under contract, and

WHEREAS, the foregoing changes in the scope of work, labor and services resulted in an additional cost of \$86,176.50 for work, labor and services for extra sidewalk replacement, and additional costs of \$4,400.00 for extra labor to excavate around trees, and

WHEREAS, the foregoing changes in the scope of work, labor and services also resulted in credits to the Village in the amount of \$20,000.00 for concrete ramping work which was no longer necessary, and was not performed, and in the amount of \$16,176.50 for other work, labor and services which had become unnecessary, and

WHEREAS, the net additional cost to the Village for the foregoing agreed extra work, labor and services, and changes in the scope of work, labor and services, is \$54,400.00, for which the Village has received McGowan Invoice 11318, dated December 20, 2023,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees of the Village of Thomaston has reviewed McGowan invoice 11318, dated December 20, 2023, in the amount of \$54,400.00, and hereby approves and authorizes payment of the aforesaid invoice in such amount.

The vote on this resolution was:	Mayor Weinberg:	Aye	Deputy Mayor Weston:	Aye
	Trustee Chagrin:	Aye	Trustee Halpern:	Aye
	Trustee Sherman:	Aye		

Appointment of Alternate Member to the Zoning Board of Appeals

Mayor Weinberg appointed Sanford Caplan as an alternate member of the Zoning Board of Appeals.

RESOLUTION 24-09

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

RESOLVED, that the appointment of Sanford Caplan as an alternate member of the Zoning Board of Appeals for the remainder of the official year is hereby approved.

The vote on this resolution was:	Mayor Weinberg:	Aye	Deputy Mayor Weston:	Aye
	Trustee Chagrin:	Aye	Trustee Halpern:	Aye
	Trustee Sherman:	Aye		

Intermunicipal Agreement with Great Neck Water Pollution Control District

The Board reviewed a letter request from the Great Neck Water Pollution Control District “GNWPCD” for the Village of Thomaston to approve a revised Exhibit A of the 2022 Intermunicipal Agreement that has been approved by the GNWPCD.

RESOLUTION 24-10

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

RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees approves the revision to “Exhibit A” of the Intermunicipal Agreement dated January 1, 2022, and it is further

RESOLVED, that Mayor Weinberg is authorized to sign “Exhibit A.”

A copy of the revised “Exhibit A” is attached to these minutes.

The vote on this resolution was:	Mayor Weinberg:	Aye	Deputy Mayor Weston:	Aye
	Trustee Chagrin:	Aye	Trustee Halpern:	Aye
	Trustee Sherman:	Aye		

Lights in the Right-of-Way

Mayor Weinberg updated the Board regarding their prior discussion at the December 11, 2023 to consider the possibility of allowing residents to request permission to display holiday lights on trees in the Village right-of-way. After discussion, the Board consensus was that establishing a procedure for private use of property in the Village right-of-way, even on a temporary

or limited basis, may raise other issues or requests, and therefore, it may be best for the Village not to establish a procedure to allow for temporary or limited use of the Village right of way at this time.

New Business

Mayor Weinberg informed the Board that the DPW single bay garage door, located at the south end of the parking lot, is in need of replacement. The Board reviewed four (4) quotations the replacement of the garage door, in compliance with the Village procurement policy.

Replacement of Garage Door

RESOLUTION 24-11

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

RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees approves the quotation of Sumo Garage Doors for the purchase and installation of a 12' x 12' fully insulated Hormann model 340S commercial insulated per estimate #2612 dated December 14, 2023, in an amount not to exceed \$3,340.00, and it if further

RESOLVED, that the Superintendent of Public Works is authorized to schedule the work with Sumo Garage Doors.

Copies of the quotations are on file at the Village office.

The vote on this resolution was:	Mayor Weinberg:	Aye	Deputy Mayor Weston:	Aye
	Trustee Chagrin:	Aye	Trustee Halpern:	Aye
	Trustee Sherman:	Aye		

Vouchers

RESOLUTION 24-12

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

RESOLVED, that the vouchers, in the aggregate amount of \$459,730.15 (as itemized on the Abstract of Vouchers dated Monday, January 8, 2024), are hereby approved for payment, all allocated to the General Fund.

A copy of the approved voucher list is attached to these minutes.

The vote on this resolution was:	Mayor Weinberg:	Aye	Deputy Mayor Weston:	Aye
	Trustee Chagrin:	Aye	Trustee Halpern:	Aye
	Trustee Sherman:	Aye		

Adjournment

At 8:13 p.m., there being no further business, a motion to adjourn was made by Trustee Sherman, seconded by Deputy Mayor Weston, and unanimously approved.

Respectfully Submitted,

Denise M. Knowland
Village Administrator

**VILLAGE OF THOMASTON
AUDITED VOUCHERS**

December 12, 2023 through January 8, 2024

Type	Date	Num	Name	Amount
Check	12/18/2023	4622	WATER AUTHORITY OF GREAT NECK NORTH	-45.27
Check	12/18/2023	4623	PSEGLI	-450.26
Check	12/18/2023	4624	PSEGLI	-87.72
Check	12/18/2023	4625	NATIONAL GRID	-824.24
Check	12/18/2023	4626	NATIONAL GRID	-484.91
Check	12/18/2023	4627	NATIONAL GRID	-722.92
Check	12/18/2023	4628	NATIONAL GRID	-315.53
Check	12/20/2023	4629	PSEGLI	-60.96
Check	12/20/2023	4630	MICHAEL F. MCNERNEY ARCHITECT PLLC	-1,250.00
Check	01/03/2024	4634	VERIZON	-124.61
Check	01/04/2024	4636	VERIZON WIRELESS	-62.50
Check	01/04/2024	4637	OPTIMUM	-13.00
Check	01/05/2024	ACH	MICHAEL F. MCNERNEY ARCHITECT PLLC	-750.00
Check	01/08/2024	4638	B & R PLUMBING & HEATING OF L.I. INC.	-549.00
Check	01/08/2024	4639	NCR FORMS/BLUE GOOSE GRAPHICS	-69.00
Check	01/08/2024	4640	SANTELLI & SONS, INC.	-26.85
Check	01/08/2024	4641	MEADOW CARTING CORP	-36,455.00
Check	01/08/2024	4642	W.B. MASON CO., INC.	-7.90
Check	01/08/2024	4643	WINTERS BROS. HAULING OF LI, LLC	-1,800.00
Check	01/08/2024	4644	BIENER FORD	-37.46
Check	01/08/2024	4645	NYSPSP	-12.57
Check	01/08/2024	4646	FELDMAN LUMBER	-15.02
Check	01/08/2024	4647	OLD VILLAGE TREE SERVICE	-2,000.00
Check	01/08/2024	4648	NELSON + POPE	-1,170.00
Check	01/08/2024	4649	AMERICAN PUBLIC WORKS ASSOCIATION	-229.00
Check	01/08/2024	4650	ANTON MEDIA GROUP	-89.60
Check	01/08/2024	4651	COSTELLO'S ACE HARDWARE	-50.59
Check	01/08/2024	4652	AUTOMOTIVE UNLIMITED	-32.99
Check	01/08/2024	4653	STAPLES CONTRACT & COMMERCIAL	-106.15
Check	01/08/2024	4654	IMPACT FIRE SERVICES LLC	-439.93
Check	01/08/2024	4655	WEX BANK	-577.99
Check	01/08/2024	4656	SALERNO BROKERAGE CORP.	-2,235.00
Check	01/08/2024	4657	SHELTER POINT LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY	-244.50
Check	01/08/2024	4658	JOHN MCGOWAN & SONS, INC.	-305,007.50
Check	01/08/2024	4659	JOHN MCGOWAN & SONS, INC.	-54,400.00
Check	01/08/2024	4660	JORDAN ASSOCIATES	-495.00
Check	01/08/2024	4661	GENERAL WELDING SUPPLY CORP	-8.00
Check	01/08/2024	4662	BUSINESS CARD	-50.48

	Check	01/08/2024	4663	BUSINESS CARD	-24.98
	Check	01/08/2024	4664	HOME DEPOT CREDIT SERVICES	-209.87
	Check	01/08/2024	4665	MEYER, SUOZZI, ENGLISH & KLEIN, P.C.	-2,108.00
	Check	01/08/2024	4666	LOOKS GREAT SERVICES INC	-1,900.00
	Check	01/08/2024	4667	WATER AUTHORITY OF GREAT NECK NORTH	-1,528.10
	Check	01/08/2024	4668	PSEGLI	-377.54
	Check	01/08/2024	4669	PSEGLI	-11.78
	Check	01/08/2024	4670	RECEIVER OF TAXES	-19.39
	Check	01/08/2024	4671	RECEIVER OF TAXES	-3.23
	Check	01/08/2024	4672	RECEIVER OF TAXES	-3,264.04
	Check	01/08/2024	4673	TOWN OF NORTH HEMPSTEAD-SWMA	-2,026.77
	Check	01/08/2024	4674	MEADOW CARTING CORP	-36,455.00
	Check	01/08/2024	4675	CHRISTOPHER GOMOKA	-500.00
					-459,730.15
	TOTAL				-459,730.15

EXHIBIT A

Schedule of fees and reimbursement by the Great Neck Water Pollution Control District for the purchase of road salt and fees:

Road Salt cost per ton: Current NYS contract price per ton as per the most recent invoice received by the Village of Thomaston from the NYS Contract authorized vendor.

Salt will be loaded with the Village’s Caterpillar Payloader. One (1) full bucket of road salt is deemed equivalent to one (1) ton.

Fee: \$50 per pickup

VILLAGE OF THOMASTON

GREAT NECK WATER POLLUTION
CONTROL DISTRICT

By: _____
Steven Weinberg, Mayor

By: _____
Steven Reiter, Chairman

Tax Warrant

**To Denise M. Knowland
Village Administrator of the Village of Thomaston**

You are hereby commanded to receive and collect from the several persons named in the assessment roll, hereunto annexed, the several sums named in the last column thereof opposite their respective names, for the following purposes:

	Dollars	Cents
For the General Fund.....	\$1,401,535	00
For Vigilant Fire District.....	\$60,602	00
For.....		
For.....		
For.....		
Being for all purposes a total amount of.....	\$1,462,137	00

Upon the receipt of the roll and warrant by you and on or before the first day of March, 2024, you shall cause to be published in the official paper of the Village, once a week for two consecutive weeks, a notice that such tax roll and warrant have been left with you for the collection of taxes therein levied, and shall designate one or more convenient places in the Village where you will receive taxes from March first, 2024, to and including March thirty-first, 2024, from nine o'clock in the morning until four o'clock in the afternoon, except Saturdays, Sundays, and holidays;

For said period of time you will receive all taxes paid to you without additional charge;

On such taxes remaining unpaid after March thirty-first, 2024, interest of five percentum shall be added for the month of April or fraction thereof and an additional one percentum for each month or fraction thereof thereafter until paid.

You shall attend at a time and place specified in said notice for the purpose of receiving said taxes;

After the thirty-first day of March, 2024, you shall proceed to collect the taxes remaining unpaid, with interest as herein provided, but without any other fee or charge, and for that purpose you are possessed of all the powers of a town tax collector.

All interest collected shall belong to the Village.

You are to make a return of this warrant on or before the first day of November after the delivery thereof to you, showing the total amount of taxes paid and each tax unpaid, with a receipt of the village treasurer for all taxes paid to him or her, and shall file the roll and warrant in the office of the village administrator.

And so for doing this shall be your sufficient warrant.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF: The Board of Trustees of said Village of Thomaston has causes these presents to be signed by its Mayor and the Village Administrator of the said village and the seal of the village is hereunto affixed,

this 8th day of January 2024


Mayor

Attest


Village Administrator

[Seal of Village]

