

**MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING
OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES
OF THE VILLAGE OF THOMASTON
MAY 8, 2023**

The Board of Trustees met on Monday, May 8, 2023 at the Village Hall, 100 East Shore Road, Great Neck, New York at 7:30 p.m.

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

Absent: Trustee Aaron Halpern,

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

Approval of Minutes:

RESOLUTION 23-40

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

RESOLVED, that the minutes of the Board of Trustees meetings held on April 17, 2023 are hereby approved and accepted as presented.

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

Public Hearing – 2023 Vigilant Contract Fire Protection and Ambulance Service Contract

At 7:37 p.m. Mayor Weinberg opened the continued public hearing on the proposed 2023 contract for fire protection and emergency ambulance service provided by the Vigilant Engine & Hook & Ladder Co., Inc. for the portion of the Village of Thomaston north of the LIRR tracks

David Weiss, Chair of the Board of Trustees of the Vigilant Engine & Hook & Ladder Co., Inc. was in attendance to review the contract with the Village Board of Trustees. There was a brief period of discussion and questions from the Board. Vigilant agreed to revised language for paragraph 5 “Insurance” consistent with the Town of North Hempstead contract’s paragraph 5 “Insurance.” After all interested parties were heard, the public hearing was closed at 7:50 p.m.

RESOLUTION 23-41

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

RESOLVED, that the public hearing on the 2023 Vigilant Fire Protection and Emergency Ambulance Service Contract is hereby closed.

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

RESOLUTION 23-42

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

WHEREAS, the Board of Trustees of the Village of Thomaston hereby finds and determines that it has received sufficient information and documentation regarding the matters described in Village Law §4-412 (3)(9)

(a-1)(i) to permit the Village to review and consider the proposed fire protection and emergency ambulance service contract between the Village and Vigilant Engine & Hook & Ladder Company, Inc.,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT

RESOLVED, that for good cause shown, to the extent that documentation required by statute has not been provided, the Board finds and concludes that it has sufficient information with regard to the proposed contract, and waives any insufficiencies in the information provided; and it is further

RESOLVED, that the proposed 2023 contract between the Village and Vigilant Engine & Hook & Ladder Company, Inc., for fire protection and emergency ambulance service for the portion of the Village north of the Long Island Railroad tracks, is accepted, and it is further

RESOLVED, that the Mayor is authorized to execute the contract on behalf of the Village, subject to the receipt of the revised language for paragraph 5 “Insurance” consistent with the Town of North Hempstead’s paragraph 5 “Insurance, subject to review and approval of form by the Village Attorney.

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

The Mayor recognized member of the public, Brian Kenny. Mr. Kenny addressed the board with his concerns about the Manhasset-Lakeville Fire District’s proposed ambulance building. Mr. Kenny urged the Board to attend the upcoming community forum on this subject to be held on May 23, 2023 at 7:00 p.m. at the Manhasset-Lakeville Firehouse Company 2, 2 Community Drive E., Manhasset.

2022/23 SCAR (Small Claims Assessment Review) Decisions

The Board review the SCAR Decisions for 2022/23 tax year (Attachment A).

RESOLUTION 23-43

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

RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees approves the payment of refunds of the 2022/23 tax year, in the aggregate amount of \$4,003.83, reflecting the difference between the original and amended assessment as determined by Small Claims Assessment Reduction hearing determinations, and it is further

RESOLVED, that Board of Trustees approves the payment of refunds of the 2023/24 tax year (as the 2023/24 tax payments have already been made), in the aggregate amount of \$4,022.29, reflecting the amended assessment, and it is further

RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees directs the Village Administrator to correct the 2024/25 tax roll with the new assessment indicated by the hearing officer, and it is further

RESOLVED, that the Village Administrator shall issue refunds of the 2022/23 tax year to the applicant’s representative(s), and it is further

RESOLVED, that the Village Administrator shall issue refunds of the 2023/24 tax year to the property owner(s).

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

Tax Certiorari Settlement – 333 East Shore Road Realty, LLC

RESOLUTION 23-44

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

WHEREAS, after extensive negotiations, the Village Attorney has advised the Board of Trustees of settlements of pending tax certiorari matters as hereinafter described,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees hereby ratifies and approves the following settlements of pending tax certiorari litigation, and authorizes and directs the correction of the current tax rolls to reflect the assessed valuation(s) hereinafter set forth, subject to correction of the Affidavit for payment of taxes to remove the references to “Village of Great Neck” and replace with “Village of Thomaston:

333 East Shore Road Realty, LLC – 333 E. Shore Road, Section 2, Block 375, Lot 25A, for tax years 2017/18 through 2022/23, inclusive. Refund of \$40,000; Assessed valuation \$17,500. Three-year moratorium, and it is further

RESOLVED, that an additional refund in the amount of \$8,528.62 for the 2023/24 tax year be made to Cronin, Harris & Associates, P.C. (as the 2023/24 tax payment was already made by the property owner).

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

Vouchers

RESOLUTION 23-45

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

RESOLVED, that the vouchers, in the aggregate amount of \$149,471.12 (as itemized on the Abstract of Vouchers dated Monday, May 8, 2023), are hereby approved for payment, subject to confirmation of receipt of corrected Affidavit for payment of taxes for checks 4151 and 4152 payable to Cronin, Harris & Associates, P.C, as attorneys, 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 Sherman: Aye

Adjournment

At 8:35 p.m., there being no further business, a motion to adjourn was made by Trustee Chagrin, seconded by Trustee Sherman, and unanimously approved.

Respectfully Submitted,

Denise M. Knowland
Village Administrator

VILLAGE OF THOMASTON
AUDITED VOUCHERS
April 18 through May 8, 2023

Type	Date	Num	Name	Amount
Check	04/20/2023	4228	PSEGLI	-107.70
Check	04/20/2023	4229	PSEGLI	-560.81
Check	04/21/2023	4230	PSEGLI	-66.18
Check	04/28/2023	ACH	MICHAEL F. MCNERNEY ARCHITECT PLLC	-1,281.25
Check	05/01/2023	4233	VERIZON	-122.16
Check	05/04/2023	4234	OPTIMUM	-11.00
Check	05/04/2023	4235	VERIZON WIRELESS	-62.44
Check	05/05/2023	4237	PSEGLI	-11.78
Check	05/05/2023	4236	PSEGLI	-256.63
Check	05/08/2023	4238	W.B. MASON CO., INC.	-41.99
Check	05/08/2023	4239	MICHAEL HABERMAN ASSOCIATES, INC.	-525.00
Check	05/08/2023	4240	MICHAEL HABERMAN ASSOCIATES, INC.	-7,875.00
Check	05/08/2023	4241	FEDEX	-60.67
Check	05/08/2023	4242	INTERNATIONAL CODE COUNCIL, INC.	-145.00
Check	05/08/2023	4243	COSTELLO'S HARDWARE	-101.65
Check	05/08/2023	4244	NYSPSP	-423.31
Check	05/08/2023	4245	AUTO BARN	-5.85
Check	05/08/2023	4246	JORDAN ASSOCIATES	-258.00
Check	05/08/2023	4247	WEX BANK	-576.51
Check	05/08/2023	4248	ICC CDS, LLC	-4,725.00
Check	05/08/2023	4249	GENERAL WELDING SUPPLY CORP	-7.50
Check	05/08/2023	4250	SKINNON & FABER, CPA'S, P.C.	-6,250.00
Check	05/08/2023	4251	CRONIN, HARRIS & ASSOCIATES, P.C.	-40,000.00
Check	05/08/2023	4252	CRONIN, HARRIS & ASSOCIATES, P.C.	-8,528.62
Check	05/08/2023	4253	CHRISTOPHER GOMOKA	-500.00
Check	05/08/2023	4254	FINE DETAILING	-250.00
Check	05/08/2023	4255	HOME DEPOT CREDIT SERVICES	-291.41
Check	05/08/2023	4256	SANTELLI & SONS, INC.	-35.80
Check	05/08/2023	4257	ISLAND PROPERTY TAX REDUCTION	-524.31
Check	05/08/2023	4258	MAIDENBAUM PROP.TAX REDUCTION GRP.,LLC	-2,187.81
Check	05/08/2023	4259	MAIDENBAUM & STERNBERG, LLP	-283.58
Check	05/08/2023	4260	P.T.R.C., INC.	-1,008.13
Check	05/08/2023	4261	FRANKLIN SIU	-524.31
Check	05/08/2023	4262	JASON LIEBOWITZ & LAURA ZIRINISKY	-157.36
Check	05/08/2023	4263	WILLIAM & GABRIELLE FROELICH	-122.54
Check	05/08/2023	4264	ANDREW STEVENS	-584.91
Check	05/08/2023	4265	DECKER & JANET DECKER	-130.58
Check	05/08/2023	4266	VOID	0.00
Check	05/08/2023	4267	JUAN & LUISA VELASQUEZ	-195.53
Check	05/08/2023	4268	CHAOWEI WU	-65.29

Check	05/08/2023	4269	KONSTANTINA LAMPIONE	-443.62
Check	05/08/2023	4270	PINGPEI HO	-427.96
Check	05/08/2023	4271	YANGBIAO LIAN	-73.99
Check	05/08/2023	4272	LIDA CHEN	-93.75
Check	05/08/2023	4273	SHARI BALABAN	-115.84
Check	05/08/2023	4274	GAIL GORDON	-331.46
Check	05/08/2023	4275	QINGE SHENG	-91.07
Check	05/08/2023	4276	XIAO LIN HE	-231.02
Check	05/08/2023	4277	ESTHER ZEIDMAN	-121.54
Check	05/08/2023	4278	RICHARD BIRNBACH	-48.55
Check	05/08/2023	4279	QIANG ZHOU	-190.32
Check	05/08/2023	4280	ROBIN & DANIEL FLEISHMAN	-72.65
Check	05/08/2023	4281	FRANCOTYP-POSTALIA, INC.	-228.00
Check	05/08/2023	4282	MEADOW CARTING CORP	-67,180.00
Check	05/08/2023	4283	BUSINESS CARD	-58.07
Check	05/08/2023	4284	BUSINESS CARD	-897.67
				-149,471.12
TOTAL				-149,471.12

2022/23 SCAR STIPULATIONS IN LIEU OF DECISION OF HEARING OFFICER															
2022/23 & 2023/24 REFUNDS															
NAME	ADDRESS	S/B/L	FINAL ASSESSMENT ROLL	SETTLEMENT	REDUCTION	2022/23 VILLAGE TAX REFUND	2022/23 FIRE TAX REFUND	AWARD OF COSTS	2022/23 TOTAL REFUND		2023/24 VILLAGE TAX REFUND	2023/24 FIRE TAX REFUND	2023/24 TOTAL REFUND	TOTAL REFUND 2022/23 & 2023/24	
Franklin Siu	15 St. George Rd	2/375/11	\$7,286	\$5,720	\$1,566	\$524.31		\$0	\$524.31		\$524.31		\$524.31	\$1,048.62	Island Property Tax Reduction
Jason Liebowitz & Laura Zirinsky	12 St. George Rd	2/206/4	\$7,180	\$6,710	\$470	\$157.36		\$0	\$157.36		\$157.36		\$157.36	\$314.72	Maidenbaum Property Tax Reduction Group, LLC
William & Gabrielle Froelich	8 St. George Rd	2/206/5	\$5,096	\$4,730	\$366	\$122.54		\$0	\$122.54		\$122.54		\$122.54	\$245.08	"
Andrew Stevens	5 Shadow Ln	2/207/47	\$6,991	\$5,244	\$1,747	\$584.91		\$0	\$584.91		\$584.91		\$584.91	\$1,169.82	"
Decker & Janet Decker	57 Valley View Rd	2/246/5	\$6,110	\$5,720	\$390	\$130.58		\$0	\$130.58		\$130.58		\$130.58	\$261.16	"
Robin & Daniel Fleishman	120 Hillpark Av	2/256/6	\$5,585	\$5,368	\$217	\$72.65		\$0	\$72.65		\$72.65		\$72.65	\$145.30	"
Juan & Luisa Velasquez	200 Overlook Av	2/257/432	\$5,050	\$4,466	\$584	\$195.53		\$0	\$195.53		\$195.53		\$195.53	\$391.06	"
Chaowei Wu	104 Lee Av	2/262/14	\$5,805	\$5,610	\$195	\$65.29		\$0	\$65.29		\$65.29		\$65.29	\$130.58	"
Konstantina Lampione	3 N Avalon	2/262/499	\$7,265	\$5,940	\$1,325	\$443.62		\$0	\$443.62		\$443.62		\$443.62	\$887.24	"
Pingpei Ho	107 Grace Av	2/334/40	\$5,718	\$4,840	\$878	\$293.96	\$121.37	\$0	\$415.33		\$293.96	\$134	\$427.96	\$843.29	"
Yangbiao Lian	245 Shoreward Dr	2/210/53	\$5,527	\$5,306	\$221	\$73.99		\$0	\$73.99		\$73.99		\$73.99	\$147.98	Maidenbaum & Sternberg, LLP
Lida Chen	17 Pont St	2/251/6	\$6,110	\$5,830	\$280	\$93.75		\$0	\$93.75		\$93.75		\$93.75	\$187.50	"
Shari Balaban	135 Schenck Av	2/269/3	\$6,410	\$6,064	\$346	\$115.84		\$0	\$115.84		\$115.84		\$115.84	\$231.68	"
Gail Gordon	10 St. George Rd	2/206/24	\$6,600	\$5,610	\$990	\$331.46		\$0	\$331.46		\$331.46		\$331.46	\$662.92	P.T.R.C., Inc.
Qinge Sheng	135 Shoreward Dr	2/208/23	\$5,860	\$5,588	\$272	\$91.07		\$0	\$91.07		\$91.07		\$91.07	\$182.14	"
Xiao Lin He	16 Shadow Ln	2/208/29	\$7,950	\$7,260	\$690	\$231.02		\$0	\$231.02		\$231.02		\$231.02	\$462.04	"
Esther Zeidman	116 Schenck Av	2/255/1	\$4,543	\$4,180	\$363	\$121.54		\$0	\$121.54		\$121.54		\$121.54	\$243.08	"
Richard Birnbach	111 Hillpark Av	2/255/94	\$5,865	\$5,720	\$145	\$48.55		\$0	\$48.55		\$48.55		\$48.55	\$97.10	"
Qiang Zhou	99 Grace Av	2/334/48	\$4,790	\$4,400	\$390	\$130.58	\$53.91	\$0	\$184.49		\$130.58	\$59.74	\$190.32	\$374.81	"
				TOTAL:	\$11,435	\$3,828.55	\$53.91	\$0	\$4,003.83		\$3,828.55	\$59.74	\$4,022.29	\$8,026.12	
2022/23 Tax Rate:	0.33481										2023/24 Tax Rate:	0.33481			
2022/23 Fire Tax Rate:	0.13824										2023/24 Fire Tax Rate:	0.15318			