

**MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING
OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES
OF THE VILLAGE OF THOMASTON
July 8, 2024**

The Board of Trustees met on Monday, July 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 Chagrin and Trustee Sherman

Excused: Trustee Aaron Halpern

The Mayor opened the meeting at 7:32 p.m.

Trustee Sherman was not present at the opening of the meeting.

Approval of Minutes

RESOLUTION 24-64

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 meeting held on June 10, 2024 are hereby approved and accepted as presented.

The vote on this resolution was:	Mayor Weinberg:	Aye	Deputy Mayor Weston:	Aye
	Trustee Chagrin:	Aye	Trustee Halpern:	Excused
	Trustee Sherman:	Not present		

Trustee Sherman arrived at 7:36 p.m.

Draft Financial Statements FYE February 29, 2024

The Board reviewed the draft financial statements for the FYE February 29, 2024. Frank Faber of Skinnon and Faber Certified Accountants, P.C., the Village's auditor, summarized the draft financial statements and addressed the Board's questions.

RESOLUTION 24-65

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

RESOLVED, that the draft financial statements for the FYE February 29, 2024 are hereby accepted as presented.

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

Annual Audit for FYE February 28, 2025

The Board reviewed a proposed engagement letter from Skinnon and Faber, Certified Public Accountants. P.C. for the audit of the financial statements of the 2024/25 fiscal year. The cost for the audit will be \$14,500. The cost for the prior year's audit was \$10,800. Trustee Sherman expressed her concern with the increase in cost for the 2024/25 audit. Mr. Faber explained, in response to the Mayor's question, that the increase in cost was the result of an analysis of his firm's actual costs to perform the Village's annual audit. The increase is mostly driven by current salary trends

for accountants. In order to retain employees, the firm must offer competitive salaries. Mr. Faber agreed to lock in the cost of \$14,500 for three (3) years.

RESOLUTION 24-66

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

RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees hereby authorizes the Mayor to execute a letter of engagement from Skinnon and Faber, Certified Public Accountants, P.C., for the audit of the Village’s financial statements in the amount of \$14,500 for each the 2024/25, 2025/26, 2026/27 fiscal years.

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

Municipal Separate Storm Sewer System (MS4) Enforcement Response Plan

The Board reviews the MS4 Enforcement Response Plan and Organizational Chart , prepared by LiRo Engineers, Inc.

RESOLUTION 24-67

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

RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees approves the Village of Thomaston Municipal Separate Storm Sewer System Enforcement Response Plan and Organizational Chart.

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

Bill T2024B

The Board discussed Bill T2024B (Attachment A), a local law to amend the Code of the Village of Thomaston in relation to Fire Prevention and Building Construction

RESOLUTION 24-68

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

RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees hereby determines that proposed Bill T2024B is a Type II Action, which does not require review pursuant to the State Environmental Quality Review Act, and it is further

RESOLVED, that a public hearing be held on Monday, August 12, 2024 at 7:30 p.m. with respect to the proposed adoption of Bill T2024B, entitled “A local law to amend the Code of the Village of Thomaston in relation to Fire Prevention and Building Construction,” and it is further

RESOLVED, that the Village Clerk is directed to publish, post and otherwise give notice of such hearing as may be required by law.

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

Bill T2024C

The Board discussed Bill T2024C (Attachment B), a local law to amend the Code of the Village of Thomaston in relation to Erosion and Sediment Control and Stormwater.

RESOLUTION 24-69

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

RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees hereby determines that proposed Bill T2024C is a Type II Action, which does not require review pursuant to the State Environmental Quality Review Act, and it is further

RESOLVED, that a public hearing be held on Monday, August 12, 2024 at 7:30 p.m. with respect to the proposed adoption of Bill T2024C, entitled “A local law to amend the Code of the Village of Thomaston in relation to Erosion and Sediment Control and Stormwater Management,” and it is further

RESOLVED, that the Village Clerk is directed to publish, post and otherwise give notice of such hearing as may be required by law.

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

Bill T2024D

The Board discussed Bill T2024D (Attachment C), a local law to amend the Code of the Village of Thomaston in relation to Illicit Discharges, Activities and Connections to Storm Sewer System.

RESOLUTION 24-70

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

RESOLVED, that proposed bill T2024D is a Type II Action, which does not require review pursuant to the State Environmental Quality Review Act, and it is further

RESOLVED, that a public hearing be held on Monday, August 12, 2024 at 7:30 p.m. with respect to the proposed adoption of Bill T2024D, entitled “A local law to amend the Code of the Village of Thomaston in relation to Illicit Discharges, Activities and Connections to Storm Sewer System,” and it is further

RESOLVED, that the Village Clerk is directed to publish, post and otherwise give notice of such hearing as may be required by law.

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

Appoint Part-time Laborer and Part-time Laborer Substitute

Mayor Weinberg appointed Owen G. Waters as Part-Time Laborer, effective June 27, 2024 and Neil G. Hicks as Part-Time Laborer Substitute effective, effective July 5, 2024.

RESOLUTION 24-71

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

RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees ratifies the Mayor’s appointment of Owen G. Waters as Part-time Laborer, effective July 1, 2024, to be compensated at the rate of \$26.00 per hour, and it is further

RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees approves The Mayor’s appointment of Neil G. Hicks as Part-time Laborer Substitute, effective July 5, 2024, to be compensated at the rate of \$21.00 per hour.

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

Special Meeting of the Board of Trustees

RESOLUTION 24-72

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

RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees shall hold a special meeting on Thursday, July 25, 2024 at 7:00 p.m. for the purpose of reviewing the results of “Bid 2024-01 Road, Drainage and Sidewalk Improvements” and approval of vouchers.

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

Quotes LED

RESOLUTION 24-73

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

RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees hereby accepts the proposal of Traffic Systems Incorporated, for the purchase of two (2) 30” LED Stop Signs, in the amount of \$3,650.00, including freight.

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

New Business

Jay Chagrin inquired if the Village may reduce the speed limit to 15 MPH.

The Mayor advised the Board of a dispute between neighbors on Susquehanna Avenue.

Deposit Refunds

RESOLUTION 24-74

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

RESOLVED, that the refunds, in the aggregate amount of \$10,000.00 (as itemized on the Abstract of Refunds dated Monday, July 8, 2024), are hereby approved for payment, all allocated to the General Fund.

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

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

Vouchers

RESOLUTION 24-75

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

RESOLVED, that the vouchers, in the aggregate amount of \$57,946.73 (as itemized on the Abstract of Vouchers dated Monday, July 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 Chagrín:	Aye	Trustee Halpern:	Excused
	Trustee Sherman:	Aye		

ADJOURNMENT

At 8:42 p.m., there being no further business, a motion to adjourn was made by Deputy Mayor Weston, seconded by Trustee Sherman, and approved unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,

Denise M. Knowland
Village Administrator

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VILLAGE OF THOMASTON
AUDITED REFUNDS
 June 11 through July 8, 2024

Type	Date	Num	Name	Amount
Check	07/08/2024	1036	ANDEER VALLEY VIEW 23 LLC Street Opening Permit 23 Valley View Road	-5,000.00
Check	07/08/2024	1037	90 KNIGHTBRIDGE GARAGE Street Opening Permit 99 Clent Road	-5,000.00
				-10,000.00
TOTAL				-10,000.00

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VILLAGE OF THOMASTON

AUDITED VOUCHERS

June 11 through July 8, 2024

Type	Date	Num	Name	Amount
Check	06/17/2024	4914	NATIONAL GRID	-113.50
Check	06/17/2024	4915	NATIONAL GRID	-165.85
Check	06/17/2024	4916	NATIONAL GRID	-41.98
Check	06/17/2024	4917	NATIONAL GRID	-106.63
Check	06/17/2024	4918	PSEGLI	-624.56
Check	06/17/2024	4919	PSEGLI	-67.19
Check	06/17/2024	4920	PSEGLI	-61.66
Check	06/21/2024	4923	MICHAEL F. MCNERNEY ARCHITECT PLLC	-1,856.25
Check	07/02/2024	4924	VERIZON	-124.16
Check	07/02/2024	4925	MANHASSET-LAKEVILLE WATER DISTRICT	-16.20
Check	07/02/2024	4926	MANHASSET-LAKEVILLE WATER DISTRICT	-29.70
Check	07/02/2024	4927	VERIZON WIRELESS	-62.48
Check	07/02/2024	4928	OPTIMUM	-13.00
Check	07/03/2024	4930	VOID	0.00
Check	07/03/2024	4931	WATER AUTHORITY OF GREAT NECK NORTH	-47.07
Check	07/03/2024	4932	PSEGLI	-11.77
Check	07/03/2024	4933	VOID	0.00
Check	07/05/2024	4934	PSEGLI	-258.87
Check	07/08/2024	4935	AMERICAN WHOLESALE NURSERIES	-1,768.00
Check	07/08/2024	4936	LOOKS GREAT SERVICES INC	-6,675.00
Check	07/08/2024	4937	WINTERS BROS. HAULING OF LI, LLC	-300.00
Check	07/08/2024	4938	FRIENDS IRRIGATION, INC.	-1,095.00
Check	07/08/2024	4939	AGAS MFG INC	-335.00
Check	07/08/2024	4940	W.B. MASON CO., INC.	-46.86
Check	07/08/2024	4941	COSTELLO'S ACE HARDWARE	-170.23
Check	07/08/2024	4942	CHRISTOPHER GOMOKA	-500.00
Check	07/08/2024	4943	ANTON MEDIA GROUP	-94.90
Check	07/08/2024	4944	ANTON MEDIA GROUP	-89.70
Check	07/08/2024	4945	JORDAN ASSOCIATES	-495.00
Check	07/08/2024	4946	WEX BANK	-647.07
Check	07/08/2024	4947	GENERAL WELDING SUPPLY CORP	-328.00
Check	07/08/2024	4948	NATIONAL FIRE & SAFETY SOLUTIONS, INC	-90.00
Check	07/08/2024	4949	FINE DETAILING	-250.00
Check	07/08/2024	4950	SANTELLI & SONS, INC.	-760.00
Check	07/08/2024	4951	VOID	0.00
Check	07/08/2024	4952	BUSINESS CARD	-971.98
Check	07/08/2024	4953	BUSINESS CARD	-50.48
Check	07/08/2024	4954	MEYER, SUOZZI, ENGLISH & KLEIN, P.C.	-3,150.00
Check	07/08/2024	4955	STAPLES CONTRACT & COMMERCIAL	-70.64
Check	07/08/2024	4956	MEADOW CARTING CORP	-36,455.00
				-57,943.73
TOTAL				-57,943.73

Bill T 2024B

A local law to amend the Code of the Village of Thomaston, in relation to building permits.

Section one. Section 91-11(A)(1) and (2) of the Code of the Village of Thomaston is hereby amended, to read as follows:

“A. A building permit shall be effective to authorized the commencement and continuation of substantial work in accordance with the application, plans and specifications upon which it is based. Such substantial work shall commence within three (3) months after issuance of such permit. A building permit for demolition or construction of a new residential structure or for demolition, alteration or reconstruction of more than fifty (50%) per cent of an existing residential structure, shall expire 18 months after issuance. Any other residential building permit shall expire one (1) year after issuance. Any non-residential building permit shall expire two (2) years after issuance.

- (1) Construction pursuant to a building permit shall continue actively until completion. A failure to continue such construction on an active basis for more than thirty (30) days shall constitute an abandonment of the permit, unless the permit is continued by written order of the Building Inspector.
- (2) For good cause, the Building Inspector may extend a permit for demolition or construction of a new residential structure, or for alternation or reconstruction of more than fifty (50%) per cent of a residential structure for six (6) months. No more than one extension of such permit may be granted, and the permit shall expire at the end of such extension. The term of any other permit for residential construction may be extended by the Building Inspector, for good cause, for no more than two (2) periods of six (6) months each, and shall expire at the end of the second extension. For good cause, the Building Inspector may extend a permit for non-residential construction for one six (6) month extension and shall expire at the end of such extension and may not be extended. Upon the expiration of any permit, or any authorized extension, no further extension may be granted except as provided in this paragraph, and further construction shall require a new permit (including payment of the fee for a new permit). Any extension of a building permit pursuant to this section shall require payment of a fee as determined from time to time by resolution of the Board of Trustees.”

Section two. Any building permit issued and in good standing at the effective date of this law shall remain valid for its existing term. Such permit, may be extended twice by the Building Inspector for two six (6) month periods, after which such permit may not be extended and shall expire.

Section three. This law shall take effect immediately upon adoption and filing pursuant to the Municipal Home Rule Law.

Bill T2024 C

A local law to amend the code in relation to erosion and sediment control and stormwater management.

Section one. Section 85-2 of the Code of the Village of Thomaston is hereby amended to read as follows:

- “A. Meet the requirements of minimum measures 4 and 5 of the SPDES general permit for stormwater discharges from municipal separate stormwater sewer systems (MS4s), Permit No. GP-0-24-001 or as amended or revised;”
- “B. Require land development activities to conform to the substantive requirements of the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation State Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (SPDES) general permit for construction activities GP-0-15-001 or as amended or revised;

Section two. Section 85-5 of the Village of Thomaston is hereby amended to read as follows:

- “B. Upon approval by the Board, engage the services of a registered professional engineer to review the plans, specifications and related documents at a cost not to exceed the fee schedule established by said governing board, or”

Section three. Section 85-9 of the Village of Thomaston is hereby amended to read as follows:

“SPDES GENERAL PERMIT FOR CONSTRUCTION ACTIVITIES GP-0-15-001 - A permit under the New York State Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (SPDES) issued to Developers of construction activities to regulate disturbance of one or more acres of land.”

“SPDES GENERAL PERMIT FOR STORMWATER DISCHARGES FROM MUNICIPAL SEPARATE STORMWATER SEWER SYSTEMS GP-0-24-001- A permit under the New York State Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (SPDES) issued to municipalities to regulate discharges from municipal separate storm sewers for compliance with EPA-established water quality standards and/or to specify stormwater control standards.”

Section four. Section 85-10 of the Code of the Village of Thomaston is hereby amended to read as follows:

“(From: New York State Stormwater Management Design Manual, January 2015 Version, Table 3.3)”

Section five. If any clause, sentence, paragraph, section, article, or part of this local law shall be adjudged to be invalid by any court of competent jurisdiction, such judgment shall not affect, impair or invalidate any other part of this local law, or the

remainder thereof, but shall be confined in its operation to the clause, sentence, paragraph, section, article, or part thereof directly involved in the controversy in which such judgment shall have been rendered.

Section six. This local law shall take effect immediately upon adoption and filing pursuant to the Municipal Home Rule Law.

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Bill T2024 D

A local law to amend the code in relation to Illicit Discharges, Activities and connections to Storm Sewer System.

Section one. Section 118-1 A of the Code of the Village of Thomaston is hereby amended to read as follows:

“A. To meet the requirements of the SPDES general permit for stormwater discharges from MS4s, Permit No. GP-0-24-001 or as amended or revised;

Section two. Section 118-2 of the Village of Thomaston is hereby amended to read as follows:

“CONSTRUCTION ACTIVITY - Activities requiring authorization under the SPDES permit for stormwater discharges from construction activity, GP-0-15-001, as amended or revised. These activities include construction projects resulting in land disturbance of one or more acres. Such activities include but are not limited to clearing and grubbing, grading, excavating, and demolition.”

“INDUSTRIAL ACTIVITY - Activity requiring the SPDES permit for discharges from industrial activities except construction, NY-2A, as amended or revised.”

Section three. This local law shall take effect immediately upon adoption and filing pursuant to the Municipal Home Rule Law.