

**MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING  
OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES  
OF THE VILLAGE OF THOMASTON  
November 21, 2023**

The Board of Trustees met on Tuesday, November 21, 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 Aaron Halpern and Trustee Nancy Sherman

**Excused:** Deputy Mayor Burton S. Weston

The Mayor opened the meeting at 7:38 p.m.

**Approval of Minutes**

**RESOLUTION 23-88**

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

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

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

**RESOLUTION 23-89**

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

RESOLVED, that the minutes of the Special Meeting of the Board of Trustees meeting held on November 16, 2023 are hereby approved and accepted as presented.

The vote on this resolution was:	Mayor Weinberg:	Aye	Trustee Chagrin:	Aye
	Trustee Halpern:	Abstain (Absent from mtg)	Trustee Sherman:	Aye

**Purchase of 2023 Ford F-350 Pickup Truck**

The Board had previously reviewed a quotation from Hempstead Ford, dated October 16, 2023, for a 2023 F-350 Ford pickup truck pursuant to the Westchester County Contract (RFB-WC 23087) for 2023 Pickups Trucks for “On Lot” purchases, which the Village of Thomaston is authorized to use in lieu of competitive bidding.

**RESOLUTION 23-90**

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

WHEREAS, the Village of Thomaston desired to purchase a 2023 Ford F-350 pickup truck with various options from Hempstead Ford, an authorized vendor of the Westchester County Contract (RFB-WC 23087) for “On-Lot” 2023 Pickups Trucks, and

WHEREAS, the Village is authorized pursuant to law to purchase such vehicle in accordance with the terms of the Westchester County Contract, without the necessity to advertise for competitive bids for such purpose, and

WHEREAS, Hempstead Ford provided the Village of Thomaston with a quotation, pursuant to the Westchester County Contract, for an available “on-lot” vehicle which fulfilled the Village’s requirements, and

WHEREAS, Hempstead Ford offered to hold this vehicle without any down payment, provides that the Village promptly issue a purchase order for said vehicle, and

WHEREAS, there being insufficient time to convene a meeting of the Board for this proposed purchase, Mayor Weinberg separately discussed this matter with each member of the Board of Trustees individually and each Trustees was in agreement that a purchase order be issued in order to have the dealer reserve the vehicle, and

WHEREAS, following such discussions, and with the understanding that the members of the Board supported the proposed purchase, Mayor Weinberg directed that the Village Administrator prepare and issue to Hempstead Ford a purchase order for such vehicle,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT

RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees hereby ratifies the Mayor’s action in directing the Village Administrator to prepare a purchase order on October 17, 2023, to be executed by the Superintendent of Public Works for the purchase of one (1) Ford F-350 4 x 4 crew cab pickup truck (VIN#1FT8W3BA2PED25691) including light package; 8’ Western snow plow; and various options pursuant to the quotation dated October 16, 2023 (Attachment A), with pricing pursuant to Westchester County Contract RFB-WC-23087 and a total price of \$61,491.00.

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

**Roof replacement at Village Hall**

The Board reviewed a quotation dated October 18, 2023 from A & J Construction of NY, Inc., the authorized vendor pursuant to the Town of North Hempstead Contract TNH279-2022 – Roofing Repair and Replacement.

The Mayor informed the Board that the roof on the Village Hall and one other garage will need to be replaced in preparation for the installation of a solar voltaic system. The Village solicited proposals via existing contracts (available for use in other municipalities) in the Town of North Hempstead and Suffolk County, which contracts are available for use by the Village pursuant to General Municipal Law section 103.

RESOLUTION 23-91

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

RESOLVED, that pursuant to General Municipal Law section 103, the Mayor is authorized on behalf of the Village to accept the proposal dated October 18, 2023 from A & J Construction of NY, Inc., the authorized vendor pursuant to the Town of North Hempstead Contract TNH279-2022 – Roofing Repair and Replacement., for roof replacement at Village Hall and one other garage, and it is further

RESOLVED, that the Village Administrator is authorized to issue a purchase order for such public work, including work, labor, materials and installation on the same terms and conditions as applicable pursuant to Town of North Hempstead Contract TNH279-2022 – Roofing Repair and Replacement.

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

**Solar Voltaic Project at Village Hall**

The Board reviewed a quotation from Eldor Contracting Corporation dated October 30, 2023, the authorized vendor pursuant to the Suffolk County Contract SP-080522 – Solar Photovoltaic System - Supply, Install, and Maintenance.

The Mayor informed the Board that the Village had solicited proposals via existing contracts (available for use in other municipalities) in the Town of North Hempstead and Suffolk County, which contracts are available for use by the Village pursuant to General Municipal Law section 103.

RESOLUTION 23-92

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

RESOLVED, that pursuant to General Municipal Law section 103, the Mayor is authorized on behalf of the Village to accept the proposal from Eldor Contracting Corporation dated October 30, 2023, the authorized vendor pursuant to the Suffolk County Contract SP-080522 – Solar Photovoltaic System - Supply, Install, and Maintenance, and it is further

RESOLVED, that the Village Administrator is authorized to issue a purchase order for such public work, including work, labor, materials and installation on the same terms and conditions as applicable pursuant to Suffolk County Contract SP-080522 – Solar Photovoltaic System - Supply, Install, and Maintenance.

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

**Road, Drainage, and Sidewalk Improvements Project (2023-01)– Emergency Purchase Order**

The Board discussed milling and paving work required to be done on Highland Avenue in order to remediate a potentially dangerous condition. The Village is in receipt of an estimate from John McGowan & Sons, Inc., dated November 16, 2023, proposing to do various public work for the Village, including the milling and paving work necessary to be performed at Highland Avenue, and at other locations. The estimate for the portion of such work to be done at Highland Avenue, from the intersection with Colonial Road to the intersection with Shoreward Drive, is \$40,000.00. The Board discussed the need to proceed with, and complete this work, on an expedited basis, in the interest of public safety. The Board also discussed the time which would be required to prepare, advertise, and award a competitive bid for such work, and the need to complete the work on a timely basis before adverse weather conditions prevent the proper performance of the work. Given the willingness of the contractor to perform this work on the same terms and conditions as current apply to work being done by the same contractor under the existing publicly bid Agreement for Road, Drainage, and Sidewalk Improvements Project (2023-01), the Board concurred that it would be advisable to award the contract for such work on Highland Avenue to the same contractor, on an emergency basis, and without competitive public bidding.

RESOLUTION 23-93

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

WHEREAS, there is an urgent need, in the interest of public safety, for the Village to proceed with milling and paving of the portion of Highland Avenue from the intersection of Colonial Road to the intersection of Shoreward Drive, and to complete such work before adverse weather conditions interfere with the work and delay its timely completion, and

WHEREAS, the process of advertising and awarding a contract for such work based on competitive bids cannot be completed in sufficient time to undertake such work timely, to permit its completion before adverse weather conditions will interfere with, and possible delay, timely completion of such work, and

WHEREAS, the Village is in receipt of an acceptable estimate for such work from the contractor presently engaged in performing similar work elsewhere in the Village pursuant to the same terms and conditions as contained in competitively bid Agreement for Road, Drainage, and Sidewalk Improvements Project (2023-01),

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS

RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees hereby determines that there is a public safety emergency which warrants the issuance of a purchase order for milling and paving of the portion of Highland Avenue from the intersection of Colonial Road to the intersection of Shoreward Drive, without a public competitive bidding process, and it is further

RESOLVED, that the Village Administrator is authorized and directed to issue a purchase order to John McGowan & Sons, Inc. to perform such milling and paving work, on the same terms and conditions as are applicable to the work being done by such contractor under Agreement for Road, Drainage, and Sidewalk Improvements Project (2023-01, for a cost not to exceed \$40,000.00.

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

**Intermunicipal Agreement with the Manhasset Lakeville Water District**

Mayor Weinberg advised the Board that the Manhasset Lakeville Water District had proposed to enter into an Intermunicipal Agreement with the Village with respect to sharing costs of milling and paving work on Highland Avenue to be done by the Village, which would be of mutual benefit to the Village and the District., Counsel for the District has prepared and submitted a proposed agreement for such purpose, which has been reviewed by the Village Attorney. The Board was requested to approve such Intermunicipal Agreement.

RESOLUTION 23-94

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

WHEREAS, there is an urgent need for milling and paving work to be done on Highland Avenue, to remediate a potentially dangerous condition, and

WHEREAS, such milling and paving work will be done in conjunction with and in relation to work done at such location by the Manhasset Lakeville Water District, and

WHEREAS, the District has offered to share in the costs of such project, and for that purpose has proposed an Intermunicipal Agreement to be executed between the District and the Village, and

WHEREAS, it is in the best interests of the Village, and its taxpayers, for the District and Village to cooperate and share the costs of such project,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED, that the Mayor is authorized to enter into an Intermunicipal Agreement with the Manhasset Lakeville Water District for the Village to perform, and the parties to share in the cost of, milling and paving work, to be done by or at the behest of the Village, which would be of mutual benefit to the Village and the District, such agreement to be in the form prepared by District counsel and reviewed by the Village Attorney.

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

**Kroll, LLC proposal for fixed asset accounting ledger for 2023/24**

The Mayor informed the Board that the Village has received a proposed engagement letter from Kroll, LLC for professional services to provide an updated fixed asset accounting ledger in conjunction with the annual audit. The cost for the fixed asset accounting ledger for the FYE 2/29/24 will be \$2,100 vs. \$2,000 for FYE 2/28/23.

RESOLUTION 23-95

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

RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees hereby authorizes the Mayor to accept, and sign on behalf of the Village, the proposed letter of engagement from Kroll, LLC for professional services to provide the fixed asset accounting ledger for the fiscal year ended February 29, 2024.

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

**Appointment of part-time laborer**

Mayor Weinberg appointed Christopher P. Legrow as Part-Time Laborer, effective November 20, 2023.

RESOLUTION 23-96

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

RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees (hereby ratifies the) approves the Mayor’s appointment of Christopher P. Legrow as Part-time Laborer, effective November 20, 2023, to be compensated at the rate of \$26.00 per hour, as approved by the Nassau County Civil Service Commission.

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

**Review §131-2 of the Village Code – Work Hours for Construction**

The Board discussed the possibility of updating §131-2 of the Village Code concerning the permitted work hours for construction activities. The Board wishing to continue their review and compare the current code with other village codes, will consider this section of the Village Code at a future meeting.

**Review Village Policies**

The Board reviewed the Drug Free and Alcohol-Free Workplace Policy and the Sexual Harassment Policy. The Board was generally in favor of reviewing and possibly updating both policies as needed. The Mayor will seek the advise of the Village Attorney with respect to both policies.

**Payment of Annual Invoice - NYS & Local Retirement System**

The Board reviewed the annual invoice for required contributions by the Village to the NYS & Local Retirement System.

RESOLUTION 23-97

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

RESOLVED, that the Village Administrator is authorized to pay the NYS & Local Retirement System annual invoice, in the amount of \$64,659, no later than by December 15, 2023 to take advantage of the early payment discount.

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

**2023/24 Budget Modifications**

RESOLUTION 23-98

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

RESOLVED, that the following 2023/24 budget modifications as of November 21, 2023 are hereby accepted as presented:

Budget Modifications as 11/21/23	ADOPTED	Proposed Modification	Difference
	2023/24	11/21/23	
<b>Revenues:</b>			
NON-PROPERTY TAX ITEMS			
A1120.1 Non-Property Tax Dist. County	\$0	\$7,279	\$7,279
STATE AID			
A4001 Intergovernmental Revenue	\$7,279	\$0	(\$7,279)
USE OF MONEY & PROPERTY			
A2401 Interest Earnings	\$87,773	\$99,191	\$11,418
MISCELLANEOUS			
A2770 Other Unclassified Revenue	\$0	\$17,414	\$17,414
FEDERAL AID			
A4960 Fed Aid, Emergency Disaster	\$0	\$3,168	\$3,168
<b>Change in Revenues:</b>			<b>\$32,000</b>
<b>Appropriations:</b>			
SHARED SERVICES BUILDING			
A1620.2 Bldgs, Equip & Capital Outlay	\$40,000	\$60,000	\$20,000
STREET MAINTENANCE			
A5110.2 Maint. of Streets & Capital Outlay	\$305,000	\$317,000	\$12,000
<b>Change in Appropriations:</b>			<b>\$32,000</b>

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

**Great Neck Park District**

The Board discussed the lease between the Great Neck Park District (GNPD) and the Village of Kings Point and an “Environmental Report” prepared by Daniel Capruso. Members of the Board had many questions about these documents. Mayor Weinberg shared an email that he received before the meeting from Jason Marra, Superintendent of the GNPD. The email from Mr. Marra indicated that the GNPD is proposing amendments to the lease they signed with Kings Point.

The Board discussed their concerns and the possible impacts on the residents.

**Deposit Refunds**

RESOLUTION 23-99

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

RESOLVED, that the deposit refunds, in the aggregate amount of \$5000.00 (as itemized on the Abstract of Refunds dated Tuesday, November 21, 2023), 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 Trustee Chagrin: Aye  
Trustee Halpern: Aye Trustee Sherman: Aye

**Vouchers**

RESOLUTION 23-100

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

RESOLVED, that the vouchers, in the aggregate amount of \$145,060.96 (as itemized on the Abstract of Vouchers dated Tuesday, November 21, 2023), 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 Trustee Chagrin: Aye  
Trustee Halpern: Aye Trustee Sherman: Aye

**New Business**

Trustee Chagrin suggested that the Village look into installing solar lights around the STOP signs located at the intersection of Highland Avenue and Shoreward Drive and Highland Avenue and Colonial Road.

Trustee Halpern suggested that the Village replant some of the trees that have fallen or been removed in the spring of 2024. The Mayor asked each Trustee to make a list of a couple of blocks in need of more street trees.

**Adjournment**

At 8:56 p.m., there being no further business, a motion to adjourn was made by Trustee Halpern, seconded by Mayor Weinberg, and unanimously approved.

Respectfully Submitted,

Denise M. Knowland  
Village Administrator

<b>VILLAGE OF THOMASTON</b>						
<b>AUDITED REFUNDS</b>						
<b>October 12 through November 21, 2023</b>						
<b>Type</b>	<b>Date</b>	<b>Num</b>	<b>Name</b>	<b>Amount</b>		
Check	11/21/2023	1033	SHEERY PORGES	-5,000.00		
				-5,000.00		
<b>TOTAL</b>				<b>-5,000.00</b>		



**VILLAGE OF THOMASTON  
AUDITED VOUCHERS**

**October 12 through November 21, 2023**

Type	Date	Num	Name	Amount
Check	10/13/2023	ACH	MICHAEL F. MCNERNEY ARCHITECT PLLC	-1,531.25
Check	10/19/2023	4530	PSEGLI	-52.61
Check	10/19/2023	4531	PSEGLI	-455.72
Check	10/19/2023	4532	NATIONAL GRID	-105.03
Check	10/19/2023	4533	NATIONAL GRID	-157.27
Check	10/19/2023	4534	NATIONAL GRID	-55.50
Check	10/19/2023	4535	NATIONAL GRID	-38.13
Check	10/19/2023	4536	WATER AUTHORITY OF GREAT NECK NORTH	-45.27
Check	10/19/2023	4537	PSEGLI	-55.51
Check	10/27/2023	ACH	MICHAEL F. MCNERNEY ARCHITECT PLLC	-1,656.25
Check	10/31/2023	4540	VERIZON	-125.36
Check	10/31/2023	4541	OPTIMUM	-13.00
Check	10/31/2023	4542	VERIZON WIRELESS	-62.50
Check	11/02/2023	4543	MANHASSET-LAKEVILLE WATER DISTRICT	-16.20
Check	11/02/2023	4544	MANHASSET-LAKEVILLE WATER DISTRICT	-473.40
Check	11/03/2023	4545	PSEGLI	-349.23
Check	11/03/2023	4546	PSEGLI	-11.78
Check	11/09/2023	4548	MICHAEL F. MCNERNEY ARCHITECT PLLC	-1,906.25
Check	11/15/2023	4551	WATER AUTHORITY OF GREAT NECK NORTH	-45.27
Check	11/15/2023	4549	PSEGLI	-68.15
Check	11/15/2023	4552	NATIONAL GRID	-240.12
Check	11/15/2023	4553	NATIONAL GRID	-307.51
Check	11/15/2023	4554	NATIONAL GRID	-121.84
Check	11/15/2023	4555	NATIONAL GRID	-394.69
Check	11/15/2023	4550	PSEGLI	-431.37
Check	11/21/2023	4556	W.B. MASON CO., INC.	-7.90
Check	11/21/2023	4557	NELSON + POPE	-3,705.00
Check	11/21/2023	4558	COSTELLO'S HARDWARE	-105.71
Check	11/21/2023	4559	MALVESE EQUIPMENT CO., INC.	-536.45
Check	11/21/2023	4560	ANTON MEDIA GROUP	-54.60
Check	11/21/2023	4561	STAPLES CONTRACT & COMMERCIAL	-146.62
Check	11/21/2023	4562	JORDAN ASSOCIATES	-910.50
Check	11/21/2023	4563	LOOKS GREAT SERVICES INC	-1,500.00
Check	11/21/2023	4564	GENERAL WELDING SUPPLY CORP	-8.00
Check	11/21/2023	4565	WEX BANK	-722.68
Check	11/21/2023	4566	VIGILANT FIRE COMPANY	-11,906.00
Check	11/21/2023	4567	TOWN OF NORTH HEMPSTEAD-SWMA	-1,185.14
Check	11/21/2023	4568	BUSINESS CARD	-47.48

Check	11/21/2023	4569	BUSINESS CARD	-926.30
Check	11/21/2023	4570	HOME DEPOT CREDIT SERVICES	-276.78
Check	11/21/2023	4571	MEADOW CARTING CORP	-35,740.00
Check	11/21/2023	4572	FINE DETAILING	-250.00
Check	11/21/2023	4573	NYS EMPLOYEES' HEALTH INSURANCE	-8,802.69
Check	11/21/2023	4574	MEYER, SUOZZI, ENGLISH & KLEIN, P.C.	-713.00
Check	11/21/2023	4575	SANTELLI & SONS, INC.	-464.00
Check	11/21/2023	4576	GREAT NECK PLUMBING SUPPLY	-7.00
Check	11/21/2023	4577	NYCOM	-50.00
Check	11/21/2023	4578	WINTERS BROS. HAULING OF LI, LLC	-300.00
Check	11/21/2023	4579	HEMPSTEAD FORD	-61,491.00
Check	11/21/2023	4580	CHRISTOPHER GOMOKA	-1,000.00
Check	11/21/2023	4581	STEVEN WEINBERG	-55.00
Check	11/21/2023	4582	PSEGLI	-60.52
Check	11/21/2023	4583	GLENCO SUPPLY INC	-609.38
Check	11/21/2023	4584	ANTON MEDIA GROUP	-70.00
Check	11/21/2023	4585	JULIE GEORGOPOULOS	-55.00
Check	11/21/2023	4586	FRIENDS IRRIGATION, INC.	-110.00
Check	11/21/2023	4587	LOOKS GREAT SERVICES INC	-4,525.00
				-145,060.96
<b>TOTAL</b>				<b>-145,060.96</b>