

**MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING
OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES
OF THE VILLAGE OF THOMASTON
December 11, 2023**

The Board of Trustees met on Monday, December 11, 2023 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 7:41 p.m.

Approval of Minutes

RESOLUTION 23-101

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

RESOLVED, that the minutes of the Board of Trustees meeting held on November 21, 2023 are hereby approved and accepted as presented.

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

Resolution Authorizing Acceptance of DASNY Grant 25549

RESOLUTION 23-102

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

WHEREAS, the Village of Thomaston has been notified that it has been awarded a grant from the Dormitory Authority of the State of New York (DASNY) in the amount of \$50,000, under Project Number 25549, for Drainage and Road Improvements at Avalon Road and N., Avalon Road and Schenck Avenue; and

WHEREAS, the Village wishes to accept the said grant award, and to authorize the Mayor to execute the required grant agreement, and any related documents, to effectuate the prompt receipt of the grant funds;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees, as lead agency pursuant to the State Environmental Quality Review Act finds and determines that the proposed action is a Type II Matter which requires no separate environmental impact review, and it is further

RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees hereby authorizes the Mayor to execute on behalf of the Village a grant agreement with DASNY, and such other related documents as may reasonably be required to complete such grant agreement, in a form approved by the Village Attorney.

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

Tentative Budget for the 2024/25 Fiscal Year

The tentative budget was presented to the Board by Mayor Weinberg (copies of the tentative budget and a memo discussing the tentative budget had been distributed to Board members prior to the meeting). The tentative budget was discussed by the Board of Trustees.

RESOLUTION 23-103

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

RESOLVED, that the tentative budget for the 2024/25 fiscal year is hereby approved in the form presented to the Board at this meeting, and it is further

RESOLVED, that a public hearing on the proposed budget for the 2024/25 fiscal year is hereby scheduled for Monday, January 8, 2024 at 7:30 pm at the Village Hall, and that the Village Administrator shall provide the notice of such public hearing as required by law.

A copy of the tentative budget is 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

2023/24 Budget Modifications

RESOLUTION 23-104

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

RESOLVED, that the following 2023/24 budget modifications as of December 11, 2023 are hereby accepted as presented:

Budget Modifications as 12/11/23	ADOPTED	Proposed Modification	Difference
	2023/24	12/11/23	
Revenues:			
OTHER TAX ITEMS			
A1020 Taxes Prior Years	\$3,317	\$0	(\$3,317)
USE OF MONEY & PROPERTY			
A2401 Interest Earnings	\$99,191	\$102,508	\$3,317
Change in Revenues:			\$0
Appropriations:			
FIRE DEPARTMENT			
A3410.1 Personal Service	\$47,822	\$48,530	\$708
SPECIAL ITEMS			
A1990.4 Contingent Account	\$71,924	\$71,216	(\$708)
STREET MAINTENANCE			
A5110.4e Supplies	\$10,000	\$11,000	\$1,000
A5110.4h Miscellaneous	\$3,000	\$2,000	(\$1,000)

UNDISTRIBUTED EMPLOYEE BENEFITS			
A9045.8 Medical & Dental	\$111,335	\$114,111	\$2,776
A9010.8 State Retirement	\$70,100	\$67,324	(\$2,776)
Change in Appropriations:			\$0

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

Speed Signs and Stop Signs

The Mayor reported that the two (2) radar speed signs that were ordered in August have been received and will be installed on Clent Road and Shoreward Drive.

The Board discussed possibility of installing stop signs with solar powered lights. The consensus of the Board was to consider the options available for such signs and seek out some quotations. Members of the Board suggested the following potential locations for such signs: Intersection of Highland Avenue and Shoreward Drive; Intersection of Highland Avenue and Colonial Road.

Vouchers

RESOLUTION 23-105

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

RESOLVED, that the vouchers, in the aggregate amount of \$170,994.73 (as itemized on the Abstract of Vouchers dated Monday, December 11, 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 Deputy Mayor Weston: Aye
Trustee Chagrin: Aye Trustee Halpern: Aye
Trustee Sherman: Aye

New Business

The Mayor reported that six (6) trees located in the Belgrave section of the Village may be removed as part of the current sidewalk replacement project.

Trustee Sherman suggested that the Village consider ordering plants for the traffic islands now, if possible. Mayor Weinberg would also like to explore the option of an intermunicipal agreement for the plantings on the traffic islands.

The Village of Kensington is interested in exploring the possibility of entering into an intermunicipal agreement with the Village of Thomaston for street sweeping three (3) times per year in the winter. Mayor Weinberg will look into this request further.

It has come to the attention of the Village that some residents have put holiday lights on the Village trees in the right-of-way. The Board discussed this matter. The Board was willing to consider looking into the possibility of allowing holiday lights on Village trees provided that the resident ask permission, provide a proposal including a sketch, the duration of time that the lights will be display and agree to indemnify the Village.

Trustee Sherman reported that a piece of the metal gate on Knightsbridge Road has a piece missing. The Mayor will direct the Superintendent of Public Work to repair or replace the missing piece.

Adjournment

At 8:37 p.m., there being no further business, a motion to adjourn was made by Trustee Halpern, seconded by Deputy Mayor Weston, and unanimously approved.

Respectfully Submitted,

Denise M. Knowland
Village Administrator

**VILLAGE OF THOMASTON
AUDITED VOUCHERS**

November 22 through December 11, 2023

Type	Date	Num	Name	Amount
Check	11/24/2023	4590	MICHAEL F. MCNERNEY ARCHITECT PLLC	-937.50
Check	11/30/2023	4591	NYS & LOCAL EMPLOYEES' RETIREMENT SYSTEM	-64,659.00
Check	12/01/2023	ET	FRANCOTYP-POSTALIA, INC.	-200.00
Check	12/04/2023	ACH	NYS & LOCAL EMPLOYEES' RETIREMENT SYSTEM	-358.84
Check	12/05/2023	4592	OPTIMUM	-13.00
Check	12/05/2023	4593	VERIZON WIRELESS	-62.50
Check	12/05/2023	4594	VERIZON	-125.23
Check	12/06/2023	4595	PSEGLI	-365.72
Check	12/06/2023	4596	PSEGLI	-11.78
Check	12/08/2023	4597	MICHAEL F. MCNERNEY ARCHITECT PLLC	-2,000.00
Check	12/11/2023	4600	W.B. MASON CO., INC.	-46.86
Check	12/11/2023	4601	HELLMAN ELECTRIC	-670.10
Check	12/11/2023	4602	COSTELLO'S ACE HARDWARE	-38.58
Check	12/11/2023	4603	NELSON + POPE	-1,755.00
Check	12/11/2023	4604	JORDAN ASSOCIATES	-258.00
Check	12/11/2023	4605	GENERAL WELDING SUPPLY CORP	-8.00
Check	12/11/2023	4606	WEX BANK	-1,620.77
Check	12/11/2023	4607	NYS EMPLOYEES' HEALTH INSURANCE	-15,391.03
Check	12/11/2023	4608	BUSINESS CARD	-731.79
Check	12/11/2023	4609	BUSINESS CARD	-70.65
Check	12/11/2023	4610	TOWN OF NORTH HEMPSTEAD-SWMA	-3,661.94
Check	12/11/2023	4611	MEYER, SUOZZI, ENGLISH & KLEIN, P.C.	-3,162.00
Check	12/11/2023	4612	FINE DETAILING	-200.00
Check	12/11/2023	4613	1000 BULBS	-613.88
Check	12/11/2023	4614	CHRISTOPHER GOMOKA	-500.00
Check	12/11/2023	4615	PARTS AUTHORITY LLC	-358.85
Check	12/11/2023	4616	SALERNO BROKERAGE CORP.	-213.00
Check	12/11/2023	4617	VOID	0.00
Check	12/11/2023	4618	NATIONAL FIRE & SAFETY SOLUTIONS, INC	-90.00
Check	12/11/2023	4619	CANON SOLUTIONS AMERICA, INC.	-200.75
Check	12/11/2023	4620	LOOKS GREAT SERVICES INC	-5,100.00
Check	12/11/2023	4621	SALERNO BROKERAGE CORP.	-67,569.96
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				170,994.73
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TOTAL				170,994.73