

**MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING
OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES
OF THE VILLAGE OF THOMASTON
January 9, 2023**

The Board of Trustees met on Monday, January 9, 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 Weston, Trustee Jay W. Chagrin, Trustee Aaron S. Halpern

Absent: Trustee Karen Lynne Siegel

The Mayor opened the meeting at 7:33 p.m.

Approval of Minutes

RESOLUTION 23-01

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

RESOLVED, that the minutes of the Board of Trustees meeting held on December 6, 2022 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:	Aye

RESOLUTION 23-02

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

RESOLVED, that the minutes of the Board of Trustees meeting held on December 12, 2022 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:	Abstain

Application of 235 Schenck Avenue

The Board reviewed the draft resolution prepared by the Village Attorney pursuant to the Board's December 6, 2022 resolution directing counsel to draft a decision for disapproval of the design for the application of 235 Schenck Avenue for a new two-story, single-family dwelling.

Mayor Weinberg moved adoption of the following resolution, which was seconded by Trustee Chagrin:

WHEREAS, pursuant to Village Code Chapter 16, the Design Review Board ("DRB") has recommended approval of a building permit application submitted and reviewed with respect to premises 235 Schenck Avenue in the Village of Thomaston ("Village"), and

WHEREAS, in the exercise of its decision-making authority pursuant to Village Code 16-7, the Village Board of Trustees ("BOT") has reviewed the said recommendation, and in doing so has considered the available record of the proceedings before the DRB, including the minutes of the DRB, and

WHEREAS, the BOT conducted its review at a public meeting of the Board held on December 6, 2022, at which time the BOT discussed the proposed design, and the nature and character of the neighborhood and community, and

WHEREAS, at the said December 6, 2022 meeting, the BOT also heard comments from the permit applicant and from members of the community, and

WHEREAS, following such review and comments, the BOT directed the Village Attorney to draft a decision, consistent with the comments of the members of the BOT at the December 6, 2022 meeting, for consideration of the Board at its next meeting,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED, that the instant application is a Type II Matter pursuant to the State Environmental Quality Review Act, which requires no separate review of environmental impacts, and it is further

RESOLVED, that the BOT hereby finds and concludes as follows:

- the general character of the homes in the immediate neighborhood of the subject property is homes of Dutch colonial, ranch, high ranch and cape cod design, whereas the proposed dwelling is not any of those designs and appears to be a mixed modern design with chateau elements
- the proposed design is inconsistent with the design of other homes on the same street or in the neighborhood
- the proposed design is inconsistent with the character of the neighborhood, and disruptive of the nature and “feel” of the neighborhood
- the proposed design is excessively dissimilar to, and inappropriate for, the neighborhood such as to adversely affect the nearby properties
- the proposed design would not be in harmony with the purposes Village Code Chapter 16, and particularly section 16-5(A)
- the proposed design is visually offensive by reason of appearance, and visual or architectural discord in relation to the site or surrounding properties in the immediate vicinity, so as to be detrimental to, and disruptive of, the character of the neighborhood
- the proposed design would mar, and adversely affect, the appearance of the area
- the proposed design would impair the enjoyment and desirability of properties in the area
- although zoning compliant, the proposed design is too large for the lot, and would visually overwhelm the neighborhood, and it is further

RESOLVED, that the proposed design is not consistent with the purposes of Village Code Chapter 16, and it is further

RESOLVED, that the BOT hereby finds and concludes that the recommendation of the DRB is hereby reversed, , and it is further

RESOLVED, that the permit application for 235 Schenck Avenue be, and hereby is, denied.

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

The motion did not receive affirmative votes of a majority of the whole Board, and was not adopted.

North Shore Agreement - Amendment 6

The Board reviewed “Amendment 6” of the North Shore Agreement concerning their annual contribution to the Village.

RESOLUTION 23-04

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

RESOLVED, that the Mayor is authorized to execute, on behalf of the Village, Amendment No. 6 to the North Shore Agreement.

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

A copy of the agreement is on file at the Village Office.

2023/24 Tentative Budget

RESOLUTION 23-05

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

RESOLVED, that the tentative budget for the 2023-2024 fiscal year is hereby revised as follows:

1. A1990.4 Contingent Account (as indicated on “Appropriations” page) is adjusted to \$71,924
2. A5110.2 Maintenance of Streets & Capital Outlay (as indicated on “Appropriations” page) is adjusted to \$305,000
3. A1189 Contribution (as indicated on “Revenues” page) is adjusted to \$45,000 to reflect the new contribution amount pursuant to Amendment No. 6 of the North Shore Agreement which was subsequently executed by North Shore and the Village as approved by the Board of Trustees on January 9, 2023
4. Revenue Other than Real Estate Taxes (as indicated on “Summary Worksheet) is adjusted to \$924,444, based on item #3 above.
5. Taxable Assessed Value of the Village (as indicated on “Summary Worksheet”) is adjusted to \$4,212,942
6. Appropriations (as indicated on “Summary Worksheet) is adjusted to \$2,388,623
7. Amount Raised by General Tax (as indicated on “Summary Worksheet) is adjusted to \$1,410,535
8. Total Amount to be Raised by Taxes (as indicated on “Summary Worksheet) is adjusted to \$1,464,844

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

Public Hearing on 2023/24 Tentative Budget

Mayor Weinberg opened the public hearing on the 2023/24 tentative budget at 7:57 p.m.

The Board discussed the 2023/24 tentative budget.

The Mayor invited comments from the public. One (1) member of the public was present during the public hearing but did not comment on the 2023/24 tentative budget.

After all interested parties were heard, the public hearing was closed at 8:04 p.m.

RESOLUTION 23-06

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

RESOLVED, that the public hearing on 2023/24 tentative budget is hereby closed.

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

Adoption of 2023/24 Budget

RESOLUTION 23-07

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

RESOLVED, that the Budget of the Village of Thomaston for the fiscal year March 1, 2023 through February 29, 2024, 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 \$15.318 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 2023/24 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 \$15.318 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

Resolution Authorizing the Mayor to Execute the Tax Warrant

RESOLUTION 23-08

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 2023/24 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

Village Election 2023 – Polling Place

RESOLUTION 23- 09

Upon motion of Trustee Halpern, 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 21, 2023, and the hours of election,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the polling place for the village election to be held on March 21, 2023 shall be Manhasset Lakeville Firehouse Company No. 3, 25 Prospect Street, 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

Village Election Inspectors

RESOLUTION 23-10

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 21, 2023 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	Democrat
Linda B. Emanuel	36 Barstow 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
Qiping Zhang	28 Valley View Road	Republican
Elaine Igeneri	700 Middle Neck Road, Great Neck	Democrat
Evan Racsko	21 Beach Road, Great Neck	Democrat
Albert J. DeFalco	25 Park Place, Great Neck	Republican
Benji Z. Jiang	38 Somerset Drive S, 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

Amendment to Employee Manual

This matter was tabled.

2022/23 Budget Modifications

RESOLUTION 23-11

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

RESOLVED, that the following 2022/23 budget modifications as of January 9, 2023 are hereby accepted as presented:

Budget Modifications as 1/9/23	ADOPTED	Proposed Modification	Difference
	2022/23	1/9/23	
STREET MAINTENANCE			
A5110.4f Signs	\$11,955	\$9,432	(\$2,523)
A5110.4h Miscellaneous	\$4,000	\$6,523	\$2,523
NET CHANGE IN APPROPRIATIONS:			\$0

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

Review Design Review Board Recommendation

Application to demolish existing single-family dwelling and construct a new single-family dwelling at 23 Valley View Road.

RESOLUTION 23-12

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

RESOLVED, that Board of Trustees hereby affirms the Design Review Board’s recommendation of approval of the application of Andeer 23 Valley LLC, 23 Valley View Road, Thomaston for a new single-family dwelling.

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

At 8:33 p.m. the Board entered into executive session.

RESOLUTION 23-13

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

RESOLVED, that Board of Trustees shall enter into executive session to discuss potential litigation.

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

At 8:43 p.m. the Board returned to public session.

RESOLUTION 23-14

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

RESOLVED, that Board of Trustees shall return to public session.

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

Vouchers

RESOLUTION 23- 15

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

RESOLVED, that vouchers, in the aggregate amount of \$ 280,238.42 (as itemized on the Abstract of Vouchers dated Monday, January 9, 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

Adjournment

At 9:05 p.m., there being no further business, a motion to adjourn was made by Deputy Mayor Weston, seconded by Trustee Halpern, and unanimously approved.

Respectfully Submitted,

Denise M. Knowland
Village Administrator

**VILLAGE OF THOMASTON
AUDITED VOUCHERS**

December 13, 2022 through January 9, 2023

Type	Date	Num	Name	Amount
Check	12/13/2022	ET	FRANCOTYP-POSTALIA, INC.	-200.00
Check	12/16/2022	4027	WATER AUTHORITY OF GREAT NECK NORTH	-44.37
Check	12/16/2022	4028	NATIONAL GRID	-483.52
Check	12/16/2022	4029	NATIONAL GRID	-710.53
Check	12/16/2022	4030	NATIONAL GRID	-301.82
Check	12/16/2022	4031	NATIONAL GRID	-838.11
Check	12/20/2022	4032	PSEGLI	-64.92
Check	12/20/2022	4033	PSEGLI	-534.35
Check	12/20/2022	4034	PSEGLI	-100.16
Check	12/23/2022	4037	MICHAEL F. MCNERNEY ARCHITECT PLLC	-1,468.75
Check	01/03/2023	4038	VERIZON	-122.14
Check	01/03/2023	4039	VERIZON WIRELESS	-62.44
Check	01/03/2023	4040	PSEGLI	-455.52
Check	01/03/2023	4041	PSEGLI	-11.79
Check	01/06/2023	ACH	MICHAEL F. MCNERNEY ARCHITECT PLLC	-781.25
Check	01/09/2023	4043	FRANCOTYP-POSTALIA, INC.	-136.50
Check	01/09/2023	4044	MEYER, SUOZZI, ENGLISH & KLEIN, P.C.	-1,965.00
Check	01/09/2023	4045	IMPACT FIRE SERVICES LLC	-217.00
Check	01/09/2023	4046	CITYWIDE PLUMBING SERVICES CORP	-5,475.00
Check	01/09/2023	4047	NATIONAL FIRE & SAFETY SOLUTIONS, INC	-90.00
Check	01/09/2023	4048	PARAMOUNT PEST MANAGEMENT	-225.00
Check	01/09/2023	4049	AUTO BARN	-321.62
Check	01/09/2023	4050	W.B. MASON CO., INC.	-41.99
Check	01/09/2023	4051	DENTCARE DELIVERY SYSTEMS	-86.70
Check	01/09/2023	4052	ROY COLE	-496.00
Check	01/09/2023	4053	JOHN MCGOWAN & SONS, INC.	-209,693.82
Check	01/09/2023	4054	SHELTER POINT LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY	-249.00
Check	01/09/2023	4055	KOEPEL MARTONE & LEISTMAN, LLC	-8,700.00
Check	01/09/2023	4056	ANTON COMMUNITY NEWSPAPERS	-97.50
Check	01/09/2023	4057	OPTIMUM	-11.00
Check	01/09/2023	4058	BUSINESS CARD	-706.01
Check	01/09/2023	4059	BUSINESS CARD	-46.48
Check	01/09/2023	4060	STAPLES CREDIT PLAN	-18.79
Check	01/09/2023	4061	FINE DETAILING	-200.00
Check	01/09/2023	4062	GENERAL WELDING SUPPLY CORP	-7.50
Check	01/09/2023	4063	B & R PLUMBING & HEATING OF L.I. INC.	-549.00
Check	01/09/2023	4064	MSC INDUSTRIAL SUPPLY CO	-16.20
Check	01/09/2023	4065	JORDAN ASSOCIATES	-405.00
Check	01/09/2023	4066	TOWN OF NORTH HEMPSTEAD-SWMA	-3,193.87
Check	01/09/2023	4067	WATER AUTHORITY OF GREAT NECK NORTH	-1,455.30

Check	01/09/2023	4068	ANTON MEDIA GROUP	-97.50
Check	01/09/2023	4069	WEX BANK	-1,109.83
Check	01/09/2023	4070	HOME DEPOT CREDIT SERVICES	-92.75
Check	01/09/2023	4071	LOWES BUSINESS ACCT/SYNCB	-169.02
Check	01/09/2023	4072	MEADOW CARTING CORP	-33,590.00
Check	01/09/2023	4073	GRAINGER	-70.72
Check	01/09/2023	4074	STAPLES	-64.01
Check	01/09/2023	4075	ATLANTIC SALT	-4,230.34
Check	01/09/2023	4076	PATRICIA HOLSGROVE	-230.30
Check	01/09/2023	4077	JORDAN ASSOCIATES	-125.00
				-280,363.42
				-280,363.42

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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.....	\$1,410,535	00
For Vigilant Fire District.....	\$54,309	00
For.....		
For.....		
For.....		
Being for all purposes a total amount of.....	\$1,464,844	00

Upon the receipt of the roll and warrant by you and on or before the first day of March, 2023, 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, 2023, to and including March thirty-first, 2023, 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, 2023, 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, 2023, 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 9th day of January 2023



Mayor

Attest



Village Administrator

[Seal of Village]