

**MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING
OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES
OF THE VILLAGE OF THOMASTON
February 14, 2022**

The Board of Trustees met on Monday, February 14, 2022 via videoconference at 7:30 p.m.

Present: Mayor Steven Weinberg, Trustee Jill Monoson, Trustee To-on Pang, and Trustee Burton Weston

Absent: Deputy Mayor James Sharkey

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

Mayor Weinberg read the following statement regarding the procedures for this meeting:

“Due to public health and safety concerns related to COVID-19, and pursuant to New York State law, this meeting of the Board of Trustees is not being held in person.

The Board is meeting by videoconferencing. The meeting is being recorded and a transcription will be provided at a later date. The public has the opportunity to observe this meeting live online and to submit comments, pursuant to instructions given on the Village website and in the meeting notice.

The Village Administrator will now call the roll for attendance at this meeting by members of the Board and relevant Village staff.”

The Village Administrator called the roll

A quorum of the Board is in attendance and the Board began the business of the meeting.

Adoption of Minutes

RESOLUTION 22-11

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

RESOLVED, that the minutes of the Board of Trustees meeting held on January 10, 2022 are hereby approved and accepted as amended.

The vote on this resolution was:	Mayor Weinberg:	Aye	Trustee Monoson:	Aye
	Trustee Pang:	Aye	Trustee Weston:	Aye

Special Meeting of the Board of Trustees

RESOLUTION 22-12

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

WHEREAS the Landmarks Preservation Commission (Commission) has approved requests to designate the building at 124 S. Middle Neck Road, Thomaston, as a landmark pursuant to Village Code Chapter 120, and

WHEREAS, the Landmarks Preservation Commission has transmitted a written determination stating its findings and conclusions to the Board of Trustees, and

WHEREAS §120-4 E(2) of the Village of Thomaston Code grants the Board of Trustees authority to affirm or modify a determination of the Commission provided that such action is considered at a public hearing of the Board,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT,

RESOLVED, that Board of Trustees shall hold a special meeting and public hearing for such purpose on February 24, 2022 at 7:30 p.m. via Zoom videoconference webinar, and it is further

RESOLVED, that the Village Administrator give legal notice of such special meeting and public hearing as required by law.

The vote on this resolution was:	Mayor Weinberg:	Aye	Trustee Monoson:	Aye
	Trustee Pang:	Aye	Trustee Weston:	Aye

Heating Repairs at Village Hall

RESOLUTION 22-13

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

WHEREAS, in mid-January 2022, the heating system in the meeting room at the Village Hall ceased to operate properly, as a result of which there was insufficient heat to permit continuation of proper and necessary Village Hall operations, and

WHEREAS, B&R Plumbing and Heating of L.I. Inc., 315 Smithtown Boulevard, Nesconset, NY 11767 provides maintenance service on the HVAC systems at the Village Hall pursuant to an annual service contract, and

WHEREAS, B&R Plumbing and Heating of L.I. Inc. is familiar with the HVAC systems at the Village Hall and has previously provided satisfactory service with respect to thereto,

WHEREAS, B&R Plumbing and Heating of L.I. Inc. made several service calls to troubleshoot the issue with the heating system in the meeting room at Village Hall and determined, in consultation with the manufacturer of the heating equipment, that the existing ductwork is undersized for the equipment and causing the unit to lock out, and

WHEREAS, B&R Plumbing and Heating of L.I. Inc. provided a quotation in the amount of \$3,850.00 to make necessary alterations to the existing ductwork to increase air flow through the system, and

WHEREAS, the Village solicited two (2) verbal quotations from All Seasons Air Conditioning, Inc. and Maccarone Plumbing Inc., to perform such work, in response to which each company replied that it would need to send a technician to perform diagnostics in order to confirm the issue with the unit, for which the Village would be required to compensate each prospective service provider at the following rates: (1) All Seasons Air Conditioning, Inc.: \$285 for 1st hour, \$100.00 for each additional 30 minutes (2) Maccarone Plumbing Inc.: \$288 per hour; and

WHEREAS, the foregoing events took place in winter at which time it is necessary to have heat in the meeting room zone, which also includes office space and a file room, and

WHEREAS, the lack of heat constituted an emergency situation, and danger to health, which warranted exigent remedial action, in response to which the Mayor authorized B&R Plumbing & Heating of L.I. Inc. to perform the necessary remedial work on an emergency basis;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees hereby ratifies the action of the Mayor in accepting the quotation of B&R Plumbing and Heating of L.I. Inc., in the amount of \$3,850.00 and authorizing B&R Plumbing and Heating of L.I. Inc. to perform the necessary repairs on an emergency basis.

The vote on this resolution was:	Mayor Weinberg:	Aye	Trustee Monoson:	Aye
	Trustee Pang:	Aye	Trustee Weston:	Aye

Replacement of Salt Spreader

RESOLUTION 22-14

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

WHEREAS, during the winter storm season in early 2022, a Village salt spreader, purchased by the Village in 2012, and scheduled to be replaced in the 2022/23 fiscal year, ceased to be in useful condition; and

WHEREAS, the Superintendent of Public Works was able to make a temporary repair, but it is believed that this temporary repair will not be sufficient for the remainder of the current snow season; and

WHEREAS, there is an urgent need for the Village to have working salt spreader equipment to protect public health and safety during the current winter season, such that a purchase had to be completed before the next regularly scheduled meeting of the Board of Trustees when such purchase could be approved; and

WHEREAS, in accordance with the Village procurement policy and in anticipation of purchase of a new salt spreader in the 2022/23 fiscal year, the Superintendent of Public Works had solicited quotes for purchase of a replacement salt spreader; and

WHEREAS, upon the unexpected breakdown of the existing salt spreader, in compliance with the Village procurement policy the Superintendent of Public Works again contacted vendors regarding purchase of a new 2.5 cubic yard salt spreader, two of which vendors advised that the equipment would not be available for several months, and one of which vendors advised that if the equipment were ordered promptly, it could be delivered within 1 to 1.5 weeks; and

WHEREAS, in order to obtain this necessary equipment as quickly as reasonably possible, and in time for the current winter season, after individual consultation with the other members of the Board of Trustees, the Mayor directed that the Village proceed immediately to order the purchase from the vendor with the earliest anticipated delivery date,

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees hereby ratifies, confirms and approves the aforesaid actions of the Village and its officials to purchase from Vasso Systems, Inc. a SaltDogg Model Pro 2500 2.5 cubic yard salt spreader, with Poly Hopper and auger, for delivery to the Village Public Works Department within 1 to 1.5 weeks, at a cost not to exceed \$6530.00, in accordance with its quote dated December 21, 2021.

The vote on this resolution was: Mayor Weinberg: Aye Trustee Monoson: Aye
Trustee Pang: Aye Trustee Weston: Aye

Appointment of Part-time Substitute Laborer

Mayor Weinberg appointed Michael J. Manovsky as Part-Time Substitute Laborer, effective January 28, 2022, subject to approval of the Nassau County Civil Service Commission.

RESOLUTION 22-15

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

RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees hereby ratifies the Mayor’s appointment of Michael J. Manovsky as Part-time Substitute Laborer, effective January 28, 2022, to be compensated at the rate of \$26.00 per hour, subject to the approval of the Nassau County Civil Service Commission, and it is further

RESOLVED, that the Village Administrator is authorized and directed to file any and all forms reasonably necessary to comply with requirements of the Nassau County Civil Service Commission to implement this resolution.

The vote on this resolution was: Mayor Weinberg: Aye Trustee Monoson: Aye
Trustee Pang: Aye Trustee Weston: Aye

2022 Village Election – Agreement with Nassau County Board of Elections

RESOLUTION 22-16

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

WHEREAS, the Village of Thomaston will be conducting the Village Election on Tuesday, March 15, 2022 between the hours of noon and 9 p.m., and

WHEREAS, the Village has requested that the Nassau County Board of Elections provide election services consisting of the provision and usage of voting machines compliant with the New York State Election Law, including all equipment and supplies necessary to conduct voting operations (voting systems) as well as training and assistance concerning voting machine operations, and

WHEREAS, the Nassau County Board of Elections requires that the Village of Thomaston enter into a Memorandum of Agreement for such election systems and training, and

WHEREAS, the Nassau County Board of Elections required the acceptance and execution of such Memorandum of Agreement by a deadline prior to the schedule date of the Board’s next regular monthly meeting, and

WHEREAS, in order to assure that the Village would be compliant with State law for using voting machines in the March 15, 2022 village general election, the Mayor executed the Memorandum of Agreement in a form approved by the Village Attorney,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees hereby ratifies the action of the Mayor in executing the Memorandum of Agreement with the Nassau County Board of Elections

The vote on this resolution was: Mayor Weinberg: Aye Trustee Monoson: Aye
Trustee Pang: Aye Trustee Weston: Aye

2022 Village Election – Indemnity/Hold Harmless Agreement with Manhasset-Lakeville Fire District

RESOLUTION 22-17

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

WHEREAS, the Village of Thomaston election will be conducted on March 15, 2022 between the hours of noon and 9 p.m. at the Manhasset-Lakeville Fire District’s facility located at 25 Prospect Street, Thomaston, NY 11021, and

WHEREAS, the Manhasset--Lakeville Fire District (the “District) requires all entities using the District’s facilities to execute an Indemnification/Hold Harmless Agreement and comply with the District’s insurance requirements,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees hereby authorizes the Mayor to execute an Indemnification/Hold Harmless Agreement as required by the Manhasset-Lakeville Fire District.

The vote on this resolution was: Mayor Weinberg: Aye Trustee Monoson: Aye
Trustee Pang: Aye Trustee Weston: Aye

Village Code Change

RESOLUTION 22-18

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

WHEREAS, with certain specified exceptions, the New York State Public Officers Law, the New York State Village Law, and Chapter 33 of the Village Code require that Village officers be residents of the Village of Thomaston, and

WHEREAS, the Village is required pursuant to the New York State Election Law to designate inspectors of election from a list of qualified inspectors provided by the Nassau County Board of Elections, and

WHEREAS, the list of qualified inspectors supplied by the Nassau County Board of Elections sometimes includes persons who are residents of Nassau County, but who are not residents of the Village of Thomaston, and

WHEREAS, the Public Officers Law allows the Village Board of Trustees, by resolution, to provide that certain officers of the Village may reside outside the Village, but within Nassau County, and

WHEREAS, to assure that the Village is in compliance with the Public Officers Law, the Village Law, and the Election Law, the Board of Trustees deems it in the best interests of the Village to require that inspectors of election appointed by the Board of Trustees need not be residents of the Village of Thomaston, provided that such inspectors be residents of Nassau County,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED, effective immediately, that Section 33-1 of the Village Code be, and hereby is, amended, by adding thereto a new Subsection, to be Subsection D, to read as follows:

“D. Notwithstanding the provisions of Subsection B hereof, inspectors of election at Village elections need not be residents of the Village of Thomaston, but must be residents of the County of Nassau.”

and it is further

RESOLVED, that the Village Administrator shall notify General Code Publishers Corp. of the adoption of this resolution, for inclusion in the Village Code publicly made available by such company.

The vote on this resolution was:	Mayor Weinberg:	Aye	Trustee Monoson:	Aye
	Trustee Pang:	Aye	Trustee Weston:	Aye

Appointment of Village Election Inspectors

RESOLUTION 22-19

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

WHEREAS, on January 10, 2022 the Board of Trustees appointed two (2) Republican election inspectors and three (3) alternate Republican inspectors for the village election to be held on March 15, 2022, and

WHEREAS, one (1) of the Republican inspectors appointed on January 10, 2022 cannot serve as an election inspector and all three (3) alternate inspectors declined to serve,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT

RESOLVED, that the following persons are hereby designated and appointed inspectors of election, and shall meet on March 15, 2022 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
Linda 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
Aristeia Gauriel	1 Jordan Drive, Great Neck	Republican
Lucy Luo	30 Valley View Road, Great Neck	Republican

The vote on this resolution was:	Mayor Weinberg:	Aye	Trustee Monoson:	Aye
	Trustee Pang:	Aye	Trustee Weston:	Aye

Public Hearing on the 2022 Vigilant Fire Protection and Emergency Ambulance Service Contract

At 8:12 p.m. Mayor Weinberg opened the public hearing on the proposed 2022 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

Mayor Weinberg recognized David Weiss, Chairman of the Board of Trustees of Great Neck Vigilant Engine and Hook & Ladder Co., Inc., who gave an overview of the 2022 budget and contract. Mr. Weiss that there was an increase of approximately 2.8% in the budget largely due to the purchase of a fire truck and the debt service related to said purchase.

There was a brief period of questions and comments from the public. After all interested parties were heard, the public hearing was closed at 8:25 p.m.

RESOLUTION 22-20

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

RESOLVED, that the public hearing on the 2022 Vigilant Fire Protection and Emergency Ambulance Service Contract is hereby closed.

The vote on this resolution was:	Mayor Weinberg:	Aye	Trustee Monoson:	Aye
	Trustee Pang:	Aye	Trustee Weston:	Aye

RESOLUTION 22-21

Upon motion of Mayor Weinberg, seconded by Trustee Monoson, 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 the proposed 2022 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.

The vote on this resolution was:	Mayor Weinberg:	Aye	Trustee Monoson:	Aye
	Trustee Pang:	Aye	Trustee Weston:	Aye

2021/22 Budget Modifications

RESOLUTION 22-22

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

RESOLVED, that the following 2021/2022 Budget Modifications as of February 14, 2022 are hereby accepted as presented:

	ADOPTED 2021/22	Proposed Modification 2/14/22	Difference
CLERK-TREASURER			
A1325.2 Equipment	\$6,250	\$3,050	(\$3,200)
A1325.4c Legal Notices	\$2,000	\$2,200	\$200
A1325.4d Misc.	\$6,750	\$9,750	\$3,000
SPECIAL ITEMS			
A1950.4 Property Taxes	\$1,600	\$2,138	\$538
A1964.4 Refund of Taxes	\$85,000	\$84,462	(\$538)
Change in Appropriations:			\$0

The vote on this resolution was:	Mayor Weinberg:	Aye	Trustee Monoson:	Aye
	Trustee Pang:	Aye	Trustee Weston:	Aye

New Business

The Mayor summarized the activities of the Department of Public Works since the last Board of Trustees meeting.

Trustee Pang asked the Mayor for a status update on the manhole at the intersection of Colonial Road and Highland Avenue, which periodically fills with water. The Mayor will discuss this issue with the Superintendent of Public Works.

Nancy Sherman, a resident of Knightsbridge Road, asked several questions related to snow removal in the Village.

Deposit Refunds

RESOLUTION 22-23

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

RESOLVED, that the refunds of deposits, in the aggregate amount of \$5,425.44 (as itemized on the Abstract of Refunds dated Monday, February 14, 2022), are hereby approved for disbursement from the Trust and Agency Fund.

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

The vote on this resolution was:	Mayor Weinberg:	Aye	Trustee Monoson:	Aye
	Trustee Pang:	Aye	Trustee Weston:	Aye

Vouchers

RESOLUTION 22-24

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

RESOLVED, that the vouchers, in the aggregate amount of \$98,466.12 (as itemized on the Abstract of Vouchers dated Monday, February 14, 2022), 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 Monoson:	Aye
	Trustee Pang:	Aye	Trustee Weston:	Aye

Adjournment

At 8:51 p.m., there being no further business, a motion to adjourn was made by Trustee Weston, seconded by Trustee Pang, and unanimously approved.

Respectfully Submitted,

Denise M. Knowland
Village Administrator

VILLAGE OF THOMASTON - Trust and Agency Fund

AUDITED REFUNDS

January 11 through February 14, 2022

Type	Num	Date	Name	Memo	Original Amount
Check	1015	02/14/2022	WEST MEADOW CONTRACTING, INC.	Deposit Refund	-2,774.50
				Refund unused portion of deposit	2,774.50
					2,774.50
Check	1016	02/14/2022	STANLEY LEVINE	DEPOSIT REFUND	-2,650.94
				Refund unused portion of deposit for:	2,650.94
					2,650.94
TOTAL					-5,425.44

INC. VILLAGE OF THOMASTON**AUDITED VOUCHERS****January 11 through February 14, 2022**

Type	Date	Num	Name	Amount
Check	01/18/2022	3493	CHARLES BERMAN, RECEIVER OF TAXES	-2.10
Check	01/18/2022	3494	CHARLES BERMAN, RECEIVER OF TAXES	-2,120.79
Check	01/18/2022	3495	CHARLES BERMAN, RECEIVER OF TAXES	-15.03
Check	01/18/2022	3496	PSEGLI	-118.23
Check	01/18/2022	3497	PSEGLI	-592.66
Check	01/18/2022	3498	NATIONAL GRID	-810.14
Check	01/18/2022	3499	NATIONAL GRID	-558.30
Check	01/18/2022	3500	NATIONAL GRID	-364.65
Check	01/18/2022	3501	NATIONAL GRID	-910.34
Check	01/18/2022	ET	FRANCOTYP-POSTALIA, INC.	-200.00
Check	01/19/2022	3502	WATER AUTHORITY OF GREAT NECK NORTH	-44.37
Check	01/21/2022	ACH	MICHAEL F. MCNERNEY ARCHITECT PLLC	-1,293.75
Check	01/27/2022	3505	PSEGLI	-67.01
Check	02/01/2022	3506	VERIZON	-111.78
Check	02/01/2022	3507	VERIZON WIRELESS	-79.25
Check	02/04/2022	ACH	MICHAEL F. MCNERNEY ARCHITECT PLLC	-1,121.25
Check	02/04/2022	3510	PSEGLI	-823.58
Check	02/04/2022	3511	PSEGLI	-22.14
Check	02/14/2022	3512	WINTERS BROS. HAULING OF LI, LLC	-1,500.00
Check	02/14/2022	3513	NOVEMBER AND SONS LLC	-225.00
Check	02/14/2022	3514	STAPLES	-186.53
Check	02/14/2022	3515	AUTO BARN	-565.60
Check	02/14/2022	3516	COSTELLO'S HARDWARE	-58.47
Check	02/14/2022	3517	ATLANTIC SALT	-3,443.77
Check	02/14/2022	3518	OLD VILLAGE TREE SERVICE	-875.00
Check	02/14/2022	3519	OPTIMUM	-22.00
Check	02/14/2022	3520	FINE DETAILING	-250.00
Check	02/14/2022	3521	GENERAL WELDING SUPPLY CORP	-7.50
Check	02/14/2022	3522	WEX BANK	-983.17
Check	02/14/2022	3523	TOWN OF NORTH HEMPSTEAD-SWMA	-677.59
Check	02/14/2022	3524	SKINNON & FABER, CPA'S, P.C.	-34.76
Check	02/14/2022	3525	BUSINESS CARD	-1,159.96
Check	02/14/2022	3526	BUSINESS CARD	-113.63
Check	02/14/2022	3527	HOME DEPOT CREDIT SERVICES	-146.50
Check	02/14/2022	3528	W.B. MASON CO., INC.	-21.93
Check	02/14/2022	3529	NYS EMPLOYEES' HEALTH INSURANCE	-15,709.12

Check	02/14/2022	3530	BLANK SLATE MEDIA , LLC	-588.35
Check	02/14/2022	3531	CASHIN SPINELLI & FERRETTI, LLC	-2,025.50
Check	02/14/2022	3532	JORDAN ASSOCIATES	-1,592.50
Check	02/14/2022	3533	LOGISTICS PRINTING, INC	-305.90
Check	02/14/2022	3534	JENNIFER DEVLIN	-4,626.00
Check	02/14/2022	3535	MEYER, SUOZZI, ENGLISH & KLEIN, P.C.	-7,200.00
Check	02/14/2022	3536	MEADOW CARTING CORP	-32,778.00
Check	02/14/2022	3537	WATER AUTHORITY OF GREAT NECK NORTH	-44.37
Check	02/14/2022	3538	VASSO WASTE SYSTEMS, INC.	-6,530.00
Check	02/14/2022	3539	FP MAILING SOLUTIONS	-136.50
Check	02/14/2022	3540	B & R PLUMBING & HEATING OF L.I. INC.	-3,850.00
Check	02/14/2022	3541	BLANK SLATE MEDIA , LLC	-184.96
Check	02/14/2022	3542	NATIONAL GRID	-702.15
Check	02/14/2022	3543	NATIONAL GRID	-1,055.65
Check	02/14/2022	3544	NATIONAL GRID	-427.95
Check	02/14/2022	3545	NATIONAL GRID	-1,182.39
				-98,466.12
TOTAL				-98,466.12