

**MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING
OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES
OF THE VILLAGE OF THOMASTON
March 10, 2025**

The Board of Trustees met on Monday, March 10, 2025 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 Aaron Halpern, Trustee Jay Chagrin, and Trustee Nancy Sherman

Absent or Excused:

The Mayor opened the meeting at 7:36 p.m.

Approval of Minutes

RESOLUTION 25-25

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

RESOLVED, that the minutes of the Board of Trustees meeting held on February 10, 2025 are hereby approved and accepted as presented.

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

Public Hearing on the 2025 Vigilant Contract

At 7:37 p.m. Mayor Weinberg opened the public hearing on the proposed 2025 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.

There was a brief period of discussion amongst from the Board. David Weiss, Trustee of the Vigilant Engine & Hook & Ladder Co., Inc. was in attendance. Mr. Weiss answered some questions and provided an update on ambulance billing.

After all interested parties were heard, the Mayor closed the public hearing at 7:40 p.m.

RESOLUTION 25-26

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

RESOLVED, that the public hearing on the 2024 Vigilant Fire Protection and Emergency Ambulance Service Contract is hereby closed.

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

RESOLUTION 25-27

Upon motion of Deputy Mayor Weston, seconded by Trustee Sherman, 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 for good cause shown, to the extent that documentation required by statute has not been provided, the Board finds and concludes that it has sufficient information with regard to the proposed contract, and waives any insufficiencies in the information provided; and it is further

RESOLVED, that the proposed 2025 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	Deputy Mayor Weston:	Aye
	Trustee Chagrin:	Aye	Trustee Halpern:	Aye
	Trustee Sherman:	Aye		

New Business

Sara Blumenstein, a resident of Brompton Road, addressed the Board about beautifying an area of the Village Hall with native plants. Ms. Blumenstein is working with ReWild Long Island, an organization that is dedicated to collaborating with local communities across Long Island to protect and improve the biodiversity, resilience and health of regional ecosystems. This is achieved by adopting sustainable landscaping practices centered on the use of native plants.

Ms. Blumstein has offered to provide and plant native flowers in a section of the Village Hall parking with the help of volunteers in the community. The Board members were in favor of Ms. Blumenstein's proposal.

RESOLUTION 25-28

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

Resolved, that the Board authorizes the installation of native plants and a bird bath in the Village Hall parking lot, to be coordinated by Sara Blumenstein, executed by community volunteers, subject to the direction of the Superintendent of the Public Works.

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

Zvi Alumna, a resident of Windsor Road, addressed the Board about his concerns, and the community at-large, that there are single family home(s) whose owner(s) are renting rooms via Airbnb and VRBO in the Village of Thomaston. Mr. Alumna's concerns includes a general breaking of trust in the community and security within Thomaston that comes with transient rentals which are in violation of the Village Code.

2024/25 SCAR Stipulations of Settlement and Discontinuances

RESOLUTION 25-29

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

WHEREAS, the Board of Trustees is in receipt of various stipulations of settlement and/or discontinuance of Small Claims Assessment matters which have been executed by the Village's representative, as listed on the schedule attached to these minutes,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees hereby ratifies and confirms the aforesaid stipulations of settlement and/or discontinuance, and it is further

RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees approves and authorizes the payment of refunds of the 2024/25 tax year tax payments, in the aggregate amount of \$5,305.56, reflecting the difference between the original and amended assessment as determined by the said stipulations, and it is further

RESOLVED, that the Village Administrator shall issue refunds of the 2024/25 tax year to the applicant's representative(s) as may be required by such stipulations.

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

Review RFP TH1-2025 - Lawn and Shrub Maintenance

The Board reviewed four (4) proposals for Lawn and Shrub Maintenance Services for the Village Hall, and two (2) traffic islands located at Avalon Road & Terrace Drive

RESOLUTION 25-30

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

WHEREAS, on February 21, 2025 a request for proposal (RFP TH1-2025) was issued for Lawn and Shrub Maintenance, and

WHEREAS, on February 26, 2025 a revised request for proposals was issued, to clarify questions received by vendors to include a revised proposal form, revisions to the agreement items #1 and #2, and addition of Schedule B, to provide proposals to the Village for Lawn and Shrub Maintenance services, and

WHEREAS, the Board of Trustees has received, and reviewed proposals in response to RFP TH1-2025 from Creative Landscaping by Cow Bay Inc., Franscale Landscaping NY LLC dba The Grounds Guys of Nassau County, and F.A. Sarnelli Landscaping LLC, and Con-Kel Landscaping Inc. (Due on March 7, 2025), and

WHEREAS, each of the vendors submitting a proposal is qualified for this particular project, and

WHEREAS, the Board of Trustees concludes, based on its evaluation of the experience, qualifications, and available services, that Con-Kel Landscaping Inc. is the most suitable to provider for the services required for this particular service,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT

RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees accepts the proposal of Con-Kel Landscaping Inc., dated March 7, 2025 for landscaping services at a lump sum cost of \$4,830.00 for the work described in Schedule A and an hourly cost per worker per hour in the amount of \$65.00 for Planting of Shrubs and \$65.00 for Removal of Shrubs as described in Schedule B, and it is further

RESOLVED, that the Mayor is authorized to execute such documents as may reasonably be necessary, to retain the services of Con-Kel Landscaping Inc., in accordance with its foregoing proposal.

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

Copies of the RFP and the submitted proposals are available at the Village Office.

Design Review Recommendations

Application of 3 Gallagher

The Board discussed the Design Review Board's recommendation to approve the exterior design of the new single-family dwelling at 3 Gallagher Court.

RESOLUTION 25-31

Upon motion of Mayor Weinberg, seconded by Trustee Halpern, 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 Xiao Tian Falig, Huiyou Shen, and Yuntong Jiang, 3 Gallagher Court, 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
Trustee Sherman: Aye

2025 Stormwater Management Plan and Draft 2024 Annual MS4 Report

The Board reviewed the draft Stormwater Management Plan and 2024 Annual MS4 Report. The Mayor invited comments from the public. No members of the public offered any comments.

Appoint Part-Time Laborer-Substitute

Mayor Weinberg appointed Ryan M. Engberg as Part-Time Laborer Substitute, effective March 7, 2025.

RESOLUTION 25-31

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

RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees hereby ratifies the Mayor's appointment of Ryan M. Enberg as Part-Time Laborer Substitute, effective March 7, 2025, 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 Deputy Mayor Weston: Aye
Trustee Chagrin: Aye Trustee Halpern: Aye
Trustee Sherman: Aye

Vouchers

RESOLUTION 25-32

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

RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees has audited the claims, in the aggregate amount of \$82,654.15 (as itemized on the Abstract of Vouchers dated Monday, March 10, 2025), and hereby approves payment from 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		

ADJOURNMENT

At 8:39 p.m., there being no further business, a motion to adjourn was made by Trustee Halpern , seconded by, Deputy Mayor Weston and approved unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,

Denise M. Knowland
Village Administrator

**VILLAGE OF THOMASTON
AUDITED VOUCHERS**

February 11, 2025 though March 10, 2025

Type	Date	Num	Name	Amount
Check	02/14/2025	ACH	MVK ARCHITECTURE & PLANNING, P.C.	-3,050.00
Check	02/18/2025	5277	PSEGLI	-646.26
Check	02/18/2025	5278	PSEGLI	-117.21
Check	02/18/2025	5279	PSEGLI	-70.74
Check	02/18/2025	5280	NATIONAL GRID	-308.49
Check	02/18/2025	5281	NATIONAL GRID	-1,129.56
Check	02/18/2025	5282	NATIONAL GRID	-345.45
Check	02/18/2025	5283	NATIONAL GRID	-1,112.19
Check	02/18/2025	ET	FRANCOTYP-POSTALIA, INC.	-300.00
Check	02/19/2025	ET	FRANCOTYP-POSTALIA, INC.	-300.00
Check	03/03/2025	5286	VERIZON	-125.61
Check	03/03/2025	5287	OPTIMUM	-14.00
Check	03/03/2025	5288	PSEGLI	-11.77
Check	03/03/2025	5289	PSEGLI	-375.93
Check	03/04/2025	5290	VERIZON WIRELESS	-62.54
Check	03/06/2025	5291	MANHASSET-LAKEVILLE WATER DISTRICT	-45.90
Check	03/10/2025	5292	JORDAN ASSOCIATES	-193.75
Check	03/10/2025	5293	JORDAN ASSOCIATES	-403.33
Check	03/10/2025	5294	ATLANTIC SALT	-6,695.51
Check	03/10/2025	5295	W.B. MASON CO., INC.	-7.90
Check	03/10/2025	5296	GLENCO SUPPLY INC	-796.00
Check	03/10/2025	5297	MILLIMAN, INC.	-3,150.00
Check	03/10/2025	5298	ADVANCE AUTO PARTS	-104.63
Check	03/10/2025	5299	COSTELLO'S ACE HARDWARE	-163.08
Check	03/10/2025	5300	WEX BANK	-1,048.62
Check	03/10/2025	5301	FINE DETAILING	-200.00
Check	03/10/2025	5302	GENERAL WELDING SUPPLY CORP	-8.00
Check	03/10/2025	5303	LOWES BUSINESS ACCT/SYNCB	-93.91
Check	03/10/2025	5304	WILLIAMSON LAW BOOK COMPANY	-397.24
Check	03/10/2025	5305	MUNICIPAL VALUATION SERVICES INC	-7,930.00
Check	03/10/2025	5306	SCHNEPS MEDIA GROUP	-287.30
Check	03/10/2025	5307	GENERAL CODE, LLC	-1,195.00
Check	03/10/2025	5308	BUSINESS CARD	-56.78
Check	03/10/2025	5309	BUSINESS CARD	-318.48
Check	03/10/2025	5310	B & R PLUMBING & HEATING OF L.I. INC.	-549.00
Check	03/10/2025	5311	MEYER, SUOZZI, ENGLISH & KLEIN, P.C.	-1,291.50
Check	03/10/2025	5312	HOME DEPOT CREDIT SERVICES	-392.90
Check	03/10/2025	5313	FELDMAN LUMBER	-15.80

Check	03/10/2025	5314	JORDAN ASSOCIATES	-348.75
Check	03/10/2025	5315	MEADOW CARTING CORP	-37,184.00
Check	03/10/2025	5316	WATER AUTHORITY OF GREAT NECK NORTH	-48.96
Check	03/10/2025	5317	NYS EMPLOYEES' HEALTH INSURANCE	-11,758.06
				-82,654.15
TOTAL				-82,654.15