

**MINUTES OF THE ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING
OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES
OF THE VILLAGE OF THOMASTON
APRIL 17, 2017**

The Board of Trustees met on Monday, April 17, 2017 at the Village Hall, 100 East Shore Road, Great Neck, New York at 7:30 p.m.

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

Absent:

The Mayor opened the meeting at 7:41 p.m.

ELECTION:

The Village Clerk read the canvass of election of March 21, 2017, as follows:

Steven Weinberg, Mayor	32 Votes
Jill S. Monoson, Trustee	33 Votes
Burton S. Weston, Trustee	31 Votes

Each duly elected candidate had already been sworn in and signed the oath of office.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

RESOLUTION 17-25

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

RESOLVED, that the minutes of the Board of Trustees meetings held on March 20, 2017 are hereby approved and accepted as presented.

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

OTHER APPOINTMENTS

DEPUTY MAYOR:

The Mayor appointed James Sharkey as Deputy Mayor and Robert Schaufeld as Director of Public Access Television Corporation.

APPOINTMENTS REQUIRING BOARD APPROVAL:

The Mayor made the following appointments, for indeterminate terms except as otherwise noted:

Commissioner of Public Works	Steven Weinberg
Commissioner of Administration	James Sharkey
Commissioner of Cable Television and Representative to the Cable Commission	Robert Schaufeld
Emergency Coordinator	Burton Weston
Commissioner of Planning and Development	Steven Weinberg
Commissioner-At-Large	Lawrence Greengrass
Building Commission	Steven Weinberg To-on Pang James Sharkey (alternate)
Building Inspector	Joseph J. Chearmonte, RA
Village Historian	Leila Mattson
Chair and Member of the Design Review Board (1 yr.)	Lawrence Levy
Member of the Design Review Board (1 yr.)	Robert Schaufeld
Member of the Design Review Board (1 yr.)	Ruchira Madan
Member of the Design Review Board (1 yr.)	Toby Noren
Member of the Design Review Board (1 yr.)	Glen Wilson
Chair and Member of the Landmarks Preservation Commission (1 yr.)	Arthur Lesser
Vice Chair and Member of the Landmarks Preservation Commission (1 yr.)	Leila Mattson
Member of the Landmarks Preservation Commission (1 yr.)	Joel Friedman
Chair and Member of the Tree Board (1 yr.)	Ruth Rosenstein
Member of the Tree Board (1 yr.)	Jill S. Monoson
Member of the Tree Board (1 yr.)	Toby Noren
Registrar of Vital Statistics	North Hempstead Town Clerk
Member of the Zoning Board of Appeals (5yrs.)	Nicholas Toumbekis
Member of the Zoning Board of Appeals (4yrs.) <i>to fill the remaining unexpired term of Rona Levy</i>	Lawrence Greengrass
Member of the Ethics Board (3 yrs.)	Karen Weisberg

RESOLUTION 17-26

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

RESOLVED, that all the appointments indicated above are hereby approved.

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

RETAINING OF VILLAGE ATTORNEY AND SPECIAL COUNSEL:

The Mayor appointed A. Thomas Levin as Village Attorney.

RESOLUTION 17-27

On motion of Trustee Weston, seconded by Deputy Mayor Sharkey, the following resolutions were unanimously adopted:

RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees of the Village of Thomaston hereby approves the Mayor's appointment of A. THOMAS LEVIN, as Village Attorney for the official year 2017-2018, to serve at the pleasure of the Mayor, and it is further

RESOLVED, that the compensation for the services of the Village Attorney for those legal services for which the Village is required to retain or appoint a Village Attorney shall be \$295 per hour, plus reimbursement of all reasonable and necessary disbursements incurred in connection with the performance of such retainer legal services, which sums will be billed to the Village monthly, and it is further

RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees hereby retains MEYER, SUOZZI, ENGLISH & KLEIN, P.C. as special counsel to the Village for legal services other than those provided by the Village Attorney during the official year 2017-2018, on a non-exclusive basis, the services of such special counsel to be compensated at the rate of \$295 per hour, plus reimbursement of all reasonable and necessary disbursements incurred in connection with the performance of such non-retainer legal services, which sums shall be billed to the Village monthly.

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

FIRE INSPECTOR:

The Mayor appointed Rene Guerrero as Village Fire Inspector for an indeterminate term.

RESOLUTION 17-28

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

RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees approves the appointment of Rene Guerrero as Village Fire Inspector for the official year 2017-2018 to serve at the pleasure of the Mayor, at a rate of \$20 per hour.

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

RESOLUTION CONCERNING THE SCHEDULE OF MEETINGS:

RESOLUTION 17-29

On motion of Trustee Monoson, seconded by Trustee Weston, the following resolutions were unanimously adopted:

RESOLVED that the Board of Trustees designates the second Monday in each month at 7:30 p.m. in the Village Hall, 100 East Shore Road, Great Neck, as the time and place for the regular meetings of the Board of Trustees. The annual organizational meeting shall be held on the second Monday in April or on such other date in April as the Board of Trustees may determine in accordance with applicable law. The Clerk is directed to advise the news media of this schedule, and to post notice of each meeting, as required under the Open Meetings Law. For special meetings, notice will be provided to the extent required by law.

And it is further

RESOLVED, that the Board notes that the first regular meeting in October falls on a legal holiday and so hereby changes the October 9th meeting to October 16th.

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

RESOLUTION REGARDING AUDITOR:

Mayor Weinberg made the following appointment subject to approval of the Board of Trustees.

Skinnon and Faber C.P.A., P.C. Auditor for the Village

RESOLUTION 17-30

On motion of Trustee Monoson, seconded by Trustee Weston, the following resolutions were unanimously adopted:

RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees approves the Mayor's appointment of Skinnon and Faber C.P.A., P.C as Auditor for the Village for the official year 2017-2018, to serve at the pleasure of the Mayor, and it was further

RESOLVED, that he is to be compensated at the rate of no more than \$8,500.00 per year to include the annual Village audit and filing with the NYS Comptroller of the audit as required by law.

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

OFFICIAL BANKS:

RESOLUTION 17-31

On motion of Trustee Pang, seconded by Trustee Monoson, the following resolutions were unanimously adopted:

RESOLVED to designate the following depositories for Village funds (which depositories may be changed from time to time by resolution of the Board):

Capital One Bank	Maximum Deposit \$5,000,000
HSBC	Maximum Deposit \$2,500,000
Bank of America	Maximum Deposit \$5,000,000

provided that each of such depositories holding funds in excess of \$250,000 pledges securities to the Village as collateral pursuant to a collateral agreement in accordance with provisions of the General Municipal Law, and it was further

RESOLVED, that all instruments shall be signed by any two of the following: the Mayor, the Village Administrator or the Deputy Mayor.

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

MILEAGE ALLOWANCE - OFFICIAL NEWSPAPER POLICIES, ETC.:

RESOLUTION 17-32

On motion of Trustee Pang, seconded by Deputy Mayor Sharkey, the following resolutions were unanimously adopted:

RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees has determined to pay a fixed rate for mileage as reimbursement to officers and employees of the Village who use their personal automobiles while performing their official duties on behalf of the Village, and it is further

RESOLVED that for the 2017-2018 official year, the Board of Trustees sets the mileage reimbursement rate at 53.5 cents per mile, and it is further

RESOLVED that the Board of Trustees designates The Great Neck News as the official newspaper of the Village, and it is further

RESOLVED that the Procurement Policy, adopted May 13, 2013, is readopted, and it is further

RESOLVED that the Investment Policy, adopted June 10, 2013, is readopted, and it is further

RESOLVED, that notwithstanding the foregoing, and pursuant to Village Law §5-524(5), the following claims may be paid without prior audit and approval by the Board of Trustees:

- (a) fixed salaries;
- (b) debt service;
- (c) amounts becoming due upon lawful contracts for periods exceeding one year;

(d) compensation for services of employees or officers regularly engaged by the Village at agreed wages by the hour, day, week, month or year; provided, however, that with respect to items (a) and (d) in this paragraph, no such payment shall be made unless the payroll or other claim for compensation for personal services rendered to the Village by any person other than an elective Village officer shall be certified by the Village officer or employee having direct supervision of the claimant to the effect that such services were actually performed by the person or persons mentioned therein; and it is further

RESOLVED, that notwithstanding the foregoing and pursuant to Village Law §5-524(6), the following claims may be paid in advance of audit and approval of the Board of Trustees, provided such claims are presented for audit and approval at the next regular meeting of the Board of Trustees:

- (a) public utility services;
- (b) postage;
- (c) freight and express charges;
- (d) charges for expenses incurred with the approval of the Board of Trustees where there is a discount for timely payment and audit of such claims is not feasible prior to the date for such discounted payment; and it is further

RESOLVED, that the policy established by this resolution shall be reviewed at each ensuing organizational meeting of the Board of Trustees, and shall remain in effect until amended by resolution of the Board of Trustees at any duly convened meeting of the Board of Trustees.

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

PUBLIC HEARING ON BILL T1-17

The Mayor opened the public hearing on Bill T1-17 (Attachment A), a local law to amend the Code of the Village of Thomaston in relation to signs. After all interested persons were heard, the Mayor closed the public hearing.

RESOLUTION 17-33

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

RESOLVED, that Bill T1-17 is adopted as Local Law 1-2017, effective immediately.

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

NEW BUSINESS

The Mayor gave a report of the recent activities of the Public Works Department.

VOUCHERS

RESOLUTION 17-34

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

RESOLVED, that vouchers, in the aggregate amount of \$61,792.34 (as itemized on the Abstract of Vouchers dated Monday, April 17, 2017), 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
	Deputy Mayor Sharkey:	Aye	Trustee Pang:	Aye
	Trustee Weston:	Aye		

ADJOURNMENT

At 8:18 p.m., there being no further business, the motion to adjourn was made by Deputy Mayor Sharkey, seconded by Trustee Pang, and unanimously approved.

Respectfully Submitted

Denise M. Knowland
Village Administrator

INC. VILLAGE OF THOMASTON					
AUDITED VOUCHERS					
March 21 through April 17, 2017					
Type	Date	Num	Name	Amount	
Check	03/22/2017	ET	FRANCOTYP-POSTALIA, INC.	-200.00	
Check	03/21/2017	6827	BARBARA WILLIAMS	-99.00	
Check	03/21/2017	6828	LAURA BLACKNALL	-99.00	
Check	03/22/2017	6829	JOSEPH J. CHEARMONTE	-750.00	
Paycheck	03/24/2017	6830	ANTHONY J CIAPPA		
Paycheck	03/24/2017	6831	DAVID B DISTILLI		
Paycheck	03/24/2017	6832	DENISE M KNOWLAND		
Paycheck	03/24/2017	6833	GERALD P. UMLAUF		
Paycheck	03/24/2017	6834	JAMES J. WALTHER		
Paycheck	03/24/2017	6835	LINDA M EARLEY		
Paycheck	03/24/2017	6836	NEIL G. HICKS		
Paycheck	03/24/2017	6837	WILLIAM MAZURKIEWICZ		
Check	03/27/2017	6838	PSEGLI	-50.67	
Check	03/30/2017	6839	CORE LOGIC	-79.34	
Check	04/05/2017	6840	JOSEPH J. CHEARMONTE	-750.00	
Check	04/05/2017	6841	VERIZON	-383.05	
Check	04/05/2017	6842	VERIZON WIRELESS	-68.84	
Check	04/05/2017	6843	GARY MUHLSTOCK	-500.00	
Paycheck	04/07/2017	6844	ANTHONY J CIAPPA		
Paycheck	04/07/2017	6845	DAVID B DISTILLI		
Paycheck	04/07/2017	6846	DENISE M KNOWLAND		
Paycheck	04/07/2017	6847	GERALD P. UMLAUF		
Paycheck	04/07/2017	6848	JAMES J. WALTHER		
Paycheck	04/07/2017	6849	LINDA M EARLEY		
Paycheck	04/07/2017	6850	NEIL G. HICKS		
Paycheck	04/07/2017	6851	WILLIAM MAZURKIEWICZ		
Check	04/10/2017	6852	PSEGLI	-20.74	
Check	04/10/2017	6853	OPTIMUM	-20.00	
Check	04/17/2017	6854	FRANCOTYP-POSTALIA, INC.	-179.40	
Check	04/17/2017	6855	WEX BANK	-689.52	
Check	04/17/2017	6856	READYREFRESH BY NESTLE	-43.91	
Check	04/17/2017	6857	WATER AUTHORITY OF GREAT NECK NORTH	-1,320.00	
Check	04/17/2017	6858	HOME DEPOT CREDIT SERVICES	-343.08	
Check	04/17/2017	6859	STAPLES CREDIT PLAN	-221.99	
Check	04/17/2017	6860	BUSINESS CARD	-49.38	

Check	04/17/2017	6861	BUSINESS CARD	-51.42
Check	04/17/2017	6862	BLANK SLATE MEDIA LLC	-150.90
Check	04/17/2017	6863	FELDMAN LUMBER	-142.94
Check	04/17/2017	6864	MEYER, SUOZZI, ENGLISH & KLEIN, P.C.	-2,846.75
Check	04/17/2017	6865	PIONEER BUILDING MATERIAL CORP.	-108.00
Check	04/17/2017	6866	OLD VILLAGE TREE SERVICE	-850.00
Check	04/17/2017	6867	GENERAL WELDING SUPPLY CORP	-7.00
Check	04/17/2017	6868	COSTELLO'S HARDWARE	-35.24
Check	04/17/2017	6869	H.O. PENN MACHINERY COMPANY	-126.89
Check	04/17/2017	6870	MEADOW CARTING CORP	26,318.34
Check	04/17/2017	6871	NATIONAL GRID	-637.57
Check	04/17/2017	6872	NATIONAL GRID	-215.15
Check	04/17/2017	6873	NATIONAL GRID	-541.34
Check	04/17/2017	6874	NATIONAL GRID	-317.95
Check	04/17/2017	6875	TOWN OF NORTH HEMPSTEAD	-1,500.00
Check	04/17/2017	6876	FRIENDLY BYTES SOFTWARE, INC	-70.00
Check	04/17/2017	6877	VELVETOP PRODUCTS	13,485.00
Check	04/17/2017	6878	WATER AUTHORITY OF GREAT NECK NORTH	-35.55
Check	04/17/2017	6879	FINE DETAILING	-200.00
Check	04/17/2017	6880	NYS EMPLOYEES' HEALTH INSURANCE	-6,642.74
Check	04/17/2017	6881	PSEGLI	-82.70
Check	04/17/2017	6882	PSEGLI	-565.64
Check	04/17/2017	6883	SIDNEY B. BOWNE & SON, LLP	-993.30
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				61,792.34

Bill T1-17

A local law to amend the Code of the Village of Thomaston, in relation to signs.

Section one. Section 203-85.1 of the Code of the Village of Thomaston is hereby amended, by adding thereto a new paragraph, to be paragraph D, to read as follows:

“D. No sign shall be placed, displayed or maintained on any public property in the Village, including any public right of way, without the express written permission of the owner of such property.”

Section two. Section 203-85.8 of the Code of the Village of Thomaston is hereby amended, by adding thereto a new paragraph, to be paragraph H, to read as follows:

“H. No sign advertising or pertaining to a particular event, or series of events, shall be displayed on any property in the Village on or after the fourteenth calendar day after the conclusion of such event or series of events.”

Section three. Any local law, ordinance, or resolution of the Village of Thomaston in conflict with this local law is hereby repealed to the extent of such conflict, except that such repeal, or the express repeal of any local law, ordinance or resolution herein, shall not affect or prevent the prosecution or punishment of any person for any act done or committed in violation of such local law, ordinance or resolution prior to the effective date of this local law.

Section four. If any clause, sentence, paragraph, section, article, or part of this local law shall be adjudged to be invalid by any court of competent jurisdiction, such judgment shall not affect, impair or invalidate any other part of this local law, or the remainder thereof, but shall be confined in its operation to the clause, sentence, paragraph, section, article, or part thereof directly involved in the controversy in which such judgment shall have been rendered.

Section five. This local law shall take effect immediately upon adoption and filing pursuant to the Municipal Home Rule Law.