

**MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING
OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES
OF THE VILLAGE OF THOMASTON**

May 13, 2024

The Board of Trustees met on Monday, May 13, 2024 at the Village Hall, 100 East Shore Road, Great Neck, New York at 7:00 p.m.

Present: Mayor Steven Weinberg, Trustee Aaron Halpern, Deputy Mayor Burton S. Weston, Trustee Jay Chagrin and Trustee Nancy Sherman

Excused: None

The Mayor opened the meeting at 7:34 p.m.

Approval of Minutes

RESOLUTION 24-51

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

RESOLVED, that the minutes of the Board of Trustees meetings held on April 8, 2024 are hereby approved and accepted as presented, and it is further

RESOLVED, the minutes of the Board of Trustees special meeting held on April 29, 2024 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
	Trustee Sherman:	Aye		

Appointment of Alternate Member to the Zoning Board of Appeals

Mayor Weinberg appointed Sanford Caplan as an alternate member of the Zoning Board of Appeals for the remainder of the official year.

RESOLUTION 24-52

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

RESOLVED, that the appointment of Sanford Caplan as an alternate member of the Zoning Board of Appeals for the remainder of the official year is hereby approved.

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

Consulting Agreement for 2024 and 2025 Annual Stormwater Reporting

The Board reviewed a proposed consulting agreement from LiRo Engineers, Inc. for the preparation of the 2024 and 2025 Annual MS4 Reports. The consulting fee for 2024 is \$1,500 and the consulting fee for 2025 will be \$4,000 (due to the increase).

RESOLUTION 24-53

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

RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees hereby approves the agreement for professional services in connection with the Municipal Separate Stormwater Sewer Systems (MS4) from LiRo Engineers, Inc. in the amount of \$1,500 for consulting services and preparation of the 2024 Annual MS4 Report and \$4,000 for consulting services and preparation of the 2025 Annual MS4 Report. on behalf of the Village, and it is further

RESOLVED, that the Mayor is authorized to execute the agreement with LiRo Engineers, Inc. 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:	Abstain		

Presentation on MS4 Program Requirements

Daniel Loscalzo, P.E. of LiRo Engineers, Inc. presented the new requirements for the Municipal Separate Storm Water Sewer Systems requirements which will occur during the next five (5) years. There was a brief period of questions and comments from the Board which were addressed by Mr. Loscalzo.

Consulting Agreement for Village Building Department

The Board reviewed a revised consulting agreement for the Building Department.

RESOLUTION 24-54

Upon motion of _____, seconded by _____, and approved the following resolution was adopted:

WHEREAS, the Board of Trustees adopted resolution 24-45 on April 8, 2024 to retain the services of an independent consultant to provide professional services to supplement and support the activities of the Building Official and authorized the Mayor to execute a professional services agreement with Michael F. McNerney Architect PLLC, in a form approved by the Village Attorney, to provide consulting services to the Village and its Building Department, and

WHEREAS, the form of the agreement presented at the April 8, 2024 meeting was subsequently revised for clarification purposes,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED, that the Mayor is authorized on behalf of the Village to execute a professional services agreement with Michael F. McNerney Architect PLLC, in the form attached to these minutes, to provide consulting services to the Village and its Building Department.

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

Auction Results for 2019 Ford F-250 Pickup Truck with Plow

The Mayor reported that the 2019 Ford F-250 dump truck with 8' Western plow was placed on the online auction site, Auctions International, with the winning bid subject to the approval of the Board of Trustees. The auction closed with a high bid of \$33,700. The consensus of the Board was that the offer was too low, and therefore tabled this matter to see if the high bidder would accept a counter offer from the Village.

Budget Transfer

RESOLUTION 24-55

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

RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees hereby approves the transfer of \$313,407 from Unassigned Fund Balance as of February 29, 2024 to 2024/25 Assigned Fund Balance toward the purchase of a new Schwarze A7 Tornado vacuum sweeper to replace the 2023 street sweeper destroyed by fire on December 14, 2023.

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

2024/25 Budget Modifications

RESOLUTION 24-56

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

RESOLVED, that the following 2024/25 budget modifications as of February 29, 2024 are hereby accepted as presented:

Budget Modifications as 5/13/24	ADOPTED	Proposed Modification	Difference
	2024/25	5/13/24	
MISCELLANEOUS			
A599N Appropriated Fund Balance	\$133,436	446,843	\$313,407
Appropriations:			
STREET MAINTENANCE			
A5110.2a Equipment	\$80,000	\$393,407	\$313,407

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

Executive Session

At 8:09 p.m. the Board of Trustees entered into executive session. to discuss pending litigation.

RESOLUTION 24-57

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

RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees will enter into executive session to discuss pending litigation.

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

At 8:23 p.m. the Board of Trustees returned to public session

RESOLUTION 24-58

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

RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees will return to public session.

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

Tax Certiorari Settlement

The Board reviewed a proposed settlement of pending tax certiorari proceedings for the tax years 2018/19 through 2023/24 for Aries Realty, LLC, Section 2 Block 260 Lot 422 and 6500 Realty LLC, Section 2 Block 260 Lot 423.

RESOLUTION 24-59

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

RESOLVED, that the Village Attorney is authorized to settle pending tax certiorari proceedings for the tax years 2018/19 through 2023/24, inclusive, for the following premises upon the indicated terms:

Aries Realty, LLC, Section 2, Block 26, Lot 422, reduction of assessed value to \$3500, and aggregate refund of \$2700.00, with three year moratorium on new filing, and 6500 Realty LLC, Section 2, Block 26, Lot 423, reduction of assessed valuation to \$3500 and aggregate refund of \$6000.00, with three year moratorium on new filing.

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 summarized the recent activities of the Department of Public Works. Tree planting in the Village's right of way will continue and plants have been ordered for beautification of several traffic islands. This year's road project will most likely include paving, drainage and sidewalk improvements.

The Mayor announced that the Village of Thomaston will be included in the Town of North Hempstead's awarded grant for a tree inventory.

Vouchers

RESOLUTION 24-60

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

RESOLVED, that the vouchers, in the aggregate amount of \$412,744.31 (as itemized on the Abstract of Vouchers dated Monday, May 13, 2024), 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 Chagrin: Aye
Trustee Halpern: Aye Trustee Siegel: Aye
Trustee Weston: Aye

ADJOURNMENT

At 8:32 p.m., there being no further business, a motion to adjourn was made by Trustee Halpern, seconded by Trustee Sherman, and approved unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,

Denise M. Knowland
Village Administrator

VILLAGE OF THOMASTON
AUDITED VOUCHERS
April 9 through May 13, 2024

Type	Date	Num	Name	Amount
Check	04/12/2024	ACH	MICHAEL F. MCNERNEY ARCHITECT PLLC	-1,343.75
Check	04/16/2024	4819	PSEGLI	-98.38
Check	04/16/2024	4820	PSEGLI	-466.62
Check	04/16/2024	4821	NATIONAL GRID	-288.24
Check	04/16/2024	4822	NATIONAL GRID	-198.19
Check	04/16/2024	4823	NATIONAL GRID	-662.24
Check	04/16/2024	4825	VERIZON RPC	-111.61
Check	04/16/2024	4824	NATIONAL GRID	-558.56
Check	04/17/2024	4826	LITT LAW GROUP, LLC	-83.70
Check	04/17/2024	4827	MAIDENBAUM PROP. TAX REDUCTION GRP., LLC	-1,027.97
Check	04/17/2024	4828	MAIDENBAUM & STERNBERG, LLP	-534.02
Check	04/17/2024	4829	P.T.R.C., INC.	-119.86
Check	04/17/2024	4830	SCHRODER & STROM LLP	-581.90
Check	04/17/2024	4831	PSEGLI	0.00
Check	04/18/2024	ET	FRANCOTYP-POSTALIA, INC.	-200.00
Check	04/19/2024	4832	PSEGLI	-60.25
Check	04/19/2024	4833	WATER AUTHORITY OF GREAT NECK NORTH	-47.07
Check	04/26/2024	ACH	MICHAEL F. MCNERNEY ARCHITECT PLLC	-1,500.00
Check	05/02/2024	4836	VERIZON	-124.16
Check	05/02/2024	4837	PSEGLI	-270.18
Check	05/02/2024	4838	PSEGLI	-11.77
Check	05/03/2024	4839	OPTIMUM	-13.00
Check	05/03/2024	4840	VERIZON WIRELESS	-62.48
Check	05/10/2024	4843	MICHAEL F. MCNERNEY ARCHITECT PLLC	-1,281.25
Check	05/13/2024	4844	FINE DETAILING	-450.00
Check	05/13/2024	4845	SANTELLI & SONS, INC.	-65.99
Check	05/13/2024	4846	LIFFCO INC. POWER EQUIPMENT	-79.98
Check	05/13/2024	4847	OLD VILLAGE TREE SERVICE	-1,250.00
Check	05/13/2024	4848	VIGILANT FIRE COMPANY	-24,707.00
Check	05/13/2024	4849	W.B. MASON CO., INC.	-46.86
Check	05/13/2024	4850	NATIONAL FIRE & SAFETY SOLUTIONS, INC	-90.00
Check	05/13/2024	4851	NCVOA	-1,050.00
Check	05/13/2024	4852	JORDAN ASSOCIATES	-534.00
Check	05/13/2024	4853	GENERAL WELDING SUPPLY CORP	-8.00
Check	05/13/2024	4854	SKINNON & FABER, CPA'S, P.C	-4,200.00
Check	05/13/2024	4855	WEX BANK	-686.01
Check	05/13/2024	4856	TOWN OF NORTH HEMPSTEAD-SWMA	-712.80
Check	05/13/2024	4857	BUSINESS CARD	-4,831.88
Check	05/13/2024	4858	BUSINESS CARD	-109.33
Check	05/13/2024	4859	HOME DEPOT CREDIT SERVICES	-123.34

Check	05/13/2024	4860	NYS EMPLOYEES' HEALTH INSURANCE	-11,829.37
Check	05/13/2024	4861	MEYER, SUOZZI, ENGLISH & KLEIN, P.C.	-1,669.50
Check	05/13/2024	4862	MEADOW CARTING CORP	-36,455.00
Check	05/13/2024	4863	MALVESE EQUIPMENT CO., INC.	-313,407.00
Check	05/13/2024	4864	FRANCOTYP-POSTALIA, INC.	-276.00
Check	05/13/2024	4865	FELDMAN LUMBER	-17.05
Check	05/13/2024	4866	WINTERS BROS. HAULING OF LI, LLC	-300.00
Check	05/13/2024	4867	NCPD	-200.00
				-412,744.31
TOTAL				-412,744.31