

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

**October 16, 2017**

The Board of Trustees met on Monday, October 16, 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 Jill Monoson, Trustee To-on Pang, and Trustee Burton Weston

**Absent:** None

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

**Adoption of Minutes**

RESOLUTION 17-64

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 meeting held on September 11, 2017 are hereby approved and accepted as presented.

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

**2018 Board of Trustees Meeting Schedule**

RESOLUTION 17-65

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

RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees Meeting Schedule for 2018 (Attachment A) is hereby approved and accepted as presented.

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

**2018 Holiday Schedule**

RESOLUTION 17-66

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

RESOLVED, that the Holiday Schedule for 2018 (Attachment B) is hereby approved and accepted as presented.

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

**Speed Limits**

The Board revisited their previous discussion of reducing the speed limits of certain roads in the Village from 30 mph to 25 mph and reviewed the revised technical memorandum from VHB Engineering, regarding placement of speed limit signs. The general consensus of the Board was in favor of amending the schedule of speed limits in the Village Code to designate a 25 mph speed limit on certain road segments within the Village. This item will be placed on the agenda for the November 21, 2017 meeting.

**Elimination of the deductibility of State and Local Taxes (SALT)**

The Board discussed the proposed federal tax reform which would eliminate the deduction for state and local taxes.

RESOLUTION 17-67

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

WHEREAS Congress is giving serious consideration to eliminating the federal income tax deduction for state and local taxes;

WHEREAS this deduction, which has been in place for more than 100 years, is heavily utilized by residents of our community and our State;

WHEREAS New York residents already pay more into the federal treasury than the federal government returns to New York;

WHEREAS the state and local tax deduction is a fundamental principle of federalism and without it our residents would be faced with double taxation as they would be forced to pay federal income taxes on the taxes they pay to state and local governments;

WHEREAS this federal cost shift onto local governments would place extreme pressure on municipal budgets, including diminished revenue for essential local government investments, including public safety and public infrastructure; and

WHEREAS increased federal taxation and reduced municipal services will harm our local housing market, decrease home values and erode our local tax base,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Village of Thomaston expresses its strong opposition to any tax reform proposal that would eliminate the State and Local Tax (SALT) Deduction and urges Senator Schumer, Senator Gillibrand and Congressman Suozzi to join us in publicly opposing any such proposal.

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

**Cooperative Purchasing**

The Board discussed the possibility of participating in a purchasing cooperative such as US Communities and the National Joint Powers Association (NJPA). In order to do so, the Village would have to pass a local law to permit the award of a purchase contract based on best value. No decision was made pending discussion with the Village Attorney and further research to determine whether there might be sufficient cost savings opportunities to offset the expense of the passage of the local law.

**New Business**

The Mayor reported on the recent activities of the Public Works Department.

The Mayor reported that the Village, at the request of New York State Senator Elaine Phillips, is serving as a collection point for donations of bottled water for the "H2O Campaign for Puerto Rico." Senator Phillips has partnered with Island Cares for this relief effort.

The Mayor announced that Senator Elaine Phillips has awarded the Village a \$50,000 grant for improvements to the Village Hall parking lot.

**Vouchers**

RESOLUTION 17-68

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

RESOLVED, that vouchers, in the aggregate amount of \$65,337.60 (as itemized on the Abstract of Vouchers dated Monday, October 16, 2017), are hereby approved for payment, all allocated to the General Fund.

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

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

**Adjournment**

At 8:16 p.m., there being no further business, the motion to adjourn was made by Trustee Monoson, seconded by Trustee Pang, and unanimously approved.

Respectfully Submitted,

Denise M. Knowland  
Village Administrator

**INC. VILLAGE OF THOMASTON****AUDITED VOUCHERS**

September 12 through October 16, 2017

| Type     | Date       | Num  | Name                                 | Amount    |
|----------|------------|------|--------------------------------------|-----------|
| Check    | 09/20/2017 | 7179 | JOSEPH J. CHEARMONTE                 | -750.00   |
| Check    | 09/20/2017 | 7180 | JOSEPH J. CHEARMONTE                 | -1,800.00 |
| Check    | 09/20/2017 | 7181 | WATER AUTHORITY OF GREAT NECK NORTH  | -35.55    |
| Check    | 09/20/2017 | 7182 | DENTCARE DELIVERY SYSTEMS            | -86.70    |
| Check    | 09/20/2017 | 7183 | PSEGLI                               | -51.13    |
| Check    | 09/20/2017 | 7184 | PSEGLI                               | -649.61   |
| Check    | 09/20/2017 | 7185 | MEYER, SUOZZI, ENGLISH & KLEIN, P.C. | -4,958.25 |
| Paycheck | 09/22/2017 | 7186 | ANTHONY J CIAPPA                     |           |
| Paycheck | 09/22/2017 | 7187 | CHRISTOPHER T SCHICKLER              |           |
| Paycheck | 09/22/2017 | 7188 | DAVID B DISTILLI                     |           |
| Paycheck | 09/22/2017 | 7189 | DENISE M KNOWLAND                    |           |
| Paycheck | 09/22/2017 | 7190 | GERALD P. UMLAUF                     |           |
| Paycheck | 09/22/2017 | 7191 | JAMES J. WALTHER                     |           |
| Paycheck | 09/22/2017 | 7192 | LINDA M EARLEY                       |           |
| Paycheck | 09/22/2017 | 7193 | NEIL G. HICKS                        |           |
| Paycheck | 09/22/2017 | 7194 | WILLIAM MAZURKIEWICZ                 |           |
| Check    | 09/28/2017 | 7195 | PSEGLI                               | -48.94    |
| Check    | 10/02/2017 | 7196 | VIGILANT FIRE COMPANY                | 10,139.75 |
| Check    | 10/02/2017 | 7197 | PSEGLI                               | -10.36    |
| Check    | 10/02/2017 | 7198 | VERIZON WIRELESS                     | -68.93    |
| Check    | 10/02/2017 | 7199 | OPTIMUM                              | -20.00    |
| Check    | 10/04/2017 | 7200 | ALEXANDER NIRENSTEIN                 | -5.00     |
| Check    | 10/04/2017 | 7201 | JOSEPH J. CHEARMONTE                 | -750.00   |
| Check    | 10/04/2017 | 7202 | JOSEPH J. CHEARMONTE                 | -900.00   |
| Paycheck | 10/06/2017 | 7203 | ANTHONY J CIAPPA                     |           |
| Paycheck | 10/06/2017 | 7204 | CHRISTOPHER T SCHICKLER              |           |
| Paycheck | 10/06/2017 | 7205 | DAVID B DISTILLI                     |           |
| Paycheck | 10/06/2017 | 7206 | DENISE M KNOWLAND                    |           |
| Paycheck | 10/06/2017 | 7207 | GERALD P. UMLAUF                     |           |
| Paycheck | 10/06/2017 | 7208 | JAMES J. WALTHER                     |           |
| Paycheck | 10/06/2017 | 7209 | LINDA M EARLEY                       |           |
| Paycheck | 10/06/2017 | 7210 | NEIL G. HICKS                        |           |
| Paycheck | 10/06/2017 | 7211 | WILLIAM MAZURKIEWICZ                 |           |
| Check    | 10/06/2017 | 7212 | MEADOW CARTING CORP                  | 27,737.54 |
| Check    | 10/06/2017 | 7213 | WATER AUTHORITY OF GREAT NECK NORTH  | -1,320.00 |
| Check    | 10/06/2017 | 7214 | VERIZON                              | -385.30   |
| Check    | 10/06/2017 | 7215 | MANHASSET-LAKEVILLE WATER DISTRICT   | -17.55    |
| Check    | 10/13/2017 | 7216 | NATIONAL GRID                        | -41.53    |
| Check    | 10/13/2017 | 7217 | NATIONAL GRID                        | -84.92    |
| Check    | 10/13/2017 | 7218 | NATIONAL GRID                        | -38.61    |

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| Check | 10/13/2017 | 7219 | NATIONAL GRID                        | -55.81           |
| Check | 10/16/2017 | 7220 | MUNICIPAL AUDIT SERVICES, LLC        | -61.51           |
| Check | 10/16/2017 | 7221 | FRIENDLY BYTES SOFTWARE, INC         | -650.00          |
| Check | 10/16/2017 | 7222 | GREAT NECK FORD                      | -36.10           |
| Check | 10/16/2017 | 7223 | JEAN MARIE O'MALLON                  | -507.00          |
| Check | 10/16/2017 | 7224 | GENERAL WELDING SUPPLY CORP          | -7.00            |
| Check | 10/16/2017 | 7225 | READYREFRESH BY NESTLE               | -61.89           |
| Check | 10/16/2017 | 7226 | AUTO BARN                            | -114.22          |
| Check | 10/16/2017 | 7227 | AUTOMOTIVE UNLIMITED                 | -30.48           |
| Check | 10/16/2017 | 7228 | BAYLES GARDEN CENTER & NURSERY, INC  | -102.00          |
| Check | 10/16/2017 | 7229 | COSTELLO'S HARDWARE                  | -81.36           |
| Check | 10/16/2017 | 7230 | STAPLES CREDIT PLAN                  | -2.79            |
| Check | 10/16/2017 | 7231 | BUSINESS CARD                        | -98.87           |
| Check | 10/16/2017 | 7232 | BUSINESS CARD                        | -199.50          |
| Check | 10/16/2017 | 7233 | WEX BANK                             | -480.06          |
| Check | 10/16/2017 | 7234 | MEYER, SUOZZI, ENGLISH & KLEIN, P.C. | -2,374.75        |
| Check | 10/16/2017 | 7235 | FINE DETAILING                       | -200.00          |
| Check | 10/16/2017 | 7236 | JOANNE HORROCKS                      | -413.50          |
| Check | 10/16/2017 | 7237 | NYS EMPLOYEES' HEALTH INSURANCE      | -6,642.74        |
| Check | 10/16/2017 | 7238 | MICHAEL HABERMAN ASSOCIATES, INC.    | -760.00          |
| Check | 10/16/2017 | 7239 | TOWN OF NORTH HEMPSTEAD-SWMA         | -2,368.35        |
| Check | 10/16/2017 | 7240 | WINTERS BROS. HAULING OF LI, LLC     | -190.00          |
|       |            |      |                                      | -                |
|       |            |      |                                      | 65,337.60        |
|       |            |      |                                      | -                |
|       |            |      |                                      | <b>65,337.60</b> |

**Board of Trustees Schedule 2018**  
(Second Monday of each month) \*except where noted

**January 8, 2018 (Budget)**

**February 12, 2018**

**March 12, 2018**

**April 9, 2018 (Annual Organizational meeting)**

**May 14, 2018**

**June 11, 2018**

**July 9, 2018**

**August 13, 2018**

**September 17, 2018\* (due to Rosh Hashanah)**

**October 15, 2018 \* (due to Columbus Day)**

**November 20, 2018\* Tuesday (Tax Grievance Day)**

**December 10, 2018**

**PLEASE NOTE:**

This is a TENTATIVE SCHEDULE. Please call the Village Hall to confirm the above dates one week in advance of the scheduled meetings. Monday – Friday 9 AM – 4 PM 516-482-3110 or visit our website at [www.villageofthomaston.org](http://www.villageofthomaston.org).

**2018 HOLIDAY SCHEDULE**  
**VILLAGE OF THOMASTON**

| <b><u>Holiday</u></b>    | <b><u>Day</u></b> | <b><u>2017</u></b> |
|--------------------------|-------------------|--------------------|
| New Years' Day           | Monday            | January 1          |
| Martin Luther King, Jr.  | Monday            | January 15         |
| President's Day          | Monday            | February 19        |
| Memorial Day             | Monday            | May 28             |
| Independence Day         | Wednesday         | July 4             |
| Labor Day                | Monday            | September 3        |
| Columbus Day             | Monday            | October 8          |
| Veteran's Day (observed) | Monday            | November 12        |
| Thanksgiving Day         | Thursday          | November 22        |
| Day After Thanksgiving   | Friday            | November 23        |
| Christmas Day            | Tuesday           | December 25        |