

**MINUTES OF A SPECIAL MEETING  
OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES  
SEPTEMBER 12, 2017**

At a meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Incorporated Village of East Hills held at 209 Harbor Hill Road, East Hills, New York on September 12, 2017, the Mayor called the meeting to order at 7:15 p.m. Mayor Michael R. Koblenz noted a quorum.

The following Board of Trustees members were present:

Mayor	Michael R. Koblenz
Deputy Mayor	Emanuel Zuckerman
Trustee	Clara Pomerantz
Trustee	Brian Meyerson
Trustee	Stacey Siegel

Mayor Koblenz said that all those in Florida and Texas are in our thoughts and prayers as they recover from the recent hurricane destruction that affected their area. The Village of East Hills is prepared for any power outages with the installation of a natural gas generator following Hurricane Sandy and an Emergency Plan.

**APPOINTMENTS**

Upon motion by Trustee Pomerantz, seconded by Trustee Siegel, the Board unanimously affirmed the reappointment of Sue Lippe and Gail Steinman as co-chairs of the Social Events Committee.

**NEW HIRE  
RES. #153-17**

Upon motion of Deputy Mayor Zuckerman, seconded by Trustee Pomerantz, it was

RESOLVED, to authorize the hiring of Wyatt Rich as a part time park attendant to work the fitness center, effective October 1, 2017 at \$10.00/hr. subject to approval by Civil Service.

Motion passed. The vote was as follows:

Mayor Koblenz	aye
Deputy Mayor Zuckerman	aye
Trustee Pomerantz	aye
Trustee Meyerson	aye
Trustee Siegel	aye

**AUTHORIZE SALE OF 2006 JOHN DEERE GATOR ON MUNICIBID AUCTION SITE  
RES. #154-17**

Upon motion of Deputy Mayor Zuckerman, seconded by Trustee Pomerantz, it was RESOLVED, to authorize the sale of the 2006 John Deere Gator on Municibid auction site with no reserve price.

Motion passed. The vote was as follows:

Mayor Koblenz	aye
Deputy Mayor Zuckerman	aye
Trustee Pomerantz	aye
Trustee Meyerson	aye
Trustee Siegel	aye

**AUTHORIZE IMA AMENDMENT WITH TOWN OF NORTH HEMPSTEAD  
RES. #155-17**

Upon motion of Deputy Mayor Zuckerman, seconded by Trustee Pomerantz, it was RESOLVED, to authorize the Mayor to sign an Amendment to the Intermunicipal Agreement between the Town of North Hempstead and the Village of East Hills for cooperative services.

Motion passed. The vote was as follows:

Mayor Koblenz	aye
Deputy Mayor Zuckerman	aye
Trustee Pomerantz	aye
Trustee Meyerson	aye
Trustee Siegel	aye

**MINUTES  
RES. #156-17**

Upon motion of Trustee Pomerantz, seconded by Deputy Mayor Zuckerman, it was

RESOLVED, to adopt the minutes of June 21, 2017, July 1, 2017, July 18, 2017, July 20, 2017, August 12, 2017, and August 26, 2017.

Motion passed. The vote was as follows:

Mayor Koblenz	aye
Deputy Mayor Zuckerman	aye
Trustee Pomerantz	aye
Trustee Meyerson	aye
Trustee Siegel	aye

**AUTHORIZE APPLICATION FOR JUSTICE COURT GRANT  
RES. #157-17**

Upon motion of Deputy Mayor Zuckerman, seconded by Trustee Pomerantz, it was  
RESOLVED, to authorize an application for a grant for the Justice Court under the  
Justice Court Assistance Program in an amount not to exceed \$30,000.

Motion passed. The vote was as follows:

Mayor Koblenz	aye
Deputy Mayor Zuckerman	aye
Trustee Pomerantz	aye
Trustee Meyerson	aye
Trustee Siegel	aye

**AUTHORIZE PAYMENT TO MR. & MRS. GOLDKLANG FOR DAMAGED  
SPRINKLER HEAD  
RES. #158-17**

Upon motion of Deputy Mayor Zuckerman, seconded by Trustee Pomerantz, it was  
RESOLVED, to authorize payment to Mr. & Mrs. Goldklang in the amount of \$85 for  
repair of a sprinkler head damaged by snow plowing.

Motion passed. The vote was as follows:

Mayor Koblenz	aye
Deputy Mayor Zuckerman	aye
Trustee Pomerantz	aye
Trustee Meyerson	aye
Trustee Siegel	aye

**AUTHORIZE TREE PERMIT FEE REFUND TO ALAN KESSLER  
RES. #159-17**

Upon motion of Deputy Mayor Zuckerman, seconded by Trustee Pomerantz, it was  
RESOLVED, to authorize a payment in the amount of \$300 to Alan Kessler for refund of  
tree permit fee for cancellation of tree permit.

Motion passed. The vote was as follows:

Mayor Koblenz	aye
Deputy Mayor Zuckerman	aye
Trustee Pomerantz	aye
Trustee Meyerson	aye
Trustee Siegel	aye

**FIELD PERMIT – ROSLYN BOOSTER BASKETBALL CLUB INC. FOR THEIR DREAM LEAGUE  
RES. #160-17**

Upon motion of Deputy Mayor Zuckerman, seconded by Trustee Pomerantz, it was RESOLVED, to approve the permit (2017-08) for use of the Basketball Court (Court #1) at the Park at East Hills for Roslyn Booster Basketball Club Inc. for their Dream League on Saturdays and Sundays from September 23, 2017 through October 29, 2017 at a cost of \$275.00.

Motion passed. The vote was as follows:

Mayor Koblenz	aye
Deputy Mayor Zuckerman	aye
Trustee Pomerantz	aye
Trustee Meyerson	aye
Trustee Siegel	aye

**OPPOSITION TO THE ELIMINATION OF THE FEDERAL DEDUCTION FOR STATE AND LOCAL TAXES  
RES. #161-17**

Upon motion by Deputy Mayor Zuckerman, seconded by Trustee Pomerantz, the following resolution was unanimously 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 Inc. Village of East Hills expresses its strong opposition to any tax reform proposal that would eliminate the State and Local

Tax (SALT) Deduction and urges Representative Thomas Suozzi and Senators Charles Schumer and Kirsten Gillibrand to join us in publicly opposing any such proposal.

## **CLAIMS**

### **RES. #162-17**

Upon motion of Trustee Siegel, seconded by Trustee Pomerantz, it was

RESOLVED, to approve the General Fund Abstract of September 12, 2017 in the amount of \$254,634.98 and Supplemental General Fund Abstract of September 12, 2017 in the amount of \$117,422.01.

Motion passed. The vote was as follows:

Mayor Koblenz	aye
Deputy Mayor Zuckerman	aye
Trustee Pomerantz	aye
Trustee Meyerson	aye
Trustee Siegel	aye

## **DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS**

The Departmental Reports were accepted as submitted. The grand total of Village Justice Court funds collected for the month of July 2017 was \$28,351.

## **MAYOR'S REPORT**

Mayor Koblenz reported that the pool is closed and drained. Everyone had a great summer. There were only two incidents causing "dump" closures. Overall, the pool season had decent weather. The Mayor stated that if anyone wants to become certified by the Red Cross as a lifeguard or knows of anyone who already is, that the Village would be interested in interviewing them for hire as the Village is unable to keep the pool open longer due to losing our lifeguard staffing because of school obligations.

The regular meeting was adjourned for a scheduled hearing on ZTR Committee proposals.

Mayor Koblenz explained that the ZTR committee proposals, most of which only apply to new construction or if a home is substantially renovated. The purpose of this second hearing on the proposed changes are to review comments that were received and to take additional comments. Mayor Koblenz further explained that the door remains open on comments and/or anything that is creative and that will benefit and improve the community. Village consultants, Kathy Eiseman and Mike Russo were present to explain the comments that were received. Mike Russo said they made recommendations for changes to Chapter 117, which is the lighting code, Chapter 223, which is the building construction code, and Chapter 271, which is the zoning code. Mr. Russo further stated that following the hearing on July 20<sup>th</sup>, he and Kathy Eiseman met with the Village Building Department, as well as the Village Attorney, and they prepared

provisions to the code, amendments which he will be reviewing this evening. Among other things, Mr. Russo clarified how the yards are calculated as it relates to impervious, a basement which extends beyond the footprint of the house being calculated in FAR, clarification to stationary outdoor fireplaces, etc. being added to site structures/accessory structures, clarifying in the zoning section of the code the existence of Chapter 127 having to do with noise, visual dishes, and modification to fees in Section 271-138. Resident Peter Goldfeder, architect Michael Wallin, Mr. Nann, residents Jeff Krugman, Joel Sheinbaum, Bejan Golian, Edward Rubin, Lauren Hoffma and May Ganzo all spoke and posed questions. Sean Hedvat, builder Bob Preston, resident Gil Vilkas, resident Oran Kraft and real estate broker Shadi Arzanipour and residents Ramin Emouna and Brian Kolan also addressed the Board and Mr. Russo with their questions and concerned opinions. Mr. Russo reiterated that the proposed new regulations apply solely to new homes and substantial improvements and explained further details of the proposed regulations. Spencer Kanis, Chairman of the Architectural Review Board also spoke explaining the community's input behind the proposed changes and what the ARB has experienced over the last ten years from the applications that have come before that Board. He stated that the proposed changes are in reaction to the needs of the community based upon years of written testimony and written statements on the record of what the ARB has faced and clarifying a code so it is more easily understood. Following further discussion and there being no more business, the meeting was adjourned at 10:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Donna Gooch,  
Village Clerk-Treasurer