

**MINUTES  
OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES  
OF THE INCORPORATED VILLAGE OF EAST HILLS  
APRIL 1, 2020**

At a meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Incorporated Village of East Hills held remotely on April 1, 2020, Mayor Michael R. Koblenz noted a quorum and the meeting was called to order at 3:00 pm. The following Board of Trustees members were present:

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

**VILLAGE JUSTICE SALARY  
RES. #48-20**

Upon motion of Mayor Michael Koblenz and seconded by Deputy Mayor Manny Zuckerman, it was

RESOLVED, to increase the yearly salary for the Village Justice by five thousand dollars, from \$12,000 to \$17,000 effective June 1, 2020.

The motion was adopted unanimously. The vote was, as follows:

Mayor Koblenz.....	aye
Deputy Mayor Zuckerman.....	aye
Trustee Meyerson.....	aye
Clara Pomerantz.....	aye
Brian Meyerson.....	aye
Stacey Siegel.....	aye

**REPEAL OF LOCAL LAW TO EXCEED 2% PROPERTY TAX CAP  
RES. #49-20**

The board discussed a motion to publish a repeal of the local law authorizing the board to exceed the 2% property tax cap in New York State.

Upon motion of Mayor Michael Koblenz and seconded by Trustee Meyerson, it was

RESOLVED, to repeal the local law to exceed the 2% property tax cap of New York State.

The motion was adopted unanimously. The vote was, as follows:

Mayor Koblenz.....aye  
Deputy Mayor Zuckerman.....aye  
Trustee Meyerson.....aye  
Clara Pomerantz.....aye  
Brian Meyerson.....aye  
Stacey Siegel.....aye

**LANDSCAPING BID  
RES. #50-20**

Upon motion of Mayor Michael Koblenz and seconded by Deputy Mayor Manny Zuckerman, it was

RESOLVED, to publish the public notice in the local papers on a new landscaping bid to maintain the Park at East Hills. The Notice is as follows:

VILLAGE OF EAST HILLS

Bid for Site Landscape Maintenance Contract

The Incorporated Village of East Hills (VEH) seeks bids from companies that have been in business for at least five years and which have provided landscaping and maintenance in parks and recreational areas, clubs, and/or commercial properties. Bidder's bidding must provide experience of five (5) similar projects with specific reference, if possible, to maintaining athletic fields. The agreement shall be for a one-year period, renewable for five one-year renewals. The successful bidder must be a firm which will perform all work principally on Thursdays and Fridays of each week, year-round at the Park at East Hills. Specific reel rotary mowers and all necessary equipment must be owned and used by the successful bidder. The contract includes mowing, planting, fertilizing, pest management, liming, clipping removal, soil testing, seeding, soil cultivation, and leaf collection but not leaf removal.

Copies of the bid package, which contains all the specific requirements, will be sent electronically upon request during the Coronavirus crisis and if Village Hall is re-opened, picked up at Village Hall at 209 Harbor Hill Road, East Hills, New York commencing April 10, 2020, from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. up to and including May 6, 2020, or such date postponed because Village Hall is not open due to Coronavirus crisis. Bidders may also email Matt Angst, Parks Director, requesting an electronical copy at, [mangst@longbeachny.gov](mailto:mangst@longbeachny.gov) on and after April 10, 2020 All offers are subject to final approval by the Board of Trustees of East Hills, which shall determine the lowest responsible and responsive bid in accordance with Article 5-A of the General Municipal Law. VEH also retains the right at any time before acceptance in its sole discretion to reject or accept all proposals, or cancel or postpone the bid for any reason the Village deems appropriate. All bids are subject to prevailing wage mandates. Bids will be accepted at Village Hall 209 Harbor Hill Road, East Hills, NY 11576, up to 10:00 am on May 7, 2020. At 10:00 a.m. no further bids will be accepted. Any late submissions, after 10:00 a.m. will be rejected, unopened and returned to the bidder. The board has determined that the Village will not waive this requirement, which they have deem is material to the bidding process and will unfairly affect other bidders. Bids will be opened on May 7, 2020 at 10:30am. All bidders must sign and notarize an anti-collusion statement and all other documents required. All bidders must comply with the rules and regulations for the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990. Bids must

be accompanied by a certified check in the amount of not less than ten percent (10%) of the bid amount, and payable to the Inc. Village of East Hills, or a bid bond furnished in the same amount and provided as accepted by the Village Attorney to ensure they accept the award of the bid if they are the lowest responsive and responsible bidder, and such other applicable terms and conditions as contained in the bid.

Donna Gooch  
 Village Clerk/Treasurer

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The motion was adopted unanimously. The vote was, as follows:

Mayor Koblenz.....aye  
 Deputy Mayor Zuckerman.....aye  
 Trustee Meyerson.....aye  
 Clara Pomerantz.....aye  
 Brian Meyerson.....aye  
 Stacey Siegel.....aye

**INTERIM LANDSCAPING SERVICE  
 RES. #51-20**

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

RESOLVED, that because the landscaping contract has run out, and a new contractor could not be selected during the time Village Hall is closed because of the Coronavirus crisis, Solomito Landscaping may be retained by the Mayor until the time that a new bid is awarded. The cost must be the same as charged previously, and less than the outgoing landscapers fees whose contract has expired.

Discussion pursued which included the following comparison of costs:

**Cost for Month of April**

	<b>Dom's Landscaping</b>	<b>Solomito Landscaping</b>
Maintenance Work	\$13,060	\$9,290
Plantings	\$3,900	\$3,900
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$16,960</b>	<b>\$13,190</b>

The motion was adopted unanimously. The vote was, as follows:

Mayor Koblenz.....aye  
Deputy Mayor Zuckerman.....aye  
Trustee Meyerson.....aye  
Clara Pomerantz.....aye  
Brian Meyerson.....aye  
Stacey Siegel.....aye

**PERSONNEL – FURLOUGHS DUE TO COVID  
RES. #52-20**

Upon motion of Trustee Brian Meyerson and seconded by Deputy Mayor Manny Zuckerman, it was

RESOLVED, that due to the Covid-19 crisis, and the “New York on PAUSE” Executive Orders issued by Governor Andrew Cuomo, certain non-essential Village employees are not working at Village Hall or at the Park. These measures have been taken to protect against the spread of Covid-19, and to help promote the safety and welfare of the employees and residents alike. As an incentive to these part-time employees to return to their positions after the crisis has passed, the Village will ensure part time employees are paid through April 3, 2020. This is a one-time guaranty and is not on-going.

The motion was adopted unanimously. The vote was as follows:

Mayor Koblenz.....aye  
Deputy Mayor Zuckerman.....aye  
Trustee Meyerson.....aye  
Clara Pomerantz.....aye  
Brian Meyerson.....aye  
Stacey Siegel.....aye

Upon motion of Deputy Mayor Emanuel Zuckerman and seconded by Trustee Stacey Siegel and adopted unanimously, the meeting was adjourned at 4:30 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

William Burton  
Village Attorney