

**MINUTES
OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES
OF THE INCORPORATED VILLAGE OF EAST HILLS
MARCH 24, 2020**

At a meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Incorporated Village of East Hills held remotely on March 24, 2020, Mayor Michael R. Koblenz noted a quorum and the meeting was called to order at 5:00 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

**CONDUCT OF MEETING
RES. #36-20**

Mr. Burton began by stating that the meeting is being conducted in a manner pursuant to Governor Cuomo’s Executive Order 202.1

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

RESOLVED that this public body will limit discussions and actions taken for which harm would be caused by delay.

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

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

**SENIOR ACTIVITIES COMMITTEE PROGRAM EXPANSION
RES. #37-20**

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

RESOLVED that the Board will have Trustee Stacey Siegel and Deputy Mayor Manny Zuckerman interface with members of the Seniors Activities Committee to form a new committee to involve middle aged people, as well as seniors.

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

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

BUDGET FOR FIRE COMPANIES

The board discussed action on the budget for the fire companies and concluded that it was still waiting on information and would not act further.

**PUBLIC HEARING BILL T1-20
RES. #38-20**

The mayor opened the public hearing on Bill T1-20, which reads as follows:

Local Law No. _____ of the year 2020

Village of East Hills, County of Nassau

A local law authorizing a property tax levy in excess of the limit established in General Municipal Law §3-c

Section 1. Legislative Intent

It is the intent of this local law to allow the Village of East Hills to adopt a budget for the fiscal year commencing June 1, 2020 that requires a real property tax levy in excess of the “tax levy limit” as defined by General Municipal Law § 3-c.

Section 2. Authority

This local law is adopted pursuant to subdivision 5 of General Municipal Law §3-c, which expressly authorizes a local government’s governing body to override the property tax cap for the coming fiscal year by the adoption of a local law approved by a vote of sixty percent (60%) of said governing body.

Section 3. Tax Levy Limit Override

The Board of Trustees of the Village of East Hills, County of Nassau, is hereby authorized to adopt a budget for the fiscal year commencing June 1, 2020 that requires a real property tax levy in excess of the amount otherwise prescribed in General Municipal Law §3-c.

Section 4. Severability

If a court determines that any clause, sentence, paragraph, subdivision, or part of this local law or the application thereof to any person, firm or corporation, or circumstance is invalid or unconstitutional, the court's order or judgment shall not affect, impair, or invalidate the remainder of this local law, but shall be confined in its operation to the clause, sentence, paragraph, subdivision, or part of this local law or in its application to the person, individual, firm or corporation or circumstance, directly involved in the controversy in which such judgment or order shall be rendered.

Section 5. Effective date

This local law shall take effect immediately upon filing with the Secretary of State.

Discussion ensued; Trustee Clara Pomerantz stressed that it was premature to consider the bill before the tentative budget was prepared. Mayor Michael Koblenz responded that the tax cap will only be used if it was necessary to raise taxes, he has a nine-year history of not raising taxes and hopes that once again he will be able to not increase taxes.

Upon motion of Deputy Mayor Zuckerman, seconded by Trustee Siegel the bill was passed. The vote was as follows:

Mayor Koblenz.....aye
Deputy Mayor Zuckerman.....aye
Trustee Meyerson.....aye
Trustee Pomerantz.....no
Trustee Siegel.....aye

PROMOTION OF PERSONNEL- ERIC SPALLONE

As the next order of business, board met and discussed promoting Eric Spallone from Security Aide to Supervisor.

Action was deferred.

**REIMBURSEMENT – JOHN SALERNO
RES. #39-20**

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

RESOLVED, to reimburse John Salerno for \$47.91 for cleaning supplies.

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

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

Trustee Siegel.....aye

AUCTION – ISOTRACK SYSTEM

RES. #40-20

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

RESOLVED, that the Village’s Isotrack system will be rebid with a reserve of \$100.

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

Mayor Koblenz.....aye

Deputy Mayor Zuckerman.....aye

Trustee Meyerson.....aye

Trustee Pomerantz.....aye

Trustee Siegel.....aye

AUCTION – DUMBBELL SET AND RACKS

RES. #41-20

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

RESOLVED, to list the village’s dumbbell set and racks on the auction site, Muncibid.com for the purpose of selling with a reserve price of \$50.00.

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

Mayor Koblenz.....aye

Deputy Mayor Zuckerman.....aye

Trustee Meyerson.....aye

Trustee Pomerantz.....aye

Trustee Siegel.....aye

SCHEDULE PUBLIC HEARING FOR TENTATIVE BUDGET

RES. #42-20

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

RESOLVED, that the meeting for the Tentative Budget is set for March 30, 2020 at 8 pm with the budget meeting set for April 13, 2020 at 8 pm.

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

Mayor Koblenz.....aye

Deputy Mayor Zuckerman.....aye

Trustee Meyerson.....aye

Trustee Pomerantz.....aye
Trustee Siegel.....aye

**SEASONAL HIRES
RES. #43-20**

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

RESOLVED, to hire as lifeguards, the following personnel: as Chief Lifeguard (WMB), Richard Baierwalter, \$24 hr.; as Senior Lifeguards (WMP), Sam Esmaili, \$19.25 hr, Peter Faucella, \$22.00 hr, and Guy Vitacco, \$19.25 hr. ; as Lifeguards (WLH) Brendan McCauley, \$17.25 hr. and Nicholas Vitacco, \$17.00 hr., subject to Civil Service approval and background check.

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

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

**PERSONNEL – PATRICK NASH AND MICHAEL WOOD JR.
RES. #44-20**

Upon motion of Brian Meyerson, seconded by Stacey Siegel, it was

RESOLVED to authorize \$.50 an hour increase for Patrick Nash and Michael Wood Jr for CDL, subject to terms written MOA between VEH and Union. These payments will be retroactive from the time of the execution of the union contract by both parties.

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

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

**TRANSFERS
RES. #45-20**

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

RESOLVED, to authorize the following transfers:

\$2,162.27 from 1110.450(professional services) to 1110.410(supplies and materials)

\$2,464.52 from 1930.400(judgments & claims) to 1380.400(bond counsel fees)

\$1,500.00 from 3989.460(other expenses) to 3989.410(supplies & materials)

\$200.00 from 8010.450(professional services) to 8010.110(P/T salaries)

\$5,000.00 from 7410.110(park seasonal salaries) to 7410.440((other professional services)

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

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

**CLAIMS
RES. #46-20**

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

RESOLVED, to approve the claims General Fund Abstract Supplemental Abstract in the amounts of \$152,051.88 and \$107,963.10, respectively.

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

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

DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS

As the next order of business, the board held a discussion about the monthly reports. The Departmental Reports were accepted as presented. The grand total of Village Justice Court funds collected for the month of February 2020 was \$42,138.

**BOARD OF ASSESSMENT REVIEW FOR ACTION
RES. #47-20**

As the next order of business, the board discussed approving the Correction of Error in Essential Fact for property known as 232 Round Hill Road, 7-K04-183, to the 2020/21 Tentative Assessment Roll as defined in Section 550(3), new homeowners, Sheikh Moshiul & Tanzina Nashid are not entitled to a veterans exemption, exemption total should be zero. Total taxable assessment for the 20/21 Final Assessment Roll is 34,921,382.50.

Upon motion of Trustee Meyerson and Deputy Mayor Zuckerman, it was

RESOLVED, to correct this error.

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

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

Upon motion of Emanuel Zuckerman and seconded by Stacey Siegel and adopted unanimously, the meeting was adjourned at 7:30 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

William Burton
Village Attorney