# MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE INCORPORATED VILLAGE OF EAST HILLS FEBRUARY 10, 2021

At a virtual meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Incorporated Village of East Hills held on February 10, 2021, the Mayor called the meeting to order at 5:06pm. 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

### AUTHORIZE RETENTION OF SERVICES SAGAT BURTON RES.#16-21

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

RESOLVED, to approve retention letters for Sagat Burton dated April 13, 2019 and April 13, 2020 Public Affairs & Press, April 13, 2019 and April 13, 2020 Legal Village Matters, April 2, 2019 and April 2, 2020 Park at East Hills Matters, subject to further review and amendments.

Motion passed.

The vote was as follows:

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

### AUTHORIZE RETENTION OF SERVICES CULLEN & DANOWSKI, LLP RES. #17-21

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

RESOLVED, to approve January 7, 2021 engagement letter for accounting services for the fiscal year ending May 31, 2021 and January 8, 2021 addendum for 2020 IRS Forms 1095-C and related Form 1094-C.

Motion passed.

The vote was as follows:

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

### APPOINTMENT- MELODY SCHOR, ALTERNATE MEMBER OF THE ARB RES. #18-21

Mayor Koblenz appointed Melody Schor as alternate member of the ARB, to fill the remaining term of Mr. Morris. Ms. Schor is a relatively new resident and attorney and was recommended by Spencer Kanis, Chair of the ARB.

#### RETIREMENT-CHARLES SUMMA AND BARRY LAMB

Mayor Koblenz announced the receipt of retirement letters of Charles Summa effective February 28, 2021 and Barry Lamb effective April 3, 2021.

AUTHORIZE VILLAGE CLERK TO NOTICE PUBLIC HEARING FOR BILL T4-21, A PROPOSED LOCAL LAW AMENDING SECTION 137-32(D) OF THE CODE, TO CLARIFY THAT THE PAYMENT IN LIEU OF DEDICATION FOR RECREATIONAL PROPERTY IS 10% OF THE TOTAL PROPERTY BEING SUBDIVIDED AND DECLARE BOT AS LEAD AGENCY FOR PURPOSES OF ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW PURSUANT TO THE STATE ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY REVIEW ACT RES. #19-21

WHEREAS, the Board of Trustees of the Incorporated Village of East Hills, at a meeting duly constituted the 10th day of February 2021, in open session, determine as follows:

BE IT RESOLVED, to set a public hearing for March 10,2021, at 7 pm in the evening thereof, to hear a proposed amendment to section 137-32(D) of the Village Code regarding the receipt of a fee equivalent to 10% of the value of land for which a subdivision is proposed in lieu of dedication of property for the purpose of fostering park and recreation facilities, and;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees, declare themselves Lead Agency for purposes of environmental review pursuant to the State Environmental Quality Review Act.

Upon motion by Trustee Meyerson, seconded by Trustee Pomerantz, the resolution was unanimously adopted.

## AUTHORIZE VILLAGE CLERK TO ADVERTISE FOR BIDS FOR ELECTRICAL SERVICES RES. #20-21

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

RESOLVED, to authorize the Village Clerk to advertise for bids for electrical services for the last section of the camera project.

Motion passed.

The vote was as follows:

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

### AUTHORIZE OVERPAYMENT REFUND-CONSERVATION CONTROL CORP. RES. #21-21

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

RESOLVED, to authorize refund in the amount of \$10.00 to Conservation Control Corp. for overpayment of landscaper license renewal fees for the 2021/22 season.

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 January 2021 Financial Reports were accepted as presented.

### AUTHORIZE TRANSFERS FOR THE 20/21 FY RES. #22-21

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

RESOLVED, to authorize transfer of \$2,500.00 from 1410460(other expenses) to 1380400(Bond counsel fees).

Motion passed.

The vote was as follows:

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

#### APPROVE CLAIMS RES. #23-21

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

RESOLVED, to approve the General Fund Abstract of February 10, 2021 in the amount of \$189,869.78.

Motion passed.

The vote was as follows:

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

REOPEN PUBLIC HEARING FOR A PROPOSED BILL ESTABLISHING A MORATORIUM ON THE ISSUANCE OF PERMITS THAT AUTHORIZE DEMOLITION, MODIFICATION, OR ALTERATION OF STRUCTURES THAT CONTAIN STRUCTURAL ELEMENTS THAT ARE OLDER THAN JUNE 20, 1931 – BILL T 2-21 RES.#23-21

Upon motion by Trustee Meyerson, seconded by Mayor Koblenz and unanimously carried, the public hearing was re-opened.

The floor was opened to the public for comments.

Attorney Andrea Curto representing the Shenfeld's at 2A Melby Lane, spoke and asked for the objectives of the proposed bill. Special Counsel Lee Sneed explained the purpose of the bill. Resident Mr. Shenfeld also commented and posed questions and Ms. Curto posed additional questions and responses were provided. Mr. Shenfeld asked to go on record that, in his opinion, on behalf of his family, he thinks that this is prejudicial, arbitrary and capricious against his property and his family.

There being no further comments, upon motion by Trustee Meyerson, seconded by Deputy Mayor Zuckerman, and unanimously carried, the public hearing was closed.

### SEQRA DETERMINATION AND ADOPTION OF LOCAL LAW 2-21 RES. #24-21

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

RESOLVED, that the Village Board of Village of East Hills declares the adoption of Bill T2-21, as an unlisted action under SEQRA and has no significant adverse environmental impact and adopt Bill T 2-21 as a local law.

Motion passed.

The vote was as follows:

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

RE-OPEN PUBLIC HEARING FOR A PROPOSED BILL ESTABLISHING THE REQUIREMENT OF OBTAINING A PERMIT IN ORDER TO AUTHORIZE THE DEMOLITION, MODIFICATION, OR ALTERATION OF STRUCTURES THAT CONTAIN STRUCTURAL ELEMENTS THAT ARE OLDER THAN JUNE 20, 1931; ESTABLISHING LIABILITY FOR A VIOLATION THEREOF; AUTHORIZING CIVIL ACTIONS AND PENALTIES IN REGARD TO VIOLATIONS THEREOF, AND PROHIBITING CONTINUED USE OF ANY PERMIT OR ANY APPROVAL OF APPLICATIONS WHERE A VIOLATION THEREOF HAS OCCURRED- BILL T 3-21 RES. #25-21

Upon motion by Trustee Meyerson, seconded by Trustee Zuckerman, and unanimously carried, the public hearing was re-opened.

Special Counsel Sneed spoke explaining the proposed bill.

The floor was opened to the public for comments. Attorney Curto and Mr. Shenfeld spoke.

Following discussion, upon motion by Trustee Meyerson, seconded by Deputy Mayor Zuckerman, it was

RESOLVED, to close the public hearing.

Motion passed.

The vote was as follows:

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

### SEQRA DETERMINATION AND ADOPTION OF LOCAL LAW 3-21 RES.#26-21

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

RESOLVED, to close the public hearing and declare that the Village Board of Village of East Hills declares the adoption of Bill T3-21, as a Type 2 action under SEQRA and adopt Bill T 3-21 as a local law.

Motion passed.

The vote was as follows:

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

#### MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Koblenz stated that nice compliments were received from the public regarding the clearing of snow from the Village streets by Village personnel and but had many complaints were received regarding the conditions of Glen Cove Road and Northern Blvd and advised them to call the County and State regarding the same. Appreciation and thanks were given to the DPW crew for an outstanding job.

### EXECUTIVE SESSION RES.#27-21

Upon motion by Trustee Meyerson, seconded by Trustee Pomerantz, and unanimously approved, the Board entered into executive session to discuss matters pertaining to personnel pursuant to Open Meetings Law.

Following Executive Session, a motion by Trustee Meyerson, seconded by Deputy Mayor Zuckerman, and unanimously carried, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Donna Gooch, Village Clerk Treasurer