

MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES
OF THE INCORPORATED VILLAGE OF EAST HILLS
AUGUST 15, 2023

At a meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Incorporated Village of East Hills held on August 15, 2023; Mayor Koblenz called the meeting to order at 5:30 pm. Mayor Koblenz noted a quorum.

The following Board of Trustees members were present:

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

The Board discussed changes to the NYS Real Property Tax Law in relation to providing firefighter exemptions. The new legislation requires the adoption of a local law to conform to the new statewide firefighter exemption statute by December 9, 2025. The Board will have the discretion to establish a minimum service requirement between two and five years to determine certification.

Deputy Treasurer Richard Cassar discussed various quotes he received for Village IT Services.

The Board received 8/15/2023 email comments from Richard Brummel.

**AUTHORIZE ATTENDANCE AT NYCOM FALL TRAINING SCHOOL
RES. #-23**

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

RESOLVED, to authorize attendance at the NYCOM Fall Training School by Richard Cassar from Monday September 18 through Friday September 23, at an approximate cost of \$1,943.14 for conference registration, meals, hotel, and travel.

Motion passed. The vote was as follows:

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

**RE-SCHEDULE MEETING DATES
RES.#-23**

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

RESOLVED, to re-schedule monthly meetings of the Board of Trustees as follows: September 20, October 18, November 16 and December 13, 2023.

Motion passed. The vote was as follows:

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

RE-SCHEDULE PUBLIC HEARING FOR BILL T02-2023

RES. #-23

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

RESOLVED, to re-schedule the public hearing for Bill T02-2023, a proposed local law amending the definition of substantially improved structure and amending the requirements for sanitary systems for new and substantially improved structures for the September 20, 2023 meeting.

Motion passed. The vote was as follows:

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

AUTHORIZE SID JACOBSON JCC 5K WALK/RUN

RES. #-23

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

RESOLVED, to authorize the Sid Jacobson JCC 5K Walk/Run on October 22, 2023 pending receipt of insurance certificates which will be provided closer to the time of the race.

Motion passed. The vote was as follows:

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

**AUTHORIZE ASSEMBLY PERMIT – CANTERBURY CIVIC ASSOCIATION
RES. #-23**

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

RESOLVED, to authorize the Canterbury Civic Association Halloween Truck or
Treating October 31, 2023 3 PM – 8 PM

Motion passed. The vote was as follows:

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

**DONATIONS – JOYCE STEIN
RES#-23**

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

RESOLVED, to accept two donations from Joyce Stein to the Kids in the Park
Committee, in the amounts of \$1000 and \$2000.

Motion passed. The vote was as follows:

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

**REFUNDS
RES#-23**

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

RESOLVED, to authorize the following refunds:

Duplicate payment of the 2023/24 Village Tax to Lereta, LLC Tax & Flood
Services (on behalf of Mr. and Mrs. Prabhakar, 46 Sherrard Street) in the
amount of \$3,175.53;

Overpayment of the 2023/24 Village Tax in the amount of \$100 to 82 Wood, LLC
(82 Woodhollow Road, East Hills, NY 11576) on behalf of James Giordano, 82
Woodhollow Road;

Road opening deposit to Yan Dan Zheng, 51 Hummingbird Drive, in the amount of \$1,000.00;

Street opening deposits to Orchid Sewer and Water Contracting Corp. in the total amount of \$5,000.00 for street openings at 2 Midwood Cross, 5 Spruce Drive (2 permits), 75 Ash Drive, and 28 Beechwood Road;

Security deposit to Lauren Rothstein in the amount of \$150.00 for Theater rental deposit 7/23/23; and

Security deposit to Lonnie Fox in the amount of \$150.00 for Theater rental deposit 7/22/23

Motion passed. The vote was as follows:

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

AWARD AUCTION OF VEHICLES RES#-23

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

RESOLVED, to declare as excess and authorize to sell two cars on Municibid auction and accept the following bids: The first car 444, JTMBFREVXGJ074059 is a Toyota Prius with a winning bid of \$5200 by Rodrigo Lemos 169 MA-6A Yarmouth Port, MA 06275-1713. The second car is 222, JTDKN3DUOF1971091, a Toyota Rav 4 with a winning bid of \$7000 by Lika Sordia, 2014 West 4th Street, 2nd Fl, Brooklyn, NY 11223.

Motion passed. The vote was as follows:

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

PERSONNEL – RESIGNATION AND NEW HIRES RES. #-23

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

RESOLVED, to accept the resignation of Jason Knox, Park Attendant, effective August 7, 2023; and it was further

RESOLVED, to authorize the following new hires subject to background checks and Civil Service approval:

Benjamin Davidson as seasonal lifeguard at a rate of \$20.00 per hour

Kevin Ventura as full time Park Attendant at a rate of \$25.00 per hour.

Motion passed. The vote was as follows:

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

CLAIMS RES. #-23

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

RESOLVED, to approve the General Fund Abstract and Supplemental General Fund Abstract of August 15, 2023 in the amount of \$831,255.74 and Trust and Agency Abstract of August 15, 2023 in the amount of \$5,300.00.

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 presented. The total fines collected for the Village Justice Court for the month of July 2023 was \$16,321.00.

MAYORS REPORT

The Mayor announced the appointment of more prosecutors which should enable more court nights. The pool is open and only needed to be closed one time this season. The flowers look great.

The Village will be sponsoring the following events: Shredding Day on Saturday August 19th from 9-12 in the parking lot; the 26th will be Green Day from 12-4; and the 27th will be Wellness Day from 12-4 at the pool. There is a book club gathering tonight and there are more Zumba classes scheduled.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

On motion of Trustee Pomerantz, seconded by Trustee Meyerson, it was

RESOLVED, to move to enter into Executive Session to discuss employee compensation. The motion was carried unanimously.

On motion of Trustee Meyerson, seconded by Deputy Mayor Zuckerman, and unanimously carried, the Board re-opened the regular Board of Trustees meeting and adjourned sine dine.

Respectfully submitted,

Donna Gooch
Village Clerk