

MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES
OF THE INCORPORATED VILLAGE OF EAST HILLS
SEPTEMBER 20, 2023

A meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Incorporated Village of East Hills was held on September 20, 2023; Mayor Koblenz called the meeting to order at 5:40 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 (arrived 5:50 PM)

Also present:

Nancy Futeran, Deputy Village Clerk

**PUBLIC HEARING FOR BILL T02-2023 A PROPOSED LOCAL LAW LOCAL
REGARDING SEPTIC SYSTEMS FOR NEW AND SUBSTANTIALLY IMPROVED
HOMES
RES. #-23**

Mayor Koblenz opened the public hearing for Bill T02-2023, a proposed local law requiring nitrogen-reducing septic systems for all new and substantially improved homes.

Thomas Murphy, Building Inspector described the new sanitary system requirements.

Mayor Koblenz asked for questions or comments from the public. No one spoke in favor of or against the proposed Bill.

Upon Motion by Deputy Mayor Zuckerman, seconded by Trustee Pomerantz, the Board unanimously voted to declare themselves the lead agency for the purposes of SEQRA, declare this an unlisted action, close the public hearing and adopt Bill T02-2023 as Local law 2-2023.

Motion passed. The vote was as follows:

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

DISCUSSION – AIRPLANE NOISE

Mayor Koblenz introduced Michael Scheid, Long Island Regional Director for Senator Gillibrand. Mr. Scheid explained that he was here on behalf of the Senator to collect information on the airplane noise problem so that the Senator's office can begin to work towards a solution with the FAA. Mayor Koblenz also introduced Town of North Hempstead Councilman Peter Zuckerman, and Elliot Conway, Mayor of Upper Brookville and President of the Nassau County village Officials Association (NCVOA). He then opened the meeting up for public comment.

Tom Piccoli, 3 Rockhill Road, explained the data that has been collected on the airplanes overhead. He noted that 76% of all JFK arrivals come in on single runway path. He explained the criteria that contribute to runway selection (wind direction, wind speed, volume). He also noted that planes should be flying at over 2000 feet but many planes fly under this altitude over East Hills.

Robin Brattner, 118 Crescent Lane, said that they have proposed reasonable solutions to the FAA with no success. Her concern is that the FAA is choosing volume of flights and the money that brings in over the quality of life of the residents of Long Island. Specifically she explained that Runway 22 has more efficient taxiways to turn around passengers faster, and as a result air traffic control uses this runway approach even when the conditions are suitable for using other approaches such as the ocean approach.

Mayor Conway explained that this is also an important issue for the residents of Upper Brookville, and he acknowledged that this is one of the NCVOA's top priorities.

Councilman Peter Zuckerman noted that this affects all of Nassau County, not only East Hills, and added his personal observation that that the planes fly very low over East Hills.

Anne Marie Sirone, a resident of Manhasset, expressed anger and frustration over the constant plane noise, and also voiced environmental health concerns.

Jason Bratner, 118 Crescent Lane, expressed concern also over potential health impacts in addition to the noise pollution.

Keri Bergman, 215 Elm Drive, comments on the emotional toll of the constant noise.

Mr. Scheid thanked the residents and representatives for the comments and feedback presented.

DISCUSSION - SUFFOLK COUNTY CATERERS

The Board discussed the possible use of Suffolk County Caterers LLC for the Park Grille for concession. The length of the contract, menu items, quality of food, pricing, and responsiveness were discussed.

Upon motion by Trustee Pomerantz, seconded by Trustee Siegel, the Board unanimously voted to authorize the Mayor to negotiate terms of a contract with Suffolk County Caterers.

Motion passed. The vote was as follows:

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

NELSON & POPE – POOL HEATER ENGINEERING SERVICES

RES. #__-23

Upon motion by Trustee Zuckerman, seconded by Trustee Pomerantz, it was RESOLVED, to approve the September 15, 2023 proposal of Nelson & Pope for Professional Engineering Services for Pool Heater Replacement in the amount of \$7,500.

Motion passed. The vote was as follows:

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

CHANGE ORDERS FOR PHILIP ROSS INDUSTRIES LLC

RES. #__-23

Upon motion by Trustee Zuckerman, seconded by Trustee Pomerantz, it was RESOLVED, to approve change order #3 for additional concrete work under Pool House Contract with Philip Ross Industries LLC in the amount of \$9,200, plus and change order #4 for electrical conduit work in the amount of \$24,150.

Motion passed. The vote was as follows:

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

SPOOKTACULAR DONATIONS

RES. #__-23

Upon motion by Trustee Pomerantz, seconded by Trustee Meyerson, it was RESOLVED, to accept the following donation for the 2023 KIP Spooktacular event: \$250 from Scout Residential and \$1,800 from Pierce Country Day School

Motion passed. The vote was as follows:

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

FIRE SUPPRESSANT CANISTER DONATION

RES. #__-23

Upon motion by Trustee Zuckerman, seconded by Trustee Pomerantz, it was RESOLVED, to accept the donation of Fire Gone Suppressant canisters from Eric and Cindy Miller, 5 Redwood Drive, East Hills, NY.

Motion passed. The vote was as follows:

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

PERSONNEL – RESIGNATIONS OF SECURITY AIDES NICHOLAS CALDERON AND TERRANCE SHANLEY

RES. #__-23

Upon motion by Trustee Zuckerman, seconded by Trustee Pomerantz, it was RESOLVED, to accept the resignation of Nicholas Calderon, Security Aide, effective August 18, 2023 and resignation of Terence Shanley, Security Aide, effective September 8, 2023.

Motion passed. The vote was as follows:

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

REFUND OF STREET OPENING DEPOSIT – 58 CIRCLE LANE

RES. #__-23

Upon motion by Trustee Zuckerman, seconded by Trustee Pomerantz, it was RESOLVED, to authorize a refund of the road opening deposit for 58 Circle Lane payable to Alon Gal in the amount of \$1,000.

Motion passed. The vote was as follows:

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

RE-BID AND AWARD OF TOYOTA RAV 4
RES. #__-23

Upon motion by Trustee Zuckerman, seconded by Trustee Pomerantz, it was RESOLVED, to authorize the re-bid of the 2016 Toyota Rav 4, Car 222, Vin JTMBFREXGJ074059 on Municibid with a reserve price of \$1,000 and award the Municibid auction to Ramon Duran, 172 Whaley Street, Freeport, NY 11520 in the amount of \$7,200.

Motion passed. The vote was as follows:

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

BAND OF CHARACTERS CONTRACT ADDENDUM
RES. #__-23

Upon motion by Trustee Zuckerman, seconded by Trustee Pomerantz, it was RESOLVED, to authorize the Mayor to sign the addendum to contract with Band of Characters for an additional payment of \$400 for an extra hour of performance on September 3, 2023, for a total payment of \$1,000.

Motion passed. The vote was as follows:

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

NELSON & POPE HVAC SYSTEMS ANALYSIS
RES. #__-23

Upon motion by Trustee Zuckerman, seconded by Trustee Pomerantz, it was RESOLVED, to authorize the Mayor to enter into an agreement with Nelson & Pope to perform an analysis of the HVAC systems in Village Hall for a fixed fee of \$4,000.00 in accordance with their proposal of September 9, 2023.

Motion passed. The vote was as follows:

Mayor Koblenz aye

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

VILLAGE HALL WINDOW REPLACEMENT

RES. #__-23

Upon motion by Trustee Zuckerman, seconded by Trustee Pomerantz, it was RESOLVED, to authorize the commitment of funding for a window replacement project for Village buildings, account line item 1620.445 from adopted 2023/24 budget in an amount not to exceed \$60,000.00. This project is anticipated to ultimately be reimbursed up to \$50,000 under a Sam Grant.

Motion passed. The vote was as follows:

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

PERSONNEL – MITCHELL HATT RELIEF SUPERVISOR

RES. #__-23

Upon motion by Trustee Zuckerman, seconded by Trustee Pomerantz, it was RESOLVED, to authorize the change of status of Mitchell Hatt to relief supervisor. He will receive an additional \$2.75 while performing his duties as a supervisor. This position will fill a need for relief supervisor due to Nicolas Calderon resigning his position as public safety officer/ relief supervisor last month.

Motion passed. The vote was as follows:

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

ROAD OPENING DEPOSIT REFUNDS – NATIONAL GRID

RES. #__-23

Upon motion by Trustee Zuckerman, seconded by Trustee Pomerantz, it was RESOLVED, to authorize the refund of road opening deposits from the General Fund to National Grid for the 7 street openings on the below list, in the total amount of \$7,000.00. These roads were repaved after the road openings were done.

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Permit #	Permit Date	GF Rect #	Property Address	Amount
18859	9/19/2016	52402	132 Deerpath	1000.00
18926	10/31/2016	52408	132 Deerpath	1000.00

19194	6/5/2017	52445	135 Deerpath	1000.00
19055	3/8/2017	52419	168 Woodbine Road	1000.00
19447	12/29/2017	53374	132 Deerpath	1000.00
19829	10/2/2018	58281	168 Woodbine Road	1000.00
19921	12/5/2018	60558	35 Thornwood Lane	1000.00

Motion passed. The vote was as follows:

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

ROAD OPENING DEPOSIT REFUNDS – NATIONAL GRID

RES. #__-23

Upon motion by Trustee Zuckerman, seconded by Trustee Pomerantz, it was RESOLVED, to authorize the refund of road opening deposits from the Trust and Agency Account to National Grid for the 11 street openings on the below list, in the total amount of \$10,750.00. These roads were repaved after the road openings were done.

Permit #	Permit Date	T/A Rect #	Property Address	Amount
17430	3/20/2014	41593	93 Deerpath	1000.00
20023	3/6/2019	60581	104 Deerpath	1000.00
20374	11/21/2019	62134	105 Deerpath	1000.00
20477	3/2/2020	64813	132 Deerpath	1000.00
20543	6/2/2020	64827	35 Deerpath	1000.00
20758	10/28/2020	66419	15 Deerpath	1000.00
21013	4/6/2021	67677	105 Deerpath	1000.00
21630	3/25/2022	71821	73 Deerpath	1000.00
22049	2/2/2023	75172	78 Woodbine Road	1000.00
20060	4/15/2019	60593	54 Thornwood Lane	1000.00
22073	2/16/23	75192	Thornwood Lane	750.00

Motion passed. The vote was as follows:

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

ROAD OPENING DEPOSIT REFUNDS

RES. #__-23

Upon motion by Trustee Zuckerman, seconded by Trustee Pomerantz, it was RESOLVED, to authorize the refund of road opening deposits as per the below list, in the total amount of \$ 4,000.00. These roads were repaved after the road openings were done.

Permit #	Permit Date	Rect #	Payee	Property Address	Amount
21341	9/14/2021	T69523	Orchid Sewer and Water Contracting Corp	73 Deerpath	\$1000.00
22205	5/25/2023	T76128	Kevin A. Gallagher, Inc.	156 Woodbine Rd	\$1000.00
19074	3/23/2017	G54245	Auri Weitz	168 Woodbine Rd	\$1000.00
19606	5/9/2018	G53398	Port NJ Plumbing and Heating	168 Woodbine Rd	\$1000.00

Motion passed. The vote was as follows:

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

RETURN OF THEATER SECURITY DEPOSITS

RES. #__-23

Upon motion by Trustee Zuckerman, seconded by Trustee Pomerantz, it was RESOLVED, to authorize the return of the following security deposits:

- \$150 to Nasir Mitha Theater hold 10/21/2023
- \$250 to Temple Sinai of Roslyn Theater rental 9/9/2023
- \$250 to Michelle Mesh Theater rental 9/9/2023

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 Trustee Meyerson, seconded by Trustee Siegel, it was RESOLVED, to authorize claims from the General Fund Abstract and General Supplemental

Abstract dated September 20, 2023 in the amount of \$483,704.07 and \$93,380.78 respectively.

Upon motion by Trustee Meyerson, seconded by Trustee Siegel, it was RESOLVED, to Authorize claim from the Trust and Agency Abstract dated September 20, 2023 in the amount of \$13,750.00

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. Trustee Pomerantz presented the Village Justice Court report for August 2023.

MAYOR'S REPORT

The Mayor discussed Nassau County police activity in East Hills including late night patrols and issuance of parking tickets.

GOOD AND WELFARE

Members of the Kids in the Park Committee (Fanny Boneh and Robin Brattner), discussed with the Board various aspects of the 2023 Spooktacular including contracts, availability of vendors, and proposed pricing for entrance fees. Annual budgeting, donations pledged vs. received, and sponsorships were also discussed. Park Director Dave Squillante also participated in the discussion.

ALLOCATE ANNUAL SPOOKTACULAR FUNDS

Res. # ____-23

Upon motion by Trustee Siegel, seconded by Mayor Koblenz, the Board unanimously voted to allocate \$15,000 annually to the budget for the Village Spooktacular event, regardless of projected ticket sales or financing.

Motion passed. The vote was as follows:

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

ADJOURNMENT

On motion of Mayor Koblenz, seconded by Trustee Meyerson, and carried unanimously, the meeting was adjourned at 8:30 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Nancy Futeran
Deputy Village Clerk