# PUBLIC HEARING/REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES Monday, June 6, 2022

A public hearing and regular monthly meeting of the Board of Trustees was held on June 6, 2022. The meeting was called to order at 7:35 PM by Mayor Rosenbaum with the following in attendance:

Randall Rosenbaum
Gary Lewandowski
Frank Genese
Mary Jo Collins
Trustee
Max Frankel

Mayor
Trustee
Trustee
Trustee

Jeff Blinkoff Village Attorney
Ronnie Shatzkamer Village Administrator
Suzanne Tangredi Village Treasurer

Peter Albinski Building Superintendent Heather Lanci Building Specialist Stephen Lawniczac Village Engineer

Historian Mitchell Schwartz led the assembly in the Pledge of Allegiance. There were nine members of the public present.

#### **Public Comment**

Resident Jennifer Shulteis of Farmview Lane asked for the installation of a stop sign at the corner of Farmview and The Spur. She also voiced a concern that the new construction adjacent to her house is causing flooding of her yard. The Mayor will look at the recent traffic study done for the Village to see if a stop sign is warranted.

Gloria Graber of 122 Country Club Drive also asked for a stop sign at Country Club and Greenbriar. Again, the traffic study will be consulted.

#### **Public Hearing**

On motion of Mayor Rosenbaum, seconded by Trustee Frankel, the Public Hearing portion of the meeting was opened at 7:45 PM to consider an application for a Fireworks Display at North Hempstead Country Club on July 1, 2022. The club was represented by Steve Cisek, President. All insurance and Fire Marshall requirements have been met. There is a rain date of July 2<sup>nd</sup>. The 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> hole areas will be open to non-member residents for viewing.

On motion of Mayor Rosenbaum, seconded by Trustee Genese, the permit was approved by all except for abstention by Trustee Collins as she is a member of the Club.

The second hearing was on proposed Local Law D - 2022 "Parking Restrictions on Ridge Drive West". There was public comment by Mr. and Mrs. Patrick O'Callahan of Ridge Drive West, asking the Board to reconsider installing parking restrictions on their street. Mayor Rosenbaum offered a motion to withdraw the hearing from further consideration, seconded by Trustee Frankel. The motion failed on a three to two vote. A new motion was offered by Mayor Rosenbaum, seconded by Trustee Frankel, to adjourn the hearing to a date uncertain, until after the Middle Neck Road parking is installed and a period of time has passed for evaluation of the efficacy of the added parking. The Board unanimously approved the motion.

The next hearing was to consider a lot line adjustment at 50/60 Walnut Lane. A letter was received from the applicant's attorney asking to withdraw the application. On motion of Mayor Rosenbaum,

seconded by Trustee Genese, the Board unanimously accepted the withdrawal.

The next hearing was to consider proposed local law I of the year 2020, regarding parking and traffic regulations on Middle Neck Road. The Mayor presented the law. After Board discussion and public comment, the hearing was unanimously adjourned to July 20, 2022 on motion of Mayor Rosenbaum, seconded by Trustee Collins.

The final hearing was to consider proposed local law H of the year 2022 regarding a prohibition on the installation of artificial turn in a front yard. There was Board discussion that resulted in amendments to the proposed law. The hearing was unanimously adjourned to July 20, 2022 on motion of Mayor Rosenbaum, seconded by Trustee Collins.

On motion of Mayor Rosenbaum, second by Trustee Genese, the public hearing portion of the meeting was closed at 8:31 PM.

See the stenographic record for further details

# **Regular Meeting**

# **Approval of Minutes**

On motion of Trustee Frankel seconded by Mayor Rosenbaum, the minutes of the May 2, 2022 Hearing/Regular Meeting were approved by all those who were in attendance.

## Treasurer's Report

The monthly claims were unanimously approved on motion of Mayor Rosenbaum, seconded by Trustee Collins.

# RESOLUTION NO. 31– June 6, 2022 RESOLUTION TO ENTER INTO A MUNICIPAL COOPERATION AGREEMENT

The following resolution was offered by Mayor Rosenbaum, second by Trustee Collins: **WHEREAS**, New York General Municipal Law, Article 5-G, Section 119-o (Section 119-o) empowers municipal corporations [defined in Article 5-G, Section 119-n to include school districts, boards of cooperative educational services, counties, cities, towns and villages, and districts] to enter into, amend, cancel, and terminate agreements for the performance among themselves (or one for the other) of their respective functions, powers, and duties on a cooperative or contract basis;

**WHEREAS** the Village of Flower Hill wishes to invest portions of its available investment funds in cooperation with other corporations and/or districts pursuant to the NYCLASS Municipal Cooperation Agreement Amended and Restated as of March 28, 2019;

**WHEREAS** the Village of Flower Hill wishes to satisfy the safety and liquidity needs of their funds;

**NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED AS FOLLOWS:** That Suzanne Tangredi, Treasurer, is hereby authorized to participate in the NYCLASS program under the terms of the NYCLASS Municipal Cooperation Agreement, amended and restated as of March 28, 2019.

The Board was polled as follows:

Trustee Genese Aye
Trustee Lewandowski Aye
Trustee Collins Aye
Trustee Frankel Aye
Mayor Rosenbaum Aye

Ms. Tangredi reported that the Tax Roll has been posted to the website and that on-line tax payments will be available on the website shortly.

#### **Building Inspector's Report**

Mr. Albinski reported on the Architectural Review Committee's meeting of May 23, 2022. The Committee recommended approval as submitted for 181 Mason Drive and 59 Chestnut Road both for solar panels. The Committee recommended approval with conditions for 63 Middle Neck Road for an addition, portico and rear covered porch; 21 Country Club Drive for an attached garage; 3 Hunters Lane for a 2-story addition, portico, and attached garage; 10 Crabtree Lane for additions and exterior alterations; 105 Woodhill Lane for a reconstructed one family dwelling; and 125 Northwoods Road for exterior alterations. No action was taken on the application of 51 Pinewood Road for a new dwelling.

On motion of Mayor Rosenbaum second by Trustee Genese, the Board approved the findings of the ARC with Trustee Lewandowski abstaining.

#### Attorney's Report

Mr. Blinkoff reported on the May 18, 2022 Board of Zoning Appeals hearing.

### **Engineer's Report**

The 2022 Roadwork contract bid packet has been issued with a bid opening date of June 10. He received four quotes for a survey of Middle Neck Road. After reaching out to each bidder his recommendation was that the Village contract with Fauser Associates.

# RESOLUTION NO. 32- June 6, 2022 RESOLUTION AWARDING A BID TO CREATE A SURVEY

The following resolution was offered by Mayor Rosenbaum, second by Trustee Frankel: **WHEREAS** the Village of Flower Hill has acquired Middle Neck Road from Nassau County via an Intermunicipal Agreement, and Nassau County has agreed to reimburse the Village for the cost of having a survey done;

**THEREFORE**, the Mayor asked Village Engineer Stephen Lawniczac, P.E. to get quotes for a survey of Middle Neck Road which was done, and

WHEREAS Fauser Associates, PC is the low bid at \$8,250.00.

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Board of Trustees of the Village of Flower Hill hereby approves retaining Fauser Associates, PC to complete a survey of Middle Neck Road.

The Board was polled as follows:

Trustee Genese Aye
Trustee Lewandowski Aye
Trustee Collins Aye
Trustee Frankel Aye
Mayor Rosenbaum Aye

#### Administrator's Report

Ms. Shatzkamer reported that the staff has begun working on the Municity Building Dept. software transition. Microsoft 365 and Sharepoint launch has been complete. Now all village files, except the current building software is in the cloud. The scanning project is near completion, with only the active files still remaining unscanned. The Arbor Day tree give away and street tree planting were successful. All trees were given away. The Village Newsletter is due to be published, she asked that Trustees forward ideas or articles for inclusion.

#### Mayor's Report

Mayor Rosenbaum would like to reinstitute the Landmark Commission to look into applying for landmark status for the Flower Hill cemetery and Elderfields Preserve. The commission would consist of five members. He is still seeking volunteers for the other seats.

A resident Eagle Scout is planning a clean up of the cemetery along with adding informational signage. Middle Neck Road is being cleaned on a rotating schedule, the Greenway gate will be repainted and plantings are to be added. Two additional speed bumps will be installed per the recommendations of the 2021 traffic study. The Mayor attended a recent PWMOEM meeting and reminded the Board of the importance of having an emergency plan. Total Technology has offered the Village three free months of Dark Web Monitoring services and if satisfied will pay a monthly fee thereafter. The Mayor upgraded the AV system in the meeting room for less than \$2,000.00 versus the \$10,000.00 quote received from a vendor. He urged the Trustees and residents to follow the Village on Facebook. As there were some complaints about garbage service, the Mayor had a conversation with the manager of Dejana Carting. He noted they have a few new employees which could account for the issues but that he will keep a closer eve on it. The Mayor has been attending Village meetings: Court, ARC, BZA, to get a better idea of how they function. He is also in the process of meeting with all our local elected officials. He noted that after many years of complaining to the DOT by the Village Administrator, the roadway lights on the viaduct are finally lit. The park looks great, last weekend was the Katie Oppo run and a large family gathering. The Mayor will soon introduce a policy regarding communications with the Village. He also thanked the Public Works Dept. for putting up the Memorial Day flags throughout the Village.

# RESOLUTION NO. 33– June 6, 2022 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE VILLAGE TO PAY STIPEND FOR PROSECUTORIAL SERVICES

The following resolution was offered by Mayor Rosenbaum, second by Trustee Frankel: **WHEREAS** the Village Justice Court retains the services of independent prosecutor Brian Meyerson, and

**WHEREAS** Mr. Meyerson has been serving the Village as prosecutor on a volunteer basis for over five years, however, he is no longer able to do so without compensation;

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Board of Trustees of the Village of Flower Hill authorizes the payment of \$250.00 per court appearance to Brian Meyerson as Village Prosecutor.

The Board was polled as follows:

Trustee Genese Aye
Trustee Lewandowski Aye
Trustee Collins Aye
Trustee Frankel Aye
Mayor Rosenbaum Aye

#### **Trustee's Report**

Trustee Collins reported that the butterfly garden in the park will be expanded with native plants.

#### **Executive Session**

On motion of Mayor Rosenbaum, seconded by Trustee Lewandowski, the Board moved to go into executive session to discuss a potential legal action. On motion of Mayor Rosenbaum, seconded by Trustee Lewandowski, the Board unanimously approved a motion directing the Village Attorney to issue a letter to Traina, 9 Knolls Lane, that the final hearing on their drainage

issue will be heard on June 22, 2022 and that if there is no appearance on their part then a civil judgement will be entered with the County against their property.

On motion of Mayor Rosenbaum, seconded by Trustee Collins, the Board came out of executive session and unanimously ratified the motion made during the session.

On motion of Mayor Rosenbaum, seconded by Trustee Genese, the Board moved to closed the public meeting at 9:30 pm.

Respectfully submitted, Ronnie Shatzkamer Village Administrator