# VILLAGE OF MATINECOCK REGULAR BOARD OF TRUSTEES' MEETING JUNE 20, 2023

A regular Trustees' meeting was held by the Board of Trustees of the Incorporated Village of Matinecock, Nassau County, New York, at Portledge School on Duck Pond Road in the Village, on Tuesday, June 20, 2023 at 6:30 P.M.

Present: Kenneth J. Goodman Mayor

Albert Kalimian Trustee
Linda Berke Trustee
William R. Denslow, Jr. Trustee
William I. Hollingsworth, III Trustee

Carol Large Trustee

Absent: Robert Marmorale Trustee

Also Present: Jennifer A. Zoufaly, Village Clerk/Treasurer

Peter P. MacKinnon, Esq.,of Humes & Wagner, LLP Attorneys for the Village

The Mayor called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.. He requested that the affidavits of mailing and posting of the Public Information Notice in compliance with the Open Meetings Law, which were presented, be annexed to the minutes of this meeting.

## **MINUTES**

The Mayor called for approval of the minutes of the Trustees' meeting held on May 16, 2023, 2023, which, on motion duly made and seconded, were unanimously approved as presented.

#### **BILLS**

The Village Clerk presented revised Warrant No. 708 dated May 1-31, 2023, in the amount of \$84,937.11 and Warrant No. 709 dated June 1-20, 2023, in the amount \$54,948.50. The Village Clerk also presented for the Trustees review, all vouchers with supporting documentation for said claims which are listed on Warrants 708 and 709. After discussion and an opportunity to review all claims presented on Warrants 708 and 709, the Board on duly motion made and seconded, approved all claims on Warrants 708 and 709 and directed the Village Clerk/Treasurer to make payment.

The Clerk/Treasurer reported that Jim Wellington's paycheck dated April 10, 2023, check number 127 in the amount of \$3,140.42 was intercepted through the mail and cashed by someone else on May 18, 2023. She noted she filed a Police Report with the Brookville Police and has put a claim in at First National Bank of Long Island. The Bank will not make the Village whole until at least 3-6 months. She noted that she will update the Board once the Village receives the \$3,140.42 back into the Village's general checking account.

# TREASURER'S REPORT

The Treasurer's Report for the month ending April 30, 2023, was presented, examined, approved and ordered filed, subject to audit. The Village Clerk requested approval to transfer \$70,000 from the General Savings to the Checking Account to maintain the Letter of Credit Collateral Agreement, copy of said request is annexed to these minutes. After discussion, on motion duly made and seconded, the Board approved the requested transfer. The Clerk also circulated a copy of the current balances in all of the Village's accounts as of June 20, 2023, copy attached.

# COMMISSIONER OF PUBLIC WORKS REPORT

Public Works Commissioner Wellington reported that he recently met with Roger Cocchi to discuss the road and curb repair project for Planting Fields Road. Commissioner Wellington noted that the triangle at the intersection of Planting Fields Road and Chicken Valley Road is not currently curbed. However he noted that curbing is needed on the Village's side of the planting triangle and not along Oyster Bay Road, being a County road, and the existing asphalt curbing along Planting Fields Road, being in good condition, will therefore not need to be replaced. The Village Engineer has advised the Village that due to technical issue at his firm, the Planting Fields Road repair bid specifications has been delayed.

Mr. Wellington discussed replacing the dead junipers around several of the Village signs. Trustee Large noted she would reach out to Dodds and Eder to do the replacement plantings at the base of each of the Village entrance sign that requires attention.

Mr. Wellington also reported that at the request of the Village Attorney, he has been involved with site issues involving the installation of the drainage improvements at the approved development of the former Potter property. The Village Attorney noted that the development of this property had been very controversial in the past and he recommended that the Board authorize Roger Cocchi, on behalf of the Village, to assist the Building Department in overseeing the installation of the required site improvements of the property. After discussion, the Board authorized Roger Cocchi of D&B Engineers to assist the Building Department in its review of the development of the former Potter property.

# **BUILDING DEPARTMENT**

The Building Inspector's May Report on the status of current building permits and projects in the Village, along with the revenue report for the month of May was reviewed and discussed, copies are annexed.

## **MAYOR'S REPORT**

The Mayor reported on a proposal he received from Signarama to update the existing street signs at a cost of \$34,801. The Mayor noted this proposal did not appear to follow his request for a quote for merely repairing the existing Street signs. The Mayor stated he speak with Signarama on obtaining a revised proposal.

### **POLICE**

The Mayor reported that things are quiet in the Village, crime is low and the police patrols continue to be more visible. The Mayor reported that he and Chief Lack are still trying to meet with Ken Arnold, Nassau County Commissioner of Public Works to discuss the need for Nassau County to erect an overhead speed indicator sign on Oyster Bay Road in the Village. The Mayor noted that such a sign is not warranted or needed to control speeding in that location, and is not in keeping with the aesthetics of the Village. The Mayor stated that this speed sign will further create a safety hazard due to its proposed installation adjacent to a private driveway entrance for 4 homes, on Oyster Bay Road. The Mayor and Chief also hope to discuss with Commissioner Arnold the possibility of installing a stop sign at intersection of Oyster Bay Road and Town Cocks Lane.

The Village Attorney reported that the 6 Village Post Obligation Agreement payments for health insurance premiums for retirees will hopeful be resolved in the next few weeks.

## THORNE LANE DRAINAGE PROJECT

The Village Attorney reported that the Inter Municipal Agreement (IMA) with Nassau County for funding for the Thorne Lane drainage project has been submitted to the Nassau County Legislature for funding approval. He also noted that he obtained a quote for the required title work that will be needed for the project, which will only be authorized when the Nassau County funding is actually received.

#### **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

The Mayor requested the Board enter into Executive Session to discuss pending personnel matters. On motion duly made and seconded, the Board unanimously resolved to enter into Executive Session. After the conclusion of the Executive Session, the Board re-entered the public session.

#### **NEXT MEETING**

The next meeting of the Board of Trustees is scheduled for Tuesday, July 18, 2023.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

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