

Minutes of the Village Board Meeting held November 14, 2019 at 7PM

Present: Michael Queenan, Mayor
Timothy Egan, Andrew Giacomazza and Jesus Gomez, Trustees
Absent: None
Also Present: Christopher Graziano and Tara Burek, Trustees-Elect; Robert Weyant, Village Streets Superintendent; John Smith, Parks Commissioner

I. Administrative Business:

a. Acceptance of Minutes:

Motion was offered by Trustee Giacomazza, seconded by Trustee Gomez, to accept receipt of the minutes of the regular meeting held October 24, 2019.

ADOPTED AYES 4 Queenan, Egan, Giacomazza, Gomez
NOES 0

b. Approval of Abstract:

Motion was offered by Trustee Egan, seconded by Trustee Giacomazza, to approve Abstract 11 containing vouchers 190875 - 191004 and totaling \$709,661.13.

ADOPTED AYES 4 Queenan, Egan, Giacomazza, Gomez
NOES 0

c. Fire Department Equipment Request:

Motion was offered by Trustee Giacomazza, seconded by Trustee Egan, to approve Fire Department Equipment Request 2019-18 totaling approximately \$2509.16 for the purchase of an iPad and assorted mounting equipment for Truck 522.

ADOPTED AYES 4 Queenan, Egan, Giacomazza, Gomez
NOES 0

d. Appointment of Part-Time Deputy Village Clerk:

Motion was offered by Trustee Egan, seconded by Trustee Giacomazza, to approve the appointment of Claudia Valoy-Romanisin to the position of part-time Deputy Village Clerk effective December 3, 2019. This position will be an average of 20 hours per week, and responsible for preparing the minutes of Planning Board meetings, and is paid an hourly rate of \$18.91.

ADOPTED AYES 4 Queenan, Egan, Giacomazza, Gomez
NOES 0

e. Acceptance of Resignation - Trustee:

Motion was offered by Trustee Giacomazza, seconded by Trustee Gomez, to accept, with regrets, the resignation of Thomas Flood from the position of Village Trustee effective November 4, 2019.

ADOPTED AYES 4 Queenan, Egan, Giacomazza, Gomez
NOES 0

f. Acceptance of Resignation - MEO:

Motion was offered by Trustee Egan, seconded by Trustee Giacomazza, to accept, with regrets, the resignation of Jason Dziedzic from the position of MEO effective November 8, 2019.

ADOPTED AYES 4 Queenan, Egan, Giacomazza, Gomez
NOES 0

g. Reschedule of 11/28 Meeting - 11/26:

Motion was offered by Trustee Egan, seconded by Trustee Giacomazza, to reschedule the November 28, 2019 Board of Trustees meeting to November 26, 2019 at 7PM due to the Thanksgiving holiday.

ADOPTED AYES 4 Queenan, Egan, Giacomazza, Gomez
 NOES 0

II. Old Business:

a. Return of Maintenance Bond - Winding Lane:

It has almost been a year since Winding Lane was accepted for dedication (December 2018) and the maintenance bond that was posted is being requested to be returned by the developer. An inspection was conducted by Engineer Lindsay and Superintendent Weyant and a list of items that required attention was supplied to the developer on October 28, 2019. The developer responded in a letter dated November 1, 2019 addressing the items. Engineer Lindsay then provided a follow-up letter to the Board stating he recommends the maintenance bond returned as everything is now completed to satisfaction. Motion was then offered by Trustee Egan, seconded by Trustee Gomez, to approve the return of Letter or Credit No. 165 that was issued through Greater Hudson Bank in the amount of \$83,000 and the cash escrow (P535) that was posted, less any outstanding consulting invoices.

ADOPTED AYES 4 Queenan, Egan, Giacomazza, Gomez
 NOES 0

III. New Business:

a. Resolution - Relevy of Previously Exempt Properties:

Motion was offered by Trustee Giacomazza, seconded by Trustee Egan, to adopt the following resolution to re-levy a prorated tax amount due on property(ies) located at various locations that was/were previously eligible for an exemption:

WHEREAS, the owner(s) of property was/were eligible for an exemption on property taxes and upon the sale/death this exemption must be removed; and

WHEREAS, notification was received by the Village Clerk from the Woodbury Assessor that prorated amount(s) need to be re-levied onto the FY20/21 taxes for this/these property(ies).

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED that the Village Board directs the Village Clerk, Village Tax Collector and any other Village official, employee or agent of the Village to take any and all necessary actions to levy and collect the following amounts on the following affected land(s) in the same manner as all other Village Charges and to take any necessary actions to execute and record a lien upon such land:

238-1-16	5 VanBuren Ct, HM	\$29.43
237-4-50	3 Linden Dr, HM	\$52.84
211-1-57	23 Pleasant Dr, HM	\$34.10

ADOPTED AYES 4 Queenan, Egan, Giacomazza, Gomez
 NOES 0

b. Liquor License Application Notification:

Notice was received on November 6, 2019 that Taco Express & Deli LLC located at 514 Route 32, Highland Mills, is applying for a liquor license from the NYS Division of Alcoholic Beverage Control State Liquor Authority. Mayor Queenan stated a letter was sent to the Police Department to determine if there is any reason why the Village should object to this application being approved and they stated

there have been no significant incidents that would prohibit the application. Therefore, Village Clerk Potvin was instructed to send a letter to the State Liquor Authority

c. Amended Petition for Zone Change - Highland Mills Center Group LLC:

From Engineer Lindsay: *In 2017 a zone change petition was submitted when this project was introduced to the Planning Board. The applicant submitted a site plan application for an 84-unit Senior Housing Complex on a portion of five contiguous tax lots in Highland Mills. The Planning Board advised the application the project was not permitted under the current zoning and an application for a zone change would be required. The Village Board reviewed the zone change petition in November 2017 and denied the request. In March 2018 it was reconsidered and a draft local law was authorized and a public hearing scheduled. The applicant returned to the Planning Board for a SEQRA determination and on May 30, 2018 the Planning Board (as Lead Agency) concluded SEQRA with a negative declaration. The zone change was then considered by the Village Board in June 2018 with concerns raised regarding traffic and sewer capacity. A public hearing was held and closed on July 2018 with written comments accepted until August 2018. The application has now been revised to a 96-unit complex, consisting of two, three-story buildings on a portion of six contiguous lots.*

Mayor Queenan noted Attorney Naughton has submitted a revised version of Introductory Local Law 5 of 2018 consisting of the amendments from the amended petition that was received. The Board needs to decide if another public hearing should be held, which she believes would be advisable.

Motion was then offered by Trustee Egan, seconded by Trustee Gomez, to introduce amended Introductory Local Law 5 of 2018 and refer it to the Planning Board for a report pursuant to the Zoning Code.

ADOPTED AYES 4 Queenan, Egan, Giacomazza, Gomez
 NOES 0

Motion was then offered by Trustee Egan, seconded by Trustee Giacomazza, to refer the amended Introductory Local Law 5 of 2018 to the Orange County Planning Department under GML 239-m.

ADOPTED AYES 4 Queenan, Egan, Giacomazza, Gomez
 NOES 0

Motion was then offered by Trustee Egan, seconded by Trustee Gomez, to schedule a public hearing to be held on January 23, 2020 at 7PM to entertain public comments on amended Introductory Local Law 5 of 2018 entitled a "Local Law amending the Zoning Map of the Village of Woodbury".

ADOPTED AYES 4 Queenan, Egan, Giacomazza, Gomez
 NOES 0

IV. Public Comment: *No public comment was received.*

V. Board Member/Department Comments:

Trustee Giacomazza noted the passing of Frank Reynolds who was a long-time resident and very active member of the community. He was a member of the Lions Club for 55 years, a volunteer with the Ambulance, a member of the American Legion, a Korean War veteran and a former NYS Trooper. Twenty-six years ago Frank was diagnosed with ALS and he was a decent human being and a true gentleman.

Trustee Gomez thanked all that ran for election and congratulated those that won their races. He feels it takes a lot of effort for an individual to run for election, especially in the age of social media. He added it is tough to hear the things that people say about you - the good and the bad. He urged

people to think before they write on social media because words hurt and you may one day regret it. He concluded by stating that if you didn't vote then you should not complain.

Trustee Egan thanked former Trustee Flood for all the work he did during his terms. He thinks he is a great person to work with and added value to the community. He then noted the construction at the Route 32/17/87 interchange has been completed. He attended a ribbon cutting event this morning that was presided over by Governor Cuomo.

Mayor Queenan asked thanked former Trustee Flood for his time served and said he would be missed. He also commented on the passing of Frank Reynolds.

VI. Adjournment:

With no further business to discuss or comments received, a motion was offered by Trustee Giacomazza, seconded by Trustee Egan, to adjourn the meeting at 7:15PM.

ADOPTED	AYES	4	Queenan, Egan, Giacomazza, Gomez
	NOES	0	

Desiree Potvin, Village Clerk