

A **Regular Meeting** of the Board of Trustees of the Village of Port Washington North was held at 3 Pleasant Avenue, Port Washington, New York, on Tuesday, **August 10, 2021** at 7:30 pm at the Village Hall, 3 Pleasant Avenue, Port Washington, New York.

Present: Mayor - Robert Weitzner
Trustees - Matthew Kepke
- Michael Malatino
- Sherman Scheff
Clerk - Palma Torrisi
Attorney - Stuart Besen

Excused: Trustee Cohen

1. Clerk

On motion of Trustee Kepke, seconded by Trustee Malatino, it was unanimously RESOLVED that the reading of the minutes of the meeting of the Board of Trustees of June 8, 2021 be waived and that they be and hereby are approved as prepared by Clerk Torrisi.

2. Treasurer

A. On motion of Trustee Scheff, seconded by Trustee Kepke, it was unanimously RESOLVED that the reading of the Abstract of General Fund vouchers #236, totalling \$68,459.44, and Trust & Agency vouchers #175 totalling \$320.00, be waived and that they be and hereby are approved as presented by Treasurer Bella.

B. On motion of Trustee Kepke, seconded by Trustee Scheff, it was unanimously RESOLVED that a budget modification be made removing \$50,000.00 from Road Maintenance and transferring the funds to Sidewalks.

C. Treasurer Bella stated that Trustee Scheff reviewed the bank statement reconciliations for July 2021.

3. Reports

A. Public Works

1. On motion of Trustee Malatino, seconded by Trustee Scheff, it was unanimously RESOLVED that the Public Works Department report for the month of July 2021 be and hereby is accepted as submitted by Superintendent Novinski.

2. Mayor Weitzner stated that quotes to paint the bus stop shelter on the west side of Shore Road opposite the intersection of Harbor Road were received from Creative Landscaping by Cow Bay for \$2,600.00 and from Bucky Demelas & Son for \$1,700.00.

B. Building Department

On motion of Trustee Malatino, seconded by Trustee Scheff, it was unanimously RESOLVED that the Building Department report of Superintendent for the month of July 2021 be and hereby is accepted as submitted.

C. Emergency Management & Traffic Safety

1. On motion of Trustee Kepke, seconded by Trustee Scheff, it was unanimously RESOLVED that the Emergency Management & Traffic Safety report for July 2021 be and hereby is accepted as presented by Commissioner Steven Kaplan.

2. On motion of Trustee Malatino, seconded by Trustee Kepke, it was unanimously

RESOLVED that the Board approves the expenditure of \$5,050.00 for directional drilling for replacement of service feed to repair street lights on corners of Soundview Drive at Seaview Lane and Soundview Drive at Dock Lane.

D. Beautification Commission

On motion of Trustee Malatino, seconded by Trustee Scheff, it was unanimously RESOLVED that the report of the Beautification Commissioner for July 2021 be accepted as presented by Howard Roth.

E. Justice Court

The Board accepted the Justice Court report for June 2021.

4. Business

A. Leaf Removal Contract Renewal – Dom’s Lawnmaker Inc.

On motion of Trustee Malatino, seconded by Trustee Kepke, it was unanimously RESOLVED that the Village is hereby exercising its option to extend the contract for the Removal of Leaves for Fall 2021 with Dom's Lawnmaker Inc., at the cost of \$21,200.00, in accordance with the terms in its bid document, dated September 24, 2019, and the 2019 contract.

B. Port Washington Garbage District – Letter of Intent

The Board of Trustees addressed the Port Washington Garbage District’s letter, dated June 21, 2021, requesting that the Village of Port Washington North issue a letter intent with regard to the Village’s future relationship with the Port Washington Garbage District. The Board decided to take the request for a letter of intent under advisement and defer any action for the present time.

C. Report on Law Permitting Retail Sale of Legalized Cannabis

Sam Cacioppo, environmental and communications intern consultant, presented his report on the law permitting the retail sale of legalized cannabis on Long Island.

5. Executive Session

On motion of Trustee Scheff, seconded by Trustee Kepke, it was unanimously RESOLVED that the Board enter into executive session to discuss current litigation with the Village Attorney, and that action may be taken.

On motion of Trustee Malatino, seconded by Trustee Kepke, it was unanimously RESOLVED that the executive session be ended and the regular meeting reopened.

Mayor Weitzner stated that no action was taken in executive session.

6. Business (continued)

On motion of Trustee Kepke, seconded by Trustee Scheff, it was unanimously RESOLVED that after careful consideration the Board of Trustees of the Village of Port Washington North directs the law firm of Tate Grossman Kelly & Iaccarino to discontinue the opioid litigation with regard to the Village of Port Washington North as a plaintiff, and terminates the attorney-client legal relationship with said firm per the terms of the retainer agreement effective immediately.

On motion of Trustee Kepke, seconded by Trustee Scheff, it was unanimously RESOLVED that the meeting be and hereby is adjourned at 10:15 p.m.