

A Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Village of Port Washington North was held on Tuesday, **December 12, 2023** at 7:30 p.m. at the Village Hall, 3 Pleasant Avenue, Port Washington, New York

Present:	Mayor	-	Robert Weitzner
	Trustees	-	Steven Cohen
		-	Michael Malatino
	Clerk	-	Palma Torrisi
	Attorney	-	Stuart Besen
	Court Reporter	-	Joanne Horrocks

Excused: Trustees Kepke and Scheff

1. Israel – Hamas Statement

On motion of Trustee Cohen, seconded by Trustee Malatino, the following resolution was unanimously adopted:

WHEREAS, on October 7, 2023, Hamas terrorists launched a coordinated attack on Israel from the Gaza Strip; and

WHEREAS, Hamas has breached Israel's borders and kidnapped and held hostage civilians from numerous nations; and

WHEREAS, twenty-five Americans have been declared dead at the hands of Hamas;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Trustees of the Village of Port Washington North that the Village of Port Washington North unequivocally condemns Hamas for this deplorable attack on Israel; and be it further

RESOLVED that the Village of Port North stands in solidarity with the State of Israel against this attack by Hamas, and supports Israel's right to defend itself and protect its citizens from indiscriminate violence and terrorism; and be it further

RESOLVED that the Village of Port Washington North commends and supports the United States government in its campaign demanding that Hamas immediately release all hostages and return them to safety; and be it further

RESOLVED that the Village of Port Washington North supports the right of the State of Israel to exist as a sovereign nation, with full recognition of its border and territory.

2. Public Hearing - Fire & Emergency Medical Service 2024 Contract

Mayor Weitzner opened the Public Hearing, duly advertised in the November 17, 2023 *Port Washington Times*, to consider the Fire Protection & Emergency Medical Services 2024 contract with the Port Washington Fire Department Inc. at a cost of \$307,337.00. Board of Directors Chair Christopher Bollerman spoke on behalf of the Port Washington Fire Department. A stenographic transcript of the hearing is on file with the Village Clerk. All those present wishing to speak having been heard, on motion of Trustee Malatino, seconded by Trustee Cohen, it was unanimously RESOLVED that the public hearing be closed. Whereupon the Mayor closed the

public hearing. On motion of Trustee Malatino, seconded by Trustee Cohen, it was unanimously

RESOLVED that the Village of Port Washington North contract with the Port Washington Fire Department Inc. for the furnishing of Fire Protection and Emergency Medical Service within the Village for the period of January 1, 2024 through December 31, 2024 at a cost to the Village of \$307,337.00, and that the Mayor is hereby authorized to execute such contract on behalf of the Village.

3. Clerk

A. On motion of Trustee Cohen, seconded by Trustee Malatino, it was unanimously

RESOLVED that the reading of the minutes of the Board of Trustees meeting of October 10, 2023 be waived and that they be and hereby are approved as prepared by Clerk Torrisi.

B. On motion of Trustee Cohen, seconded by Trustee Malatino, it was unanimously

RESOLVED that the time, date and place of the next Village General Election are as follows:

Date:	Tuesday, March 19, 2024
Time:	12:00 Noon to 9:00 p.m.
Place:	3 Pleasant Avenue, Port Washington, New York

Vote was recorded as follows: Trustee Cohen-aye, Trustee Malatino-aye, Mayor Weitzner-aye. Motion carried.

C. On motion of Trustee Cohen, seconded by Trustee Malatino, it was unanimously

RESOLVED that the regular monthly meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Village of Port Washington North, previously set for January 9, 2024, be and hereby is rescheduled to 7:30 p.m. on January 16, 2024 at the Village Hall, 3 Pleasant Avenue, Port Washington, New York.

4. Treasurer

A. On motion of Trustee Malatino, seconded by Trustee Cohen, it was unanimously

RESOLVED that the reading of the Abstract of General Fund Vouchers #264, totalling \$519,263.72, and Abstract of Trust & Agency Vouchers #194, totalling \$1,775.50, be waived and that they be and hereby are approved as submitted by Treasurer Bella.

B. On motion of Trustee Malatino, seconded by Trustee Cohen, it was unanimously

RESOLVED that the budget modifications for year-end May 31, 2023 proposed by Treasurer Bella be and hereby are approved.

C. The Mayor stated that Trustee Scheff had reviewed the bank statement reconciliations for October 2023.

5. Reports

A. Public Works

1. On motion of Trustee Cohen, seconded by Trustee Malatino, it was unanimously RESOLVED that the Public Works report for November 2023 be and hereby is accepted as submitted by Superintendent Poole.

B. Building Department

1. On motion of Trustee Cohen, seconded by Trustee Malatino, it was unanimously RESOLVED that the Building Department report for November/December 2023 be and hereby is accepted as submitted by Superintendent Barbach.

2. Sign Permits: Flagstar Bank, 167 Shore Road

The Board considered sign permit applications A2023-0233, A2023-0234, A2023-0235 and A2023-0236 of Matthew Calvo c/o Building Brothers, submitted November 3, 2023, for 167 Shore Road (premises owned by LFP 167 Shore LLC and designated on the Nassau Land & Tax Map as Section 4, Block 125, Lots 19, 22 & 23). On motion of Trustee Malatino, seconded by Trustee Cohen, it was unanimously

RESOLVED that the following sign permit applications of Matthew Calvo c/o Building Brothers, for 167 Shore Road, Port Washington, NY (premises owned by LFP 167 Shore LLC, and designated on the Nassau Land & Tax Map as Section 4, Block 125, Lots 19, 22 & 23) be and hereby are approved:

- A2023-0233 for a 2-foot 9-inch high by 4-foot 10-inch long by 6-inch deep ground/pole/tower sign;
- A2023-0234 for a 1-foot 10-inch high by 15-foot 10-inch long by 6-inch deep wall/store front advertising sign;
- A2023-0235 for a 1-foot 6-inch high by 3-foot 10.5-inch long by 8-inch deep wall/store front advertising sign;
- A2023-0236 for a 1-foot 4-inch high by 14-foot 10-inch long by 6-inch deep wall/store front advertising sign;

in accordance with the plans submitted on November 3, 2023.

C. Communications

On motion of Trustee Cohen, seconded by Trustee Malatino, it was unanimously RESOLVED that the Communications report for the month of November 2023 be and hereby is accepted as prepared by Lauren Summa.

D. Beautification

On motion of Trustee Cohen, seconded by Trustee Malatino, it was unanimously RESOLVED that the Beautification report for the month of November 2023 be and hereby is accepted as presented by Commissioner Roth.

E. Justice Court

The Board accepted the Justice Court reports for the months of October 2023.

6. Business

A. Street Sweeping Contract Extension

On motion of Trustee Cohen, seconded by Trustee Malatino, it was unanimously RESOLVED that the hereby is hereby exercising its option to extend the Street Sweeping contract with Dejana Industries LLC for a period of one year from April 1, 2024 to March 31, 2025, in accordance with the terms more particularly set forth in its bid document dated March 10, 2023.

B. Bigbelly Garbage Bins for Bay Walk Park

On motion of Trustee Cohen, seconded by Trustee Malatino, it was unanimously RESOLVED that the Board of Trustees of the Village of Port Washington North authorizes the purchase of three kiosk-style garbage bins with liner bags for installation in Bay Walk Park from Bigbelly Solar, 150 A Street, Suite 103, Needham, MA 02494, at a cost not to exceed \$7,999.80, as per quote number 43267-1, dated November 8, 2023.

C. Channel Drive Inclusive Playground Grant Submission Update

Mayor Weitzner reported that he submitted grant applications for the Channel Drive Inclusive Playground to the New York State Office of Parks, Recreation & Historic Preservation and to New York State Assemblyperson for the 16th District Gina Sillitti.

On motion of Trustee Cohen, seconded by Trustee Malatino, it was unanimously RESOLVED that the meeting be and hereby is adjourned at 8:26 p.m.

Palma Torrisi, Village Clerk