

**MINUTES OF OCTOBER 10, 2024**  
**THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES**  
**REGULAR MEETING AND PUBLIC HEARING**  
**FOR THE**  
**INC. VILLAGE OF RUSSELL GARDENS**

**PRESENT:** Deputy Mayor Larry Chaleff, Trustee Martin Adickman, Trustee Matt Ellis, Trustee Jane Krakauer, Village Clerk Treasurer Danielle Pennise, Superintendent of Russell Gardens Building Dept. Bob Barbach, Village Counsel, Taylor Gonzalez, Forchelli Law.

**ABSENT:** Mayor David M. Miller

**Deputy Mayor Larry Chaleff** opened the meeting at 8:00 P.M. in Village Hall. Larry Chaleff announced that the public hearing for Import Masters would be heard by the board in the later part of the meeting, upon Superintendent, Bob Barbach's arrival.

Larry Chaleff proceeded with the adoption of the board reports.

A motion was made by **Matt Ellis** and seconded by **Jane Krakauer**, to accept the **Minutes of September 5, 2024**, Treasurers Report for the period **August 31, 2024**, and the Building Inspector's Report and Maintenance Report for the month of **September 2024**.

**VOTE OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES:**

**AYE: LARRY CHALEFF, MARTIN ADICKMAN, MATT ELLIS, AND JANE KRAKAUER**

**NAY: NONE**

**The following resolutions were read by Deputy Mayor Larry Chaleff:**

**RESOLVED**, to approve \$374.04 total disbursements from the Village's General Fund Checking Account at First National Bank of Long Island, for additional invoices paid in Aug. 2024, Check # 1090 to 1092.

**RESOLVED**, to approve \$154,152.77 total disbursements from the Village's General Fund Checking Account at First National Bank of Long Island, for invoices paid in the amount of \$118,580.49 in Sept. 2024, Check # 1093 to 1133, and electronic funds transfers in the amount of \$1,798.09 and Payroll disbursements of \$33,774.19.

A motion was made by **Martin Adickman** and seconded by **Jane Krakauer**.

**VOTE OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES:**

**AYE: LARRY CHALEFF, MARTIN ADICKMAN, MATT ELLIS, AND JANE KRAKAUER**

**NAY: NONE**

**RESOLVED**, to authorize the Mayor to sign an agreement with Share Builder Corp. (53 Stevens St., Roosevelt, NY 11575) Contract #7, to continue joint repair for street curbing in the Village for the period of 20 days through October, at a rate of \$1,100 per day, for a Total of \$22,000.

A motion was made by **Martin Adickman** and seconded by **Jane Krakauer**.

**VOTE OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES:**

**AYE: LARRY CHALEFF, MARTIN ADICKMAN, MATT ELLIS, AND JANE KRAKAUER**

**NAY: NONE**

**RESOLVED**, to approve the attached Budget Modifications, total amount of \$34,000, to be reflected in the Sept. 2024 Statement of Expenditures Report.

A motion was made by **Martin Adickman** and seconded by **Jane Krakauer**.

**VOTE OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES:**

**AYE: LARRY CHALEFF, MARTIN ADICKMAN, MATT ELLIS, AND JANE KRAKAUER**

**NAY: NONE**

A motion was made by **Larry Chaleff** and seconded by **Jane Krakauer** to move into an executive session to discuss matters.

**VOTE OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES:**

**AYE: LARRY CHALEFF, MARTIN ADICKMAN, MATT ELLIS, AND JANE KRAKAUER**

**NAY: NONE**

Village Superintendent of Buildings, **Bob Barbach** arrived at 8:15 p.m. The Board of Trustees ended their executive session.

**Deputy Mayor Larry Chaleff** opened the public hearing at 8:18 P.M. in Village Hall, to consider an application from Import Masters, located at 275 Northern Blvd., Great Neck, NY, Section 2, Block 241, and Lot 20, who are seeking renewal for a special use permit for the business of a pre-owned luxury automobile dealership.

**Janice Whelan**, attorney (office located at 23 Green Street, Huntington, NY, Suite 205) representing Mr. Norman Barazian and Mr. Arman Barazian, Principals of Wisdom Properties LLC and Masters Automobile International, has operated at the stated address for the past 32 years as a luxury car dealership. Currently there exists an open permit to screen the AC condenser on the roof, which will be done. There will be no addition to the business, it will operate the same way with twelve employees. All vehicles are serviced at the second location, Great Neck Road and vehicle storage is at the East Shore Road location. There will be no on-site parking.

We believe the use is harmonious with the community and respectfully request renewal to keep the business operating within the confines of the Village Code.

**Deputy Mayor Larry Chaleff** commented, so it is basically going to be a continuation of business operations?

**Janice Whelan**, confirmed.

No questions from the Trustees.

**Mr. Barbach** stated, it is factually represented.

**Deputy Mayor Larry Chaleff** invited questions from the public.

No questions from the public.

Upon motion by **Martin Adickman** and seconded by **Jane Krakauer**, and unanimously approved, the Special Use Permit for Import Masters was renewed **and granted for five years.**

#### **VOTE OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES:**

**AYE: LARRY CHALEFF, MARTIN ADICKMAN, MATT ELLIS, AND JANE KRAKAUER**

**NAY: NONE**

Where upon the public hearing was closed at 8:22 p.m.

**Martha Hirsch of Great Neck** presented to the Board of Trustees a request for (18) overnight parking permits for apartment owners of 140 South Middle Neck Rd. This is the only apartment building in Russell Gardens that does not have a parking garage.

**Deputy Mayor Larry Chaleff** stated, the village does not allow overnight parking permits to the residents of Russell Gardens and has never done so in the past because it is a violation of State law to provide special parking permits on public roads. Also, allowing vehicles on village roads is a safety risk to the residents.

**Larry Chaleff** stated that this request would not be granted by the board.

**Deputy Mayor Larry Chaleff** provided several village updates.

The village is currently continuing road curbing and will continue for the next eight weeks; therefore, road paving will be done in Spring 2025, due to the extensive work of road curbing. We are starting to replace the stop signposts throughout the village.

A motion was made by **Martin Adickman** and seconded by **Jane Krakauer**, to adjourn the meeting at 8:42 p.m.

**VOTE OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES:**

**AYE: LARRY CHALEFF, MARTIN ADICKMAN, MATT ELLIS, AND JANE KRAKAUER**

**NAY: NONE**

Respectfully Submitted,

Danielle Pennise, Village Clerk Treasurer

Inc. Village of Russell Garden