

MINUTES OF MAY 2, 2024
THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES
REGULAR MEETING
FOR THE
INC. VILLAGE OF RUSSELL GARDENS

PRESENT: Mayor David M. Miller, Deputy Mayor Larry Chaleff, Trustee Martin Adickman, Trustee Matt Ellis, Trustee Jane Krakauer, and Village Clerk Treasurer Danielle Pennise.

Mayor David M. Miller opened the meeting at 8:05 P.M. in Village Hall and proceeded with the adoption of the board reports.

A motion was made by **Larry Chaleff** and seconded by **Jane Krakauer**, to accept the minutes of April 4, 2024, Treasurers Report for the period of March 2024, and Building Inspector's Report, and Maintenance Report for the month of April 2024.

VOTE OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES:

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

NAY: NONE

Mayor Miller announced that a proposed law on prohibited uses of room rentals will be scheduled at our next meeting.

The Mayor proceeded with the adoption of the following resolutions:

RESOLVED, to approve disbursements from First National Bank of Long Island General Fund Checking Account in the amount of \$986.77 for additional invoices paid in March 2024, Check #'s 2277 to 2278.

A motion was made by **Larry Chaleff** and seconded by **Jane Krakauer**.

VOTE OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES:

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

NAY: NONE

RESOLVED, to approve total disbursements of \$110,468.14 from First National Bank of Long Island General Fund Checking Account, for invoices paid in the amount of \$78,225.56 in April 2024, Check# 2279 to 2319 and Electronic Transfers in the amount of \$650.10 and Payroll disbursements of \$31,592.48.

A motion was made by **Larry Chaleff** and seconded by **Jane Krakauer**.

VOTE OF THE BOARD:

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

NAY: NONE

The Social media policy for village employees and officers was tabled.

RESOLVED, to hire **Brendan Busto** as a **Full-Time, Motor Equipment Operator Trainee** in the Department of Public Works at an annual salary of **\$43,680**.

A motion was made by **Larry Chaleff** and seconded by **Jane Krakauer**.

VOTE OF THE BOARD:

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

NAY: NONE

RESOLVED, to authorize payments for reduced assessments to twenty properties for a total amount of **\$7,355.38**, for village tax refunds resulting from **small claim assessment hearings for the Year 2023-2024** (*See attached list*).

Mayor Miller commented, that all property owners who are receiving a refund are current with their village taxes.

A motion was made by **Larry Chaleff** and seconded by **Jane Krakauer**.

VOTE OF THE BOARD:

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

NAY: NONE

Mayor Miller provided some general village updates and reminders to all residents.

Village tennis courts were reconditioned for the season on April 29, 2024, and are ready to open in the next two weeks, weather permitted. A notice will be sent to all residents on the opening date. All dog walkers should be mindful of not walking their dogs on the lawn of residential properties. The village ordered a new sweeper which will arrive late May. Resurfacing of the village roads will be done this summer. Concrete gutters in the roads need repair and additional gutters will be added. Prior to doing the roads, curbing of the belgium blocks will be done next month. United Paving Corp. will be providing an estimate for the job. The village contracted with engineer James Antonelli and he has provided recommendations.

The next meeting of the Board of Trustees will be held on Thursday, June 6, 2024.

A motion was made by **Larry Chaleff** and seconded by **Jane Krakauer**, to adjourn the meeting at 8:35 p.m.

VOTE OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES:

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

NAY: NONE

Respectfully Submitted,

Danielle Pennise, Village Clerk Treasurer
Inc. Village of Russell Garden