

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE
INC. VILLAGE OF RUSSELL GARDENS**

March 5, 2020

PRESENT Larry Chaleff, Deputy Mayor, Martin Adickman, Jane Krakauer, Matthew Ellis, Trustees,
Christine Blumberg, Village Clerk

ABSENT David Miller, Mayor

MINUTES The minutes of the meeting held on February 6, 2020 were received as recorded.

TREASURER REPORT Treasurer's report for the month of January, 2020 was distributed to the Board for review.

BUILDING

INSPECTOR - PERMITS

4 Wensley Dr. – new CAC unit

255 Northern Blvd. – annual commercial sign permit renewal

C.O. / C.C.

7 CARLTON RD. – PATH/PATIO

11 CHESTER DR. – PAVER DRIVEWAY

1 LINFORD RD. – ROOF REPLACEMENT

MAINT. REPORT

The Crew made repairs to the conveyor and rear broom hydraulic lift assembly on the sweeper. One of the pistons needed to lift, during non-sweeper mode, had a broken seal causing failure to lift the conveyor and the loss of hydraulic pressure. The crew did the replacement of both pistons. The crew repaired and replaced four of the old street lamps by retro fitting these units with new 3000 k L.E.D. bulbs. New photo cells along with new wiring were replaced. Each lamp received new paint and repaired lenses. These will be held for future replacement when needed. There are at least 3 wooden light poles that will also need replacing this spring. A new order for these Cedar wood poles will be placed as it takes at least 2 months for delivery. The crew restored five of the wooden entrance signs. Each sign had to be sanded down to bare wood. A copper film strip was sealed over the top edge to help seal out water and ice. New sealant was applied prior to seven coats of spar varnish spray to make a better finish. They are two signs left that are in the process for completion. The same work was done to the Village Hall Wood sign. The DPW Supervisor completed inventory of all of the Village's street lighting through the use of electrical maps. This has the updated repairs and replacement of L.E.D. bulbs that should reflect a reduction on yearly electrical costs to this Village. This updated information occurs every year.

On motion by Matthew Ellis and seconded by Jane Krakauer it was:

RESOLVED to approve disbursements from the checking account for the month of January, 2020 Check #20919-20963; including Paychex Payroll, Direct Deposit; Total Disbursements \$142,101.24

VOTE OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES

AYE: CHALEFF, ADICKMAN, KRAKAUER, ELLIS

NAY: NONE

On motion by Matthew Ellis and seconded by Jane Krakauer it was:

RESOLVED to authorize the Mayor to sign an amendment to the Intermunicipal Solid Waste Agreement extending the term for another ten years, expiring April 30,2030.

VOTE OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES

AYE: CHALEFF, ADICKMAN, KRAKAUER, ELLIS

NAY: NONE

RATIFY ACTION TAKEN:

On motion by Matthew Ellis and seconded by Jane Krakauer it was:

RESOLVED to authorize the Village Clerk to sign an agreement with Dvirka&Bartilucci to prepare the 2020 Annual Report for the Phase II Storm Water Management Program in the amount of \$2900.00.

VOTE OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES

AYE: CHALEFF, ADICKMAN, KRAKAUER, ELLIS

NAY: NONE

Deputy Mayor Chaleff made the following comments:

- Village tax bills mailed 02/19/2020,
Taxes due April 1,2020.
- By NY State law tax payments received after 04/1/2020 will incur 5% penalty.
- If you don't receive your bill, call the village clerk
- Village election is on March 18,2020. Polls open noon-9PM
- The taxes increased to cover basic operating expenses
- The village has been operating at a deficit and using surplus to cover deficit
- Budget does not fund capital expenditures
- The Board is exploring financing future capital expenditures
- The Board doesn't anticipate significant budget increase in the future unless something unforeseen were to happen.
- A capital plan has been put in place
- The budget doesn't fund the capital plan
- Village uses market based assessment
- County over-assessed houses on Great Neck Peninsula
- Class Action lawsuit has been brought against Nassau County by Great Neck Villages
- Russell Gardens has joined the class action lawsuit
- The Village will look in to the Veterans Exemption process.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Christine Blumberg
Russell Gardens Village Clerk