

**MINUTES OF MARCH 7, 2024
THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES
PUBLIC HEARING AND REGULAR MEETING
FOR THE
INC. VILLAGE OF RUSSELL GARDENS**

PRESENT Larry Chaleff, Deputy Mayor, Trustee Martin Adickman, Trustee Matt Ellis, Trustee Jane Krakauer and Danielle Pennise, Village Clerk-Treasurer

ABSENT David M. Miller, Mayor

PUBLIC HEARING

Deputy Mayor **Larry Chaleff** opened the Public Hearing at 8:10 P.M. in Village Hall on proposed **Bill (1-2024)**, to amend Russell Gardens Code Chapter 12, Building Construction, Article IV, entitled Building Permits, subsection 12-13, entitled “Application Requirements”, subsection E (**attached Local Law**). Deputy Mayor read Bill 1-2024.

Deputy Mayor **Larry Chaleff** invited comments from the public. There were no comments from the public.

The Deputy Mayor closed the hearing at 8:13 P.M.

Upon motion **Martin Adickman**, seconded by **Jane Krakauer**, and unanimously approved, the following resolution was adopted. **RESOLVED, to adopt Bill 1-2024**, to amend Russell Gardens Code Chapter 12, Building Construction, Article IV, entitled Building Permits, subsection 12-13, entitled “Application Requirements”, subsection E.

VOTE OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES:

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

NAY: NONE

The Deputy Mayor proceeded to schedule public hearings on April 4, 2024, on the proposal of **Bill (2-2024)**, to amend Russell Gardens Code Chapter 45, Streets and Sidewalks, Article 1, entitled Excavations and Openings, subsection 45-2 (A) (**Attached Local Law**) and to Schedule a public hearing on April 4, 2024 at 8:15 p.m., to amend Russell Gardens Code Chapter 55, “Vehicles and Traffic”, subsection 55-4, “Notice of Removal”, new subparagraph G (**Attached amended Local Law**).

Deputy Mayor **Larry Chaleff** commented that by passing the law, it would not be challenged; since currently the law is too erroneous.

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, JANE KRAKAUER

NAY: NONE

REGULAR MEETING:

A motion was made by **Martin Adickman** and seconded by **Jane Krakauer** to accept the minutes of February 1, 2024, Treasurers Report for the period of December 2023, and January 2024. Building Inspector's Report and Maintenance Report for the month of February 2024.

VOTE OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES

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

NAY: NONE

RESOLVED, that the Adjusted Base Proportions for the Fiscal Year 2023-2024 are set at: **Homestead: 77.9958** and **Non-Homestead: 22.0042**.

Deputy Mayor **Larry Chaleff** commented that there was a slight change from the prior year based on the year's property valuations.

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, JANE KRAKAUER

NAY: NONE

RESOLVED, to approve the attached Budget Modifications in the amount of \$27,600, to be reflected in February 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, JANE KRAKAUER

NAY: NONE

RESOLVED, to approve disbursements from First National Bank of Long Island General Fund Checking Account in the amount of **\$137,839.20** in February 2024; including invoices paid (\$109,362.61) Check #'s 2178 to 2232; including Electronic Transfers of (\$1,954.06) and Payroll in the amount of (\$26,522.53) and direct deposits.

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, JANE KRAKAUER

NAY: NONE

RESOLVED, to authorize the Mayor to sign an agreement with **Laurel Gold Coast Tennis**; 31 Prospect St., Huntington, NY 11743 pursuant to the terms and conditions provided in the proposal dated December 18, 2023, to recondition three red clay tennis courts at a cost of **\$8,235.00**.

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, JANE KRAKAUER

NAY: NONE

RESOLVED, to authorize the Mayor to sign an agreement with D&B Engineers and Architects, 330 Crossways Park Dr., Woodbury, NY 11797, pursuant to the terms and conditions provided in the agreement dated February 2, 2024, to prepare the Notice of Intent to Continue MS4 General Permit Coverage at a cost of \$1,600.00 and to prepare the Interim Progress Certification at a cost of \$2,500. D&B Engineers will continue to assist the village in maintaining its mandated compliance with the NYS Dept. of Environmental Conservation (DEC) and the General permit for stormwater discharges from municipal separate storm sewer systems (MS4s).

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, JANE KRAKAUER

NAY: NONE

Deputy Mayor **Larry Chaleff** announced that the Village tax bills were mailed on February 27, 2024. Payments made after April 1, 2024, will be subject to a penalty. The village is moving forward with paving the village roads with a target date to start in the beginning of the Summer. Currently, the village has stopped sweeping the streets temporarily because of mechanical issues with the sweeper which will be repaired by our DPW next week. The next public meetings are April 4, 2024, and May 2, 2024.

A motion was made to adjourn the meeting at **8:25 P.M.** by **Martin Adickman** and seconded. by **Jane Krakauer**.

VOTE OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES

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

NAY: NONE

Respectfully Submitted,

Danielle Pennise