

**INC. VILLAGE OF RUSSELL GARDENS
BOARD OF TRUSTEES MONTHLY MEETING
MAY 7, 2026 at 7:00 P.M.
LOCATION: VILLAGE HALL
MINUTES**

PRESENT: Mayor David M. Miller, Deputy Mayor Lawrence Chaleff, Trustee Ron Nahum, Trustee Andrew Rouchou, and Clerk Treasurer Melissa Mandelbaum

ABSENT: Trustee Matthew Ellis

ORIGINAL SCHEDULING FOR PUBLIC HEARING June 4, 2026 – CANCELLED

Mayor David Miller opened the Public Hearing at 7:00 PM regarding **CANCELLING** Scheduling a Public Hearing to introduce **Bill 2-2026 To AMEND RUSSELL GARDENS CODE, Chapter §A65-5 entitled “Zoning Board of Appeals: Rules and Regulations.”**

As this law is no longer applicable, we were trying to help expedite Zoning Meetings for applicants, but we are unable to use an alternate for a case if it is adjourned and the main Zoning Member is available, so therefore adding an alternate is not necessary.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: NONE

REGULAR MEETING was opened at 7:02PM by Mayor Miller.

RESOLUTION 26-33

A motion was made by Lawrence Chaleff and seconded by Andrew Rouchou to accept the minutes of the Board of Trustees Meeting on April 16, 2026, Treasurers Report ending April 30, 2026, and Building Inspector’s Report and Maintenance Report for the month of April 2026.

VOTE OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES:

AYE: DAVID MILLER, LAWRENCE CHALEFF, ANDREW ROUCHOU, RON NAHUM

NAY: NONE

RESOLUTION 26-34

A motion was made by Lawrence Chaleff and seconded by Ron Nahum to approve \$144,056.81 total disbursements from the Village’s General Fund Checking Account at Connect One Bank, for invoices paid in the amount of \$92,161.02 in April 2026, Check # 1802-1833 and Electronic Transfers E0087-E0092 and 2 Payroll disbursements of \$51,895.79

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RESOLUTION 26-35

A motion was made by Lawrence Chaleff and seconded by Ron to authorize the Mayor to sign a retainer agreement with the Law firm of Jspan, Schlesinger, Narendran LLP, Located at 300 Garden City Plaza, Garden City, NY to provide such legal services as may be requested by the Mayor and/or the Board of Trustees at an hourly rate of \$450.00 effective April 22, 2026.

VOTE OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES:

AYE: DAVID MILLER, LAWRENCE CHALEFF, ANDREW ROUCHOU, RON NAHUM

NAY: NONE

RESOLUTION 26-36

A motion was made by Lawrence Chaleff and seconded by Ron Nahum to adopt Section 15-116 of the Election Law, § 3-300 of the Village Law are hereby amended and superseded in their application to the Village of Russell Gardens to provide that the Election Inspectors of the Village of Russell Gardens, at the time of his/her appointment and throughout his/her term of office, need not be an elector or resident of the Village of Russell Gardens so long as he/she is a resident of Nassau County, New York.

Sanford Caplan of 8 Avalon Rd., Great Neck, NY is hereby appointed Chair, Aissa Mayorga-Lum of 320 Melbourne Rd, Great Neck, NY and Yubin Li of 20 Johnstone Rd, Great Neck, NY are hereby appointed Poll Coordinators, and Albert Defalco of 25 Park Place, Great Neck, NY, Ellen Bernstein of 11 Dodford Rd, Great Neck, NY and Lucy Luo of 30 Valley View Rd, Great Neck, NY are hereby appointed Election Inspectors on June 16, 2026, at Village Hall between the hours of Noon and 9:00 P.M. for the purpose of a Village Election at a rate of \$250 each.

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NAY: NONE

RESOLUTION 26-37

A motion was made by Lawrence Chaleff and seconded by Ron Nahum that Village Clerk Melissa Mandelbaum, and Deputy Clerk Eileen Clancy will be considered co-Clerks on June 16, 2026 to certify the election from 12:00PM-9PM.

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RESOLUTION 26-38

A motion was made by Lawrence Chaleff and seconded by Ron Nahum to adopt the audit report prepared by Skinnon & Faber CPAs, P.C. for the Village Justice Court accounts of the Inc. Village of Russell Gardens for the Fiscal Year Ended 2/28/2026.

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NAY: NONE

RESOLUTION 26-39

A motion was made by Lawrence Chaleff and seconded by Ron Nahum to authorize the Mayor to enter into an agreement with Skinnon & Faber CPAs, P.C to perform an annual examination of the court records and dockets of the Justice Court of the Inc. Village of Russell Gardens for the period March 2026 through February 2027 at a fee of \$1,000.

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NAY: NONE

ANNOUNCEMENTS and COMMENTS:

1. Village Election for 2 Trustees and 1 Village Justice will be held on June 16, 2026 at Village Hall, 6 Tain Drive, Great Neck NY, 11021 from 12:00 Noon until 9PM. We have a contested election this year with 2 Justices running at the moment and 3 Trustees at the moment.
2. The reason we are able to keep taxes at a minimum is because of all of the Grants that the Village Mayor and Board of Trustees apply for them and gets to put towards projects. For example, we just received approximately \$250,000 towards our road project that we did over the summer.
3. Garbage Questions –
 - A. when is the contract up? Contract is over February 28, 2028 and will have to go out to Bid prior to expiration date.

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- B. Would it be cost effective to change from 3 days to 2 days? No, it is based on tonnage and residents would have same amount of garbage, was better to keep as 3 days a week.

MOTION to adjourn made by Lawrence Chaleff and seconded by Andrew Rouchou at 7:22PM.

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