

Minutes of the Board of Trustees Meeting  
Village of Kensington, 2 Nassau Drive, Great Neck, NY  
April 18, 2018

Present: Mayor Susan Lopatkin, Trustees; Alina Hendler, Jeff Greener, Darren Kaplan and Neil Garfinkel.

Mayor Lopatkin brought the meeting to order at 8:01 PM.

On motion of Mayor Lopatkin, seconded by Trustee Kaplan, approve minutes from the March 21, 2018 meeting. The vote was 5 for, 0 against and 0 abstentions. Motion carried.

**Sarah Deonarine** – Executive Director of the Manhasset Bay Protection Committee talked to the Board regarding the objectives of the MBPC. The MBPC has been in operation for 20 years, the committee was formed recognizing that all municipalities around the bay were contributing to what was happening in the bay. After the committee was formed, new regulations such as storm water runoff regulations were put into effect. Kensington was one of the first members to sign on in 1998.

The MBPC educates the public on all things that pertain to the bay and storm water runoff. They also keep track of comments from all members and all new regulations. One of the first things the MBPC did when organized (1990's) was to get a grant from NYS for water quality improvement and clean storm waters headed toward the bay.

Mayor Lopatkin commented that there is an awful smell that comes from the Bay. Sarah replied bay silting is getting very shallow causing the smell that people are complaining about. Sarah will notify the waterfront advisory committee. Mayor Lopatkin is also concerned about how dues are distributed amongst the villages and feels they should be allocated according to size of each village. Sarah replied, Nassau county pays the largest amount of dues, then the Town, and all villages pay the same amount. They will be looking at the distribution method in the near future.

**Raymond Iryami** –Cable Commission representative for the Village. He replaced Bonnie Graham. As a new representative, he was able to get a bank sponsorship for PATV of \$2,500.00. They are trying to rebrand public access television to make it more well known. They are watching their expenses and are not wasting money. They are still trying to find the correct law firm to negotiate the new cable commission contract. They are feeling that sooner than later people are going to move away from cable and go a la carte which will affect their revenue. No one is quite sure how to make up for the short fall. Long Island cable subscribers are rather high compared to around the country. In other parts of the country, cable subscriptions are down 50%. They are worried.

### Mayors Update:

Today we poured the concrete for the Gazebo. By the middle of May, we should have the Gazebo up. Roma Horticulture will do the plantings at the gazebo and around it.

Replacement prosecutor Ernie Jones was at court on Monday. He was terrific. He is happy as well.

58 Nassau will be a zoning case. The water can't be mitigated from the basement. Our zoning only allows a house to have a modest height at the entrance and this house as amended would exceed that threshold by almost 4 feet more than the original approved plans. The Mayor and the building Inspector thought he should go back to the ARB in case they don't like the house. If the ARB doesn't like the house, the developers can either lower the ceiling of the first and second floor or make the basement ceiling lower. The house has to be in compliance to code. The mayor will discuss with the village attorney to determine the correct sequence.

Asst. Pool Director has been hired, Erik Connolly. He will be working 3 days a week. We will have a party for Stu on June 24. A plaque will be given.

Landscaper rules will be posted on the next agenda, so residents can tell their landscapers about the blowers.

NYS passed legislation that requires public authorities as well as other political sub divisions to only purchase from certain approved entities certain list of items which are required to be first purchased from these entities before going to competitive bidding. These entities are; NYS Dept. of Correctional Services Division of Industries, NYSPSP - NYS Preferred Source Program for People who are Blind, and NYS Industries for the Disabled. You have to get a price and they are supposed to give you a price of no more than 15% higher than you are accustomed to paying. Mayor Lopatkin is opposed to this and would not vote for this at the Water Authority meeting the other night.

The police still have not moved back to the police booth, and the phones are still on the work around. The Mayor wrote a letter to the Vigilant board with specific details according to the police chief, requesting reimbursement of approximately \$1000.00 for the costs which the village incurred as a result of the phone dispatch issues at the vigilant end.

3o Arleigh never closed out the building permit. The building Inspector says it will cost approximately \$19,000.00 to reopen it so that a c of o can be issued. It turns out the home

owner thought the contractor was applying for the permits and did not. This would have been the third extension. The permit is closed now because it has expired. It has to be reopened at the original cost per the code. The homeowner is looking for a little relief of this fee. The Board discussed and based on precedent a few months ago from a similar case for a different resident, concluded that to be consistent, they would offer 50% relief from this cost.

Alina Hendler – Tree Commissioner: 71 Arleigh has a tree on the reserve strip that is a hazard. He has to maintain it. 44 Nassau wants to take down 144 trees (could be there are shrubs/bushes) that they say are dead from the storm. Alina will be checking on these trees and get back to us.

Darren Kaplan – Building Commissioner: 24 North is looking better. He has not heard from Andrea Tsoukalas on the local law that was drafted – he will call her.

Jeff Greener beautification: We had an inspection done on the playground equipment and the board will be taking action to repair the items necessary. We are going to get another quote on the surface materials. We will order the new equipment tomorrow.

Neil Garfinkel pool: There will be a meeting on May 26<sup>th</sup> with the employees that Neil will attend.

OPEN TIME: Nothing this evening.

On motion of Mayor Lopatkin seconded by Trustee Kaplan accept the Police, Village Justice and Treasurers reports. The vote was 5 for, 0 against and 0 abstentions. Motion carried.

On motion of Trustee Hendler, seconded by Trustee Kaplan adjourn the meeting at 9:35 PM.