

Minutes of the Board of Trustees Meeting  
Village of Kensington, 2 Nassau Drive, Great Neck, NY  
June 20, 2018

Present: Mayor Susan Lopatkin, Deputy Mayor Darren Kaplan  
Trustees: Jeff Greener and Neil Garfinkel

Mayor Lopatkin brought the meeting to order at 8:02 PM.

On motion of Mayor Lopatkin, seconded by Deputy Mayor Kaplan, approve minutes from the May 16, 2018 meeting. The vote was 4 for, 0 against and 0 abstentions. Motion carried.

Mayor Lopatkin spoke about the loss of our Village Clerk Treasurer; the unexpected passing of Arlene Giniger. Arlene passed on June 14, 2018. Due to the unexpected passing, a board meeting was held by phone on June 17, 2018 appointing Melissa Russo-McComb as our new Village Clerk-Treasurer. Mayor Lopatkin made a motion to ratify the appointment, Deputy Mayor Kaplan seconded, all in favor.

Mayor Lopatkin stated that Arlene's friend Marilyn was going to have a memorial service July 1<sup>st</sup> and anyone was welcome to attend.

The Village is now looking to fill the Deputy Village Clerk position and have had many responses to an ad that was placed. Interviews have been set up.

Comments from Audience:

Rick Dennett expressed that since the passing of Arlene, the Mayor, Deputy Mayor, Trustees and Village staff have come together to keep everything in working order. Mayor Lopatkin has been at the Village Hall everyday with Melissa to help out. Mayor Lopatkin stated it has been a big effort on everyone's behalf.

Mayor Lopatkin made a motion to introduce Local Law #2 to amend our code regarding rental occupancy permits for dwellings. The vote was 4 for, 0 against and 0 abstentions. Next month we will have a public hearing of this local law.

Mayor Lopatkin made a motion to introduce Local Law #3 to amend the zoning; change the definition of a dwelling to be consistent with the local law #2. The vote was 4 for, 0 against and 0 abstentions.

Mayors Update:

The Gazebo has been finished. A ribbon cutting ceremony will be set up to commemorate it on August 26<sup>th</sup> at 4:00pm. Details will be set up on the July board meeting agenda, more information to come.

The front gate area needed to be spruced up because of many of the flowers dying. Mayor Lopatkin and resident Joyce Li worked on getting estimates. Roma came in at the lowest bid.

In regards to the 5K run in memory of Oren killed in 2016 while walking on South Middle Neck Road: Jivanna has sent the Mayor a new proposed route along Middle Neck Rd, across and then down Station Rd to Grace Ave. Jivanna has met with Great Neck Plaza as well to secure support. Chief Giraulo had expressed to Mayor Lopatkin the earlier the race starts, the better so that the Police can support it. We haven't received a final affirmation of route and timing and will vote on this proposal at that time. Deputy Mayor Kaplan said that we should have our Police along with the other police forces on the peninsula take that weekend to pay special attention and citing people that are doing dangerous things to pedestrians. The run is planned to take place November 4<sup>th</sup>.

The village is going to be a recipient of a project that FEMA has funded to harden the infrastructure with doing underground main line replacement work without tearing up the streets. The work is scheduled to begin July 12<sup>th</sup> along East Drive. FEMA has agreed to do curb to curb restoration if any road openings are needed.

Cyber security was being looked into by Arlene, before her passing; three vendors were looked into. Mayor Lopatkin asked if someone could pick up the project. Trustee Garfinkel offered to take on the project.

The BOT meeting was changed to July 19<sup>th</sup> from July 17<sup>th</sup>.

Jeff Greener beautification:

Trustee Greener stated that Mariuca has been doing a great job; the pool area looks great. They bought new umbrellas that were needed and a party will be planned at the pool in the near future.

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.

Entered into Exec session 8:57pm  
Exec session ended 9:16pm  
No action was taken.

On motion of Mayor Lopatkin, seconded by Deputy Mayor Kaplan adjourn the meeting at 9:18pm.