

Minutes of the Board of Trustees Meeting
Village of Kensington, 2 Nassau Drive, Great Neck, NY
December 12, 2018

Present: Mayor Susan Lopatkin
Trustees: Alina Hendler, Neil Garfinkel, Jeffrey Greener

Mayor Lopatkin brought the Board of Trustees meeting to order at 8:00pm, seconded by Trustee Hendler, all in favor.

Mayor Lopatkin made a motion to approve the November Board minutes, seconded by Trustee Greener, all in favor.

2019-2020 Budget

Mayor Lopatkin stated that this meeting regarding the budget is to introduce it to our own Board, not a public hearing. A public hearing for the Budget will take place next month. Mayor Lopatkin made a motion to schedule a public hearing on the Budget on January 16, 2019, seconded by Trustee Hendler, all in favor.

Mayor Lopatkin went through each category of the Budget and explained changes in different accounts.

Finance:

Our data processing budget is now higher. The Village has obtained Computero Inc., they do our IT support and also our daily off-site back up storage.

Public Safety:

We have budgeted for a new Police Vehicle and all the internal components - \$58K. We will have 3 police vehicles in total.

Termination Pay has gone down, we have finished paying retirement pay for one retired police officer.

Fire & Ambulance: We are waiting for final numbers from Vigilant. We have been told it should only increase by 1%.

Culture & Recreation: We have raised the hourly wage for Lifeguards to be competitive, therefore we have raised the Pool Personal Budget.

Refuse & Garbage: We are expecting an increase in bid from Meadow Carting after hearing that they have raised the Village of Russell Gardens by a very large margin. We have increased our Budget for Sanitation by 18%.

Beautification: Includes a 30,000 grant for an irrigation system by the Gazebo and the Village Hall plantings and also fencing around the Park on Nassau Drive.

Court update:

We now have an internal Mailbox for Court use. When people come in to pay a ticket and our Court Clerk is not here, they can leave payment in the mailbox. Our Court Clerk Dawn is only here once a week. We receive multiple calls throughout the week on all our other extensions because voicemails/calls are not being returned. Dawn now has access to retrieve her messages from her voicemail when she is not in the office to help alleviate this issue.

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

On motion of Mayor Lopatkin, seconded by Trustee Hendler, the meeting adjourned at 9:26pm.