

Minutes of the Board of Trustees Meeting
Village of Kensington, 2 Nassau Drive, Great Neck, NY
February 20, 2019

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

Mayor Lopatkin brought the Board of Trustees meeting to order at 8:02pm, seconded by Deputy Mayor Kaplan, all in favor.

Mayor Lopatkin made a motion to approve the January Board minutes, seconded by Deputy Mayor Kaplan, all in favor.

Architectural Review Board properties:

77 Beverly: Realign existing driveway; patio on east side of the house; adding 2 trees and evergreens. ARB approved design and materials; there were no neighbors who disapproved. Mayor Lopatkin made a motion to approve, all in favor.

Homeowner Mazi Pilip has an old permit for a renovation of kitchen and bath that was not closed although the final inspection was completed. Since the permit remains open without a certificate of completion and has expired, fees have incurred and they are substantial. The homeowner has asked for relief. The board stated that they would dig deeper into this issue and speak with the Building Inspector and someone would get back to her

81 Arleigh: Screened porch in rear room, using the exact same materials and colors as the existing house.

It cannot be seen from the street. ARB approved design and materials; there were no neighbors who disapproved. Mayor Lopatkin made a motion to approve, all in favor.

19 Arleigh: Egress stairwell. Basement had an original door for access. The basement is not finished; it has a 7ft ceiling and it is not going to be inhabited. The Shakins do not have access to the garage which exists on the adjacent parcel of land which they do not own. They would like to use the basement as a garage to store bicycles and other storage. ARB approved design and materials. Mayor Lopatkin made a motion to approve, all in favor.

The State of the Village given by Chief Giraulo will be postponed until the March BOT meeting.

A resolution was introduced authorizing Mayor Lopatkin to sign the new Vigilant contract for Fire & Ambulance. Mayor Lopatkin made a motion to approve, all in favor.

A resolution was introduced authorizing Mayor Lopatkin to sign the new Meadow Carting Sanitation contract. Mayor Lopatkin negotiated and settled on a \$30,000 raise in the 1st year and a 6% raise for years two and three. Mayor Lopatkin made a motion to approve, all in favor.

A resolution was introduced to eliminate the Village Justice salary effective March 2022. Mayor Lopatkin made a motion to approve, Deputy Mayor Kaplan seconded, all in favor.

Mayor Lopatkin had a meeting with the Village Mayors of Great Neck (7 of the 9 villages were represented) along with Nassau County Executive Laura Curran and Nassau County Assessor David Moog via speakerphone. They spoke at length about the reassessment process and how it impacted various Villages. The Villages of Russell Gardens and Thomaston experienced the same statistics, as did the Village of Kensington. Recent sales were analyzed and compared to the reassessments. In many cases (70%-100%) the reassessment that the County gave to these houses was higher than what they sold for; at least 10% higher. David Moog stated that he would look at these reassessments and get back to the Villages in the fall and see if there can be a reassessment for Great Neck.

Veronica Lurvey has been appointed the new Councilwoman for North Hempstead, therefore she has resigned from her position on the Building Zoning Board. Mayor Lopatkin made a motion to appoint David Lester to the BZA Board, seconded by Deputy Mayor Kaplan, all in favor.

Deputy Clerk Anna Nardiello has been working on the letters for Rentals in the Village. She will have a report to the Board at the next meeting.

Great Neck Plaza is doing a big project at Maple Drive. We received a formal letter asking if want to be designated a lead agency, we do not. Mayor Lopatkin received Board concurrence.

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.

Executive Session started: 9:00pm
Executive Session ended: 9:42pm

On motion of Mayor Lopatkin, seconded by Trustee Hendler, the meeting adjourned at 9:43pm.