

Minutes of the Board of Trustees Meeting
Village of Kensington, 2 Nassau Drive, Great Neck, NY
March 13, 2019

Present: Mayor Susan Lopatkin
Trustees: Darren Kaplan, Jeff Greener

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

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

Chief Giraulo - State of the Village

The Village of Kensington remains one the safest Villages in NY State. The police department is at full staff at six officers; the two newest officers have transitioned very well. Because of the full staff, overtime numbers have gone down.

Our police department incorporated an Enforcement Initiative focused on pedestrian safety, it was very successful and 82 summonses were written. The officers explained why they were out there enforcing the laws and it was well received.

The Police Department will be sending out letters to residents regarding safeguarding keys at head quarters. There has been a big resident turnover in the Village and they want to have up to date information for all residents; some of the new residents may not know that the police offer this service.

Resident Mr. Stempler brought up an issue to Chief Giraulo about changing the pattern of traffic at one of the intersections near Park Lane and Beverly road. After Chief Giraulo and Sargent Costello reviewed the situation, they decided that could not change the pattern of traffic, they will be putting up new signage (reflective stop signs) Large emergency vehicles and buses would not be able to make the turn, if the traffic pattern was changed. Mr. Stempler was present at the meeting and he was in agreement with the proposed changes.

Mayor Lopatkin thanked Chief Giraulo for all the hard work they do and all that the police dept does to keep the Village safe.

Architectural Review Board properties:

48 Nassau – Joyce Li- Architect Ed Licalzi - Pillars with ornamental scrolling
This application went to the BZA because Mike McNerney denied the fencing part of the application because it is not to code since no fences are permitted in front yards. The BZA approved the Pillars but not the fence. Mayor Lopatkin stated that the Board of Trustees

couldn't overturn the BZA decision. Mr. Licalzi brought the proposed ornamental iron scrolling with him to this meeting but did not bring it to the BZA board. The ornamental scrolling is very low to the ground with stakes that you put into the ground. Had the BZA or the building inspector seen the actual ornamental iron work, they would have concluded that it isn't a fence, since it was temporary and not permanently installed. Deputy Mayor Kaplan stated that they should go back to the BZA and present the ornamental iron to show them that it is not a fence. The homeowner decided to wait on getting approval from the Board on the Pillars alone and would like to go back to BZA to try and get approval on the ornamental scrolling. The Mayor will speak to village attorney to determine the best approach to follow in this situation. The application has been tabled.

Mayor Lopatkin made a motion to introduce Local Law #1 of 2019, Prohibition of Smoking in Public Places, seconded by Deputy Mayor Kaplan. A public hearing will be held at the next board meeting on April 24, 2019.

On motion of Mayor Lopatkin, seconded by Deputy Mayor Kaplan accept the Police and Treasurers reports.

Open Time:

Residents from 18 Arleigh Rd spoke to complain about large emissions coming from of a pipe from the new house being built next to them (18 ½ Arleigh) The pipe emits odorless steam; there is no chimney on the house. The steam is from the heating system and will only emit in the winter months. Our building Inspector has already asked the Developer to turn the pipe. Mayor Lopatkin stated that our Building Inspector said the home is being built according to plan. Deputy Mayor Kaplan stated that he will speak with our Building Inspector and the Developer; he will go on site to see if anything could be done. Deputy Mayor Kaplan said he couldn't promise anything, but he will see if there can be any changes made.

Executive Session started: 9:15pm

Executive Session ended: 9:40pm

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