

Minutes of the Board of Trustees Meeting
Village of Kensington, 2 Nassau Drive, Great Neck, NY
January 15, 2020

Present: Mayor Susan Lopatkin
Trustees: Darren Kaplan, Alina Hendler, Phil Bornstein

Mayor Lopatkin brought the Board of Trustees meeting to order at 8:04pm, seconded by Deputy Mayor Kaplan, all in favor.

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

Architectural Review Board projects before the board

33 Arleigh Rd – Architect Edna Guilor – Homeowner – Singer

The homeowners had a fire and a verbal approval was given to start construction. The project consists of a remodel and extension to the mud room and a 3rd Floor stop to an existing elevator.

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

8 Sutton Ct – Architect Daniel Kame – Homeowner – Steve Siton

New single-family home, a brick colonial house with cast stone trim details. Mayor Lopatkin made a point to say that this house is at maximum FAR, there is no extra space, this is a self-inflicted issue. The homeowner had every opportunity to scale things back to be able to fit some more outdoor space (i.e.; patio/grill) The homeowner assured that this home is being built for them, not a spec house.

Mayor Lopatkin made a motion to approve, subject to the brick/mortar being finalized on property, seconded by Deputy Mayor Kaplan, all in favor.

Chief Giraulo – State of the Village

Chief Giraulo stated that he wanted to focus on two crimes that have been happening in the surrounding peninsula; burglaries and vehicle larcenies of high-end luxury vehicles. There has been an uptick peninsula wide. Both crews, although different, are professionals. They look for a quick score in/out without a chance of getting caught. The most recent burglary in Saddlerock, two of the subjects have been caught by Nassau County Police. There have been no incidents after that. Chief Giraulo stated that they have stepped up patrols and are highly visible; he asked that residents keep on their outside lights, keep their doors locked and alarms on. Regarding the vehicle larcenies, the burglar is looking for the cars with key fobs left in the car, easy access.

In closing, Chief Giraulo stated to date, the Village of Kensington remains one the safest Villages in NY State.

Mayor Lopatkin opened the public hearing to consider changing Police dispatching service providers, seconded by Deputy Mayor Kaplan, all in favor. Mayor Lopatkin stated that for the record the purpose behind this is public safety. We have seven documented incidents since August with our current provider Vigilant. After many years of service, they have not performed according to the contract, specifically the contract's main purpose is to dispatch the police when vigilant receives a call. When this doesn't happen on multiple occurrences, it constitutes a material breach of contract. Chief Giraulo has looked into different operations for the Village. One significant difference with the option of going to MLFD dispatching service is that they have 24 hour answering service with no other responsibilities, the dispatcher's sole job is to answer the phone. Mayor Lopatkin along with the board will look the contract once received to make a final decision; the public hearing will be continued to the next board meeting February 12, 2020.

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

The board entered executive Session at 9:20pm and emerged at 9:42pm.

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