

Minutes of the Board of Trustees Meeting
Village of Kensington, 2 Nassau Drive, Great Neck, NY
December 9, 2020 via Zoom

Present: Mayor Susan Lopatkin

Trustees: Deputy Mayor Kaplan, Alina Kaplan, Jeffrey Greener, Phil Bornstein

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

Mayor Lopatkin introduced the 2021/2022 Budget. Mayor Lopatkin brought up highlights;

We have added more money to data processing in the finance category to redo our current website. The Village Clerk and Deputy Clerk looked at three different vendors, the one chosen will be around \$8500.00. The website will be something that the Clerk and Deputy Clerk will be able to maintain themselves, the website has not been updated in 14 years.

We have also added money to other contractual in the finance category for money for next tax season for Michael Haberman and Associates to continue the process of tax re-assessment of those houses which were newly built or had substantial renovation in the prior tax year.

We will be signing the Vigilant contract and are waiting for them to finalize their numbers. We have in the interim used the numbers from last year and added 1%.

The Police retirement has added a \$70,000 increase due to step increases, however the termination payout of one of the officers has been completed last year.

We raised our cash surplus to \$330,000 rather than the \$300,000 last budget because our projected revenue from court is much lower than in prior years because of the pandemic. Further we did have a surplus in prior years and it is appropriate to use some of the surplus to avoid having to increase taxes and pierce the tax cap.

There will be a public hearing for the Budget on January 13, 2021.

On motion of Mayor Lopatkin, seconded by Trustee Hendler accept the Police and Treasurers reports.

On the motion of Mayor Lopatkin, seconded by Trustee Greener the meeting adjourned at 8:35pm.