

**VILLAGE OF AIRMONT
BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING
July 6, 2021
7 PM**

**PRESENT: MAYOR NATHAN BUBEL
 BRIAN DOWNEY, DEPUTY MAYOR
 MIGDALIA PESANTE, TRUSTEE
 SHIMON MOSES, TRUSTEE
 ISAAC WEISS, TRUSTEE
 SCOTT UGELL, VILLAGE ATTORNEY
 TAMARA EPSTEIN, DEPUTY CLERK**

Mayor Bubel called the meeting to order at 7:05 pm and led everyone in the Pledge of Allegiance

Mayor Bubel opened the meeting to public comments.

Steven Wulfson of 14 Elenor Place stated that the Village didn't do a good job of communicating with residents during the Covid-19 pandemic. Often times the ZOOM meetings didn't work, cars were parked on lawns, laws were not being enforced properly.

Ms. Murphy of 12 Elenor Place complained of her neighbor's stockade fence which is falling down on her azaleas.

Danielle Meehan of 18 Ackerman Avenue had questions about the MS4 report. The Board directed the Deputy Clerk to ask the Village Engineer to answer Ms. Meehan's questions. Ms. Meehan wanted to know if Devorah Beck had started prosecuting any cases yet. She claimed that the Mayor's State of Emergency was not rescinded. Mayor Bubel responded by saying it was rescinded and had been taken down from the Village website.

Barry Rosenblum of East Blossom Road complained of a complete deterioration of the community which includes the traffic, building, buses in the cul de sac and claimed that the Village was creating a disaster.

At 7:19pm, Mayor Bubel made the motion to go into Executive Session to discuss personnel issues and pending litigation. The motion was seconded by Deputy Mayor Downey and carried by all.

At 7:45pm, Mayor Bubel made the motion to exit Executive Session. The motion was seconded by Deputy Mayor Downey and carried by all. No votes were taken in Executive Session.

RESOLUTION NO: 21- 4616

VILLAGE OF AIRMONT

TITLE: Resolution adjourning the Public Hearing on amending local laws set for July 26, 2021 to a date in the future which shall be determined.

The motion was moved by Mayor Bubel
The motion was seconded by Deputy Mayor Downey

The votes of the Board of Trustees were as follows:

NAME	YES	NO	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
Weiss			x	
Moses	x			
Pesante			x	
Downey	x			
Bubel	x			

Mayor Bubel declared the motion carried and directed the Deputy Village Clerk to file same.

RESOLUTION NO: 21- 4617

VILLAGE OF AIRMONT

TITLE: Resolution approving the publishing of an Airmont summer newsletter at a cost not to exceed \$2000.00.

The motion was moved by Mayor Bubel
The motion was seconded by Trustee Moses

The votes of the Board of Trustees were as follows:

NAME	YES	NO	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
Weiss	x			
Moses	x			
Pesante	x			
Downey	x			
Bubel	x			

Mayor Bubel declared the motion carried and directed the Deputy Village Clerk to file same.

RESOLUTION NO: 21- 4618

VILLAGE OF AIRMONT

TITLE: Resolution approving the Treasury Abstract of July 6, 2021 in the amount of \$78,555.94 as submitted by Donna Lopopolo, Village Clerk - Treasurer

The motion was moved by Mayor Bubel
The motion was seconded by Deputy Mayor Downey

The votes of the Board of Trustees were as follows:

NAME	YES	NO	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
Weiss	x			
Moses	x			
Pesante	x			
Downey	x			
Bubel	x			

Mayor Bubel declared the motion carried and directed the Deputy Village Clerk to file same.

RESOLUTION NO: 21- 4619

VILLAGE OF AIRMONT

TITLE: Resolution authorizing the Mayor to enter into a contract with Bauer Office Solutions for the leasing of two (2) Canon copier machines for a term of sixty three (63) months. The monthly cost to the Village shall be \$365.00. The lease agreement includes all parts, labor, service, and service calls. The only item not included is paper. The lease agreement provides for an unlimited amount of black and white copies and 1,500 color copies monthly to be pooled between the Court Clerk's office and the Village Clerk's office. Color copies over the 1,500 allotted for the month will be charged at .65 per copy until the end of that month. Bauer Office Solutions shall provide for and pay for the return of the previously leased Xerox machines.

The motion was moved by Mayor Bubel
The motion was seconded by Deputy Mayor Downey

The votes of the Board of Trustees were as follows:

NAME	YES	NO	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
Weiss	x			
Moses	x			
Pesante	x			
Downey	x			
Bubel	x			

Mayor Bubel declared the motion carried and directed the Deputy Village Clerk to file same.

During DISCUSSIONS:

The Board discussed the state of the roads in the Village. Out of 163 roads, 89 are in fair condition and 5 are in poor condition. There was discussion on bonding for a road project and also the Board requested that the item be put on a future agenda so that they may look for budgeting or bonding of these projects.

Mayor Bubel brought up the idea of resuming committees. He announced that any resident interested in creating a committee should reach out to the Clerk's office.

UNDER OLD BUSINESS THE FOLLOWING RESOLUTIONS WERE PASSED:

RESOLUTION NO: 21- 4620

VILLAGE OF AIRMONT

TITLE: Resolution amending Resolution #21-4614 to make the resignation of Donna Lopopolo as Village Clerk – Treasurer effective September 21, 2021

The motion was moved by Mayor Bubel
The motion was seconded by Trustee Moses

The votes of the Board of Trustees were as follows:

NAME	YES	NO	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
Weiss	x			
Moses	x			
Pesante	x			
Downey	x			
Bubel	x			

Mayor Bubel declared the motion carried and directed the Deputy Village Clerk to file same.

RESOLUTION NO: 21- 4621

VILLAGE OF AIRMONT

TITLE: Resolution amending Resolution #21-4615 appointing Donna Lopopolo to the position of Deputy Clerk – Treasurer effective September 21, 2021.

The motion was moved by Mayor Bubel
The motion was seconded by Trustee Moses

The votes of the Board of Trustees were as follows:

NAME	YES	NO	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
Weiss	x			
Moses	x			
Pesante	x			
Downey	x			
Bubel	x			

Mayor Bubel declared the motion carried and directed the Deputy Village Clerk to file same.

RESOLUTION NO: 21- 4622

VILLAGE OF AIRMONT

TITLE: Resolution authorizing the payment of an additional \$1,175.00 to Security Alert for extra items needed for the door security project.

The motion was moved by Deputy Mayor Downey

The motion was seconded by Mayor Bubel

The votes of the Board of Trustees were as follows:

NAME	YES	NO	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
Weiss	x			
Moses	x			
Pesante	x			
Downey	x			
Bubel	x			

Mayor Bubel declared the motion carried and directed the Deputy Village Clerk to file same.

UNDER NEW BUSINESS THE FOLLOWING RESOLUTIONS WERE PASSED:

RESOLUTION NO: 21-4623

VILLAGE OF AIRMONT

TITLE: Resolution authorizing the Hiring of Dennis E. A. Lynch as Special Counsel

WHEREAS, the Village of Airmont Board of Trustees wishes to retain Special Counsel well experienced in municipal law; and

WHEREAS, the Village of Airmont Board of Trustees wishes also to retain said Special Counsel who has experience representing many municipalities in Rockland County, including previously representing the Village of Airmont as Special Counsel; and

WHEREAS, Attorney Dennis E. A. Lynch has both the prior extensive municipal experience aforesaid generally as well as specifically with the Village of Airmont.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED that the Village Board of Trustees hereby retains and hires Dennis E. A. Lynch as Special Counsel for a fixed salary of \$35,000 per year as an employee of the Village (without any health benefits) to provide legal opinions to the Village Board of Trustees and undertake such other duties as are assigned from time to time by the Village Board of Trustees; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this retention and hiring shall be for a period of a one-year term to begin on this date said Resolution is adopted and end on July 6, 2022.

This Motion was moved by Deputy Mayor Downey

This Motion was seconded by Trustee Moses

The votes of the Board of Trustees were as follows:

NAME	YES	NO	NOT VOTING	ABSENT
Weiss	x			
Moses	x			
Pesante			x	
Downey	x			
Bubel		x		

Mayor Bubel declared that the Motion carried and directed the Deputy Village Clerk to file same

RESOLUTION NO: 21- 4624

VILLAGE OF AIRMONT

TITLE: Resolution authorizing Mayor Bubel to enter into an agreement with Fusco Engineering & Land Surveying, P.C. for the purpose of providing the Village with Fire Inspection services. The agreement shall include 40 hours a month in fire inspection services at a yearly cost to the Village of \$60,000.00 paid in monthly increments of \$5,000.00. An additional hourly cost of \$125.00 will be charged to the Village for service hours in excess of the 40 hours per month. The agreement shall begin on the 20th day of July, 2021 and shall be in effect until December 31, 2023. The agreement may be canceled by the Village upon ninety (90) days written notice. Further, the agreement shall be in a form as approved by the Village Attorney.

The motion was moved by Mayor Bubel

The motion was seconded by Deputy Mayor Downey

The votes of the Board of Trustees were as follows:

NAME	YES	NO	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
Weiss	x			
Moses	x			
Pesante			x	
Downey	x			
Bubel	x			

Mayor Bubel declared the motion carried and directed the Deputy Village Clerk to file same

At 8:08 pm, Mayor Bubel made the motion to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Trustee Weiss and carried by all.

Respectfully submitted by
Tamara Epstein
Deputy Village Clerk