

VILLAGE OF AIRMONT
BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING – via ZOOM
April 4, 2022
7pm
(VIA ZOOM)

PRESENT: MAYOR NATHAN BUBEL
BRIAN DOWNEY, DEPUTY MAYOR
SHIMON MOSES, TRUSTEE (ARRIVED AT 7:11)
MIGDALIA PESANTE, TRUSTEE
ISAAC WEISS, TRUSTEE
SCOTT UGELL – VILLAGE ATTORNEY
SHARON HALON, VILLAGE CLERK-TREASURER

Mayor Bubel called the meeting to order at 7:07 pm and led everyone in the Pledge of Allegiance.

MOTION TO CONTINUE PUBLIC HEARING REGARDING LOCAL LAW 1 of 2022

Ralph Bracco – 30 New County Rd – commented regarding the law

MOTION TO CLOSE THE PUBLIC HEARING REGARDING LOCAL LAW 1 of 2022

Mayor Bubel moved the motion to close the public hearing seconded by Trustee Weiss.

All were in favor and the motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Daniele Meehan - 18 Ackerman Ave - commented regarding the FOIL appeal

Jacob Reichberg- 8 Ayr – commented regarding lights and the intersection of Heather and Dawn Ln

Peter Blunnie – 17 Ackerman Ave – commented regarding the meeting and agendas

Melissa Hess – 6 Eros – commented regarding meeting agenda items

Yehuda Zorger – 1 Alpha – commented to thank the board for their hard work

Maureen Benedict – 1 Eileen Ct - commented regarding Sabin Dr

Ralph Bracco – 30 New County Rd – commented regarding compensation

Mordechai Lasker – 25 Woodfield – commented regarding the Reorg Meeting

RESOLUTION NO: 22-4777

MOTION TO ADOPT LOCAL LAW #1 OF 2022 AMEND VILLAGE CODE SECTION 80 ENTITLED BUILDING CONSTRUCTION AND FIRE PREVENTION SECTIONS 80-31 (B) OUTDOOR FIRES AND 80-36 OPEN FLAME COOKING OUTSIDE MULTIPLE RESIDENCES

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

RESOLUTION NO: 22-4778

ACCEPTING THE PROPOSAL #957 FROM SAMY CONSTRUCTION BUILD A WALL TO SUPPORT BASEMENT FLOOR JOINT NUNC PRO TUNC IN THE AMOUNT OF \$1,000 TO BE REIMBURSED TO THE VILLAGE THROUGH THE DASNY GRANT

The motion was moved by Mayor Bubel

The motion was seconded by Trustee Weiss

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 Village Clerk to file same.

RESOLUTION NO: 22-4779

ACCEPTING THE RESIGNATION OF MALKA WIEDER FROM THE POSITION OF BUILDING CLERK EFFECTIVE APRIL 1, 2022.

The motion was moved by Mayor Bubel

The motion was seconded by Trustee Weiss

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 Village Clerk to file same.

RESOLUTION NO: 22-4780

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING SPECIAL COUNSEL TO WORK WITH INSURANCE CARRIER COUNSEL REGARDING FEDERAL COURT LITIGATION AND VILLAGE ZONING

WHEREAS, the Village of Airmont (“Village”) has retained Special Counsel, Feerick Nugent MacCartney, PLLC, to assist in the representation of the Village in certain legal matters; and

WHEREAS, two Federal lawsuits entitled Congregation of Ridnik v. Village of Airmont, 18 Civ. 11533(NSR)(AEK) and USA v. Village of Airmont, 20 Civ. 10121(NRS)(AEK) have been assigned to counsel under the Village’s insurance carrier, Sokoloff & Stern; and

WHEREAS, the Village desires Special Counsel, Feerick Nugent MacCartney to work with Sokoloff & Stern in potential settlement discussions and a Consent Decree in said litigations and to provide guidance on the procedural aspects of the zoning amendments for the Village.

NOW, THEREFORE, it is resolved as follows:

Section 1. All “WHEREAS” paragraphs are incorporated herein by reference as though set forth in full.

Section 2. Special Counsel, Feerick Nugent MacCartney, PLLC, is hereby authorized to work in cooperation with Sokoloff & Stern regarding the pending litigations and Village zoning matters under the same terms and conditions as set forth in the Adopted Resolution that hired Special Counsel to assist the Village in such matters.

Section 3. This Resolution shall be effective immediately.

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

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 Village Clerk to file same.

RESOLUTION NO: 22-4781

AMENDING RESOLUTIONS #22-4742 & #22-4756 AUTHORIZING PURCHASE OF FURNITURE FROM COMPLETE OFFICE PRODUCTS INC. FOR VILLAGE HALL IN THE AMOUNT OF \$ \$35,602.57 AND THE PURCHASE OF FURNITURE FROM DATUM STORAGE SOLUTIONS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$27,108.52 TO BE REIMBURSED TO THE VILLAGE THROUGH THE DASNY GRANT

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

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 Village Clerk to file same.

RESOLUTION NO: 22-4782

RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING THE POSITION OF PART-TIME PUBLIC INFORMATION SPECIALIST IN THE MAYOR'S OFFICE

WHEREAS, the Rockland County Personnel Office has certified on March 31, 2022 that the position of Part-Time Public Information Specialist - Mayor's Office, can be established;

NOW, THEREFORE, be it RESOLVED, that the position of Part-time Public Information Specialist - Mayor's Office - is hereby established effective April 4, 2022.

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 Village Clerk to file same.

RESOLUTION NO: 22-4783

RESOLUTION TO APPROVE THE HIRING OF DOUGLAS PERRY AS CODE ENFORCEMENT OFFICER II LESS THAN FULL TIME

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

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 Village Clerk to file same.

RESOLUTION NO: 22-4784

RESOLUTION APPROVING THE TREASURY ABSTRACTS OF APRIL 4, 2022, IN THE AMOUNT OF \$171,721.46

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 Village Clerk to file same.

RESOLUTION NO: 22-4785

RESOLUTION APPROVING THE MINUTES FROM THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING OF MARCH 7, 2022

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 Village Clerk to file same.

DISCUSSION

A. FOIL Appeal: The board considered the appeal of CUPON Airmont FOIL requests.

a. "The preferred Vendor lists that were used for the purchases through the DASNY Grant"
 The votes of the Board of Trustees to keep the denial of the FOIL in place were as follows:

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

The Mayor declared the FOIL denial upheld.

b. The number of FOIL requests submitted to the Village of Airmont and who submitted the FOILs from 12/1/21-2/11/22

The votes of the Board of Trustees to keep the denial of the FOIL in place were as follows:

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

The Mayor declared the FOIL denial upheld.

c. Backlog of work Building Clerk is being paid overtime for. Include the type of work, type(s) of documents if applicable and nature and volume of work. Break down of work done by Building Clerk during overtime hours. Estimate of time to complete backlog of work.

The votes of the Board of Trustees to keep the denial of the FOIL in place were as follows:

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

The Mayor declared the FOIL denial upheld.

B. Sabin Dr: The board agreed unanimously that the residents of Sabin Dr would have to bring the road up to village standard on their own as to not place a burden on the rest of the village to convert a private street to a public street. If that is done, the board will reconsider their request.

C. Extend Snowplow Contract with CSB:

RESOLUTION NO: 22-4786

EXERCISING THE VILLAGE'S OPTION TO EXTEND THE SNOW PLOWING CONTRACT WITH CSB CONTRACTING, INC.

WHEREAS the Village has entered into a contract with CSB Contracting, Inc. to provide snow plowing services to the Village;

WHEREAS CSB Contracting Inc has provided superior service to the Village under the Contract;

WHEREAS the Contract provides the Village with the option, at its sole discretion, to extend the Contract for an additional two years;

IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED that the Board of Trustees authorizes the Mayor to execute such documents as are required to exercise the Village's option to extend the contract with CSB for an additional two years beyond the base contract period and to pay CSB pursuant to the extended terms thereof.

The motion was moved by Trustee Moses
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 Village Clerk to file same

D. Ackerman Pathway: Deputy Mayor Downey advised that the walkway would be 100% completed by Friday April 8, 2022.

NEW BUSINESS/OLD BUSINESS

Deputy Mayor Downey advised the board that Schultz Ford has 2 2022 Ford Interceptors on the lot. He said he had quotes for the vehicles which he would send to the clerk that night or early the next morning. The board wanted to look into canceling the order previously made from Bayer Ford for 2 2020 Police Interceptors which were backordered and had a couple month lead time.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Sharon Halon
Village Clerk-Treasurer