

March 2, 2023

Rockville Centre, New York

The Board of Trustees held a Public Meeting at 6:00pm on the above date in the Mayor's conference room.

PRESENT: Mayor Francis X. Murray, Deputy Mayor Kathy Baxley, Trustees Michael Sepe, Emilio F. Grillo and Katie Conlon.

ALSO PRESENT: Village Administrator Nancy Howard, Village Attorney A. Thomas Levin, Village Comptroller Dennis Morgan, Police Commissioner James Vafeades, Director of Public Works Administration Gwynne Feiner, Acting Superintendent of Electric Eileen Foglietta, Deputy Clerk Wendy Weinstock, Deputy Treasurer Fran Graziano, Director of the Senior Center Chris O'Leary, Superintendent of Building Patrick D. O'Brien, Director of Community Development Suzanne Sullivan, Superintendent of Recreation Karen Polito, Engineering Inspector Mario Bento, and Secretary to the Board Lisa Butler.

ATTENDANCE: 2 people were in attendance.

The Board reviewed the proposed agenda for the March 6, 2023, Board of Trustees meeting.

The Board discussed various matters without taking any action.

On motion of Trustee Grillo, duly seconded by Deputy Mayor Baxley and unanimously carried, the Board convened in executive session at 6:22pm to discuss matters leading to the financial history of a particular person, to discuss pending litigation, and to obtain legal advice.

Village Comptroller Dennis Morgan was present for part of the executive session discussion.

The Board discussed various matters without taking any action.

On motion of Trustee Sepe, duly seconded by Trustee Grillo and unanimously carried, the Board closed the executive session and returned to public session and adjourned the meeting at 7:00 pm.

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The Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees was held on the above date in Village Hall. Mayor Francis X. Murray opened the meeting at 6:45pm.

PRESENT: Mayor Francis X. Murray, Deputy Mayor Kathy Baxley, Trustees Emilio F. Grillo, Katie Conlon. Trustee Michael Sepe arrived at 7:03pm.

ALSO PRESENT: Village Administrator Nancy Howard, Village Attorney A. Thomas Levin, Village Comptroller Dennis Morgan, Police Commissioner James Vafeades, Superintendent of Building Patrick D. O'Brien, Acting Superintendent of Electric Eileen Foglietta, Superintendent of Water Anthony Iannone, Deputy Clerk Wendy Weinstock, Deputy Treasurer Fran Graziano, Director of Public Works Administration Gwynne Feiner, Director of Public Works Operations John Thorp, Director of the Senior Center Chris O'Leary, Superintendent of Recreation Karen Polito, Public Relations Counsel Julie Grilli and Secretary to the Board Lisa Butler.

ATTENDANCE: 85 People were in attendance.

Mayor Murray led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mayor Murray introduced Deputy Mayor Baxley who introduced and congratulated the Boys Catholic Middle Spirit League, and the 6th and 8th grade girls CYO Basketball Teams. Deputy Mayor Baxley and Trustee Conlon presented all the Champions with certificates and congratulated them on this accomplishment.

Mayor Murray introduced New York State Assemblyman Brian Curran, Assemblyman Curran wanted to thank all that voted for him, and that he hope to have the trust and support from all during the next two years.

Trustee Grillo announced that the Fire Department held its regular Council Meeting on February 21, 2023, and read the following report regarding changes to the department membership. "We regret to report the passing of Honorary Chief Edward Sompson of Live Oak Engine Co. No. 1, Ex Captain Remy Jean-Francois has rejoined Alert Engine Co. No. 2, Jack Egan and Ryan Egan joined Erueka Hook Ladder & Bucket Co. No. 1. Our membership is currently 331 members. Marilyn Gallino and Griffin Cavrell joined our Junior Fire Department."

Trustee Grillo spoke on the passing of Ex-Chief Robert "Bubba" Seaman on March 3, 2023. "He was a true gentleman, and a true asset to the community, he will truly be missed. Prayers and condolences to his family and friends, and to the Rockville Centre Fire Department, and to Rockville Centre Live Oak Engine Company No. 1."

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On motion of Mayor Murray, duly seconded by Trustee Conlon and unanimously carried, the Board voted to reserve a page in the official minutes of the meeting in memory of Ex-Chief Robert "Bubba" Seaman.

On motion of Deputy Mayor Baxley, duly seconded by Trustee Conlon and unanimously carried, the Board approved the Fire Department Membership report.

Police Commissioner Vafeades presented a report regarding various incidents in the Village, and security issues. The Police Commissioner also spoke about training for the Traffic Enforcement Unit, and for Lieutenant Dodd to attend the FBI National Academy, and will receive the highest level of law enforcement training.

Mayor Murray announced that the Finalization of the Tax Assessment Grievance Decisions has been postponed until a date no later than March 15, 2023, to be announced as provided by law.

Public Hearing - EDR Case #01-2023 7 Driscoll Ave.

Superintendent of Building Patrick D. O'Brien introduced Architect Todd O'Connell, representing property owner Steve Kallap, who proposes a new two story, one family dwelling.

Mr. O'Connell presented the plans to the Board for their review and questions.

After hearing all persons who wished to be heard, on motion of Trustee Sepe, duly seconded by Deputy Mayor Baxley and unanimously carried, the Board closed the Public Hearing with respect to Exterior Design Review Case #01-2023, 7 Driscoll Avenue.

On motion of Trustee Sepe, duly seconded by Deputy Mayor Baxley and unanimously carried, the Board approved the Exterior Design Review Case #01-2023. For details of the comments and discussions from the Board and public please refer to the recording on the Village website to the video and is available on record at Village Hall.

Village Administrator Nancy Howard opened the public hearing with respect to Bill RVC 2023B, A local law authorizing a property tax levy in excess of the limit established in General Municipal Law § 3-c.

After hearing all interested persons in attendance, on motion of Mayor Murray, duly seconded by Trustee Sepe and unanimously carried, the Board closed the public hearing regarding Bill RVC 2023B, and reserved decision with respect to adoption of the proposed law.

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For details of the comments and discussions from the Board and public please refer to the recording on the Village website.

Mayor Murray made the appointments of new hires, promotions and other appointments as shown on the list of "Managerial & Confidential and Part Time Employees from January 27, 2022, through May 23, 2023" on file in the Village office together with these minutes.

On motion of Deputy Mayor Baxley, duly seconded by Trustee Grillo and unanimously carried, the Board approved the new hires, promotions and appointments, and the compensation rates for Managerial & Confidential and Part Time employees from January 27, 2022, through May 23, 2023, effective on the respective dates indicated on the full list.

On motion of Trustee Grillo, duly seconded by Trustee Conlon and unanimously carried the Board adopted the following Resolution regarding the Community Development Block Grant 49th Program Year:

Resolution of the Board of Trustees
Incorporated Village of Rockville Centre, New York
Board of Trustees Meeting March 6, 2023

Community Development Block Grant Program
2023-2024 49th Program Year

WHEREAS, the Secretary of the U.S. Department of Housing & Urban Development is authorized under Title I of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974 to make grants to states and other units of general local government and to provide financial assistance to Community Development; and

WHEREAS, the Village of Rockville Centre has agreed to participate in the Nassau County Community Development Consortium for the 2023-2024 Program Year commencing on or about September 1, 2023; and

WHEREAS, the Village of Rockville Centre has developed certain Community Development project activities and funding allocations for said activities after holding Community Development Citizens Advisory Committee Meetings, a Public Hearing; and providing public information statements and notices, all pursuant to HUD regulations.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED: that acting for the Village of Rockville Centre, the Village Board of Trustees hereby approves the following activities for the 2023-2024 Community Development Block Grant program:

Public Facilities and Improvements:

Downtown Revitalization: Streetscaping	\$155,000
RVC-Lakeview Economic Opportunity Commission	\$4,000

Public Services:

MLK Community Center After School	\$4,500
Summer Playground Programs	
Youth Employment Training Program	\$19,000
Confide, Inc.	\$6,000
Hispanic Brotherhood of Rockville Centre	\$6,000

<u>Administration:</u>	\$20,000
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<u>Total Request:</u>	\$214,500
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On motion of Trustee Conlon, duly seconded by Trustee Sepe and unanimously carried the Board adopted the following resolution to publish a legal notice for a public hearing regarding the Fiscal Year 2024 Budget.

RESOLVED, that the Village Administrator is authorized and directed to publish and post a legal notice for a public hearing to be held on April 3, 2023, at 7:00 pm, with respect to the adoption of the Village’s budget for the fiscal year 2024, in the form and in the manner required by law.

On motion of Deputy Mayor Baxley, duly seconded by Trustee Sepe and unanimously carried, the Board authorized the Mayor or his designee to enter into an agreement with the Nassau County Board of Elections to allow the Recreation Center to be used for early voting from Saturday October 28, 2023 through and including Sunday, November 5, 2023 for a total amount received of \$2,500.00-.

On motion of Trustee Grillo, duly seconded by Trustee Sepe and unanimously carried, the Board approved a change order for additional funds in the amount of \$10,000.00 for the Flowbird application due to the increased usage of the application during Fiscal Year 23.

On motion of Deputy Mayor Baxley, duly seconded by Trustee Conlon and unanimously carried, the Board adopted the following resolution authorizing grant acceptance for inclusive playground complex at Veterans’ Park.

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING GRANT ACCEPTANCE
FOR INCLUSIVE PLAYGROUND COMPLEX
AT VETERANS’ PARK**

WHEREAS, the Village has received notification of a grant offered to the Village by the Dormitory Authority of the State of New York (DASNY), pursuant to grant SAM 25292 in the total amount of \$550,000 (allocated \$250,000 for the playground, \$150,000 for lighting,

and \$150,000 for ADA compliant restroom) to be purchased for the Inclusive Playground Complex at Veterans’ Park, and

WHEREAS, the Village Board of Trustees finds and concludes that it is in the best interests of the Village to accept such grant, and to enter into required grant agreements with DASNY,

NOW, THEREFORE, BET

RESOLVED: that the Mayor, Village Administrator and Village Attorney are each hereby authorized to sign on behalf of the Village documents reasonably required by DASNY and other agencies of the State of New York, in furtherance of the Village’s receipt of grant SAM 25292 in the total amount of \$550,000 (allocated \$250,000 for the playground, \$150,000 for lighting, and \$150,000 for ADA compliant restroom) to be purchased for the Inclusive Playground Complex at Veterans’ Park.

On motion of Trustee Sepe, duly seconded by Trustee Grillo and unanimously carried, the Board adopted the following SEQRA Type II resolution for the purchase of body cameras and rehabilitation of Park Lane.

**SEQRA TYPE II RESOLUTION
PURCHASE OF BODY CAMERAS AND
REHABILITATION OF PARK LANE**

WHEREAS, the Board of Trustees hereby finds and concludes that the Board of Trustees is the Lead Agency with respect to environmental impact review of (a) the proposed rehabilitation of Park Lane in the Village of Rockville Centre, and (b) the proposed purchase of police body cameras for use by Village police personnel,

NOW, THERFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees hereby finds and concludes that:

- (a) the proposed rehabilitation of Park Lane in the Village of Rockville Centre is a Type II action pursuant to 6 NYCRR 617.5(c)(1), (5) and (6) , and
- (b) the proposed purchase of police body cameras for use by Village police personnel is a Type II action pursuant to 6 NYCR 617.5(c)(31),

and it is further.

RESOLVED, that pursuant to the State Environmental Quality Review Act neither of such proposed actions requires any further environmental impact review.

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On motion of Trustee Grillo, duly seconded by Deputy Mayor Baxley and unanimously carried, the Board confirmed the attendance of the Acting Superintendent of Electric Eileen Foglietta to attend the 2023 Annual NYAPP April Conference in Saratoga Springs, NY from April 11, 2023, to April 13, 2023 for an amount not to exceed \$1,073.00.

On motion of Deputy Mayor Baxley, duly seconded by Trustee Conlon and unanimously carried, the Board approved changes to the Village Fee Schedule for the Recreation Center fees. A copy of the revised Village Fee Schedule is attached to these minutes and on file in the Village Clerks office.

On motion of Trustee Sepe, duly seconded by Trustee Grillo and unanimously carried, the Board approved a Personal Service Contract with SJS Associated, Susan J. Stohr, Government Affairs Consultant for New York Association of Public Power (NYAPP) for the Incorporated Village of Rockville Centre's portion of these costs for the period of March 1, 2023 to December 31, 2023 for an amount not to exceed \$15,523.60, in a form to be approved by the Village Attorney.

On motion of Deputy Mayor Baxley, duly seconded by Trustee Conlon and unanimously carried, the Board approved Departmental Budget Transfers from June 1, 2022, through February 28, 2023.

Action Item VII number 1 was removed from the agenda.

On motion of Trustee Grillo, duly seconded by Trustee Conlon and unanimously carried, the Board approved a change order for Bid No. 2010CD2(1001) Smith Pond Project with G & M Earth Moving, Inc., for additional quantities and items above the original purchase order amount for a total approved change order in the amount of \$213,872.65-.

On motion of Deputy Mayor Baxley, duly seconded by Trustee Grillo, and unanimously carried, the Board convened in executive session at 7:48pm to discuss pending litigation and matters leading to the appointment, employment, promotion, demotion, discipline, suspension, dismissal or removal of a particular person, and legal advice.

Commissioner Vafeades was present for part of the executive session discussion.

The Board discussed various matters without taking any action.

On motion of Trustee Conlon, duly seconded by Trustee Baxley and unanimously carried, the Board closed the executive session and returned to public session at 8:40pm.

The Board discussed the draft tentative budget.

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There being no further business, on motion by Trustee Grillo, seconded by Trustee Conlon and adopted unanimously, the meeting was adjourned at 9:30pm.

Nancy Howard
Village Administrator/
Clerk-Treasurer

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In Memory of
Ex-Chief
Robert 'Bubba'
Seaman
Rockville Centre
Volunteer Fire
Department and Live
Oak Engine Co.
No.1.

September 27, 1965 - March 3, 2023