

April 15, 2021

Rockville Centre, New York

The Board of Trustees held a Special Meeting on the above date via video conference call at 6:00 p.m. due to the Covid-19 pandemic health emergency, and in compliance with Executive Orders issued by Governor Cuomo. All participants were on the video conference call at the same time, and all participants were able to hear each other. The public was afforded an opportunity to participate in the meeting by video conference and/or telephone call. The meeting was recorded, and the transcription is on file in the Village office. The recording is available on the Village website.

PRESENT: Mayor Francis X. Murray, Deputy Mayor Kathy Baxley, Trustees Emilio F. Grillo and Nancy Howard. Trustee Michael Sepe was absent at the beginning of the meeting, and arrived at 7:09pm as indicated in these minutes.

ABSENT: None

ALSO PRESENT: Village Administrator Kathleen Murray, Village Attorney A. Thomas Levin, Village Comptroller Dennis Morgan, Superintendent of Building Patrick D. O'Brien, Village Engineer Kevin Reilly, Director of Public Works Administration Gwynne Feiner, Director of Public Works Operations John Thorp, Acting Superintendent of Electric Eileen Foglietta, Deputy Clerk Wendy Weinstock, Community Development Director Suzanne Sullivan, Public Relations Counsel Julie Grilli, and Secretary to the Board Lisa Butler.

ATTENDANCE: 6 people

Village Administrator Kathleen Murray read a statement regarding the circumstances under which the meeting was held. See the recording of the meeting for the full text of the statement.

Acting Superintendent of Electric Eileen Foglietta gave a presentation on Rockville Centre's Peak Savers Energy Efficiency/DR Program.

Village Administrator Kathleen Murray opened a continued Public Hearing for the purpose of considering the proposed FY 2022 Budget. This hearing was continued from the April 5, 2021 Board of Trustees Meeting.

The Board held a discussion with respect to the proposed FY 2022 Budget. Village Comptroller Dennis Morgan noted that both revenue and expense estimates were increased from the amounts contained in the tentative budget, due to the addition of New York State AIM revenue of approximately \$400,000.00, and refund of real estate taxes for approximately the same amount. Comments were received from the public. On motion of Trustee Grillo, duly seconded by Trustee Howard and carried by a vote of four to none the Board voted to close the public hearing regarding the proposed FY 2022 Budget. For details of the comments and discussions from the Board and please refer to the recording on the Village website or the transcript of the recorded meeting.

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After hearing all interested persons in attendance, on motion of Trustee Baxley, duly seconded by Trustee Grillo and carried by a vote of four to none, the Board adopted the FY 2022 Budget setting the tax rate and levying taxes as indicated therein, and directed the Treasurer to issue the tax warrant and tax bills. A copy of the adopted budget is attached to the minutes of this meeting and is on file in the Village office.

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 February 17, 2021 through April 18, 2021" on file in the Village office together with these minutes.

On motion of Trustee Baxley, duly seconded by Trustee Grillo and carried by a vote of four to none, the Board approved the new hires, promotions and appointments, and the compensation rates for Managerial & Confidential and Part Time employees from February 17, 2021 through April 18, 2021, effective on the respective dates indicated on the full list, which is on file in the Village office together with these minutes.

On motion of Trustee Howard, duly seconded by Trustee Baxley and carried by a vote of four to none the Board adopted the following Resolution Authorizing the Voting Rights Act Agreement.

RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE VOTING RIGHTS ACT AGREEMENT

WHEREAS, the federal Voting Rights Act (VRA) includes various requirements applicable to local jurisdictions which contain more than a specified number of "minority language speakers", being persons whose principal language is other than English such that they may not be able to sufficiently understand materials used in conjunction with elections conducted in the local jurisdiction; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to United States Department of Justice (DOJ) interpretations of the VRA, such requirements are applicable to local government units which do not contain such minimum number of "minority language speakers" but which are located within a larger governmental unit, such as a County, which does contain such minimum number; and

WHEREAS, Nassau County has been determined to contain more than the minimum required number of "minority language speakers" such that the provisions of the VRA are applicable to elections conducted by Nassau County; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to such DOJ interpretations, all political units within Nassau County, such as villages, which conduct elections are subject to the VRA requirements; and

WHEREAS, the New York Attorney General's office (NYAG) is charged with oversight of the VRA in the State of New York, and has engaged in discussions with the Village of Rockville Centre (Village) with respect to obligations applicable to the Village pursuant to the VRA; and

WHEREAS, the Village contends that it has heretofore complied with all applicable requirements of the VRA, and other applicable laws applicable to the conduct of elections administered by the Village; and

WHEREAS, the Village wishes to provide assurance to the NYAG, in the form of a written agreement, that the Village will continue to comply with, all applicable legal requirements of the VRA and other applicable laws in the conduct of elections administered by the Village,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED, that the Mayor or his designee is authorized to executive on behalf of the Village an agreement with the NYAG, in a form approved by the Village Attorney, to provide reasonable assurances that the Village will continue to comply with the requirements of the VRA in the future conduct of elections administered by the Village.

On motion of Trustee Grillo, duly seconded by Trustee Howard and carried by a vote of four to none the Board authorized the Mayor or his designee to execute a Memorandum of Agreement between the Village of Rockville Centre and the Nassau County Board of Elections with regards to the Village election to be held on June 15, 2021.

Village Administrator Kathleen Murray advised the Board that Bid No. 2103TA1(1013)2021 Tree Planting Village Wide was properly advertised for bid opening on April 8, 2021 the results of the opening are as follows:

2021 Tree Planting Village Wide									
BID # 2103TA1(1013)									
Opened: 04/08/21									
ITEM #1		Sipala Landscape Services		Louis Barbato Landscaping Inc.			Northport Tree Company, Inc.		
Estimated Quantity	Description	Unit Price/tree	Planted Unit Price/Tree & Planting	Unit Price/tree	Planted Unit Price/Tree & Planting		Unit Price/tree	Planted Unit Price/Tree & Planting	
A List (2021) - Base Year									
(+ or -) 5 trees	Honey Locust Thornless	\$ 410.00	\$ 2,050.00	\$ 110.00	\$ 205.00	\$ 1,025.00	\$ 125.00	\$ 165.00	\$ 825.00
(+ or -) 5 trees	Flowering Plum	\$ 400.00	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 110.00	\$ 205.00	\$ 1,025.00	\$ 125.00	\$ 165.00	\$ 825.00
(+ or -) 5 trees	Japanese Zelkova	\$ 435.00	\$ 2,175.00	\$ 110.00	\$ 205.00	\$ 1,025.00	\$ 125.00	\$ 165.00	\$ 825.00
(+ or -) 5 trees	Pyramidal European Hornbeam	\$ 480.00	\$ 2,400.00	\$ 110.00	\$ 205.00	\$ 1,025.00	\$ 150.00	\$ 195.00	\$ 975.00
(+ or -) 5 trees	Japanese Lilac	\$ 445.00	\$ 2,225.00	\$ 110.00	\$ 205.00	\$ 1,025.00	\$ 125.00	\$ 165.00	\$ 825.00
(+ or -) 5 trees	Canada Red Select	\$ 390.00	\$ 1,950.00	\$ 110.00	\$ 205.00	\$ 1,025.00	\$ 125.00	\$ 165.00	\$ 825.00
Total cost (tree & planting)			\$ 12,800.00			\$ 6,150.00			\$ 5,100.00
B list (2022) Option Year 1									
(+ or -) 5 trees	Yoshino Cherry	\$ 390.00	\$ 1,950.00	\$ 120.00	\$ 220.00	\$ 1,100.00	\$ 125.00	\$ 165.00	\$ 825.00
(+ or -) 5 trees	Japanese Zelkova	\$ 435.00	\$ 2,175.00	\$ 120.00	\$ 220.00	\$ 1,100.00	\$ 125.00	\$ 165.00	\$ 825.00
(+ or -) 5 trees	Honey Locust Thornless	\$ 410.00	\$ 2,050.00	\$ 120.00	\$ 220.00	\$ 1,100.00	\$ 125.00	\$ 165.00	\$ 825.00
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Percentage Increase over base bid		0%		NA			0%		
(2023) Option Year 2									
RVC to create list of 6 trees from list A & B									
Percentage Increase over base bid		0%		9%			0%		

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The following companies did not respond: R&R Landscaping, Keep It Green Landscaping, The Garden Dept., Site One, Woodstock Construction Group, Trinchese Construction, and Island Greenery.

On motion of Trustee Grillo, duly seconded by Trustee Baxley and carried by a vote of four to none the Board awarded the contract to the lowest responsible bidder substantially meeting all required specifications for each item as per the spreadsheet, namely Northport Tree Company, Inc.

On motion of Trustee Baxley, duly seconded by Trustee Howard and carried by a vote of four to none the Board approved the following minutes for filing:

- 1. Special Meeting ----- March 18, 2021
- 2. Executive Session ----- March 18, 2021
- 3. Briefing Meeting ----- April 1, 2021
- 3. Executive Session ----- April 1, 2021
- 4. Board Meeting ----- April 5, 2021

On motion of Trustee Howard, duly seconded by Trustee Grillo and carried by a vote of four to none the Board convened in executive session at 6:32 p.m. to obtain legal advice.

Trustee Sepe arrived at 7:00 p.m. and Mayor Murray excused himself from the meeting at 7:20 p.m.

No action was taken in Executive Session.

On motion of Trustee Howard, duly seconded by Trustee Baxley and carried by a vote of four to none the Board returned to public session and adjourned the meeting at 7:27 p.m.

Kathleen Murray
Village Administrator/
Clerk-Treasurer