

1 Minutes of the Video Conference Meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Village of Great Neck
2 Estates held on Tuesday, December 14, 2020 at 7:00 pm.

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4 The Village Administrator called the roll:

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6 Present by video conference:

7 Mayor William D. Warner
8 Deputy Mayor Jeffrey Farkas
9 Trustee Lanny Oppenheim
10 Trustee Howard S Hershenhorn
11 Trustee Ira D. Ganzfried
12 A. Thomas Levin, Esq., Village Attorney
13 Kathleen L Santelli, Village Administrator
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15 Mayor Warner called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. Trustee Hershenhorn was not present at
16 the start of the meeting.

17 The Village Administrator confirmed that notice of this meeting had been posted on the Village
18 website, Village Hall and all other customary posting sites on December 7, 2020. The public is
19 not permitted to attend in person; the public is permitted to observe and hear the meeting remotely
20 on Zoom, as described in the meeting notice. The public portion of the meeting was recorded, and
21 a transcription will be prepared as required by law.

22 EXECUTIVE SESSION

23 On motion by Mayor Warner, seconded by Deputy Mayor Farkas, and duly adopted by a vote of
24 4-0, the Board convened in executive session to obtain legal advice from the Village Attorney.

25 Trustee Hershenhorn arrived at 7:05 pm.

26 The Board took no action in executive session.

27 On motion by Trustee Oppenheim, seconded by Trustee Ganzfried, and adopted unanimously, the
28 Board returned to public session at 8:00 pm.

29 **The Village Administrator read the following announcement with regard to conduct of the**
30 **meeting:**

31 The public portions of this meeting are being recorded and a transcription will be provided at a
32 later date.

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34 The public has the opportunity to hear and observe this meeting live at the Zoom meeting address,
35 and to participate in any public hearings which may be held at this meeting.

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37 Please be advised that in accordance with the Open Meetings Law, any interested person may
38 comment on public hearing items prior to or during the public hearing, or on any other matter

39 at any time during the meeting, by email to admin@vgne.com or by using the Chat feature on
40 Zoom.

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42 BUILDING DEPARTMENT

43 Mayor Warner stated that the Report of Building Department activity for the period September
44 2020-November 2020 had been distributed to the Board and is available on the Village website.
45 On motion offered by Mayor Warner, seconded by Trustee Hershenhorn, and duly adopted by
46 unanimous vote, the Board accepted the November 2020 Building Department report. The report
47 is on file in the Village Office.

48 First Playhouse of GN Corp.

49 Building Official Dzorney reported that the scaffolding for the demolition is nearly completed.
50 Ms. Dzorney was directed to remind the applicant that an extension of the demolition permit will
51 be required.

52 ARCHITECTURAL REVIEW BOARD

53 On motion of Mayor Warner, seconded by Deputy Mayor Farkas, and duly adopted by unanimous
54 vote, the Board affirmed the recommendations of the ARB for approval of the following
55 application:

56 Richard Billow, 49 Cedar Drive, Swim spa & wood trellis

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58 PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT

59 Mayor Warner stated that the report of Public Works activity for the month of November 2020
60 had been distributed to the Board and is available on the website. On motion of Mayor Warner,
61 seconded by Trustee Ganzfried, and duly adopted by unanimous vote, the Board accepted the
62 November 2020 Public Works Department report. The report is on file in the Village Office.

63 POLICE DEPARTMENT

64 Chief Ricardo Moreno was present by video conference.

65 Mayor Warner stated that the report of Police activity for the month of November 2020 had been
66 distributed to the Board and is available on the website. On motion offered by Mayor Warner,
67 seconded by Trustee Oppenheim, and duly adopted by unanimous vote, the Board accepted the
68 November 2020 Police Department report. The report is on file in the Village office.

69 Mayor Warner reiterated the importance of locking vehicles and doors as most incidents are crimes
70 of opportunity.

71 PARK-POOL-TENNIS

72 Automated Park Entrance Gate

73 Mayor Warner stated that Chief Moreno had obtained three proposals for installation of an
74 automated entrance gate using barcoded stickers.

75 On motion of Trustee Hershenhorn, seconded by Trustee Oppenheim, and duly adopted by
76 unanimous vote, the Board accepted the December 2, 2020 proposal from LB Fabrication &
77 Automation LLC for installation of a Liftmaster MAT Barrier Arm, including electric, electronics,
78 programming, vehicle & pedestrian safety devices, entrance to be granted by secure vehicle
79 scanner, at a cost not to exceed \$17,530, to be paid from Community Amenity Funds.

80 ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION – No report

81 CABLE COMMISSION – No Report

82 CIVIC ASSOCIATION – No report

83 MAYOR’S REPORT

84 Ratify Authorization for Mayor to sign ADP Payroll Agreement

85 Mayor Warner stated that the Village had requested proposals for online payroll services, including
86 automate is phasing out the telephone call-in and transitioning to online payroll which offers a
87 14% savings to the Village in addition to increased efficiency in processing payroll in house with
88 accurate time-keeping equipment.

89 A motion was offered by Trustee Ganzfried, seconded by Trustee Oppenheim, and duly adopted
90 by a unanimous vote, to ratify the Mayor’s authorization to sign the agreement with ADP, Inc. in
91 an amount not to exceed \$14, 194.44.

92 Resolution confirming Tax Certiorari Settlements

93 A motion was offered by Trustee Hershenhorn, seconded by Trustee Oppenheim, and duly adopted
94 by unanimous vote

95 WHEREAS, after extensive negotiations, the Village Attorney has advised the Board of
96 Trustees of settlements of pending tax certiorari matters as hereinafter described,

97 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

98 RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees hereby ratifies and approves the following
99 settlements of pending tax certiorari litigation, and authorizes and directs the correction of the
100 current tax rolls to reflect the assessed valuation(s) hereinafter set forth:

- 101 1. GN Properties, LLC, 212 Middle Neck Road, Section 2 Block 6 Lot 254, for tax
102 years 2013/14 through 2020/21, inclusive. Refund of \$25,000. No change in assessed valuation

103 2. North Linden Management, LLC, 170 Middle Neck Road, Section 2 Block 6 Lot
104 63, for tax years 2013/14 through 2020/21, inclusive. Refund of \$5,000. Assessed valuation
105 625,000, three-year moratorium.

106 Mayor Warner issued Restaurant License Renewal

107 Mayor Warner advised the Board that he had issued a 2020 renewal of a restaurant license for
108 Bagel Mentch with the same terms and conditions as imposed previously by the Village.

109 2020 Assessment Reduction & Refund

110 Mayor Warner stated that the Board of Review had met on December 1, 2020 to finalize action on
111 the Grievance Complaints, which had been delayed due to COVID-19. On December 1, 2020 the
112 BAR met to consider the pending complaints. At that time, the Board of Review considered the
113 Grievance Complaint of Mr.& Mrs. Feintuch of 3 Sycamore Drive and granted reduction of the
114 2020 assessment from \$2,400,000 to \$2,000,000. The Board of Review also denied all other
115 complaints. On motion of Trustee Ganzfried, seconded by Trustee Oppenheim, and duly adopted
116 by a unanimous vote, the Board voted to authorize a refund of \$2,349.60 to Mr. and Mrs. Feintuch
117 as indicated by the reduced assessment amount.

118 Change order Village Hall entry repair

119 Building Official Dzorney stated that the entry required additional repair, which was not included
120 in the project work previously authorized. On motion of Trustee Oppenheim, seconded by Trustee
121 Ganzfried, and duly adopted by unanimous vote, the Board authorized a change order in the
122 additional amount of \$1,800, making a total project cost of \$7,000 for the entry repair by F Romano
123 Contracting Inc.

124 Old Mill II Update

125 Village Attorney Levin stated that the Village had received notice that the Nassau County Planning
126 Commission was considering a subdivision approval application regarding this project. Village
127 Attorney Levin further stated that Village Building Official Dzorney had reviewed the plans under
128 consideration by the Planning Commission, and had submitted a memo to the Board detailing the
129 differences between the plans and amended plan previously approved by the Village, and the plans
130 under review by the Planning Commission. Village Attorney Levin will notify the Planning
131 Commission of the requirements of the Village's approval.

132 Promenade 180-200 Middle Neck Road

133 Mayor Warner advised the Board that a meeting had been held with Paul Bloom, Esq., representing
134 the property owner, regarding development of the property at 180-200 Middle Neck Road for 75
135 luxury apartments. The matter will be discussed further at the January 11, 2021 meeting.

136 CLERK-TREASURER

137 The Administrator stated that the financial report for the month of November 2020 had been
138 submitted to the Board and is on file and available for inspection at the Village Office. On motion
139 offered by , seconded by , and duly adopted by unanimous vote, the Board accepted the
140 November 2020 report.

141 MINUTES

142 The Administrator stated that draft minutes of the November 9 & November 17, 2020 meeting had
143 been reviewed by the Village Attorney. On motion offered by Mayor Warner, seconded by Deputy
144 Mayor Farkas, and duly adopted by unanimous vote, the Board approved the minutes of November
145 9 & November 17, 2020 as amended and presented to the Board.

146 The approved minutes are posted on the website and are on file in the Village office.

147 ABSTRACTS

148 On motion offered by Trustee Ganzfried, seconded by Trustee Oppenheim, and duly adopted by a
149 unanimous vote, the Board ratified the payment of claims on General Abstract #202018 in the
150 amount of \$891,544.00 for NYS Employee & Police Retirement; General Abstract#202019 in the
151 amount of \$82,661.88 for contractual bills; Trust Abstract #335 in the amount of \$540.40 for
152 employee share disability and to approve payment of claims on General Abstract #202020 in the
153 amount of \$215,674.63 for November bills.

154 There being no further business, on motion offered by Mayor Warner, seconded by Trustee
155 Oppenheim, and duly adopted by unanimous vote, the meeting was adjourned at 9:12 pm.

156 Respectfully submitted,

157 Kathleen L Santelli
158 Village Administrator