

1 Revised Draft

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3 Minutes of the Meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Village of Great Neck Estates held on
4 Wednesday, March 24, 2021 at 7:00 pm.at the Village Hall, 4 Atwater Plaza, Great Neck Estates,
5 New York.

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7 The Village Administrator called the roll:

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9 Present in person:

10 Mayor William D. Warner
11 Deputy Mayor Jeffrey Farkas
12 Trustee Ira Ganzfried
13 Trustee Howard S Hershenhorn (arrived 7:03 pm)

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15 Present by videoconference:

16 Trustee Lanny Oppenheim (arrived at 7:25 pm)
17 A. Thomas Levin, Esq., Village Attorney
18 Kathleen L Santelli, Village Administrator

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20 Mayor Warner called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

21 The Village Administrator confirmed that notice of this meeting had been posted on the Village
22 website, Village Hall and all other customary posting sites on March 18, 2021. The public is not
23 permitted to attend in person; the public is permitted to observe and hear the meeting remotely on
24 Zoom, as described in the meeting notice. The public portion of the meeting was recorded, and a
25 transcription will be prepared as required by law.

26 **The Village Administrator read the following announcement with regard to conduct of the**
27 **meeting:**

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

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31 Please be advised that in accordance with the Open Meetings Law, any interested person may
32 comment on public hearing items prior to or during the public hearing, or on any other matter
33 at any time during the meeting, by email to admin@vgne.com or by using the Chat feature on
34 Zoom.

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36 MAYOR'S REPORT

37 D &B Proposal for Stormwater Management Services

38 On motion of Trustee Ganzfried, seconded by Trustee Hershenhorn, and duly adopted by
39 unanimous vote (Trustee Oppenheim not yet being present), the Board authorized Mayor Warner
40 to sign an agreement with D & B Engineers & Architects for 2021 Storm Water Management

41 Services including the 2021 SWMP Annual Report and SWMP Recordkeeping Trackers a cost not
42 to exceed \$6,600, in a form approved by the Village Attorney.

43 Tentative Budget

44 The Board reviewed the budget estimates for the remainder of this fiscal year and the projections
45 for 2021-22. Mayor Warner stated that the first estimates had indicated an increase of 17%,
46 however amendments to the proposed tentative budget filed with the Village Administrator have
47 greatly reduced this increase.

48 On motion of Trustee Ganzfried, seconded by Mayor Warner, and adopted unanimously (Trustee
49 Oppenheim not yet being present), the Board voted to adopt the tentative budget as filed with the
50 Village Administrator reflecting a tax increase of 3.4071% and a tax rate of \$.5888/100.

51 On motion of Trustee Hershenhorn, seconded by Trustee Ganzfried, and adopted unanimously
52 (Trustee Oppenheim not yet being present), the Board scheduled a public hearing with respect to
53 the proposed tentative 2021-22 budget to be held on April 12, 2021 at 8:00 p.m.

54 Police Reform & Reinvention Collaborative

55 The Board reviewed and discussed the draft plan, which has been previously discussed and the
56 current draft version of which has been available for public review and comment.

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58 On motion of Trustee Hershenhorn, seconded by Trustee Ganzfried, the Board duly adopted the
59 following resolution by unanimous vote (Trustee Oppenheim not yet being present):

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61 WHEREAS, pursuant to Executive Order No. 203 issued by Governor Andrew M. Cuomo
62 on June 12, 2020 all New York State local governments with police departments are required to
63 undertake a comprehensive review of current police force deployments, strategies, policies,
64 procedures, and practices; and

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66 WHEREAS, the Village of Great Neck Estates (“Village”) has undertaken such
67 comprehensive review, and has developed a plan to improve such deployments, strategies,
68 policies, procedures, and practices (the “Plan”); and

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70 WHEREAS, the Village has consulted with stakeholders (including but not limited to:
71 membership and leadership of the local police force; members of the community, with emphasis
72 in areas with high numbers of police and community interactions; interested non-profit and faith-
73 based community groups; the local office of the district attorney; the local public defender; and
74 local elected officials) regarding the Plan; and

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76 WHEREAS, the Village has offered the Plan in draft form for public comment to all
77 citizens in the locality and, prior to adoption of the Plan by the local legislative body, has conducted
78 public proceedings to receive public comment, and has considered the comments submitted;

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80 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

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82 RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees finds and concludes that the adoption of the Plan
83 is in compliance with Executive Order 203, and I in the best interests of the Village and its
84 residents; and it is further

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86 RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees hereby adopts the Plan in the form presented at
87 the March 24, 2021 meeting of the Board of Trustees, which Plan is on file in the Village office;
88 and it is further

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90 RESOLVED, that the Mayor is authorized and directed to complete and submit
91 certification of the adoption of the Plan, and a copy of the Plan, to the Director of the New York
92 State Division of the Budget on or before April 1, 2021 at EO203Certification@budget.ny.gov,
93 and at such other address(es) as may be appropriate or required.

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95 Public Employee Health Emergency Plan

96 The Administrator stated that the Draft Public Health Emergency Plan had been submitted to
97 CSEA and the PBA union representatives for review. Comments received have been reviewed by
98 the Board, and responses were provided to the union representatives as required by law. Village
99 Attorney Levin noted that the Board can amend the plan in the future if deemed appropriate to do
100 so or if required by law. On motion of Trustee Hershenhorn, seconded by Trustee Ganzfried, and
101 duly adopted by unanimous vote (Trustee Oppenheim not yet being present), the Board adopted
102 the Public Employee Health Emergency Plan in the form attached to these minutes, and directed
103 that the plan be filed in the Village office and made available on the Village website and otherwise
104 as required by law.

105 2021 Restaurant Licenses
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107 Mayor Warner advised the Board that he had issued a renewal of the Grill Time Restaurant License
108 with the same terms and conditions as imposed previously by the Village.

109 First Playhouse Parking Meter Income for Maple Drive
110 On motion of Mayor Warner, seconded by Trustee Ganzfried and duly adopted by unanimous
111 vote (Trustee Oppenheim not yet being present), the Board set the fee required to be paid by the
112 applicant for use of Village on-street parking spaces for the period March 18, 2021 through and
113 including April 16, 2021, 9-6 pm, 6 days per week @ .25 per ½ hr+ \$18.00 per day x 25 days for
114 a total of \$450.00, and directed the Village Administrator to notify the applicant of this
115 requirement. .

116 EXECUTIVE SESSION

117 On motion by Trustee Ganzfried, seconded by Deputy Mayor Farkas and adopted unanimously
118 (Trustee Oppenheim was not yet in attendance), the Board convened in executive session at 7:20
119 pm to obtain legal advice from the Village Attorney.

120 Trustee Oppenheim joined the meeting at 7:25 pm.

121 The Board took no action in executive session.

122 There being no further business, on motion offered by Mayor Warner, seconded by Trustee
123 Hershenhorn, and duly adopted by unanimous vote, the meeting was adjourned at 8:30 pm.

124 Respectfully submitted,

125 Kathleen L Santelli
126 Village Administrator