

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 Monday, March 8, 2021 at 7:00 pm.at the Village Hall, 4 Atwater Plaza, Great Neck Estates, New
5 York.

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7 The Village Administrator called the roll:

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9 Present in person:

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Mayor William D. Warner

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Deputy Mayor Jeffrey Farkas

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Trustee Ira Ganzfried

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Trustee Howard S Hershenhorn (arrived 7:03 pm)

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15 Present by videoconference:

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Trustee Lanny Oppenheim

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A. Thomas Levin, Esq., Village Attorney

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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 2, 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 EXECUTIVE SESSION

27 On motion by Mayor Warner, seconded by Trustee Ganzfried, and adopted by a vote of 4-0
28 (Trustee Hershenhorn was not present for this vote) the Board convened in executive session to
29 obtain legal advice from counsel. The Village Administrator, and the Village Attorney were
30 present in the executive session. Trustee Hershenhorn joined the meeting at 7:03 pm.

31 No action was taken in executive session.

32 On motion by Deputy Mayor Farkas, seconded by Trustee Ganzfried and adopted unanimously,
33 the Board returned to public session at 8:00 pm.

34 **The Village Administrator read the following announcement with regard to conduct of the**
35 **meeting:**

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

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

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44 PUBLIC HEARINGS

45 Proposed Bill GNE 2021B

46 Mayor Warner stated that a notice had been published and posted calling for a public hearing to
47 consider Proposed Bill GNE 2021B. Mayor Warner opened the public hearing and inquired if
48 any person wished to be heard with regard to this matter. Village Attorney Levin stated that a
49 Negative SEQRA Determination had been made at the Board meeting of February 8, 2021 and
50 the Nassau County Planning Commission has recommended local determination on this matter.
51 After hearing all interested persons, , on motion offered by Trustee Hershenhorn, seconded by
52 Trustee Ganzfried, and duly adopted by unanimous vote, the Board voted to close the public
53 hearing.

54 BUILDING DEPARTMENT

55 Mayor Warner stated that the Report of Building Department activity for the period December
56 2020-February 2021 had been distributed to the Board and is available on the Village website. On
57 motion offered by Mayor Warner, seconded by Deputy Mayor Farkas, and duly adopted by
58 unanimous vote, the Board accepted the February 2021 Building Department report. The report
59 is on file in the Village Office.

60 ARCHITECTURAL REVIEW BOARD

61 On motion of Deputy Mayor Farkas, seconded Trustee Hershenhorn, and duly adopted by
62 unanimous vote, the Board the Board affirmed the recommendations of the ARB for approval of
63 the following applications:

- 64 Robert Li, 11 Amherst Road, swimming pool
- 65 Liel Hollander, 12 Amherst Road, swimming pool

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67 PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT

68 Mayor Warner stated that the report of Public Works activity for the month of February 2021 had
69 been distributed to the Board and is available on the website. On motion of Mayor Warner,
70 seconded by Deputy Mayor Farkas, and duly adopted by unanimous vote, the Board accepted the
71 February 2021 Public Works Department report. The report is on file in the Village Office.

72 POLICE DEPARTMENT

73 Chief Ricardo Moreno and Sgt. Noor were present by video conference.
74 Mayor Warner stated that the report of Police activity for the month of February 2021 had been
75 distributed to the Board and is available on the website. On motion offered by Mayor Warner,
76 seconded by Trustee Ganzfried, and duly adopted by unanimous vote, the Board accepted the
77 February 2021 Police Department report. The report is on file in the Village office.

78 Mayor Warner stated that the draft Police Reform & Reinvention Collaborative had been posted
79 on the website requesting comments.

80 ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION – No report

81 CABLE COMMISSION – No Report

82 CIVIC ASSOCIATION – No report

83 MAYOR’S REPORT

84 Police Reform & Reinvention Collaborative

85 Mayor Warner stated that collaborative meetings had been held with community leaders and
86 stakeholder representatives for the purpose of reviewing the draft Police Reform and Reinvention
87 Collaborative. The draft has been revised, and is ready for consideration. The Village
88 Administrator was directed to have the draft posted on the Village website for public comment
89 prior to the next Board meeting, which will be a special meeting to be held on March 24, 2021 at
90 7:00 pm..

91 Nassau County Hazard Mitigation Plan

92 The Board discussed the Nassau County Hazard Mitigation Plan, including the Great Neck Estates
93 Annex. Barbara Dzierney reported on this project and her recommendations. On motion of Mayor
94 Warner, seconded by Trustee Hershenthorn, the Board adopted the following resolution by
95 unanimous vote,

96 WHEREAS, all of Nassau County has exposure to natural hazards that increase the risk
97 to life, property, environment and the County’s economy; and

98 WHEREAS, pro-active mitigation of known hazards before a disaster event can reduce or
99 eliminate long-term risk to life and property; and

100 WHEREAS, The Disaster Mitigation Act of 2000 (Public Law 106-390) established new
101 requirements for pre and post disaster hazard mitigation programs; and

102 WHEREAS, a coalition of Nassau County municipalities with like planning objectives has
103 been formed to pool resources and create consistent mitigation strategies within Nassau County;
104 and

105 WHEREAS, the coalition has completed a planning process that engaged the public,
106 assessed the risk and vulnerability to the impacts of natural hazards, developed a mitigation
107 strategy consistent with a set of uniform goals and objectives, and created a plan for implementing,
108 evaluating and revising this strategy; AND

109 WHEREAS, that planning process has generated a Nassau County Hazard Mitigation Plan,
110 which has been adopted by Nassau County; and

111 WHEREAS, the Board of Trustees of the Village of Great Neck Estates finds and
112 concludes that adoption of the Nassau County Hazard Mitigation Plan by the Village is in the best
113 interests of the residents and taxpayers of the Village,

114 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

115 RESOLVED that the Board of Trustees of the Village of Great Neck Estates hereby finds
116 and concludes pursuant to the State Environmental Quality Review Act that the action herein taken
117 has no significant adverse environmental impact, and that no further environmental impact review
118 is required, and it is further

119 RESOLVED, that the Village of Great Neck Estates:

- 120 1. Adopts in its entirety, the Nassau County Hazard Mitigation Plan (the “Plan”) as the
121 Village’s Natural Hazard Mitigation Plan and resolves to execute the actions identified in the Plan
122 as they pertain to the Village;
- 123 2. Will use the adopted and approved portions of the Plan to guide pre- and post-disaster
124 mitigation of the hazards identified;
- 125 3. Will coordinate the strategies identified in the Plan with other planning programs and
126 mechanisms under its jurisdictional authority;
- 127 4. Will continue its support of the Mitigation Planning Committee as described within the
128 Plan;
1295. 5. Will help to promote and support the mitigation successes of all participants in this Plan;
- 130 6, Will incorporate mitigation planning as an integral component of government and
131 partner operations;
- 132 7. Will provide an update of the Plan in conjunction with Nassau County no less than every
133 five years; And it is further

134 RESOLVED, that the Village Administrator shall cause registration of the adoption of this
135 resolution to be filed with appropriate agencies of Nassau County as required by the Plan.

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137 Draft Public Employee Health Emergency Plan

138 The Administrator stated that the Draft Public Emergency Plan had been submitted to CSEA and
139 the PBA union representatives for review. Comments received are to be reviewed by the Board.

140 Udall’s Cove Preservation Request

141 The Board discussed a request from the Udall’s Cove Preservation Committee for access to the
142 Village Park in relation to the annual cleanup of the shoreline and marshlands. On motion of
143 Trustee Oppenheim, seconded by Trustee Ganzfried, and adopted unanimously, the Board granted
144 permission to the Udall’s Cove Preservation Committee for access to the Village Park as requested,
145 in support of the annual cleanup of the Udall’s Cove shoreline and marshlands on Saturday April
146 17, 2021 from 9:00 a.m.-1:30 p.m.

147 The Village Administrator was directed to post this information on the website.

148 2021 Systematic Maintenance Agreements

149 A discussion was held regarding renewal of the Systematic Maintenance Agreements. The Board
150 authorized the Mayor to execute revised agreements, in a form to be approved by the Village

151 Attorney, to extend the current agreement to and including May 31, 2021, and directed the Village
152 Administrator to issue a request proposals for such services for a period on and after June 1, 2021.

153 Appointment to Board of Assessors

154 Mayor Warner appointed Michael Weinbaum as Board of Assessors member to fill a vacancy for
155 the remainder of the official year. .

156 On motion offered by Trustee Hershenhorn, seconded by Trustee Ganzfried, and duly adopted
157 unanimously, the Board approved the Mayor’s appointment of Michael Weinbaum as member of
158 the Board of Assessors.

159 Set Public Hearing for 2021-22 Tentative Budget

160 On motion offered by Mayor Warner, seconded by Trustee Hershenhorn, and duly adopted
161 unanimously, the Board scheduled a public hearing to be held on March 24, 2021 at 7:00 pm. In
162 relation to the 2021-22 Tentative Budget.

163 2021 Restaurant Licenses

164 Mayor Warner stated that he had issued 2021 renewals of the following Restaurant Licenses with
165 the same terms and conditions as imposed previously by the Village:

166	Elite Pizza	94 Middle Neck Rd
167	Golden Garden	150A Middle Neck Rd
168	La Pizzeria & LaGelato	114-116 Middle Neck Rd
169	Ralph’s Italian Ices	150 Middle Neck Rd
170	Rothchilds Coffee & Kitchen	76 Middle Neck Rd
171	Sushi Palace	148-148A Middle Neck Rd

172 Outstanding

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174 VILLAGE ATTORNEY

175 Extension of Time to Pay Village Tax

176 Village Attorney Levin stated that Real Property Tax Law 925-a grants the Governor
177 authority to act by Executive Order, at the request of a Village Mayor, to extend for twenty-one
178 days the period for paying Village property taxes without interest or penalties.

179 On motion of Trustee Ganzfried, seconded by Deputy Mayor Farkas, and duly adopted by
180 unanimous vote, the Board authorized the Mayor to request the Governor to issue an Executive
181 Order granting such twenty-one day extension of the period for paying Village tax without interest
182 or penalty.

183 CLERK-TREASURER

184 The Administrator stated that the financial report for the month of February 2021 had been
185 submitted to the Board and is on file and available for inspection at the Village Office. On motion

186 offered by Mayor Warner, seconded by Trustee Ganzfried, and duly adopted by unanimous vote,
187 the Board accepted the February 2021 report. The accepted report is on file in the Village office.

188 MINUTES

189 The Administrator stated that draft minutes of the February 8, 2021 meeting had been reviewed by
190 the Village Attorney. On motion offered by Mayor Warner, seconded by Deputy Mayor Farkas,
191 and duly adopted by unanimous vote, the Board approved the minutes of February 8, 2021 as
192 amended and presented to the Board.

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

194 ABSTRACTS

195 On motion offered by Trustee Ganzfried, seconded by Trustee Hershenhorn, and duly adopted by
196 a unanimous vote, the Board ratified the payment of claims on General Abstract #202025 in the
197 amount of \$102,815.53 for contractual bills; and to approve the payment of claims on General
198 Abstract #202026 in the amount of \$214,770.63 for February bills.

199 EXECUTIVE SESSION

200 On motion offered by Mayor Warner, seconded by Trustee Hershenhorn, and duly adopted by
201 unanimous vote, the Board convened in executive session at 8:55 pm to obtain legal advice from
202 counsel. The Village Administrator, and the Village Attorney were present in the executive
203 session. No action was taken in executive session.

204 On motion of Deputy Mayor Farkas, seconded by Trustee Ganzfried, and duly adopted by
205 unanimous vote, the Board returned to public session at 9:11 pm.

206 There being no further business, on motion offered by Mayor Warner, seconded by Deputy Mayor
207 Farkas, and duly adopted by unanimous vote, the meeting was adjourned at 9:15 pm.

208 Respectfully submitted,

209 Kathleen L Santelli
210 Village Administrator