

1 Minutes of the Meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Village of Great Neck Estates on Monday,  
2 Monday, December 9, 2024 at 7:00 pm. at Village Hall, 4 Atwater Plaza, Great Neck, NY

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4 Present: Mayor William D. Warner  
5 Deputy Mayor Jeffrey Farkas  
6 Trustee Howard Hershenhorn (arrived at 7:05 pm)  
7 Trustee Ira D Ganzfried  
8 Trustee Lilia Shemesh  
9 A. Thomas Levin, Esq. Village Attorney  
10 Kathleen L Santelli, Village Administrator

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12 Mayor Warner called the meeting to order at 7:02 pm.

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14 EXECUTIVE SESSION

15 On motion by Mayor Warner, seconded by Trustee Ganzfried and adopted unanimously (Trustee  
16 Hershenhorn arrived after the vote), the Board convened in executive session to obtain and discuss  
17 legal advice, matters leading to the hiring of one or more persons or entities, and collective  
18 bargaining matters.

19 Trustee Hershenhorn joined the meeting at 7:05 pm.

20 The Board took no action in executive session.

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

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24 PUBLIC HEARINGS

25 200 MNR SUN LLC Incentive Zoning & Subdivision application continuation

26 On motion of Mayor Warner, seconded by Trustee Ganzfried, and adopted unanimously, the  
27 continued hearing was further continued to January 13, 2025 at 8:00 pm.

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29 CABLE COMMISSION

30 Commissioner Randall Chaplin was present and discussed the current negotiations with Verizon  
31 and Optimum/Altice for Franchise Renewal Agreements which support the Public Access and  
32 Government Channel programs. Commissioner Chaplin explained that the GN/NS Cable  
33 Commission representatives will be meeting on December 18<sup>th</sup> to discuss scheduling a joint public  
34 hearing by the Board of Trustees of all fifteen participating villages.

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37 BUILDING DEPARTMENT

38 Mayor Warner noted that the September-November 2024 Report of Building Department activity  
39 had been distributed to the Board and is on file and available for inspection at the Village Office.  
40 On motion offered by Mayor Warner, seconded by Deputy Mayor Farkas, and adopted  
41 unanimously, the Board accepted the September-November 2024 Building Department Report.

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43 PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT

44 Mayor Warner noted that the report of Public Works activity for the month of November 2024 had  
45 been distributed to the Board and is on file and available for inspection at the Village Office. On  
46 motion of Deputy Mayor Farkas, seconded by Trustee Hershenhorn, and duly adopted by  
47 unanimous vote, the Board accepted the November 2024 Public Works Department report.

48 Dror Communication

49 Mayor Warner stated that resident Tannaz Dror of 11 Hickory Drive had expressed concerns about  
50 the increase of dog walkers discarding the waste bags under trees and at corners and suggested that  
51 the Village install garbage receptacles. The Village Administrator will advise Mr. Dror that  
52 increased efforts will be made to enforce the provisions of Chapter 86 of the Village Code.

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54 POLICE DEPARTMENT

55 Sgt. Sean Murtagh was present on behalf of Chief Moreno.

56 Mayor Warner noted that the report of Police activity for the month of November 2024 had been  
57 distributed to the Board and is on file and available for inspection at the Village Office. On motion  
58 offered by Deputy Mayor Farkas, seconded by Trustee Ganzfried, and adopted unanimously, the  
59 Board accepted the November 2024 Police Department report.

60 The Board discussed locations where the growth of trees and shrubbery were interfering with street  
61 lighting. The Police Department will compile a list of such sites, and notify the Building  
62 Department, which will undertake enforcement efforts.

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PARK-POOL-TENNIS

Mayor Warner stated that an email report was received from Park Commissioner Toch with an analysis of park/pool expenditures and including a written recap from Recreation Director Kolb of the 2024 season and forecast for next season.

ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION

Commissioner Matt Klein was present and reported on completion of 600 feet of the Mirrielees Trail under the guidance of Walter Mugdan of the Udall’s Cove Preservation Committee and the hard work of Boy Scout Nicholas Tonorezos and his team. A letter of commendation will be sent to Nicholas by Mayor Warner.

GNE CIVIC ASSOCIATION – No report

MAYOR’S REPORT

Traffic Order 1-2024

Mayor Warner stated that after review and recommendation by Chief Moreno, he had issued Traffic Order 1-2024 for the installation of Stop signs at Vista Drive North & South at intersection with Stewart Drive. The Village Administrator was directed to notify General Code to include in the next supplement. The Department of Public Works will install the stop signs.

Auctions International

On motion of Trustee Hershenhorn, seconded by Trustee Ganzfried, and adopted unanimously, the Board authorized Mayor Warner to sign a 2-year agreement for the period November 14, 2024 through November 14, 2026 with Auctions International for auction sale of surplus Village equipment.

Arvid Associates Inc d/b/a Checklist

On motion of Trustee Hershenhorn, seconded by Trustee Ganzfried, and adopted unanimously, the Board authorized Mayor Warner to sign an agreement with Arvid Associates Inc. d/b/a Checklist for maintenance of the Building Department Software for the period January 1, 2025 through and including December 31, 2025 at a cost of \$1,150.

Advanced Money Systems LLC

On motion of Trustee Hershenhorn, seconded by Trustee Shemesh, and adopted unanimously, the Board authorized Mayor Warner to sign an agreement with Advanced Money\_Systems, LLC for maintenance of the Coin Counter for the period January 2, 2025 through and including December 31, 2025 at a cost of \$339.

Rave Mobile Safety

On motion of Trustee Shemesh, seconded by Trustee Ganzfried, and adopted unanimously, the Board authorized Mayor Warner to sign an agreement with Rave Mobile Safety for the year 2025 at a cost of \$1,144.90, subject to Village Attorney approval of the form of the agreement.

Chief Moreno Memorandum of Agreement

On motion of Trustee Ganzfried, seconded by Trustee Hershenhorn, and adopted unanimously, the Board authorized Mayor Warner to sign a Memorandum of Agreement with Chief Ricardo Moreno for the period June 1, 2024 through and including December 31, 2031 in the form prepared by labor counsel.

GNE PBA Memorandum of Agreement

On motion of Trustee Hershenhorn, seconded by Trustee Ganzfried, and adopted unanimously, the Board authorized Mayor Warner to sign an agreement with the GNE Police Benevolent Association for the period June 1, 2024 through and including December 31, 2031, in the form approved by labor counsel.

Mayor Warner commended Police Officer Paul Laurino for initiation of a program of checking on seniors and updating contact information. Mayor Warner read a letter of gratitude from Martha Cohen.

First Playhouse of Great Neck Corp. – request for amendment of incentive zoning permit and waiver of restaurant parking. On motion by Mayor Warner, seconded by Deputy Mayor Farkas and adopted unanimously, the Board scheduled a public hearing to be held on January 13, 2025 at 8 pm, and directed that required legal notices be given and that the application be referred to the Nassau County Planning Commission for its required recommendation.

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128 First Playhouse of Great Neck Corp. request for Deposit Refund

129 Mayor Warner stated that a request was received from Harras Bloom & Archer LLP for refund of  
130 the \$50,000 deposit paid to ensure that the demolition permits, building permits and associated  
131 work were completed timely. Ms. Dzierney reported that these requirements have been met.  
132 Mayor Warner stated that a Certificate of Occupancy was issued for the project on November 21,  
133 2024.

134 On motion of Mayor Warner, seconded by Trustee Ganzfried, and adopted unanimously, the Board  
135 voted to authorize refund of the \$50,000 deposit to First Playhouse of GN Corp.

136 Miscellaneous

137 Mayor Warner discussed the hazards of e-bikes and injuries and suggested that perhaps the Village  
138 Code should include some restrictions.

139 Mayor Warner also discussed antisemitism and stated that he plans to promote increased awareness  
140 of Jewish American heritage in the Great Neck community.

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142 CLERK-TREASURER

143 Mayor Warner noted that the financial report for November 2024 had been submitted to the Board  
144 and is on file and available for inspection at the Village Office. On motion offered by Mayor  
145 Warner, seconded by Trustee Ganzfried, and adopted unanimously, the Board accepted the  
146 November 2024 financial report.

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148 MINUTES

149 Mayor Warner stated that draft minutes of the November 11, 2024 meeting has been reviewed by  
150 the Village Attorney. On motion offered by Mayor Warner, seconded by Trustee Ganzfried, and  
151 adopted unanimously, the Board approved the minutes of November 11, 2024 as amended and  
152 presented to the Board. The approved minutes are on file in the Village office.

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154 ABSTRACTS

155 On motion offered by Trustee Ganzfried, seconded by Mayor Warner, and adopted by a unanimous  
156 vote, the Board ratified payment claims on Abstract #202419 in the amount of \$28,670.69 for  
157 contractual bills; and to approve the payment of claims on General Abstract #202420 in the amount  
158 of \$1,219,347.00 for Village share of NYS Police Retirement & NYS Employee Retirement and  
159 General Abstract in the amount of \$217,534.82 for November bills.

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161 Leslie Gussin of 20 Glenwood was present and stated that a number of residents had expressed  
162 concern that they had not received any communication from the Village about recent activity of  
163 the Police Department. Sgt. Murtagh indicated that there seems to be an issue with the data transfer  
164 from Swift 911 to Rave. Mayor Warner directed that a letter be sent to all residents to provide  
165 more information.

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167 There being no further business, on motion offered Trustee Hershenhorn. seconded by Deputy  
168 Mayor Farkas, and adopted by unanimous vote, the meeting was adjourned at 9:47 pm.

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170 Respectfully submitted,

171 Kathleen L Santelli

172 Village Administrator