

1 Minutes of the Meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Village of Great Neck Estates on Monday,
2 Monday, February 10, 2025 at 7:00 pm. at Village Hall, 4 Atwater Plaza, Great Neck, NY

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4 Present: Deputy Mayor Jeffrey Farkas
5 Trustee Howard Hershenhorn (arrived at 7:17)
6 Trustee Ira D Ganzfried
7 Trustee Lilia Shemesh
8 A. Thomas Levin, Esq. Village Attorney
9 Kathleen L Santelli, Village Administrator
10 Excused: Mayor William D. Warner

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12 Deputy Mayor Farkas called the meeting to order at 7:03 pm. Trustee Hershenhorn was not
13 present at the start of the meeting.

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15 EXECUTIVE SESSION

16 On motion by Deputy Mayor Farkas, seconded by Trustee Ganzfried and adopted by a vote of 3-
17 0, the Board convened in executive session to obtain and discuss legal advice, matters leading to
18 the hiring of one or more persons or entities, and pending litigation..

19 Trustee Hershenhorn joined the meeting at 7:17 pm.

20 The Board took no action in executive session.

21 On motion by Trustee Ganzfried, seconded by Trustee Shemesh, and adopted by a vote of 4-0, the
22 Board returned to public session at 8:08 pm.

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24 BUILDING DEPARTMENT

25 Mayor Warner noted that the November-January 2025 Report of Building Department activity had
26 been distributed to the Board and is on file and available for inspection at the Village Office. On
27 motion offered by Trustee Hershenhorn, seconded by Trustee Ganzfried, and adopted by a vote of
28 4-0, the Board accepted the November-January 2025 Building Department Report.

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30 ARCHITECTURAL REVIEW BOARD

31 On motion of Trustee Hershenhorn, seconded by Trustee Ganzfried, and adopted by a vote of 4-
32 0, the Board approved the following application, on conditions stated by the Architectural Review
33 Board:

34 Shouwick & Manju Gupta-Koley, 11 Mirrielees Circle, interior renovations, 1-story addition, new
35 deck, outdoor stairs, retaining wall, carport & driveway, demo of raised deck & stone wall.

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37 PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT

38 Deputy Mayor Farkas noted that the report of Public Works activity for the month of January 2025
39 had been distributed to the Board and is on file and available for inspection at the Village Office.
40 On motion of Trustee Ganzfried, seconded by Trustee Shemesh, and duly adopted by a vote of 4-
41 0, the Board accepted the January 2025 Public Works Department report.

42 The Board discussed the delayed response to the minor snowfall on February 2nd and requested
43 that the Police Department notify the Supt of Public Works in the future if conditions require
44 salting or plowing particularly on the hillier roadways in the Village.

45 Seasonal Maintenance

46 Deputy Mayor Farkas reported that Supt Garvey had obtained proposals for seasonal pool
47 maintenance. On motion of Trustee Hershenhorn, seconded by Trustee Ganzfried, and adopted by
48 a vote of 4-0, the Board voted to accept the proposal from Gibbons Pools Inc. for Pool Maintenance
49 for 1-year at a cost not to exceed \$11,547.00.

50 Mulch Purchase

51 Deputy Mayor Farkas reported that Supt. Garvey had obtained three quotes for purchase of
52 playground mulch. Village Administrator Santelli advised the Board that one of the quotes was
53 from Santelli & Sons, Inc. in which she has no financial interest. On motion of Trustee
54 Hershenhorn, seconded by Trustee Ganzfried, and adopted by a vote of 4-0, the Board accepted
55 the proposal from Santelli & Sons, Inc. for the purchase of 80 yards of Playground mulch at a cost
56 not to exceed \$2,235.00.

57 Park Railing

58 Deputy Mayor Farkas reported that Supt. Garvey had obtained two quotes for installation of an
59 additional railing on steps leading up to the pool. After discussion, no action was taken pending
60 Board review of the location.

61 POLICE DEPARTMENT

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

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Deputy Mayor Farkas noted that the report of Police activity for the month of January 2025 had been distributed to the Board and is on file and available for inspection at the Village Office. On motion offered by Deputy Mayor Farkas, seconded by Trustee Hershenhorn, and adopted by a vote of 4-0, the Board accepted the January 2025 Police Department report.

The following residents commented with regard to the report by Sgt. Murtagh regarding some recent police activity: Emily Frank, Alan Weinberg, Shervin Nafisi, Randall Chapman, & Raymond Sun.

Ratify Appointment of 2025 Highway Patrol Officer

On motion of Deputy Mayor Farkas, seconded by Trustee Hershenhorn, and adopted by a vote of 4-0, the Board ratified the appointment of Police Officer Gregory Jurkowitz as 2025 Highway Patrol officer effective January 1, 2025.

Trustee Hershenhorn noted that Sgt. Murtagh had received an award in 2018 for his bravery in the rescue of three residents from a burning home on Bayview Avenue.

PARK-POOL-TENNIS – No report

ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION – No report

GREAT NECK CABLE COMMISSION.

Commissioner Chaplin addressed the Board with respect to the proposed Verizon franchise renewal agreement, and a request from the Great Neck/North Shore Cable Commission for authorization to proceed with scheduling a public hearing with respect to the proposed agreement. On motion by Deputy Mayor Farkas, seconded by Trustee Ganzfried, and adopted by a vote of three in favor and one abstention (Mayor Warner being absent, and Trustee Shemesh abstaining), the following resolution was adopted:

Resolved, that the Board of Trustees of the Village of Great Neck Estates (the “Village”) hereby authorizes at least a quorum of its Trustees to attend a public hearing with respect to the renewal of the cable franchise of Verizon New York, Inc. (“Verizon”); and it is further

Resolved, that the Village shall work cooperatively with the Great Neck/North Shore Cable Commission (the “Commission”) and the other Villages comprising the Commission to schedule a convenient date, time and place to hold said public hearing at a mutually satisfactory date, time and place; and it is further

Resolved, that once the date, time and place for the public hearing is established, the Board of Trustees authorizes the Commission and/or the Village Administrator to give notice of said public hearing as required by law in the Village’s official newspaper and by posting; and it is further

Resolved, that the agenda for the public hearing shall be the review and consideration of a franchise renewal agreement with Verizon by each of the Villages, as “local franchising authorities” under Title VI of the Federal Communications Act and as franchising municipalities under Title 16, §§890-899 of the New York Public Service Commission regulations.

GNE CIVIC ASSOCIATION – No report

MAYOR’S REPORT

2025 Vigilant Fire & Ambulance Agreement

Deputy Mayor Farkas reported that the Village has finally received the proposed 2025 Vigilant Budget and other required documents. On motion of Trustee Hershenhorn seconded by Trustee Ganzfried, and adopted by a vote of 4-0, the Board scheduled a public hearing to consider acceptance of the 2025 Vigilant Fire & Ambulance Agreement for March 10, 2025 at 8:00 pm.

LI Geese Control Inc. Agreement

Deputy Mayor Farkas stated that LI Geese has provided geese control service to the Village for the past twenty years. On motion of Trustee Ganzfried, seconded by Trustee Hershenhorn, and adopted by a vote of 4-0, the Board authorized Mayor Warner to sign an agreement with LI Geese Control Inc for the period March 15, 2025 through and including March 14, 2026 at a monthly cost of \$1,350.00.

D & B Engineers 2025 Stormwater Management Program

Deputy Mayor Farkas reported that D & B Engineers & Architects have provided storm water management services to the Village since 2021. On motion of Trustee Hershenhorn, seconded by Trustee Ganzfried, and adopted by a vote of 4-0, the Board authorized Mayor Warner to sign the

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128 agreement with D & B Engineers & Architects for the 2025 Stormwater Management Services in
129 the amount of \$17,900.

130 Village Office Interior/Exterior Lighting Upgrades

131 Deputy Mayor Farkas stated that the Village Administrator had requested proposals for upgrade
132 of the interior and exterior light fixtures at Village Office under the PSEG Rebate Program. On
133 motion of Trustee Shemesh, seconded by Trustee Hershenhorn, and adopted unanimously, the
134 Board authorized upgrade of the exterior lighting at a cost of \$4,074.80 less the estimated PSEG
135 rebate of \$1,670 and the interior lighting at a cost of \$5,355.00 less the estimated PSEG rebate of
136 \$2,908.59.

137 Appointments

138 Deputy Mayor Farkas reported that Kathleen L. Santelli has submitted her resignation as Village-
139 Clerk-Treasurer, effective February 10, 2025.

140 Deputy Mayor Farkas appointed Kathleen L. Santelli as Village Clerk-Treasurer Temporary
141 effective February 10, 2025 and to continue through April 30, 2025 at a salary of \$149,813.24 and
142 Nicole E. Giacobelli as Village Clerk-Treasurer, effective February 12, 2025 or upon approval by
143 the Nassau County Civil Service Commission, whichever later occurs, at an annual salary of
144 \$100,000. On motion of Trustee Hershenhorn, seconded by Trustee Ganzfried, and adopted by a
145 vote of 4-0 both appointments were approved. Trustee Hershenhorn commended Kathleen Santelli
146 for her service to the Village for the past 41 years.

147 Deputy Mayor Farkas appointed Michael Smiley as a Member of the Board of Assessors, to fill a
148 vacancy for the balance of the official year. On motion of Trustee Hershenhorn, seconded by
149 Trustee Shemesh, and adopted by a vote of 4-0 the appointment was approved.

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151 CLERK-TREASURER

152 Deputy Mayor Farkas noted that the financial report for January 2025 had been submitted to the
153 Board and is on file and available for inspection at the Village Office. On motion offered by
154 Trustee Hershenhorn, seconded by Trustee Ganzfried, and adopted by a vote of 4-0, the Board
155 accepted the January 2025 financial report.

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157 MINUTES

158 Deputy Mayor Farkas stated that draft minutes of the January 13, 2025 meeting were reviewed by
159 the Village Attorney. On motion offered by Mayor Warner, seconded by Trustee Shemesh, and
160 adopted by a vote of 4-0, the Board approved the minutes of January 13, 2025 as amended and
161 presented to the Board. The approved minutes are on file in the Village office.

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163 ABSTRACTS

164 On motion offered by Deputy Mayor Warner, seconded by Trustee Shemesh, and adopted by a
165 vote of 4-0, the Board ratified payment of the claims on Abstract #202424 in the amount of
166 \$64,219.60 for contractual bills; and approved payment of claims on General Abstract #202425 in
167 the amount of \$241,376.43 for January bills,

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169 There being no further business, a motion was offered by Deputy Mayor Farkas. seconded by
170 Trustee Hershenhorn, and adopted by a vote of 4-0, the meeting was adjourned at 9:25 pm.

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172 Respectfully submitted,
173 Kathleen L Santelli
174 Village Administrator