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

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

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

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16 EXECUTIVE SESSION

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

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

22 The Board took no action in executive session.

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

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26 PUBLIC HEARINGS

27 200 MNR SUN LLC Incentive Zoning & Subdivision application continuation

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

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31 CABLE COMMISSION

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

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39 BUILDING DEPARTMENT

40 Mayor Warner noted that the September-November 2024 Report of Building Department activity  
41 had been distributed to the Board and is on file and available for inspection at the Village Office.

42 On motion offered by Mayor Warner, seconded by Deputy Mayor Farkas, and adopted  
43 unanimously, the Board accepted the September-November 2024 Building Department Report.

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45 PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT

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

50 Dror Communication

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

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56 POLICE DEPARTMENT

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

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

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

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66 PARK-POOL-TENNIS

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

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71 ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION

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

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77 GNE CIVIC ASSOCIATION – No report

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79 MAYOR’S REPORT

80 Traffic Order 1-2024

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

85 Auctions International

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

90 Arvid Associates Inc d/b/a Checklist

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

95 Advanced Money Systems LLC

96 On motion of Trustee Hershenhorn, seconded by Trustee Shemesh, and adopted unanimously, the  
97 Board authorized Mayor Warner to sign an agreement with Advanced Money\_Systems, LLC for  
98 maintenance of the Coin Counter for the period January 2, 2025 through and including December  
99 31, 2025 at a cost of \$339.

100 Rave Mobile Safety

101 On motion of Trustee Shemesh, seconded by Trustee Ganzfried, and adopted unanimously, the  
102 Board authorized Mayor Warner to sign an agreement with Rave Mobile Safety for the year  
103 2025 at a cost of \$1,144.90, subject to Village Attorney approval of the form of the agreement.

104 Chief Moreno Memorandum of Agreement

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

109 GNE PBA Memorandum of Agreement

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

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

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118 First Playhouse of Great Neck Corp. – request for amendment of incentive zoning permit and  
119 waiver of restaurant parking. On motion by Mayor Warner, seconded by Deputy Mayor Farkas  
120 and adopted unanimously, the Board scheduled a public hearing to be held on January 13, 2025 at  
121 8 pm, and directed that required legal notices be given and that the application be referred to the  
122 Nassau County Planning Commission for its required recommendation.

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124 First Playhouse of Great Neck Corp. request for Deposit Refund  
125 Mayor Warner stated that a request was received from Harras Bloom & Archer LLP for refund of  
126 the \$50,000 deposit paid to ensure that the demolition permits, building permits and associated  
127 work were completed timely. Ms. Dzionney reported that these requirements have been met.  
128 Mayor Warner stated that a Certificate of Occupancy was issued for the project on November 21,  
129 2024.

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

132 Miscellaneous

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

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

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138 CLERK-TREASURER

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

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144 MINUTES

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

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150 ABSTRACTS

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

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

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

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166 Respectfully submitted,  
167 Kathleen L Santelli  
168 Village Administrator