

1 Minutes of the Meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Village of Great Neck Estates on Monday,
2 Monday, July 8, 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 Ira Ganzfried
7 Trustee Howard Hershenhorn
8 Trustee Lilia Shemesh
9 Kathleen L Santelli, Village Administrator
10 A.Thomas Levin, Esq. Village Attorney (by teleconference)

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12 Mayor Warner called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm. Trustee Hershenhorn was not present at
13 the start of the meeting.

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15 EXECUTIVE SESSION

16 On motion by Mayor Warner, seconded by Deputy Mayor Farkas and adopted by unanimous vote
17 (Trustee Hershenhorn was absent), the Board convened in executive session at 7:05 pm for legal
18 advice, and matters leading to the employment of two persons. Village Attorney Levin joined the
19 meeting by phone. Trustee Hershenhorn joined the meeting at 7:20 pm. The Board discussed
20 various legal issues with the Village Attorney. Village Attorney Levin left the meeting at 7:42
21 pm.

22 The Board discussed the matters leading to the employment of two persons.

23 The Board took no action in executive session.

24 On motion by Trustee Hershenhorn, seconded by Trustee Shemesh, and adopted unanimously, the
25 Board returned to public session at 8:00 pm.

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27 PUBLIC HEARINGS

28 200 MNR SUN LLC – 180-200 Middle Neck Road

29 Mayor Warner stated that this public hearing had been continued from June 10, 2024 to consider
30 the application of 200 MNR Sun LLC for (a) a change of zone from Business D to Business
31 Overlay District, (b) an incentive zoning permit, and (c) subdivision approval for a proposed
32 condominium development.

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34 Verbatim minutes on file with these minutes

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36 After hearing all interested persons, on motion offered by Trustee Ganzfried, seconded by Trustee
37 Hershenhorn, and adopted unanimously, the Board continued this public hearing to September 9,
38 2024 at 8:00 pm.

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40 At 9:25 pm, on motion by Deputy Mayor Farkas, seconded by Trustee Shemesh, and adopted
41 unanimously, the Board recessed the meeting, and returned to public session at 9:30 pm.

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43 BUILDING DEPARTMENT

44 Mayor Warner noted that the April-June 2024 Report of Building Department activity had been
45 distributed to the Board and is on file and available for inspection at the Village Office. On motion
46 offered by Trustee Shemesh, seconded by Trustee Ganzfried, and adopted unanimously, the Board
47 accepted the April-June 2024 Building Department Report.

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49 ARCHITECTURAL REVIEW BOARD

50 On motion of Deputy Mayor Farkas, seconded by Trustee Ganzfried, and duly adopted by
51 unanimous vote, the Board affirmed the May 20, 2024 recommendations of the ARB for approval
52 of the following applications:

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54 On motion of Trustee Hershenhorn, seconded by Trustee Shemesh, and adopted unanimously, the
55 Board affirmed the June 17, 2024 recommendation of the ARB for approval of the following
56 application:

57 Vitul Kumar Patel	170 Middle Neck Rd	Sign
58 Rajiv Yadlapalli	31 Mirrielees Circle	Swimming Pool
59 6 Hickory Dr LLC	6 Hickory Dr	New Residence Re-submission

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PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT

Mayor Warner noted that the report of Public Works activity for the month of June 2024 had been distributed to the Board and is on file and available for inspection at the Village Office. On motion of Trustee Ganzfried, seconded by Trustee Shemesh, and duly adopted by unanimous vote, the Board accepted the June 2024 Public Works Department report.

Mayor Warner commended the Public Works Department for the condition of the park. Ms. Niloufar Tabari of 85 Cedar Drive discussed the playground equipment.

POLICE DEPARTMENT

Police Officer Anthony Cona was present on behalf of Chief Moreno.

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

Public Bid for Electric Vehicle

Mayor Warner stated that the Village had received a NYS Grant for an electric vehicle and a notice had been published and posted calling for bids for the purchase of one electric 2023 or newer model year performance vehicle.

On motion of Mayor Warner, seconded by Trustee Ganzfried, and adopted unanimously, the Board authorized the purchase of one new electric 2023 or newer model vehicle from McLean Dunmire, Tesla, Inc. 1 Tesla Road, Austin TX 78725 at a cost not to exceed \$57,630.

ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION

Member Emily Frank was present and reported that Commissioner Klein and his father had installed native plants behind the picnic table at Pond Park and planted rye grasses by the trail to help control the spread of Japanese knotweed.

CABLE COMMISSION – No report

GNE CIVIC ASSOCIATION – No report

PARK-POOL-TENNIS

Mayor Warner stated that a number of compliments have been received regarding operations at the pool this season. Mayor Warner discussed the use of the Hickory Drive gate for handicapped residents. Commissioner Toch was present and reported that early lap swimming had begun and proposed water aerobics, a basketball clinic for 1-4th grades for 4 weeks July 22-August 12 as well as a basketball 3v3 tournament one weekend day in August or 4-7pm during last week of August. Commissioner Toch suggested purchasing a temporary phone for contact with pool staff.

MAYOR’S REPORT

Burstein Settlement

On motion of Trustee Hershenhorn, seconded by Trustee Ganzfried, and adopted unanimously, the Board authorized a \$1500 settlement of the GEICO subrogation claim for its insured, Yanete Burstein..

Election of Core Benefits for CSEA employees

Mayor Warner stated that the Village had been notified by NYSHIP that the Excelsior Plan for the CSEA employees will be discontinued effective January 1, 2025. The Village was required to submit its election form by July 1. On motion of Trustee Ganzfried, seconded by Trustee Hershenhorn, and adopted unanimously, the Board voted to ratify the Mayor’s Election Form to move the current Excelsior enrollees to the Empire Plan effective January 1, 2025.

Girl Scout Silver Award Proposal

Mayor Warner stated that the Village had received a request from Girl Scout Troup 647 for permission to erect an informational placard in the park as their Silver Award project.

On motion of Trustee Ganzfried, seconded by Trustee Hershenhorn, and adopted unanimously, the Board granted permission to Girl Scout Troup 647 to install the placard for their Silver Award project, subject to coordination with the Environmental Commissioner.

Public Works Laborer Appointments

Mayor Warner appointed Tony Velasquez and Charles Robles as Public Works Laborers. On motion of Deputy Mayor Farkas, seconded by Trustee Hershenhorn, and adopted unanimously,

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128 the Board voted to approve the Mayor's appointment of Tony Velasquez and Charles Robles as
129 Laborers, each at an annual salary of \$33,280, effective immediately.

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131 Seasonal Hourly Increases

132 On motion of Trustee Ganzfried, seconded by Trustee Hershenhorn, and adopted unanimously, the
133 Board voted to authorize an hourly increase for Jessica Kreisler to \$30 and Amber Roggendorf to
134 \$20.50, each effective immediately.

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136 ARB Appointment

137 Mayor Warner stated that Allegra M. Goldberg had been interviewed by ARB Chairperson Lo and
138 Ms. Goldberg was found to be very qualified. Mayor Warner appointed Allegra M. Goldberg as
139 Architectural Review Board Alternate. On motion of Deputy Mayor Farkas, seconded by Trustee
140 Ganzfried, and unanimously adopted, the Board approved the Mayor's appointment of Allegra M.
141 Goldberg as ARB Alternate, effective immediately.

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143 CLERK-TREASURER

144 Mayor Warner noted that the preliminary financial report for June 2024 had been submitted to the
145 Board and is on file and available for inspection at the Village Office. On motion offered by
146 Mayor Warner, seconded by Trustee Hershenhorn, and adopted unanimously, the Board accepted
147 the Preliminary May 2024 Financial Report.

148 Savvy Citizen Notification System

149 Trustee Shemesh presented the Savvy Citizen communication system proposal to the Board, to
150 provide up-to-date municipal information, alerts, events, etc. After review and discussion, on
151 motion was offered by Mayor Warner, seconded by Trustee Ganzfried, and adopted unanimously,
152 the Board authorize an amount not to exceed \$2,500 for the Savvy Citizen system.

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154 MINUTES

155 Mayor Warner stated that draft minutes of June 10, 2024 meeting have been reviewed by the
156 Village Attorney. On motion offered by Mayor Warner, seconded by Trustee Hershenhorn, and
157 adopted unanimously, the Board approved the minutes of June 10, 2024 as amended and presented
158 to the Board. The approved minutes are on file in the Village office.

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160 Resident Discussions

161 Adam Ebrahimzadeh of 85 Cedar Drive discussed solar panels and artificial grass with the Board.
162 No action was taken.

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164 ABSTRACTS

165 On motion offered by Trustee Hershenhorn, seconded by Trustee Shemesh, and adopted by a
166 unanimous vote, the Board ratified payment claims on General Abstract #202404, \$132,291.54 for
167 contractual bills; General Abstract #202405, \$18,791.99 for additional May bills and approved the
168 payment of claims on General Abstract #202406, \$601,24.64 for June bills and Trust Abstract
169 #365 in the amount of \$936.80 for Workers Comp and deposit refunds.

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171 There being no further business, on motion offered of Mayor Warner. seconded by Trustee
172 Shemesh, and adopted by unanimous vote, the meeting was adjourned at 10:30 pm.

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174 Respectfully submitted,

175 Kathleen L Santelli

176 Village Administrator