

**MINUTES OF THE 1064<sup>th</sup> MEETING  
OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE VILLAGE OF KINGS POINT  
April 20, 2015  
Adopted on May 21, 2015**

The 1064<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Village of Kings Point was called to order by Mayor Michael C. Kalnick at 8:30 p.m. on April 20, 2015, at the Village Hall of the Village of Kings Point, 32 Steppingstone Lane, Kings Point, New York 11024.

**PRESENT:** Michael C. Kalnick, Mayor  
David Harounian, Deputy Mayor  
Sheldon Kwiat, Trustee  
Ron Horowitz, Trustee  
Hooshang Nematzadeh, Trustee

**ALSO PRESENT:** Gomie Persaud, Village Clerk Treasurer  
Kathleen Conroy, Village Deputy Clerk Treasurer  
Benjamin Kaplan, Esq., Ackerman, Levine, Cullen,  
Brickman & Limmer, LLP, General Counsel  
Michael Moorehead, Superintendent of Public Works  
John Miller, Police Commissioner  
George Banville, Police Lieutenant

Mayor Michael C. Kalnick opened the public hearing on the tentative budget for the Village's 2015/2016 fiscal year, which has been posted on the Village website for the residents to review. The Board of Trustees again has worked very hard to keep taxes down for the coming year. Among the difficulties faced by the Board, as usual, are the State mandates over which the Village has no control. The increase in one of those mandates alone, the mandatory State retirement plan, has required a budget increase of 15.9%, totaling \$265,000.00 more than last year. Additionally, funds have to be set aside for a State mandated arbitration of police salaries, retroactive for the past 2 years, totaling \$650,000 (54.762% over last year). There are other costs as well over which the Village has no control, such as workers compensation insurance, real property tax refunds, and fire and ambulance contracts. And, the Village must pay the same increases in cost for utilities and supplies as experienced by its residents.

The tentative budget for the Village's 2015/2016 fiscal year is \$16,701,401.72. Of that budget, the police department represents 48%, the Building Department represents 2%, Professional Services 7%, Court 1%, Debt Service 15%, Administrative 5%, Garbage/Tree Removal 5%, Public Works 2%, Fire/Ambulance 10%, and Maintenance 5%.

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No one asked to be heard and the Mayor adjourned the public hearing until later in the meeting in the event anyone subsequently appeared who wished to be heard.

Upon motion by Trustee Sheldon Kwiat, seconded by Trustee Ron Horowitz, by resolution # **2015-28**, the Board unanimously approved the minutes as presented of the **Board of Trustees meeting** of March 24, 2015, and April 14, 2015.

Upon motion by Trustee Ron Horowitz, seconded by Trustee David Harounian, by resolution # **2015-29**, the Board unanimously approved the payment of **audited claims** as follows:

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| <b>a. General Fund:</b> | <b>\$ 360,425.04</b> |
| <b>b. Trust Fund:</b>   | <b>\$ 23,200.00</b>  |
| <b>c. Capital Fund:</b> | <b>\$ 11,224.</b>    |

Copies of the abstract of claims are on file with the Village Clerk.

Upon motion by Trustee Hooshang Nematzadeh, seconded by Trustee David Harounian, by resolution # **2015-30**, the Board unanimously accepted the **Building Department report** for the period of March 2015, showing the total fees deposited of **\$17,095.00** into the General Fund and **\$6,200.00** into the Trust Fund. Copies of the reports are on file with the Village Clerk.

Upon motion by Trustee Hooshang Nematzadeh, seconded by Trustee Sheldon Kwiat, by resolution # **2015-31**, the Board unanimously accepted the **Village Justice Court report** for the period of March 2015, showing the total fees and surcharges deposited of **\$26,529.00** into the General Fund. A copy of the report is on file with the Village Clerk.

The Village Clerk advised the Board that there was difficulty in obtaining Inspectors of Election for the Village's annual election because of the requirement that there be two Democrats and two Republicans residing within the Village and, upon the suggestion of the New York Conference of Mayors, requested that the Board adopt a resolution expanding the residency requirements for the Inspectors of Election from just the Village to all of Nassau County. Upon motion by Trustee Hooshang Nematzadeh, seconded by Trustee David Harounian, by Resolution # **2015-32**, the Board unanimously changed the residency requirements of Inspectors of Election for the annual Village of Kings Point election to be held on **June 16, 2015**, from just the Village of Kings Point, to all of the County of Nassau.

Upon motion by Trustee David Harounian, seconded by Trustee Sheldon Kwiat, by resolution # **2015-33**, the board unanimously adopted the following resolution:

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**RESOLVED** that, pursuant to the provisions of the Election Law of the State of New York, and based upon the requirement that one-half of the inspectors be members of the Democratic Party and the other half be members of the Republican Party, **John Weitzel (Republican), Elizabeth Weitzel (Republican), Stephen Feinstein (Democrat), and Robert Steinberg (Democrat)** are hereby appointed as Inspectors of Election, **and Erline Steinberg (Democrat) and Fred Meyers (Republican)** are hereby appointed as alternate Inspectors of Election, for the annual Village of Kings Point election to be held on **June 16, 2015**, and that **John Weitzel and Stephen Feinstein** (one Republican and one Democrat) are hereby appointed as Chairpersons of said Inspectors, and;

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that, the Chairperson and each of the other Inspectors shall be compensated at the rate of **\$200.00** for the day.

Mayor Michael C. Kalnick tabled the application from Maurice Moradof (Maslavi) for an Off-Shore Structure at 19 Shore Drive, Kings Point, NY 11024 (Section 1, Block 42, Lot 19) pending the submittal of revisions from the applicant's Architect. A copy of the application is on file with the Village Clerk.

Mayor Michael C. Kalnick acknowledged receipt of the revisions on the application from Igal Namdar for an Off-Shore Structure at 30 Lighthouse Road, Kings Point, NY 11024 (Section 1, Block 144, Lot 18). The Building Inspector, Richard Schilt and the Village Engineers will review the revisions and report their findings to the Board at the next meeting. The application is tabled. A copy of the application is on file with the Village Clerk.

Village Clerk-Treasurer Gomie Persaud reported that she had communicated with two vendors, Global Industrial Services Inc. and R & R Landscaping, used by the Water Authority of Great Neck North, asking them to submit proposals for **Landscaping Maintenance at Village Hall** for the year 2015. Global Industrial Services Inc. cuts grass, but does not prune trees/shrubs. R & R Landscaping reported that it would have to charge a substantial sum to come to the Village Hall, which would make it the highest bidder. Pursuant to the Board's request, the Village Clerk spoke to ADM Landscaping Corp., asking if it can perform the work for a lesser amount. The revised proposal was reduced to **\$10,000.00** from its original proposal of **\$11,993.52**.

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Upon motion by Trustee Sheldon Kwiat, seconded by Trustee Ron Horowitz, by resolution # **2015-34**, the Board unanimously accepted the **proposal from ADM Landscaping to perform Landscaping Maintenance at the Village Hall** for the period of April (Spring) through November (Fall) 2015, for a sum of **\$10,000.00** payable in eight installments. A copy of the proposal is on file with the Village Clerk.

Upon motion of Trustee Ron Horowitz, seconded by Trustee David Harounian, by resolution # **2015-35**, the Board unanimously **adopted the Tentative Assessment Roll as the Final Assessment Roll**, and directed the roll be filed with the Village Clerk, and a notice of such filing be published in the Great Neck Record.

Mayor Michael C. Kalnick informed the Board of Trustees that he has negotiated with the Highway Department and the Administrative staff with regard to their requested salary increases and that, based upon those negotiations, he recommended a 3% salary increase per year for both the 2015/2016 and the 2016/2017 fiscal years. The increase for the 2015/2016 fiscal year would be effective as of June 1, 2015, and the second 3% salary increase for the 2016/2017 fiscal year would be effective as of the first day (June 1) of that fiscal year. Upon motion of Trustee Ron Horowitz, seconded by Trustee Sheldon Kwiat, by resolution # **2015-36**, the Board unanimously approved the Mayor's recommended 3% salary increases for both the 2015/2016 and 2016/17 fiscal years.

The State Mandated **Draft Phase II Storm Water Management Program Annual Report** has been posted on the Village website for public comments for at least 30 days. Upon motion by Trustee Sheldon Kwiat, seconded by Trustee David Harounian, by resolution # **2015-37**, the Board unanimously approved the **Draft Phase II Stormwater Management Program Annual Report** and authorized Mayor Michael C. Kalnick to execute the **Phase II Stormwater Municipal Compliance Certification** on behalf of the Village. A copy of the Annual Report is on file with the Village Clerk and is posted on the Village website.

Upon motion by Trustee Sheldon Kwiat, seconded by Trustee David Harounian, by Resolution # **2015-38**, the Board unanimously approved the agreement with Comply, Inc. to administer the **Alcohol and Drug Abuse Prevention Program** as of April 8, 2015, through April 8, 2016, reflecting no price increase and the same terms and conditions as the expiring agreement. A copy of the agreement is on file with the Village Clerk.

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At the request of the Village Clerk-Treasurer Gomie Persaud, Upon motion of Trustee David Harounian seconded by Trustee Sheldon Kwiat, by resolution # **2015-39**, the Board unanimously granted permission to Deputy Village Clerk-Treasurer Kathleen Conroy to attend the annual **PERMA Conference** on May 20-22, 2015, at Bolton Landing, New York, and to be reimbursed for her registration, meals, and travel, at a total sum not to exceed **\$1,000.00**.

The Mayor Michael C. Kalnick reopened the public hearing on the tentative budget for the Village's 2015/2016 fiscal year. No one asked to be heard and the Mayor closed the public hearing. Upon motion by Trustee Hooshang Nematzadeh, seconded by Trustee David Harounian, by Resolution # **2015-40**, the Board unanimously adopted the **tentative budget as the final budget** and set the Village tax rate at **\$40.73** per hundred dollars of assessed valuation. The Mayor noted that the levy was 1.70% above the limit established in General Municipal Law §3-c. A copy of the final budget is on file with the Village Clerk.

Mayor Michael C. Kalnick announced that the next meeting of the Board of Trustees would be on May 21, 2015, commencing at 8:15 p.m. at the Village Hall.

There being no further business to come before the Board, the Mayor adjourned the meeting at 9:10 p.m.

Gomie Persaud  
Village Clerk-Treasurer