A Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Village of Port Washington North was held on Monday, January 23, 2006 at 7:30pm at the Village Hall, 71 Old Shore Road, Port Washington, New York.

Present:  
Mayor    - Robert S. Weitzner  
Trustees   - Steven Cohen  
- Daria Hoffman  
- Michael Malatino  
- Michael Schenkler  
Attorney   - Stephen Limmer  
Clerk     -  Palma Torrisi

1. Clerk

   A. On motion of Trustee Schenkler, seconded by Trustee Hoffman, it was unanimously RESOLVED that the reading of the minutes of the Board of Trustees meeting of November 28, 2005 and December 14, 2006 be waived and that they be and hereby are approved as prepared by Clerk Torrisi.

   B. On motion of Trustee Schenkler, seconded by Trustee Cohen, it was unanimously RESOLVED that the Village Clerk be and hereby is directed to Publish in the Official Newspaper of the Village at least ten days prior to the General Village Election to be held on March 21, 2006 a notice that shall state:
   1. The polling place in each election district,
   2. The hours during which the polls shall be open, to wit, from noon to nine o’clock in the evening,

   The names and addresses of those who have been duly nominated in accordance with the provisions of the election law for the Village office whose petitions have been duly filed with the Village Clerk and the offices and terms of said office for which they have been so nominated.

   C. On motion of Trustee Cohen, seconded by Trustee Schenkler, it was unanimously RESOLVED that on the 21st day of February 2006, at the Village Hall, 71 Old Shore Road, Port Washington, New York 11050, the Board of Trustees and the Assessor will meet for the purpose of hearing complaints in relation to assessments from 4:00 pm until 8:00 pm on said day. Each complainant shall file with the Village Clerk on or before February 21, 2006 a statement under oath, specifying the respect in which the assessment complained of is incorrect, which statement must be made by the person whose property is assessed or by some person authorized to make such statement who has the knowledge of the facts stated therein.

   D. On motion of Trustee Hoffman, seconded by Trustee Cohen, it was unanimously RESOLVED that the regularly monthly meeting of the Board of Trustees on Wednesday, February 1, 2006 at 7:30 p.m. be rescheduled to commence at 8:30 p.m.

2. Treasurer

   A. On motion of Trustee Malatino, seconded by Trustee Schenkler, it was unanimously RESOLVED that the reading of the General Fund Abstract of Vouchers # 46, totaling $56,634.70, and the Trust & Agency Abstract of Vouchers #13, totalling $6,850.56, be waived and that they be and hereby are approved as presented by Treasurer Stack.

   B. On motion of Trustee Schenkler, seconded by Trustee Malatino, it was unanimously RESOLVED that the Budget Report as of November 30, 2005, showing the General Fund Balance to be $1,995,943, and the Trust & Agency Fund Balance to be $7,867, be and hereby is accepted as prepared by Treasurer Stack.

3. Reports
A. Building Department

1. On motion of Trustee Cohen, seconded by Trustee Schenkler, it was unanimously RESOLVED that the Building Department report for the month of December 2005 be and hereby is accepted as submitted.

2. On motion of Trustee Schenkler, seconded by Trustee Hoffman, it was unanimously RESOLVED that Sign Permit #S06-01 for a store front advertising sign for EyeSite In Sight/Chiropractor, 25 Old Shore Road, Port Washington, be and hereby is approved in accordance with the application and plans submitted on January 11, 2006.

3. On motion of Trustee Schenkler, seconded by Trustee Cohen, it was unanimously RESOLVED that Building Inspector Barbara Dziorney be and hereby is authorized to attend a code enforcement and educational conference, at a cost to the Village not to exceed $500.00.

B. Public Works

On motion of Trustee Malatino, seconded by Trustee Schenkler, it was unanimously RESOLVED that the Public Works Department report for the month of December 2005 be and hereby is accepted as submitted by Superintendent McDonough.

C. Emergency Management

Alex Moschos gave an introduction to the Emergency Management commission.

4. Business

A. Appointments

1. Clerk to the Village Justice

On motion of Trustee Cohen, seconded by Trustee Schenkler, the following resolution was unanimously adopted:

WHEREAS the Village of Port Washington North established the offices of Village Justice and Acting Village Justice on November 28, 2005, the Board now hereby RESOLVES that the office of Clerk to the Village Justice be established, effective immediately, with a term of office of one year; and be it further RESOLVED that Linda Kropacek be and hereby is appointed to the office of Clerk to the Village Justice, for the current term, said term to expire April 2006.

On motion of Mayor Weitzner, seconded by Trustee Hoffman, it was unanimously RESOLVED that the Board hereby authorizes that the compensation to Linda Kropacek for her work as Clerk to the Village Justice and for preparatory time for the establishment of the Village Court, which is still subject to negotiation, shall be retroactive to November 28, 2005, as previously agreed upon between Mayor Weitzner and Linda Kropacek on November 28, 2005.

2. Commissioner of Emergency Management

On motion of Trustee Malatino, seconded by Trustee Schenkler, the following resolution was unanimously adopted:

WHEREAS, the Nassau County Department of Health has instituted a Cities Readiness Initiative, to empower local governments to rapidly meet the needs of their residents, which, in part, recommends that municipalities establish “Points of Distribution” ["PODS"] in order to improve the time and efficiency in the dispensing of medicine and medical supplies in situations such as, but not limited to, bioterrorism attacks; and WHEREAS, this Board finds that it would be in the best interests of the health, safety, and welfare of the residents of the Village, if the Village was to establish itself as a POD; and WHEREAS, this Board finds that it would be in the best interests of the Village to appoint an individual to assist the Mayor and the Trustees with the establishment of the Village as a POD, and, thereafter, to help assure the readiness of the Village to act as a
POD, and, if and when a situation should arise which requires such action, to assist the Village in acting as a POD; and
WHEREAS, on December 14, 2005, this Board established the position of Commissioner of Emergency Management; and
WHEREAS, in discussions with the Nassau County Office of Emergency Management, it was recommended that the Commissioner of Emergency Management be such individual; and
WHEREAS, this Board now finds that it would be in the best interests of the Village to follow said recommendation;
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the resolution of this Board adopted December 14, 2005 establishing the "Commissioner of Emergency Management," be amended as follows:
1. The position of Commissioner of Emergency Management (hereinafter referred to as the "Commissioner") is hereby established.
2. The Commissioner shall be appointed by the Mayor, with the approval of the Board of Trustees.
3. The term of the Commissioner shall be one official year.
4. The Commissioner may be removed, with or without cause, at any time by a majority of the Board of Trustees.
5. The Commissioner shall serve without compensation.
6. The duties of the Commissioner, under the direction of the Mayor, shall be:
   a. To direct the implementation of the Comprehensive Plan for the Emergency Command Center.
   b. To coordinate the emergency operations of the Emergency Command Center.
   c. To estimate situations and advise the Mayor of operational priorities.
   d. To recommend and request assistance from Nassau County Civil Defense and other agencies.
   e. To take all other actions reasonable or necessary in emergency situations as set forth in the Village’s Emergency Response Plan assigned to the Commissioner and to otherwise assist the Mayor as the Mayor deems appropriate.
   f. To direct the implementation of the Village as a Point of Distribution ["POD"] pursuant to the Cities Readiness Initiative of the Nassau County Department of Health.
   g. When the Village is acting as a POD, to take all actions reasonable or necessary as assigned to the Commissioner within the Village and to coordinate with all federal, state, and other municipalities and municipal departments and agencies, including, but not limited to, the acquisition and distribution of medicine, medical supplies, and food, and to otherwise assist the Mayor as the Mayor deems appropriate. When authorized by the Mayor, to represent the Village with federal, state, and other municipalities and municipal departments and agencies. However, in no event shall the Commissioner obligate the Village to any actions or expenditures without the prior approval of the Board of Trustees, or, in the event of an emergency, the Mayor, to the extent of the Mayor’s powers to make such authorizations under such circumstances.
3. Registrar of Vital Statistics

On motion of Trustee Malatino, seconded by Trustee Schenkler, it was unanimously RESOLVED that the following appointments be made: Michelle Schimel, Clerk of the Town of North Hempstead, as Registrar of Vital Statistics, for a term of four years, said term to expire December 2009.

B. Vehicle & Traffic Law

On motion of Trustee Cohen, seconded by Trustee Malatino, it was unanimously RESOLVED that the Board hereby authorizes the printing of simplified traffic tickets with the fine schedule recommended by the Village Justice for those defendants who choose to plead guilty and submit their fine with the return of their traffic ticket. A copy of said fine schedule is filed with the Village Clerk.

C. Roadway Improvement 2006 Program

The following bids were received by the Village Clerk by 12:00 noon on January 19, 2006 for the Roadway Improvement 2006 Program:
Village Engineers Kenneth Pritchard and Chris Clement recommended Stasi Brothers Asphalt Corp. as the lowest responsible bidder. On motion of Trustee Malatino, seconded by Trustee Schenkler, it was unanimously RESOLVED that the Roadway Improvement 2006 Program contract be and hereby is awarded to Stasi Brothers Asphalt Corp., as the lowest responsible bidder, in accordance with its bid dated January 12, 2006.

D. Street Sweeping 2006 & 2007

On motion of Trustee Cohen, seconded by Trustee Schenkler, it was unanimously RESOLVED that invitations for bids for the Street Sweeping & Cleaning 2006 & 2007 contract be advertised in the Port Washington News and that bids be received at the Village Hall by 12:00 noon on Friday, February 17, 2006.

E. Emergency Response Plan

On motion of Trustee Malatino, seconded by Trustee Cohen, it was unanimously RESOLVED that the Emergency Response Plan, prepared by Mayor Weitzner and dated December 2005, be and hereby is approved.

F. Town of North Hempstead Shared Municipal Services Grant

On motion of Trustee Schenkler, seconded by Trustee Cohen, the following resolution was unanimously adopted:
WHEREAS the Village of Port Washington North has been a participant in the Shared Vision Plan undertaken by the Town of North Hempstead to create a planning approach that respects the diverse needs of the Port Washington peninsula’s residents and governmental entities; and
WHEREAS the Board of Trustees is desirous that the Village have remote access to the Town’s GIS system in order to better coordinate responses among the other villages on the peninsula and the Town of North Hempstead as to matters involving emergency management, zoning, traffic, parking, stormwater management, waterfront and open space conservation, residential and commercial development, and public safety; and
WHEREAS the Town of North Hempstead will pay the full match as per the resolution approved by the Town Board by unanimous vote at its meeting of January 3, 2006; and
WHEREAS the Village of Port Washington North has the requisite cable modem and internet service to enable access to the Town of North Hempstead’s network;
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Trustees of the Village of Port Washington North unanimously supports the application of the Town of North Hempstead for a Shared Municipal Services Incentives (SMSI) grant to provide the villages on the Port Washington peninsula with access to the Town’s Enterprise Geographic Information Systems (GIS).

On motion of Trustee Cohen, seconded by Trustee Malatino, it was unanimously RESOLVED that the meeting be and hereby is adjourned at 11:30 p.m.

Palma Torrisi, Village Clerk