

A Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Village of Port Washington North was held on Wednesday, **January 7, 2015** at 7:30pm at the Village Hall, 3 Pleasant Avenue, Port Washington, New York.

Present:	Mayor	-	Robert S. Weitzner
	Trustees	-	Steven Cohen
		-	Matthew Kepke
		-	Sherman Scheff
	Clerk	-	Palma Torrisi
	Attorney	-	Stuart Besen

Excused: Trustee Malatino

1. Public Hearing - Bill 4 of 2014 - Regulating Commercial Parking

A. Mayor Weitzner opened the public hearing, advertised in the December 19, 2014 *Port Washington News*, to consider the adoption of Bill 4 of 2014, Parking of Commercial Vehicles. A stenographic transcript of the hearing is on file with the Village Clerk. All those present wishing to speak having been heard, the Mayor closed the public hearing.

B. Mayor Weitzner introduced the Short Environmental Impact Statement prepared by Attorney Besen. On motion of Trustee Cohen, seconded by Trustee Scheff, the following resolution was adopted:

WHEREAS, the Village has prepared and reviewed an environmental assessment form containing an explanation of the action and impacts and has conducted a public hearing with respect to Bill 4 of 2014, Parking of Commercial Vehicles; and

WHEREAS, the Village Board of Trustees has declared its intention to declare itself lead agency; and

WHEREAS, the Village Board of Trustees has reviewed the environmental assessment form, and pursuant to said review of the relevant environmental factors affected by the proposed action, and the Village Board of Trustees has determined that said action be classified as an unlisted action and be deemed a Negative Declaration, causing no significant adverse effect upon the environment, in accordance with the Environmental Conservation Law of the State of New York and its regulations thereon,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Village Board of Trustees, as Lead Agency, finds that it is not an action and is classified as exempt pursuant to SEQRA and that it be deemed to constitute a Negative Declaration. The deeming of this action as a Negative Declaration indicates that it would cause no significant adverse effect on the environment.

C. On motion of Trustee Cohen, seconded by Trustee Kepke, it was RESOLVED that Bill 4 of 2014 be and hereby is adopted as LOCAL LAW 1 of 2015 to read as follows:

LOCAL LAW 1 of 2015

Chapter 162

VEHICLES AND TRAFFIC

SECTION 162-3 Parking of Commercial vehicles

A. The parking of commercial vehicles is not permitted on the streets, roadways or public highways within the incorporated Village of Port Washington North except, however that this section shall not apply to nor prohibit the stopping, standing or parking of authorized emergency vehicles, public utilities or contractors' vehicles while engaged in the repair, maintenance, inspection or construction of streets or utilities within the Village and contractors, delivery people or workers' vehicles while engaged in providing bona fide services to residents or merchants within 100 feet of the residence or business. (amended).

Vote was recorded as follows: Trustee Cohen-aye, Trustee Kepke-aye, Trustee Scheff-aye, Mayor Weitzner-aye. Motion carried.

2. Clerk

A. Minutes

On motion of Trustee Cohen seconded by Trustee Scheff, it was unanimously RESOLVED that the reading of the minutes of the Board of Trustees meeting of November 6, 2014 be waived and that they be and hereby are approved as prepared by Clerk Torrisi.

B. Village Election

On motion of Trustee Kepke, seconded by Trustee Scheff, 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 Wednesday, March 18, 2015 a notice that shall state:

- The polling place in each election district;
- 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. Grievance Day

On motion of Trustee Scheff, seconded by Trustee Kepke, it was unanimously RESOLVED that on the 17th day of February 2015, at the Village Hall, 3 Pleasant Avenue, 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 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. on said day. Each complainant shall file with the Village Clerk on or before February 17, 2015 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.

3. Treasurer

A. On motion of Trustee Cohen, seconded by Trustee Scheff, it was unanimously RESOLVED that the reading of the General Fund Abstract of Vouchers #157, totalling \$78,349.64, and the Trust & Agency Abstract of Vouchers #107, totalling \$745.50, be waived and that they be and hereby are approved as prepared by Treasurer Bella.

B. On motion of Trustee Kepke, seconded by Trustee Scheff, it was unanimously RESOLVED that the Budget Report as of December 31, 2014, showing the General Fund Balance to be \$1,616,553.25, and the Trust & Agency Fund Balance to be \$1.30, be and hereby is accepted as prepared by Treasurer Bella.

C. Trustee Scheff has reviewed the bank statement reconciliations for November 2014.

4. Reports

A. Public Works

On motion of Trustee Cohen, seconded by Trustee Scheff, it was unanimously RESOLVED that the Public Works Department report for the month of December 2014 be and hereby is accepted as submitted by Superintendent Novinski.

B. Building Department

On motion of Trustee Kepke, seconded by Trustee Scheff, it was unanimously RESOLVED that the Building Department report for December 2014 be and hereby is accepted as submitted by Superintendent Barbach and Inspector Lauria.

C. Emergency Management & Traffic Safety

On motion of Trustee Cohen, seconded by Trustee Kepke, it was unanimously RESOLVED that the Emergency Management and Traffic Safety reports for the month of December 2014 be and hereby are accepted as presented by Commissioner Kaplan.

D. Justice Court

The Board accepted the Justice Court report for November 2014 submitted by Court Clerk Kropacek.

5. Executive Session

On motion of Trustee Cohen, seconded by Trustee Kepke, it was unanimously RESOLVED that the Board enter into executive session to discuss potential litigation with the Village Attorney.

On motion of Trustee Scheff, seconded by Trustee Cohen, it was unanimously RESOLVED that the executive session is hereby adjourned and the regular meeting is reconvened.

Mayor Weitzner stated that no action was taken in executive session.

6. Business

A. Linda Stampler - Notice of Claim

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

WHEREAS, a notice of claim has been received by the Village of Port Washington North from Linda Stampler, 2 Schooner Lane, Port Washington, New York 11050, claiming damages in the amount of \$630.03; and
WHEREAS, the Board of Trustees of the Village is desirous of avoiding costly litigation with Ms. Stampler; and
WHEREAS, Ms. Stampler has provided the Village with a general release;
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Village of Port Washington North will pay Linda Stampler the amount of \$630.03 for the damages she claims were caused to her automobile by a limb falling from a Village-owned tree.

On motion of Trustee Cohen, seconded by Trustee Kepke, it was unanimously RESOLVED that the meeting be and hereby is adjourned at 10:30 p.m.

Palma Torrisi, Village Clerk