

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the  
Board of Trustees Meeting  
Monday, March 10, 2025 at 7:30 P.M.

PRESENT: Mayor Adam Hoffman  
Deputy Mayor Gene Kaplan  
Trustee Robert Gal  
Trustee Marian Lee  
Trustee Spyro Dimitratos  
Trustee Larry Farkas  
Trustee Fred Handsman

ALSO PRESENT: Patrick E. Farrell, Village Administrator  
Margaret Deane, Treasurer  
Nicole Morton, Salerno Brokerage Group  
Dina Burachio, Resident  
Arnold Leung, Resident  
Andrea Curto, Village Attorney  
Patricia Santomauro, Deputy Clerk  
David Milner, BZA President/Resident  
Robert & Susan Lopatkin, Residents

Mayor Hoffman called to order the regular meeting of the Board of Trustees at 7:31 p.m. and led in the Pledge of Allegiance.

With the budget planning upon us, Nicole Morton of Salerno Brokerage Inc. reviewed budget projections for the village policy renewals in June. Nicole stated that this market continues to be challenging for public entities, business insurance, and personal insurance. We just keep seeing rate increases in general, and property exposure has always been a major concern with insurance companies, especially on Long Island, coupled with the increase in storm damage, wildfires, etc., that they have never dealt with before. On the liability side, there has been an increase in the number of cases, and the courts are very slow. Nicole stated in projecting a worst-case scenario of a 20% overall village increase, we did not discuss increasing deductibles and taking on a little more risk. Nicole reviewed the village's current policies with options to increase deductibles while considering past claims, the estimated savings, and whether those savings would be worth the risk.

Mayor Hoffman, Deputy Mayor Kaplan, and Attorney Andrea Curto had no reports at this time. Administrator Farrell will report in the Executive Session.

Mayor Hoffman, seconded by Deputy Mayor Kaplan, moved to approve the minutes of February 12, 2025. The motion was unanimously approved by those present.

Mayor Hoffman, seconded by Trustee Farkas, moved to approve the Abstract of Claims as presented for \$236,475.85 and the pre-paid Abstract of Claims for \$447,671.93 and 7,644.00 (annexed hereto). The motion was unanimously approved by those present.

Treasurer's Report is for informational purposes only. (annexed hereto)

Monthly budget reports are for information only.

Mayor Hoffman, seconded by Trustee Farkas, moved to approve the following **RESOLUTION**.

**BE IT RESOLVED**

The Village of Lake Success set a Public Hearing for Monday, April 14, 2025 for the 2025/2026 Budget.

On the call of the roll: Mayor Hoffman voting aye; Deputy Mayor Kaplan voting aye; Trustee Spyro Dimitratos voting aye; Trustee Fred Handsman voting aye; Trustee Robert Gal voting aye; Trustee Larry Farkas voting aye, and Trustee Marian Lee voting aye.

The **RESOLUTION** was thereupon declared duly adopted

Mayor Hoffman, seconded by Trustee Farkas, moved the following **RESOLUTION**:

**BE IT RESOLVED**

The Village of Lake Success approves the Munistat Agreement as presented.

On the call of the roll: Mayor Hoffman voting aye; Deputy Mayor Kaplan voting aye; Trustee Spyro Dimitratos voting aye; Trustee Fred Handsman voting aye; Trustee Robert Gal voting aye; Trustee Larry Farkas voting aye, and Trustee Marian Lee voting aye.

The **RESOLUTION** was thereupon declared duly adopted

Mayor Hoffman seconded by Trustee Farkas moved the following **RESOLUTION**:

**BE IT RESOLVED**

The Village of Lake Success approves the Board of Assessment Review's 2024 assessment changes and denials.

On the call of the roll: Mayor Hoffman voting aye; Deputy Mayor Kaplan voting aye; Trustee Spyro Dimitratos voting aye; Trustee Fred Handsman voting aye; Trustee Robert Gal voting aye; Trustee Larry Farkas voting aye, and Trustee Marian Lee voting aye.

The **RESOLUTION** was thereupon declared duly adopted

Mayor Hoffman seconded by Trustee Farkas moved the following **RESOLUTION**:

**BE IT RESOLVED**

The Village of Lake Success approves the General Village Election will be held on June 17, 2025, between the hours of 12:00 noon and 9:00 p.m. at the Village Hall/Community Building, 318 Lakeville Road, Lake Success, New York.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**

The Village of Lake Success appoints Diedre Dolan and Manzhie Solemanyi as Election Inspectors and Ellen Janowski and Dana Epifan as Alternate Election Inspectors for the Village's General Election on June 17, 2025, and they will be paid a fee of \$130.00 for this service.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Village Administrator has the authority to appoint alternate inspectors should the need arise.

On the call of the roll: Mayor Hoffman voting aye; Deputy Mayor Kaplan voting aye; Trustee Spyro Dimitratos voting aye; Trustee Fred Handsman voting aye; Trustee Robert Gal voting aye; Trustee Larry Farkas voting aye, and Trustee Marian Lee voting aye.

The **RESOLUTION** was thereupon declared duly adopted.

Mayor Hoffman seconded by Trustee Dimitratos moved to approve the following **RESOLUTION**.

**BE IT RESOLVED**

The Village of Lake Success approves a Special Meeting of the Board of Trustees is set for June 17, 2025 at 9:00 p.m. for the purpose of canvassing the General Village Election results and any other business that may come before the Board.

On the call of the roll: Mayor Hoffman voting aye; Deputy Mayor Kaplan voting aye; Trustee Fred Handsman voting aye; Trustee Spyro Dimitratos voting aye; Trustee Robert Gal voting aye, Trustee Larry Farkas voting aye, and Trustee Marian Lee voting aye.

The **RESOLUTION** was thereupon declared duly adopted.

Mayor Hoffman, seconded by Trustee Dimitratos moved to approve Suburban Eats, Andy's Italian Ices, Bobby's Ice Cream, and Jump & Jam LI as vendors for Music Fest on August 9, 2025. The motion was unanimously approved by those present.

Mayor Hoffman, seconded by Trustee Dimitratos, moved to approve a 50% deposit in the amount of \$1,750.00 to secure Andy's Italian Ices for Music Fest 2025. The motion was unanimously approved by those present.

Mayor Hoffman, seconded by Trustee Dimitratos, moved to approve a 50% deposit in the amount of \$1,237.50 to secure Mr. Softee for Music Fest 2025. The motion was unanimously approved by those present.

Mayor Hoffman, seconded by Trustee Dimitratos, moved to approve a 50% deposit in the amount of \$625.00 to secure Jump & Jam LI for Music Fest 2025. The motion was unanimously approved by those present.

Mayor Hoffman, seconded by Trustee Dimitratos, moved to approve an expenditure of \$700 to Nassau County for rental of the Show Mobile for Music Fest 2025. The motion was unanimously approved by those present.

Mayor Hoffman, seconded by Trustee Dimitratos, moved to approve an expenditure of \$637.50 to Silly Cheeks Face Painting for Music Fest 2025. The motion was unanimously approved by those present.

Mayor Hoffman, seconded by Deputy Mayor Kaplan moved to approve the following **RESOLUTION**.

**BE IT RESOLVED**

The Village of Lake Succes approves accepting the PERMA Grant for a laptop and TV.

On the call of the roll: Mayor Hoffman voting aye; Deputy Mayor Kaplan voting aye; Trustee Fred Handsman voting aye; Trustee Spyro Dimitratos voting aye; Trustee Robert Gal voting aye, Trustee Larry Farkas voting aye, and Trustee Marian Lee voting aye.

The **RESOLUTION** was thereupon declared duly adopted.

Mayor Hoffman, seconded by Trustee Lee moved to set Saturday, September 26, 2025, as the date for Shed the Meds and E-Waste Day. The motion was unanimously approved by those present.

Mayor Hoffman, seconded by Deputy Mayor Kaplan, moved to approve the following **RESOLUTION**.

**BE IT RESOLVED**

The Village of Lake Succes authorizes a payment of \$300 to Peggy Mousaw, a consultant for ARPA filings.

On the call of the roll: Mayor Hoffman voting aye; Deputy Mayor Kaplan voting aye; Trustee Fred Handsman voting aye; Trustee Spyro Dimitratos voting aye; Trustee Robert Gal voting aye, Trustee Larry Farkas voting aye, and Trustee Marian Lee voting aye.

The **RESOLUTION** was thereupon declared duly adopted.

Trustee Gal, seconded by Trustee Dimitratos, moved to approve the following **RESOLUTION**:

**BE IT RESOLVED**

The Village of Lake Success approves the 2025 new and returning lifeguard, gate guard, and kiddie pool guard contract.

On the call of the roll: Mayor Hoffman voting aye; Deputy Mayor Kaplan voting aye; Trustee Fred Handsman voting aye; Trustee Spyro Dimitratos voting aye; Trustee Robert Gal voting aye, Trustee Larry Farkas voting aye, and Trustee Marian Lee voting aye.

The **RESOLUTION** was thereupon declared duly adopted.

Trustee Gal, seconded by Mayor Hoffman, moved to approve the following **RESOLUTION**

**BE IT RESOLVED**

The Village of Lake Succes approves the renewal of Pool Director Michelle Sorise's 2025 contract.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**

The Village of Lake Succes approves the renewal of Asst. Pool Director Dennis Monney's 2025 contract.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**

The Village of Lake Succes approves the Pool Director and Asst. Pool Director contracts not to exceed \$22,000 in a combined amount.

On the call of the roll: Mayor Hoffman voting aye; Deputy Mayor Kaplan voting aye; Trustee Fred Handsman voting aye; Trustee Spyro Dimitratos voting aye; Trustee Robert Gal voting aye, Trustee Larry Farkas voting aye, and Trustee Marian Lee voting aye.

The **RESOLUTION** was thereupon declared duly adopted.

Trustee Gal, seconded by Trustee Dimitratos, moved to approve the following **RESOLUTION**:

**BE IT RESOLVED**

The Village of Lake Success approves the renewal of the 2025 lifeguard/supervisor contract with Andrew Kern.

On the call of the roll: Mayor Hoffman voting aye; Deputy Mayor Kaplan voting aye; Trustee Fred Handsman voting aye; Trustee Spyro Dimitratos voting aye; Trustee Robert Gal voting aye, Trustee Larry Farkas voting aye, and Trustee Marian Lee voting aye.

The **RESOLUTION** was thereupon declared duly adopted.

Trustee Gal, seconded by Deputy Mayor Kaplan, moved dates for lifeguard training by Aquatic Solutions at the Village Pool on May 9<sup>th</sup>, 10<sup>th</sup>, and 11<sup>th</sup>. The motion was unanimously approved by those present.

#### **BE IT RESOLVED**

Trustee Gal, seconded by Trustee Lee, authorizes the village to mill and pour the basketball court, expanding the footprint by two (2) or three (3) feet in an amount not to exceed \$40,000.

On the call of the roll: Mayor Hoffman voting aye; Deputy Mayor Kaplan voting aye; Trustee Fred Handsman voting aye; Trustee Spyro Dimitratos voting aye; Trustee Robert Gal voting aye, Trustee Larry Farkas voting aye, and Trustee Marian Lee voting aye.

The **RESOLUTION** was thereupon declared duly adopted.

Deputy Mayor Kaplan, seconded by Trustee Dimitratos, moved to approve the following **RESOLUTION**:

On behalf of the Golf Commission, Deputy Mayor Kaplan reported that the project was frozen out during January and February. The work began again in March, and they finished the first ten (10) holes. We will be opening on April 4<sup>th</sup> as usual. The membership has been informed that there will be rope-offs until the grass nits. Membership has been doing very well. Robby has been very active, hitting the waiting list and has people coming in every day. Commissioner Kaplan met with the contractor yesterday, and we are looking at beginning the work again around September 15<sup>th</sup>, but he would like to start the work on the 8<sup>th</sup> hole early, around August. In regard to agenda item 9A, the golf course is looking to do a \$300k BAN on golf course equipment and accessories. He has been working with Jon for the last year to really narrow down what needs fixing. Our mechanic has over 200 pieces of equipment, so he asked Jon to compile a list of what needs attention. Jon provided a list of the number of hours the current equipment has worked. Some of them have over 3000-4000 hours, so we are trying to get ahead of it. Mayor Hoffman added that we are going to try and get Lockheed Martin to pay for a unit that is added to the machine where it senses the moisture, and it saves us on water. This device attaches onto the back of the mower, and it maps out which areas need water, so he will know to just turn those sprinkler heads on. It is called a turf sensor.

#### **BE IT RESOLVED**

The Village of Lake Success approves a \$300K BAN for aging Golf Course Equipment & accessories replacements.

On the call of the roll: Mayor Hoffman voting aye; Deputy Mayor Kaplan voting aye; Trustee Fred Handsman voting aye; Trustee Spyro Dimitratos voting aye; Trustee Robert Gal voting aye, Trustee Larry Farkas voting aye, and Trustee Marian Lee voting aye.

The **RESOLUTION** was thereupon declared duly adopted.

On behalf of the House Committee, Trustee Handsman reported that the Committee held its first meeting of the season and has a calendar of events completed through August. There are a lot of things being done. Valentine's Day Dinner was a huge success with a great turnout. We will be bringing back Rick Night and Comedy Night. A lot of work has been done in the kitchen, new walk-in refrigerator, new waterproof flooring.

On behalf of the Building Department, Village Attorney Andrea Curto, and Trustee Larry Farkas reported that the Zoning committee reviewing code changes has met several times to hone in on issues such as limitations on front yards, rear yards and total coverage. It has been hard to find a balance due to the different-sized properties. The goal is to find an overall coverage that supersedes all other coverages. Ms. Curto will be setting up a follow-up meeting. The goal is to prevent super mansions from being built. The current codes are lenient with coverage, and we are looking to change that.

In addition, Mayor Hoffman stated our building fees are in our code, so every time we would like to make a change, we must create a new Local Law. We are looking to pull them out of the code to renew every year, and where it can be done by a Resolution. It was determined that all fees will be included in this change, not just building fees.

There is another meeting set in April regarding the Research Center on Marcus Avenue. There will be another presentation of schematics for site approval. There will be towers where the research will take place, a conference center, and now they are proposing residential buildings for the research center staff, a hotel to provide accommodations for conference attendees, and families of hospital patients. Once there is a final plan, we will have to amend our code. The Board will want jurisdiction over the application, make it a Special Use permit, and come before the Board. Ms. Curto stated that we will be working with them as there will be a huge SEQRA process, there will be an impact statement due to the magnitude of the project, and as part of the SEQRA process, we will be adopting the legislation and approving the project. The Board of Trustees will be the lead agency.

Resident Dina Burachio inquired if it would impact on our police department. Mayor Hoffman stated that only the residential portion would have an impact, and the residents would be taxpayers which would fund any extra police personnel if it is even required. Ms. Curto stated all of these issues would be part of the impact statement. There will be a Public Hearing in which residents could attend and ask questions.

The police Activity report is for informational purposes only.

Mayor Hoffman stated that each year we do a BAN for police cars so in case we need them, the funds are available.

Mayor Hoffman, seconded by Trustee Farkas moved to approve the following **RESOLUTION**.

**BE IT RESOLVED**

The Village of Lake Success approves a \$250K BAN for three (3) new police vehicles.

On the call of the roll: Mayor Hoffman voting aye; Deputy Mayor Kaplan voting aye; Trustee Fred Handsman voting aye; Trustee Spyro Dimitratos voting aye; Trustee Robert Gal voting aye, Trustee Larry Farkas voting aye, and Trustee Marian Lee voting aye.

The **RESOLUTION** was thereupon declared duly adopted.

The NCVOA meeting will be held on Tuesday, April 8, 2025 at 6:30 pm at the Westbury Manor.

Motion made by Mayor Hoffman, seconded by Deputy Mayor Kaplan, the Board went into Executive Session at 8:49 PM

Motion made by Mayor Hoffman, seconded by Deputy Mayor Kaplan, the Board came out of Executive Session at 9:16 PM

RESOLUTION made by Mayor Hoffman, seconded by Deputy Mayor Kaplan, to approve an offer of \$105,000 to hire CPA Christopher Tyrkko as Treasurer

Motion made by Mayor Hoffman, seconded by Deputy Mayor Kaplan, meeting was closed at 9:25 PM

Respectfully submitted,

Patricia Santomauro  
Village Deputy Clerk