

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the
Board of Trustees held in the Ballroom
318 Lakeville Road, Great Neck, NY
Monday, June 9, 2025 at 7:30 P.M.

PRESENT: Mayor Adam Hoffman
Deputy Mayor Gene Kaplan
Trustee Robert Gal
Trustee Spyro Dimitratos
Trustee Fred Handsman
Trustee Marian Lee (7:47 pm)
Trustee Larry Farkas

ALSO PRESENT: Patrick E. Farrell, Village Administrator
Patricia Santomauro, Deputy Clerk
David Milner, Chair of ARB
Gerald Garber, Resident
Christopher Tyrkko, Village Treasurer
Gregory Kalnitsky, Village Attorney
Natalie Turner, Court Reporter
Marc Gopen, Resident

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

Mayor Hoffman, seconded by Trustee Dimitratos, moved to open the Public Hearing at 7:32 p.m. (Verbatim transcript annexed hereto)

Mayor Hoffman stated the purpose of the Public Hearing is to adopt Local Law No. 2 of 2025, a Local Law to amend Lake Success Code Chapter A1111-3 entitled "Enumeration of Fees".

Mayor Hoffman, seconded by Deputy Mayor Kaplan, moved to close the Public Hearing at 7:36 p.m.

Mayor Hoffman provided a resident, Mr. Gerald Garber, with the opportunity to address his concerns. Mr. Garber had filed a FOIL request regarding the Golf Outings. What was the cost to the Village, and who decides who gets to have an outing? Deputy Mayor Kaplan, who is also the Golf Commissioner, explained that an application is submitted either through the Village Office or through Robby Mistretta, our Golf Professional in the Pro Shop. Gene Kaplan and Robby Mistretta decide if the application is approved. Outings are a minimum of 80 golfers with a \$125 guest fee per player, and the proceeds go into the Golf Fund. Contracts are signed through Culinar for the food and beverage portion. Insurance is not required, and there are approximately eight (8) to ten (10) outings per season.

Mr. Garber further expressed his concerns with the Fitness Instructor and classes. Naomi Strauss receives a yearly stipend of \$9k a year from the village for her services in the fitness center and holds fitness classes. The fitness classes are \$30 per person, per class, which is not shared with the village. Ms. Strauss has spent her time building up these classes, a service she provides to the residents.

Mr. Garber is also concerned about multiple cars in driveways and if there is any investigation into it. Mayor Hoffman assured Mr. Garber that we have caught it in the past and indications from the school or neighbors, the building supt. is here full time and always out there.

In addition, Mr. Garber expressed concern regarding the intersection at Lakeville Road that goes into a 2-way road at Horace Harding Blvd. It's deceiving when drivers not familiar with the area are turning. Mayor Hoffman agreed and mentioned he has spoken with both Nassau County and the State regarding signage. The construction is currently taking place, but hopefully it will be completed soon.

Lastly, Mr. Garber expressed concern about the golf course using the chemical Round Up. The state strictly regulates all chemicals used on the course. A list of the current chemicals is available in the village office, and a copy will be provided to Mr. Garber.

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

Mayor Hoffman, Deputy Mayor Kaplan, Village Attorney Gregory Kalnitsky, and Administrator Farrell had nothing to report at this time.

Mayor Hoffman, seconded by Deputy Mayor Kaplan, moved to approve the Abstract of Claims as presented for \$661,062.94 and the pre-paid Abstract of Claims for 25/13 \$212,554.18, and (annexed hereto). The motion was unanimously approved by those present.

The treasurer's report is for informational purposes only. (annexed hereto)

Monthly budget reports are for informational purposes only.

Mayor Hoffman, seconded by Trustee Farkas, moved to approve the Budget Adjustments as presented. The motion was unanimously approved by those present.

Item 6A – Approve Band for Summer Fest 2025 was tabled until July 14, 2025.

Mayor Hoffman, seconded by Trustee Farkas, moved to introduce Bill No. 3, Local Law No. 3 of 2025 to amend Lake Success Code Chapter 47 entitled "Commercial Filming" and set the Public Hearing for July 14, 2025. The motion was unanimously approved by those present.

Mayor Hoffman, seconded by Deputy Mayor Kaplan, moved to introduce Bill No. 4, Local Law No. 4 of 2025 to amend Lake Success Code Chapter 105 entitled "Zoning" and set the Public Hearing for July 14, 2025. The motion was unanimously approved by those present.

Mayor Hoffman, seconded by Trustee Farkas, moved to introduce Bill No. 5, Local Law No. 5 of 2025 to amend Lake Success Code Chapter 85 entitled "Siting of Wireless Telecommunications Facilities" and set the Public Hearing for July 14, 2025. The motion was unanimously approved by those present.

Mayor Hoffman, seconded by Deputy Mayor Kaplan, moved to introduce Bill No. 6, Local Law No. 6 of 2025 to amend Lake Success Code Chapter 42 entitled "Building and Fire Prevention Code Administration" and set the Public Hearing for July 14, 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 Success approves the \$100,000.00 received in 2024/25 from 1111 Marcus Ave. for recreational uses for the benefit of Village residents.

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 to ratify an email vote approving Northwell Health to erect a tent for their Cancer Survivors Day Celebration on June 14, 2025.

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

BE IT RESOLVED

The Village of Lake Success authorizes Domestic Partner Health Insurance for Village Employees.

On the call of the roll: Mayor Hoffman voting aye; Deputy Mayor Kaplan voting aye; Trustee Farkas voting aye; Trustee Handsman voting aye; Trustee Lee voting aye; Trustee Gal voting aye and Trustee Dimitratos voting aye.

The **RESOLUTION** was thereupon declared duly adopted

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

BE IT RESOLVED:

The Village of Lake success approved an Intermunicipal Agreement (IMA) between VLS and Great Neck South High School to use, per the schedule fee, our sand/salt during snowstorms subject to terms and agreement.

On the call of the roll: Mayor Hoffman voting aye; Deputy Mayor Kaplan voting aye; Trustee Farkas voting aye; Trustee Handsman voting aye; Trustee Lee voting aye; Trustee Gal voting aye and Trustee Dimitratos 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 authorized the adoption of the Pro Housing Pledge.
On the call of the roll: Mayor Hoffman voting aye; Deputy Mayor Kaplan voting aye; Trustee Farkas voting aye;
Trustee Handsman voting aye; Trustee Lee voting aye; Trustee Gal voting aye and Trustee Dimitratos voting aye.

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

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

BE IT RESOLVED:

The Village of Lake Success authorized the hiring of a new golf course seasonal hire, Eloy Orellana at \$20.00 an hour pending NC Civil Service approval.

On the call of the roll: Mayor Hoffman voting aye; Deputy Mayor Kaplan voting aye; Trustee Farkas voting aye;
Trustee Handsman voting aye; Trustee Lee voting aye; Trustee Gal voting aye and Trustee Dimitratos voting aye.

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

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

BE IT RESOLVED:

The Village of Lake Success authorized the hiring of a new golf course seasonal hire, Matthew Modica at \$20.00 an hour pending NC Civil Service approval.

On the call of the roll: Mayor Hoffman voting aye; Deputy Mayor Kaplan voting aye; Trustee Farkas voting aye;
Trustee Handsman voting aye; Trustee Lee voting aye; Trustee Gal voting aye and Trustee Dimitratos voting aye.

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

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

BE IT RESOLVED:

The Village of Lake Success approved the 3-year renewal with PERMA worker's compensation insurance plan in the amount of \$171,508.

On the call of the roll: Mayor Hoffman voting aye; Deputy Mayor Kaplan voting aye; Trustee Farkas voting aye;
Trustee Handsman voting aye; Trustee Lee voting aye; Trustee Gal voting aye and Trustee Dimitratos voting aye.

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

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

BE IT RESOLVED:

The Village of Lake Success approved an Intermunicipal Agreement (IMA) between VLS and Great Neck School District for the use of the Golf Course facilities subject to terms of agreement.

On the call of the roll: Mayor Hoffman voting aye; Deputy Mayor Kaplan voting aye; Trustee Farkas voting aye;
Trustee Handsman voting aye; Trustee Lee voting aye; Trustee Gal voting aye and Trustee Dimitratos 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 approved Margaret Deane to act as a consultant during the transition at an hourly rate of \$65.

On the call of the roll: Mayor Hoffman voting aye; Deputy Mayor Kaplan voting aye; Trustee Farkas voting aye;
Trustee Handsman voting aye; Trustee Lee voting aye; Trustee Gal voting aye and Trustee Dimitratos voting aye.

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

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

BE IT RESOLVED:

The Village of Lake Success authorized the purchase of a riding mower from Storr Tractor, under state bid, in the amount of \$30,225.85 subject to not having any alternative on hand.

On the call of the roll: Mayor Hoffman voting aye; Deputy Mayor Kaplan voting aye; Trustee Farkas voting aye; Trustee Handsman voting aye; Trustee Lee voting aye; Trustee Gal voting aye and Trustee Dimitratos voting aye.

The **RESOLUTION** was declared duly adopted.

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

BE IT RESOLVED:

The Village of Lake Success appoints Susan Lopatkin as a full member of the Planning Board.

On the call of the roll: Mayor Hoffman voting aye; Deputy Mayor Kaplan voting aye; Trustee Farkas voting aye; Trustee Handsman voting aye; Trustee Lee voting aye; Trustee Gal voting aye and Trustee Dimitratos voting aye.

The **RESOLUTION** was declared duly adopted.

Trustee Handsman, seconded by Trustee Farkas, moved to approve the following **RESOLUTION**:

BE IT RESOLVED:

The Village of Lake Success authorized final payment to Elite PBS in the amount of \$956 for Rock Night Staging.

On the call of the roll: Mayor Hoffman voting aye; Deputy Mayor Kaplan voting aye; Trustee Farkas voting aye; Trustee Handsman voting aye; Trustee Lee voting aye; Trustee Gal voting aye and Trustee Dimitratos voting aye.

The **RESOLUTION** was declared duly adopted.

Trustee Handsman, seconded by Trustee Farkas, moved to approve the following **RESOLUTION**:

BE IT RESOLVED:

The Village of Lake Success authorized the final payment to David Lawrence, the Mentalist for his performance on Friday, June 27, 2025.

On the call of the roll: Mayor Hoffman voting aye; Deputy Mayor Kaplan voting aye; Trustee Farkas voting aye; Trustee Handsman voting aye; Trustee Lee voting aye; Trustee Gal voting aye and Trustee Dimitratos voting aye.

The **RESOLUTION** was declared duly adopted.

Trustee Handsman, seconded by Trustee Farkas, moved to approve the following **RESOLUTION**:

BE IT RESOLVED:

The Village of Lake Success authorized closing the Social Activities Center (SAC) on the following Mondays; June 16th and 23rd, July 14th and 21st, August 11th and September 8th and 15th while Golf Outings are in place.

On the call of the roll: Mayor Hoffman voting aye; Deputy Mayor Kaplan voting aye; Trustee Farkas voting aye; Trustee Handsman voting aye; Trustee Lee voting aye; Trustee Gal voting aye and Trustee Dimitratos voting aye.

The **RESOLUTION** was declared duly adopted.

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

The Village of Lake Success appoints Allan Lowenstein as a full member of the Park Commission.

BE IT RESOLVED:

On the call of the roll: Mayor Hoffman voting aye; Deputy Mayor Kaplan voting aye; Trustee Farkas voting aye; Trustee Handsman voting aye; Trustee Lee voting aye; Trustee Gal voting aye and Trustee Dimitratos voting aye.

The **RESOLUTION** was declared duly adopted.

Trustee Gal stated that the access system for the Tennis Courts and Pickle Ball Courts could go through the Court Reserve system already in place. You would receive a code when making your reservation in which you would enter on a keypad at the gate upon arrival. You must have a reservation and there is a 15-minute window. A permanent code would be provided for staff, DPW, the Board, etc. Hard wiring would need to be installed to move forward with this system.

Trustee Gal reported that the pool opening went well. Everyone loves the decking, and the chlorine system is working great.

The Commanding Officer's report is for informational purposes only.

Motion made by Mayor Hoffman seconded by Deputy Mayor Kaplan the Board went into Executive Session at 9:30 PM

Motion made by Mayor Hoffman seconded by Deputy Mayor Kaplan the Board came out of Executive Session at 9:40 PM

Trustee Handsman, seconded by Trustee Farkas moved to approve the following **RESOLUTION**:

BE IT RESOLVED:

The Village of Lake Success approved a six (6) month rental agreement with Manny Rivera for the second-floor apartment at \$750 per month.

On the call of the roll: Mayor Hoffman voting aye; Trustee Farkas voting aye; Trustee Handsman voting aye; and Trustee Dimitratos voting aye. Deputy Mayor Kaplan voting nay; Trustee Lee voting nay; Trustee Gal voting nay.

The **RESOLUTION** was declared duly adopted.

Trustee Farkas, seconded by Trustee Handsman moved to approve the following **RESOLUTION**:

BE IT RESOLVED:

The Village of Lake Success approved the PBA MOU as revised.

On the call of the roll: Mayor Hoffman voting aye; Deputy Mayor Kaplan voting aye; Trustee Farkas voting aye; Trustee Handsman voting aye; Trustee Lee voting aye; Trustee Gal voting aye and Trustee Dimitratos voting aye.

The **RESOLUTION** was declared duly adopted

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

BE IT RESOLVED:

The Village of Lake Success approved the purchase of a Chevrolet Silverado 2500 for the Golf Department in the amount of \$56,266.

On the call of the roll: Mayor Hoffman voting aye; Deputy Mayor Kaplan voting aye; Trustee Farkas voting aye; Trustee Handsman voting aye; Trustee Lee voting aye; Trustee Gal voting aye and Trustee Dimitratos voting aye.

The **RESOLUTION** was declared duly adopted

Motion made by Mayor Hoffman seconded by Trustee Dimitratos the Board meeting was closed at 9.45 PM

Respectfully submitted,

Patricia Santomauro
Village Deputy Clerk