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M I N U T E S
OF THE MEETING
OF THE
PUBLIC HEARING
INCORPORATED VILLAGE OF LAKE SUCCESS

July 14, 2025
7:00 p.m.

PRESENT:

- ADAM C. HOFFMAN, MAYOR
- GENE KAPLAN, DEPUTY MAYOR
- LARRY FARKAS, TRUSTEE
- SPYRO DIMITRATOS, TRUSTEE
- ROBERT GAL, TRUSTEE
- MARIAN LEE, TRUSTEE

ANDREA CURTO, ESQ. - ATTORNEY TO THE BOARD

- Also Present:
- Patrick Farrell, Village Administrator
- Christopher Tyrkko, Treasurer
- Patricia Santomauro, Deputy Clerk

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1 MAYOR HOFFMAN: I will make a motion to
2 open the Public Hearing.

3 Is there a second?

4 DEPUTY MAYOR KAPLAN: Second.

5 MAYOR HOFFMAN: All in favor of that?

6 (Chorus of ayes.)

7 MAYOR HOFFMAN: 3a, Adopt Bill Number
8 3, Local Law Number 3 of 2025, a local law to
9 amend the Lake Success Code Chapter 47 entitled
10 "Commercial Filming".

11 So this is --

12 MS. CURTO: This is the permit fee for
13 when people film in the Village. So you had it
14 at \$1,000 per day, but we are taking that out,
15 we are saying, as established by resolution of
16 the Board of Trustees, to give you an
17 opportunity to set the fee on an annual basis.

18 MAYOR HOFFMAN: Right. This will be
19 part of the annual resolution that we do.

20 MS. CURTO: That's correct.

21 DEPUTY MAYOR KAPLAN: Back in our
22 hands. Case-by-case basis.

23 MS. CURTO: Every time you have a
24 change in the fee you don't have to do a local
25 law now, you can just do it by resolution.

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1 MAYOR HOFFMAN: Okay, fine.

2 We will vote on this in total.

3 MS. CURTO: Yeah.

4 MAYOR HOFFMAN: Anybody have any
5 comments? We are good?

6 TRUSTEE LEE: Good.

7 MAYOR HOFFMAN: Okay, fine.

8 Adopt Bill Number 4, Local Law Number 4
9 of 2025, a local law to amend Lake Success Code
10 Chapter 105 entitled "Zoning".

11 MS. CURTO: Again, same concept, you
12 are taking away the minimum filing fee of \$500
13 for new construction, undeveloped lot
14 applications, and you are saying that you will
15 set it by resolution. So you are taking out
16 all fees from the code.

17 I am not going to go through every
18 single one. Basically what you are doing is
19 establishing a fee schedule, and you are going
20 to take all the fees out of the code book so
21 that every time you want to change it you don't
22 have to adopt the local law.

23 DEPUTY MAYOR KAPLAN: The fee for the
24 particular person has been set by BZA?

25 MS. CURTO: No, it's set by the Board

1 of Trustees.

2 MAYOR HOFFMAN: Right now we have fees,
3 it's in our code book right now.

4 MS. CURTO: Correct.

5 MAYOR HOFFMAN: The fees are just going
6 to be moved out of the code book and we can
7 change it by resolution.

8 MS. CURTO: Correct.

9 MAYOR HOFFMAN: There will be a list of
10 fees that we will give to people when they come
11 in.

12 MS. CURTO: You will have Building
13 Department fees, your BZA fees, your Planning
14 Board fees, your fees for filming, everything
15 is going to be on a fee schedule, and then on
16 an annual basis you will look at it and you
17 will assess whether or not you want to change
18 it.

19 MAYOR HOFFMAN: Right. As part of this
20 annual -- we can change them any time actually.

21 MS. CURTO: You can.

22 MAYOR HOFFMAN: So this is 3c, Adopt
23 Bill Number 5, Local Law Number 5 of 2025, a
24 local law to amend Lake Success Code Chapter 85
25 entitled "Siting of Wireless Telecommunications

1 Facilities".

2 Same thing?

3 MS. CURTO: Same exact thing.

4 We had a minimum application fee of
5 \$5,000 for the telecommunications applications,
6 and we are taking out every other reference to
7 fees established in this section, again, so you
8 can adopt it by resolution.

9 MAYOR HOFFMAN: And 3d, Adopt Bill
10 Number 6, Local Law Number 6 of 2025, a local
11 law to amend Lake Success Code Chapter 42
12 entitled "Building and Fire Prevention Code
13 Administration".

14 MS. CURTO: Okay, so this is different.
15 This is tweaking -- I thought this was adopted
16 last month. Was it introduced last month?

17 MAYOR HOFFMAN: Yes.

18 MS. CURTO: Fine.

19 So basically I sat down with Bob Bonnie
20 and Stefan, and they wanted to tweak things in
21 the Building and Fire Prevention Code, things
22 that are actually done in practice but are not
23 in the code.

24 So, for example, a big one is the
25 building permits, how you can extend it after a

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1 period of one year with three month intervals,
2 he does that now, but then what we added to
3 that is that if there are any further
4 extensions after the two-year period, have to
5 come before the Board of Trustees, and they
6 have to demonstrate that they are making
7 diligent efforts to expeditiously complete the
8 project.

9 So he is treating residential building
10 permits and commercial building permits
11 differently because it takes longer to do a
12 commercial project.

13 MAYOR HOFFMAN: So this is for
14 commercial?

15 MS. CURTO: So 42-4 is one of the
16 biggest changes that we made, where if you are
17 going to extend a building period beyond
18 two years, they have to come here and explain
19 why they need it and explain that they are
20 doing things expeditiously, and they are doing
21 their best to get it done quickly.

22 DEPUTY MAYOR KAPLAN: This is for
23 commercial?

24 MS. CURTO: That part of it is, yes.
25 The other stuff is minor. They are

1 taking out, for example, the word tiling,
2 that's something that doesn't need a building
3 permit.

4 MAYOR HOFFMAN: The question I have
5 though, I thought after two years it's
6 automatically they have to pay for a new permit
7 fee?

8 MS. CURTO: That's residential, we kept
9 that the same.

10 MAYOR HOFFMAN: Fine.

11 MS. CURTO: He feels it's for
12 commercial, it's a little different, and the
13 fees are so much higher, that it makes more
14 sense to work with them.

15 MAYOR HOFFMAN: That's fine. That's
16 mostly the hospital or it's going to be the
17 fire department or something like that.

18 MS. CURTO: Right.

19 MAYOR HOFFMAN: Okay, fine.

20 MS. CURTO: The other stuff, again, is
21 minor, tweaking to make it --

22 DEPUTY MAYOR KAPLAN: Clean.

23 MS. CURTO: To be clean, exactly.

24 MAYOR HOFFMAN: Fine. Anybody have any
25 questions on this?

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1 (Whereupon, there was no response.)

2 MAYOR HOFFMAN: Is this taking -- this
3 is staying --

4 MS. CURTO: This is not zoning, this is
5 Building and Fire Prevention Code.

6 MAYOR HOFFMAN: So it's going to stay
7 in the code.

8 MS. CURTO: Yes.

9 MAYOR HOFFMAN: Okay.

10 MS. CURTO: The stuff we are amending
11 is in blue.

12 MAYOR HOFFMAN: I read all that.

13 Everybody okay? Larry?

14 TRUSTEE FARKAS: Yup.

15 MAYOR HOFFMAN: So I'll make a motion
16 to close the Public Hearing.

17 Second?

18 DEPUTY MAYOR KAPLAN: Second.

19 MAYOR HOFFMAN: All in favor to that?

20 (Chorus of ayes.)

21 MAYOR HOFFMAN: So I will make a motion
22 that we adopt Bill Number 3, Local Law Number 3
23 of 2025; Bill Number 4, Local Law Number 4 of
24 2025; Bill Number 5, Local Law Number 5 of
25 2025; and Bill Number 6, Local Law Number 6 of

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2025.

MS. CURTO: Before you do that, make sure there's nobody in the public.

DEPUTY MAYOR KAPLAN: Any questions from the audience?

(Whereupon, there was no response.)

MAYOR HOFFMAN: I am not used to having an audience anymore.

Is there a second to that?

DEPUTY MAYOR KAPLAN: Second.

MAYOR HOFFMAN: All in favor?

(Chorus of ayes.)

MAYOR HOFFMAN: Fine.

(Whereupon, the Public Hearing was concluded and stood adjourned.)

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