

The Regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Village of Cedarhurst was held August 5, 2024, at Village Hall, 200 Cedarhurst Avenue, Cedarhurst, NY 11516 at 8:00 P.M.

Present after roll call:	Mayor:	Benjamin Weinstock
	Trustees:	Eric G. Brown
		Myrna Zisman
		Israel Wasser
		Daniel Plaut
	Village Attorney:	Evan Newman
	Village Clerk-Treasurer:	Salvatore Evola
Excused:	Village Clerk-Treasurer:	JoMarie Capone
Excused:	Superintendent of Buildings:	Wayne Yarnell

Trustee Brown led the Pledge of Allegiance.

On motion of Trustee Wasser, seconded by Trustee Zisman, the following reports for the month of July 2024 were unanimously accepted:

Nassau County Police Department  
Lawrence-Cedarhurst Fire Department  
Village Justice Andrew Goldsmith  
Associate Justice Christina Sardo

Mayor Weinstock announced that we have a new commanding officer of the 4<sup>th</sup> Precinct. Inspector Boden was promoted to a job at headquarters and the new commanding officer is Inspector Daniel Ciaccio. We are in the process of setting up a meeting with him to introduce ourselves.

On motion of Trustee Plaut, seconded by Trustee Brown, payment was approved of all properly approved vouchers, except as noted as per the Board Audit dated August 5, 2024, covering vouchers from July 2, 2024, through August 5, 2024.

On motion of Trustee Zisman, seconded by Trustee Wasser, the minutes of the July 1, 2024, Board Meeting were approved.

A Public Hearing was held to Amend Section 90-1 Riding Upon Sidewalks Prohibited. On motion of Trustee Brown, seconded by Trustee Zisman, the Public Hearing was tabled for further consideration.

Mayor Weinstock explained that there will be a limit of three minutes per speaker. You are more than welcome to come up and address the Board with your concerns, there will be a 30-second warning, and Sal will keep track of the time.

Josephine Watkins, of 450 Oak Avenue, thanked the Board for planting the Skip Laurels at the Pickleball Court area. She is requesting that the area next to it, on Oak Avenue, include Skip

Laurels as well. Mayor Weinstock said that the Skip Laurels to fill that area have been ordered already. She is also requesting that the entrance to the Pickleball Court be in the middle of the park. Mayor Weinstock said that is where the entrance will be. She would like the Pickleball Court to be used by the village residents only, maybe a key tag or code could be put in. Mayor Weinstock said that they will take that into consideration.

Alice Kwitkin, of 542 Bayview Avenue, brought up that at the house right behind her, at 539 Cedarhurst Avenue, they are constantly having very loud parties, with music blasting, she can even feel the vibrations in her house. She can make out the words and sometimes they are cursing. Now, they are doing karaoke with a microphone, which is louder than blasting music. She has lived there for twenty years and never had this problem. She called the police, the police came, went to the house and told them to lower it. The parties go past 11 PM. The decibel level is too high. Police Officer Jarryd Ruff explained that the decibel level is a very tricky part for a police officer to deal with. Mayor Weinstock explained that we do not have decibel levels in the Village's ordinance. The Village ordinance that we have says that you can't disturb people with noise from your property and we have a code with a cut-off time, and at all other times you cannot be a nuisance. Police Officer Ruff said that after a certain time, according to the ordinance, the police officer can issue a summons. Mayor Weinstock said that the Board will take this into consideration and see what we can do to make our ordinance tougher and more enforceable.

Allen Simon, of 284 Central Avenue Lawrence, there is a truism when there is a crime against nature, nature will always win. That said, he sent several foil requests to the village of Cedarhurst, they were completely ignored, in direct violation of the New York State Open Meeting law. He wants to know who he goes to, to have that rectified. He doesn't want to talk about the subject matters here, he wants the foil requests to be handled in a proper way. Mayor Weinstock told him that we will investigate his foil requests and respond accordingly.

David Kronenberg, of 17 Spruce Street, received a bill for his pool. He hasn't opened the pool in a few years. The second item he brought up was that the Village doesn't enforce completion of houses. He believes it's a total disregard to the people who live on the block, it brings down the value of the other homes, it brings cats to the area. It's a quality-of-life issue. About the pool, he was told that he would have to fill in the pool if he didn't want to pay the bill. He will call Trustee Brown tomorrow about the houses and Evan or Sal will get in touch with Mr. Kronenberg regarding the pool bill. Mayor Weinstock said that the Board will look at the code regarding pools and consider revising it to include pools that are closed and are not subject to pay the annual license fee.

Nancy Max, of 46 Maple Avenue, is sure that everyone is aware of the very volatile amount of antisemitism, not only in NY, but also all over the world. She wants to know if the Village, especially the mayor, is open to having some kind of group forum which will eventually go across the entire country. It would be for ordinary people speaking out against antisemitism. She was thinking to have a discourse with people who are antisemitic. Trustee Brown added that he has a more effective solution, and that is, as NYS Assemblyman, he has six bills on antisemitism, and two of these bills didn't even get a bill number because of the speaker, Carl Hastey, Jewish people are the smallest minority, why should targeting a Jew be brought to the forefront? People

should realize that it's the legislators that are going after us. It's time to start voting the right way. Mrs. Max said that she is not talking about political issues. She is not talking about politicians or government officials; she wants ordinary people to sit down and talk with each other. Mrs. Max said that she doesn't have any kind of a plan. Mayor Weinstock suggested that she should formalize a plan and get back to the Board. Trustee Zisman said that she would help Mrs. Max organize something.

David Avitan, of 451 Summit Avenue, last year the Village built a small sitting area for seniors, in the park, which faces the front of his house. A lot of people, not from this town, are sitting there and they are not senior citizens. They are smoking weed, there are young people, couples. He thinks it would be a good idea to remove that section or put it in the middle of the park. The park should be for the people that are living here. He will send pictures to the mayor. Mayor Weinstock added that the police officers patrol the park on a regular basis and asked them to step up patrols after 9 PM. He thinks it's a good idea to put up a gate and allow only people from the area in with a code, etc. Mayor Weinstock said that it is not feasible to gate and lock the whole park. Trustee Wasser suggested putting up more signs in the park stating the time the park closes.

Law-Ced Fire Dept Chief Meyer Adler, of 442 Broadway, has lived here for over twenty years. His pet peeve here is the people that double park on Central Avenue. He wants to commend the parking agents, because he sees them going over to them and telling them it's time to move or they write them a ticket. He hopes this new parking lot will help diminish the double-parking issue.

Michael Hatten, of 56 Washington Avenue, resident for 27 years, came to discuss the property at 68 Washington Avenue. He read from the Architectural code. He asked if this Board knows the decision the zoning board made on 68 Washington Avenue? He summarized the findings of that decision. The Village cut down a 100-year-old Oak tree. The Oak tree provided for the community, oxygen, took carbon dioxide out of the atmosphere. Trustee Brown addressed Mr. Hatten: The Parking lot was a necessity. The parking lot on Washington Avenue is the smallest lot and heavily impacting the area. A lengthy discussion followed.

Ed Gottlieb, of 96 Chauncey Lane Lawrence, is the tree chair at the Village of Lawrence. He came to discuss a matter of environmental importance, regarding the decision to remove a century old oak tree in Cedarhurst. He believes that we should preserve our trees. The Village should strive for a balance between both progress and preservation.

Nancy Max, of 46 Maple Avenue, asked who takes care of the storm drains, there is flooding at the corners of Maple and Broadway and Maple and Central.

Karen Freifeld, of 336 Argyle Road, she wants to know the status of Tobacco Road. Someone came to her door looking for signatures. The owner proposed valet parking and was trying to get the area's denial changed. Mayor Weinstock said that the Zoning Board entered a written decision, it was filed with the Village Clerk, the clock is ticking on an Article 78. The Village doesn't know what the owner of the shop is going to do. She also brought up that the business, Platinum Construction, that is a tenant of Tobacco Road, is still parking their trucks on the street.

The trucks are both commercial and not. Mayor Weinstock pointed out that he sends code enforcement down there and vehicles have been ticketed.

There being no further business before the Board, on motion of Trustee Brown, seconded by Trustee Plaut, the meeting was duly adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Salvatore Evola  
Village Clerk-Treasurer