

The Regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Village of Cedarhurst was held November 12, 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 (via Zoom)
	Israel Wasser
	Daniel Plaut
Village Clerk-Treasurer:	Salvatore Evola
Dep. Village Clerk-Treasurer:	JoMarie Capone
Superintendent of Buildings:	Wayne Yarnell
Excused:	
Village Attorney:	Evan Newman

Mayor Weinstock explained that tonight's meeting was originally scheduled for November 4, 2024 but it was adjourned until tonight.

Trustee Brown led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mayor Weinstock announced that it is his great pleasure to announce that Deputy Mayor and NYS Assemblyman was just re-elected to his office for another term by a resounding vote. It's terrific for the Village and for the State of New York that you are up there driving them crazy.

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

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

On motion of Trustee Brown, seconded by Trustee Wasser, payment was approved of all properly approved vouchers, except as noted as per the Board Audit dated November 12, 2024, covering vouchers from October 16, 2024, through November 12, 2024.

On motion of Trustee Plaut, seconded by Trustee Wasser, the revised minutes of October 15, 2024, Board Meeting were approved.

A continuance of the Public Hearing was held to Amend Section 90-1 Riding Upon Sidewalks Prohibited. The Mayor explained that the Nassau County Police Department has released a flyer that quotes Section 2.A. Mayor Weinstock added that basically it says that riding a bicycle on the sidewalk is illegal; and if a person goes over 20 mph on a bicycle or scooter it has to be ridden in the street; riding scooters without helmets is illegal; if you are over 16 years of age you have to ride in the street as well; so it allows little kids to ride on the sidewalks. On motion of Trustee Brown, seconded by Trustee Wasser, the Public Hearing was Closed, and the section is amended to include the restrictions that are in Section 2.A of Nassau County which will be enforceable in the Village.

A Public Hearing was held to Add Chapter 111 Clothing Bins. Mayor Weinstock explained that what this does is that any existing clothing bins for charity purposes will remain, but it requires the installation of certain safety measures to keep them from becoming a nuisance to garbage, fire etc. and prohibits any new clothing bins from being installed. At the present time we only have one collection bin and that is located behind St. Joachim's Church. On motion of Trustee Plaut, seconded by Trustee Brown, the public hearing was closed and the local law adopted.

A Public Hearing was held to Amend Section 265-12 D Fences. Trustee Brown explained that this amendment to an existing code references fencing along any frontage in the residential area in the Village, specifically referring to corners. This will prohibit any type of fencing, irrespective of the type of material, to exceed the 25' front yard setback where the front door is, however, the other front yard on a corner lot may have a type of shrubbery in that, in the setback along the property line, as long as it doesn't impede or is adjacent to an existing driveway, from that property or that of a neighbor. It's really a beautification thing and the setback is a safety issue for sight line. On motion of Trustee Wasser, seconded by Trustee Brown, the public hearing was closed and the local law adopted.

On motion of Trustee Brown, seconded by Trustee Plaut, the Public Hearing to Add Section 265-37A Pool Cabanas and to Add Section 265-37B Pool Cabanas and to Amend Section 265-1 Definitions, was tabled to next month's meeting.

Mayor Weinstock brought up one more resolution that was proposed by the New York Conference of Mayors that since the State Legislature increased the amount of Aid to municipalities this year by a sum of Fifty Million dollars statewide, that we adopt this resolution in support of further increases to state aid to local governments. It's not a binding resolution, it's a good intent resolution. On motion of Trustee Plaut, seconded by Trustee Wasser, to adopt the following resolution:

**Resolution in Support of Continued and Increased
State Aid for Local Governments**

Whereas, until 2024, cities, villages and towns had not received an increase in unrestricted state aid (AIM funding) in 15 years, significantly impacting their ability to provide essential services to their residents; and

Whereas, after a prolonged period without financial support, local governments finally received an increase of \$50 million in unrestricted state aid; and

Whereas, local officials express their gratitude for the \$50 million increase in unrestricted state aid, recognizing it as a positive step towards addressing long-standing funding challenges; and

Whereas, the State has referred to this new aid as Temporary Municipal Assistance, suggesting that such increase may not continue, jeopardizing the sustainability of crucial municipal programs and services; and

Whereas, the property tax cap further limits the ability of local governments to properly fund the programs and services their residents need; and

Whereas, increased and ongoing state aid for local governments is vital for maintaining infrastructure, public safety, housing and other municipal services; and

Whereas, the challenges of inflation, the increasing costs of labor and supplies, and the end of extraordinary federal aid only accentuate the need for consistent and predictable funding to effectively plan for the future and meet the growing needs of their residents;

Now, therefore, be it resolved, that the Village of Cedarhurst calls upon the Governor and the State Legislature to commit to continuing the additional \$50 million in unrestricted state aid in the 2025-26 State Budget and beyond, and

Be it further resolved, that the Village of Cedarhurst urges state officials to recognize the need for a long-term plan that ensures consistent and predictable increases in financial support for local governments that keep pace with inflation.

A copy of this resolution shall be sent to Governor Kathy Hochul, Senate Majority Leader Andrea Stewart-Cousins, Assembly Speaker Carl Heastie, Senator Patricia Canzoneri-Fitzpatrick, Assemblymember Ari Brown and the New York State Conference of Mayors (NYCOM).

Mayor Weinstock said on the issue of old business, this affects the police officers present, we've had an extraordinary number of accidents in the Village in the last month. Is there any reason for it? Or is it coincidence? Trustee Brown asked Lt Sollin if we could get, for the next Board Meeting, a report of the age of the drivers, the situations, if there was any ticketing for texting, any other type of violation. Lt Sollin said he would. Mayor Weinstock added that we were asked by a resident if we could install a No Right on Red of Oakwood Avenue onto West Broadway. We will adopt the local law at the next Board Meeting. Do you have any thoughts regarding this? Lt Sollin has no objections. Trustee Plaut asked if any of the officers wanted to share any info about enforcement in the Village. Lt. Sollin said that the month of October was their High Holy Patrol which was devoted to synagogues. Going forward the numbers of tickets will be going up. Lt Sollin sent two officers to Albany for truck training, so with the addition of DOT and training we are able to do a lot more truck inspections and ticket wise.

Trustee Brown said on behalf of the Village Board we want to offer our condolences to the First Lady of the Village, Eileen Weinstock, on the loss of her beloved Father, who really was a part of our community, we've seen your in-laws for decades at the concerts. We also want to offer our condolences to our friend and colleague, Vinny Castagna, on the loss of his father.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Salvatore Evola
Village Clerk-Treasurer