

**INC. VILLAGE OF PLANDOME HEIGHTS
MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES
PLANDOME HEIGHTS VILLAGE HALL
AUGUST 7, 2017
MINUTES OF MEETING**

Present:	Mayor	Kenneth C. Riscica
	Trustee	Silva Ferman
	Trustee	Gus Panopoulos
	Trustee	Dianne Sheehan
	Trustee	Alvin Solomon
	Trustee	Norman Taylor
	Clerk-Treasurer	Arlene Drucker
	Village Attorney	Christopher Prior, Esq.

Absent: Trustee Daniel Cataldo

Also Present: Amelia Camurati Blank Slate Media

At 7:30 p.m. Mayor Riscica called the meeting to order and called for the Pledge of Allegiance.

The Mayor noted the unexpected passing of Rona Ross, resident and wife of Village Justice, Cye E. Ross. The Mayor noted that the Village flag on Plandome Road had been lowered to half-staff in respect of Mrs. Ross' passing. The Mayor represented the Village at the funeral and the Village Clerk and Court Clerk paid a shiva visit. A moment of silence was observed in respect of Mrs. Ross.

The Mayor noted that the first order of business was the approval of the minutes. The Trustees confirmed that they had read the draft minutes of the July 10, 2017 Board of Trustees Meeting and had no proposed changes. After discussion, upon motion by Trustee Sheehan, seconded by Trustee Panopoulos, the following resolution was unanimously adopted by all Trustees present:

RESOLVED, that the minutes of the Board of Trustees Meeting, held on July 10, 2017, are hereby accepted and approved.

Mayor Riscica then addressed the extension of the building permit for 200 The Tideway, Mr. Cheung. Mayor Riscica noted the progress report provided by Ed Butt, the Building Inspector, that Mr. Cheung was either on time or ahead of the completion plan. A discussion ensued. After discussion, upon motion by Trustee Taylor, seconded by Trustee Sheehan, the following resolution was unanimously adopted by all present:

RESOLVED, that the Building Permit extension issued to Andy Cheung for construction at 200 The Tideway, which was issued on December 17, 2016 on a month-to-month basis for a period not to exceed twelve months, to not later than December 17, 2017, shall be continued from August 17, 2017 through September 17, 2017.

Mayor Riscica then moved the discussion to operations. The Mayor reported that the Village's independent auditor had completed their audit of the Village Financial Statements as of and for the year ended May 31, 2017. The Mayor noted that the audit had been a clean audit with just two minor adjustments.

The Mayor then discussed Congressman Thomas Suozzi's meeting with the Mayors in the 3rd district held on July 17, 2017 to discuss local and national issues; 15 Mayors attended. The meeting was informative and productive.

The Mayor then mentioned that Phase 2 of the Capital Plan is on schedule and should be completed within the next couple of weeks. The work that will be done during this phase is paving Cove Road, Willow Court and parts of Shore Road. In addition, sections of concrete road on Plandome Court, curbs on Grandview Circle and gutters on Willow Court will be replaced.

The Mayor then moved the discussion to review village tree #224 at 74 Summit Drive, the residence of Mr. and Mrs. George McCarthy. The Board determined that the tree is declining and requires additional trimming of a limb due to woodpecker holes. In addition, this tree is in between two other trees which would both thrive if tree #224 was removed. A discussion ensued. After discussion, upon motion by Trustee Taylor, seconded by Trustee Panopoulos, the following resolution was unanimously adopted by all Trustees present:

RESOLVED, that the Village authorizes Mr. and Mrs. McCarthy, at their cost and expense, to remove tree # 224 with no need to replace the tree because its removal will assist other trees on the property to thrive.

The Mayor then moved the discussion to traffic safety. The first item discussed was a follow-up from the previous meeting's discussion on the traffic triangle at Plandome Court North. Mayor Riscica indicated that resident Kathy McIntee had expressed a concern with the line of vision for vehicle operators when pulling out of Plandome Court North onto Plandome Road. Since the last meeting, the bushes have been trimmed back to increase the line of vision when pulling out onto Plandome Road. A discussion then ensued regarding the ingress and egress to North Plandome Court around the triangle at that location including discussions held with NCPD to get their point of view on this issue. After discussion it was determined to table further discussion until the next Board of Trustees meeting to give the residents of Plandome Court (none of which were present) an opportunity to express their thoughts on the matter. The Mayor will reach out to the residents by letter.

At 8:12 p.m. Mayor Riscica moved to enter into Executive Session in order to seek the advice of counsel and to discuss personnel matters. This motion was seconded by Trustee Ferman. All Trustees present were in favor.

The Mayor announced that executive session ended at 8:27 p.m. with no action taken.

The Mayor noted that the next order of business was the review of Mr. and Mrs. Norman Taylor's request for removal of two village trees, #607 and #606, due to the excessive shedding of leaves at 17 Winthrop Road. A discussion ensued. After discussion, upon motion by Trustee Panopoulos, seconded by Trustee Sheehan, with Trustee Taylor abstaining, the following resolution was unanimously adopted by all Trustees present:

RESOLVED, that the Village authorizes Mr. and Mrs. Taylor, at their cost and expense, to remove trees # 607 and #606 and replace it with a substantially larger tree than the standard 2.5 inch diameter tree.

The Mayor stated that the next order of business was the approval of the Abstract of Claims. After discussion, upon motion by Trustee Sheehan, seconded by Trustee Solomon, the following resolution was unanimously adopted by all Trustees present:

RESOLVED, that the May Abstract of Claims Number 3 of the Budget Year 2017 – 2018 for claim numbers 55 – 84 in the amount of \$35,394.07 is hereby accepted.

There being no further business, Trustee Solomon motioned to adjourn the meeting and such motion was seconded by Trustee Ferman. All Trustees present were in favor.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:59 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Arlene Drucker, Clerk-Treasurer