

**INC. VILLAGE OF PLANDOME HEIGHTS  
MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES  
PLANDOME HEIGHTS VILLAGE HALL  
NOVEMBER 6, 2017  
MINUTES OF MEETING**

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

<b>Also Present:</b>	Amelia Camurati	Blank Slate Media
	Steven Krukowski	POP Officer
	Dan Hedgecock	POP Officer

At 7:31 p.m. Mayor Riscica called the meeting to order and called for the Pledge of Allegiance.

The Mayor welcomed POP Officers Steven Krukowski and Dan Hedgecock. The POP Officers conducted a presentation to the Board for the purpose of explaining the role of POP Officers within the community and discuss the various crime statistics for the Village of Plandome Heights. Overall, most of the crime statistics for 2017 were down from the previous year. The exceptions were grand larceny and traffic violations. The Officers also mentioned that the most prevalent and preventable crime results from leaving car doors unlocked. In addition, they recommend leaving lights on in the homes when it gets dark because the criminals scout out areas and notice when the lights are out continuously, especially between the hours of 5 pm and 7 pm. Other issues they mentioned that residents should watch out for are phone scams, solicitors selling candy bars which could really be people scouting out the neighborhood and criminals following amazon trucks to steal packages delivered.

The Mayor noted that the first order of business was the minutes from the October Board of Trustees Meeting. Although the draft minutes are in the Board of Trustees packages, the Mayor noted he hadn't had a chance to review the minutes and recommended the minutes be approved at the December meeting.

Mayor Riscica then addressed the extension of the building permit for 200 The Tideway, Mr. Cheung. Clerk Drucker discussed the progress report provided by Building Inspector, Ed Butt, that Mr. Cheung was either on, or ahead of, the completion plan schedule. It was noted this is will be the twelfth month and the last available monthly permit approved by the Board at the public hearing last year on November 7, 2016. As per the progress report, at this stage most of the work left is work that doesn't require a building permit. Trustee Sheehan noted that when she kayaks in the Manhasset Bay she goes by this home and it appears that there is an excessive amount of work still being done. Mayor Riscica stated that the Village will bring her concerns to the Building Inspector and have him review and comment on this further. A discussion ensued. After discussion, upon motion by Trustee Panopolous, seconded by Trustee Cataldo, 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 November 17, 2017 through December 17, 2017.

The Mayor then moved the discussion to the concerns with the water runoff on properties on The Tideway. The Mayor informed the Board that this matter was addressed by the Building and Zoning Board upon recommendations made by the Building Inspector after the Building Inspector met with the homeowners of 100 The Tideway, Andrew Fietta, 200 The Tideway, Andy Cheung, to attempt to resolve the issues. The Building Inspector recommended, as part of the solutions to these matters, that the village create a bump on Shore Road in front of The Tideway to direct the water from Shore Road to the storm drain rather than The Tideway. Subsequently, the Village hired Bob Keogh to create this bump for \$510. However, during the first rain after the bump was installed, it was observed that water pooled in front of 69 Shore Road. The Mayor indicated he then brought in village road project engineer Ed Kozak and village contractor Roadwork Ahead to ask them to make appropriate changes to the grading of the road in that region to ensure the water flows to the storm drain. The Mayor stated he expected this work to cost approximately a few thousand dollars possibly as much as \$5,000.

The Mayor then moved the discussion to follow up on the matters discussed at the public hearing held at the October Board of Trustees Meeting to consider a “No parking here to corner” sign on Plandome Court South. The Mayor noted that in the past month the Village hadn’t received additional feedback from residents. In addition, the immediate situation that created the backlog of cars on the road, is no longer relevant. After discussion, the board decided to take no action.

Mayor Riscica then moved the discussion to Village trees. The first issue is the request from Robert Lally of 6 Winthrop Road to remove a diseased and dying Japanese Red Maple tree which never had a number assigned to it. The second issue was two Norway Maple trees at 76 Bay Driveway. Tree # 265 is dead. Tree #264 has one lead that needs to be removed. Removal of this lead results in removal of half of the tree. The last tree issue was a request from Mrs. Erika Maurischat to receive an extension to plant a Blue Spruce tree at 69 Shore Road until the Spring of 2018. A discussion ensued in which questions were asked and answered. After discussion, upon motion by Trustee Panopolous, seconded by Trustee Sheehan, the following resolutions were adopted by all Trustees present:

**RESOLVED**, that the Village authorizes Mr. Lally, at his cost and expense to remove the Japanese Red Maple including stump removal; and

**RESOLVED**, that tree #265 and 264 be declared hazardous in accordance with Village code section §122-5 and inform the home owners at 76 Bay Driveway that they have 15 days to remove both trees and the stumps at their cost and expense; and

**RESOLVED**, that the Maurischats receive an extension to plant the replacement Blue Spruce tree until the Spring of 2018.

The Mayor then moved the discussion to the CHIPS program. The Mayor noted back in September 2017 the Board approve utilizing \$10,000 from CHIPS/Pave/EWR of the available combined CHIPS/Pave/EWR amount of \$50,000. Mayor Riscica noted that many of our regular project needs do not qualify for CHIPS/Pave/EWR reimbursement. Therefore, he suggested that the Village consider drawing down additional CHIPS/Pave/EWR money especially since we are now earning a decent interest rate at the banks. After discussion, upon motion by Trustee Taylor,

seconded by Trustee Panopoulos, the following resolution were unanimously adopted by all Trustees present:

**RESOLVED**, to increase the approved amount to utilize from CHIPS/Pave/EWR from \$10,000 to up to \$25,000 for eligible matters and the Mayor and the Clerk-Treasurer are authorized to execute such documents as are necessary to effectuate this action.

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

**RESOLVED**, that the November Abstract of Claims Number 6 of the Budget Year 2017 – 2018 for claim numbers 139 – 166 in the amount of \$28,082.37 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 9:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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Arlene Drucker, Clerk-Treasurer