

**VILLAGE OF MATINECOCK
2023/24 BUDGET HEARING
AND
REGULAR BOARD OF TRUSTEES' MEETING
APRIL 18, 2023**

The 2023/24 Budget Hearing and regular Trustees' meeting was held by the Board of Trustees of the Incorporated Village of Matinecock, Nassau County, New York, at Portledge School on Duck Pond Road in the Village, on Tuesday, April 18, 2023 at 6:30 P.M.

Present:	Kenneth J. Goodman	Mayor
	Albert Kalimian	Trustee
	Linda Berke	Trustee
	William R. Denslow, Jr.	Trustee
	William I. Hollingsworth, III	Trustee
	Robert Marmorale	Trustee

Absent:	Carol Large	Trustee
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Also Present:	Jennifer A. Zoufaly, Village Clerk/Treasurer
	James Wellington, Commissioner of Public Works
	Peter P. MacKinnon, Esq., of
	Humes & Wagner, LLP
	Attorneys for the Village

The Mayor called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. He requested that the affidavits of mailing and posting of the Public Information Notice in compliance with the Open Meetings Law, be presented and annexed to the minutes of this meeting.

BUDGET HEARING

The Mayor then called the 2023/24 Budget Hearing to order. He announced that the public hearing was on the Village's 2023/24 tentative budget. He stated that a copy of the tentative budget had been on file at the office of the Village Attorneys, Humes & Wagner, LLP and open to public inspection since April 5, 2023, the date of publication of the notice of this hearing. The affidavit of publication of the notice of the hearing was presented and ordered annexed to these minutes.

The Board then reviewed the details of the Village's 2023/24 proposed budget. After further discussion, the Mayor called for comments in favor of, or in opposition to, the proposed budget. There being no further questions, the Mayor declared the Budget Hearing closed.

The Mayor then called to order the regular meeting of the Board of Trustees.

ADOPTION OF 2023/2024 VILLAGE BUDGET

The Mayor then requested that the Trustees consider formal adoption of the 2023/2024 Village Budget and the required associated resolutions to impose and collect the 2023/24 Village tax levy. Accordingly, the Board, on motion duly made and seconded, unanimously

RESOLVED, that the Village's 2023/24 proposed budget, which was the subject of the foregoing public hearing be, and the same hereby is, adopted as the budget of this Village for the fiscal year June 1, 2023 through May 31, 2024, and

TAX LEVY

FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Village real estate tax of the Incorporated Village of Matinecock, Nassau County, New York, be, and the same hereby is, levied on taxable property in the Village for the fiscal year June 1, 2023 through May 31, 2024 in the sum of \$1,588,221 at the rate of \$790.77 per \$100 of assessed valuation, and the amount to be raised by the Village fire tax in the sum of \$106,008 at the rate of \$277.69 per \$100 of assessed valuation on those properties in the Village, but outside of the Locust Valley Fire District, and

TAX WARRANT AND ASSESSMENT ROLL

FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Mayor or Deputy Mayor be, and they hereby are, authorized and directed to sign the Treasurer's Warrant to collect said taxes and that the Clerk be, and she hereby is, authorized and directed to attest the same under the corporate seal of this Village and to deliver the assessment roll with said warrant thereto annexed to the Treasurer's Warrant, and

TREASURER'S NOTICE

FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Treasurer be, and she hereby is, directed to publish the notice required by Section 1428 of the Real Property Law in the Glen Cove Oyster Bay Record Pilot, the official newspaper of this Village, in the May 17 and May 24, 2023, issues or in the earliest publication date available, and

FURTHER RESOLVED, that pursuant to Section 1430 of the Real Property Law, extension of said taxes on the assessment roll of this Village be made accordingly, and

DEPARTMENT OF AUDIT AND CONTROL

FURTHER RESOLVED, that a copy of the aforesaid budget be attached to the minutes of this meeting and a certified copy thereof forwarded to the Department of Audit and Control at Albany, New York.

Votes in favor:	Kenneth J. Goodman, MD	Aye
	Albert Kalimian	Aye
	Linda Berke	Aye
	William R. Denslow, Jr.	Aye
	William Hollingsworth	Aye
	Robert Marmorale	Aye

Votes in opposition: None

Not voting as not being
being present: Carol E. Large

MINUTES

The Mayor called for approval of the minutes of the Trustees' meeting held on March 21, 2023, which, on motion duly made and seconded, were unanimously approved.

BILLS/ABSTRACT OF CLAIMS

The Village Clerk presented revised Warrant No. 706 dated March 1-31, 2023, in the amount of \$240,821.51 and Warrant No. 707 dated April 1-18, 2023, in the amount \$73,794.25. The Village Clerk also presented for the Trustees review, all vouchers with supporting documentation for said claims which are listed on Warrants 706 and 707. After discussion and an opportunity to review all claims presented on Warrants 706 and 707, the Board on duly motion made and seconded, approved all claims on Warrants 706 and 707 and directed the Village Clerk/Treasurer to make payment.

TREASURER'S REPORT

The Treasurer's Reports for the months ending February 28, 2023 and March 31, 2023, was presented, examined, approved and ordered filed, subject to audit. The Village Clerk requested approval to transfer \$35,000 from the General Saving Account to the Village's General Checking Account, copy of said request is annexed to these minutes. After discussion, on motion duly made and seconded, the Board approved and authorized the Village Clerk/Treasurer to make the requested transfer.

PROPERTY TAX CAP OVERRIDE

The Village Clerk reported that the tax levy in the adopted 2023/24 Village Budget did not exceed the current NYS Tax cap limitation of 2%. Accordingly, the Trustees agreed that it was not necessary for the Village to adopt legislation to be allowed to exceed the 2023 NYS tax cap override for the coming 2023/24 tax year.

CYBER LIABILITY INSURANCE

The Village Clerk reported that the Village's insurance agent has recommended that the Village consider obtaining cyber liability insurance coverage. The Board discussed the policy limits and exclusions of the proposed cyber coverage, along with the annual premiums. The Board agreed that the cyber attacks that would be covered under the proposed policy was very limited and those covered attacks were highly unlikely to occur, due to the limited types of public transactions the Village is involved with. The Board concluded that at this time, the proposed cyber liability insurance coverage was not warranted, nor cost effective, based upon the policy premiums and the limited Village exposure to such cyber threats.

SMALL CLAIMS ASSESSMENT REVIEW - TAX REFUNDS - 2022/23

The Village Clerk circulated to the Trustees a report on the Small Claims Assessment Review (SCAR) proceedings held for the tax year 2022/23 (*copy attached*). The report sets forth both the assessments that were sustained and those assessments for which reductions were awarded by the SCAR hearing Officer. The report also noted the tax refunds due to the property owner whose assessments were reduced. The Village Attorney noted that the cases that were settled were based on a combination of factors including purchase/sales price, moratorium/carry forward value from the previous year, or a Nassau County assessment reduction. After discussion, and on motion duly made and seconded, it was unanimously

RESOLVED, that the Village Clerk/Treasurer be, and she hereby is, directed to reduce the Village assessment for the following properties on the Village's 2022/23 assessment roll and she is further authorized to pay to the owners and/or representative the below Village tax refunds, without interest, provided the current Village taxes had been paid in full.

BUILDING DEPARTMENT

The Building Inspector's March Report on the status of current building permits and projects in the Village was reviewed and discussed.

POLICE REPORT

The Mayor updated the Board on the Police Department activity in the Village. He noted that the additional patrols have been most helpful in keeping crime down. He also noted that the Commissioners are discussing the possibility of providing police protection services to another Village. This proposal is in the initial discussion stage and no decision has been made. Lastly, the Brookville Police have applied for a body camera grant and they are hoping to hear about the funding soon.

COMMISSIONER OF PUBLIC WORKS REPORT

Commissioner Wellington reported that during the past month there's been little activity in the Village. He has arranged with Busch Brothers to do the annual cleaning of the Village street catch basins. Testa Landscaping has installed the missing or damaged street markers on Piping Rock Rd. The replacement stakes will be painted in the very near future. Lastly, he reported that the safety mirror at Oyster Bay Road/Coffin Woods entrance has been installed.

THORNE LANE DRAINAGE PROJECT

The Village Attorney reported that the Village is required to enter into an Inter Municipal Agreement (IMA) with Nassau County in order to receive the authorized funding for the Thorne Lane drainage project. In connection with entering into an IMA with Nassau County, it is necessary for the Village to consider this action under NY SEQR regulations. The Board agreed that under SEQRA, entering into an Inter Municipal Agreement (IMA) with Nassau County to receive the authorized funding for the Thorne Lane drainage project would be classified as a Type II

action. Accordingly, on motion duly made and seconded, the Board of Trustees adopted the following resolutions:

RESOLVED, that the Village’s action of entering into an IMA with the County of Nassau for funding of the Thorne Lane Drainage Project is classified as a Type II Action as defined by SEQRA Regulations, which will not have a significant effect on the environment; and

FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Mayor ,or in his absence, the Deputy Mayor, are hereby authorized to enter into and execute on behalf of the Village, an Inter Municipal Agreement with Nassau County and the Village and all other required documentation, under the IMA for the Nassau County funding of the Thorne Lane Drainage Project.

All in favor:	Kenneth J. Goodman	Aye
	Albert Kalimian	Aye
	Linda Berke	Aye
	William R. Denslow, Jr.	Aye
	William I. Hollingsworth, III	Aye
	Robert Marmorale	Aye

Absent: Carol Large

VILLAGE ATTORNEY REPORT

The Village Attorney reported that he received a call from Emmi Industries, the Village’s garbage carter, that Mr. Anzalone of 6 High Ridge Lane had disposed of hazardous material in his garbage, which caused injury to Emmi’s driver. Mr. Anzalone was notified that effective immediately, that if any further hazardous material, or construction debris was placed out for Village collection, the Village Carter was directed not pick up the prohibited material and the Village will terminate all future garbage pickup from his residence. The Village Clerk reported that Joe Emmi spoke with Mr. Anzalone, who agreed that he will abide by the Village directive, and that this incident will not occur in the future.

NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of the Board of Trustees is scheduled for May 16, 2023.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.



Village Clerk