

**VILLAGE OF MATINECOCK
PUBLIC HEARING ON 2023 FIRE PROTECTION CONTRACT
and
REGULAR BOARD OF TRUSTEES' MEETING
DECEMBER 20, 2022**

A public hearing on the 2023 Fire Protection Contract and a regular Trustees' meeting were 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, December 20, 2022 at 6:30 P.M.

Present:	Kenneth J. Goodman, MD	Mayor
	Linda Berke	Trustee
	William R. Denslow, Jr.	Trustee
	William I. Hollingsworth, III	Trustee
	Albert Kalimian	Trustee
	Carol E. Large	Trustee
Absent:	Robert Marmorale	Trustee
Also present:	Jay Neitz, Manager, Northwell Health Svcs.	
	Chad Brisbane, Village Fire Dept. Liason	
	Greg Caranio, Village Resident	
	James F. Wellington, Commissioner of Public Works	
	Jennifer A. Zoufaly, Village Clerk/Treasurer	
	Peter P. MacKinnon, Esq., of	
	Humes & Wagner, LLP	
	Attorneys for the Village	

The Mayor called to order the regular meeting of the Board of Trustees. He requested that the affidavits of mailing and posting of the Public Information Notice in compliance with the Open Meetings Law, which were presented, be annexed to the minutes of this meeting. He stated that the Board would first consider matters involving members of the public.

NORTH WELL HEALTH AMBULANCE DISCUSSION

Mr. Jay Neitz, Manager of the Northwell Health Ambulance Services addressed the Board. He noted that the Village had expressed an interest in learning what emergency medical ambulance services (EMS) that Northwell Health could provide to the Village. He discussed with the Board the current arrangements that Northwell has entered into with various municipalities and Fire Companies to provide all levels of EMS service from a full service provider, to serving as a backup EMS response, if requested by a Fire Company's EMS squad. Mr. Neitz noted that for providing ambulance service, Northwell would not charge the patient, but would bill the persons insurance carrier. Mr. Neitz explained Northwell's EMS staffing and allocation of its resources to provide EMS services. Mr. Neitz noted that Northwell is very flexible in working with a Village and its Fire Companies. The Mayor thanked Mr. Neitz and noted that the Village Board would give further consideration to pursuing and arrangement with Northwell for future EMS services.

2023 FIRE PROTECTION CONTRACT HEARING

The Mayor then opened the public hearing on proposed 2023 fire contract between the Village of Matinecock and the Locust Valley Fire District. The affidavit of publication of the notice of the hearing was presented and ordered annexed to the minutes. The proposed 2023 fire protection contract will require the Village to pay \$106,008, for fire protection and emergency ambulance

service for that part of the Village outside of the Locust Valley Fire District for the 2023 calendar year.

The Board reviewed the historic costs of past fire protection contracts with the present contract sum. It was noted that the major increase in the Village's fire protection cost is for the use of paid EMT personnel, renovations to the Fire Department and a new fire truck. After discussion, there being no further comments or questions, the Mayor closed the fire contract hearing.

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

APPROVAL OF FIRE PROTECTION CONTRACT

The Mayor then asked the Board to consider the proposed fire contract for 2023. After discussion, and on motion duly made and seconded, the Board unanimously

RESOLVED, that the Fire Protection Contract between the Incorporated Village of Matinecock and the Locust Valley Fire District for the 2023 calendar year for fire protection and emergency ambulance service at a total cost of \$106,008, be, and the same hereby is, approved, and

FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Mayor, or in his absence the Deputy Mayor, be, and they hereby are, authorized to execute the Fire Protection Contract.

MINUTES

The Mayor called for approval of the minutes of the Trustees' meeting held on November 15, 2022, which, on motion duly made and seconded, were unanimously approved as amended.

BILLS

The bills listed on amended Warrant No. 702 dated November 1-30, 2022, for a total of \$111,255.32 and Warrant No. 703 dated December 1-19, 2022, for a total of \$109,219.27, copies of which are annexed to these minutes, were, on motion duly made and seconded, ratified and approved for payment.

TREASURER'S REPORT

The Treasurer's Report for the month ending November 30, 2022, was presented, examined, approved and ordered filed, subject to audit. The Clerk also circulated a copy of the current balances in all of the Village's accounts as of December 20, 2022, copy attached.

INDEPENDENT ANNUAL AUDIT FOR 2021/22 YEAR

The Village Clerk circulated the Independent Audit Report and management letter from Skinnon & Faber dated December 14, 2022, which reported its findings following an examination of the books and records of the Village for the fiscal period June 1, 2021, through May 31, 2022. After discussion, the Board deferred accepting the report until next month when they had sufficient time to review.

BUILDING DEPARTMENT

The Building Inspector's November 2022 report, copy attached, on the status of current building permits and projects in the Village was reviewed and discussed. The Clerk/Treasurer also

referred to the revenue report submitted by the Building Department Clerk for November 2022 activity, annexed.

The Village Attorney reported that, in response to a resident complaint, Portledge School had removed two large piles of sand and topsoil that the School was storing in the north west corner of the property. The Village Attorney noted that **School** was still before the Board of Zoning Appeals for final approval of its Health and Wellness **building**.

COMMISSIONER OF PUBLIC WORKS

Commissioner of Public Works, James Wellington, reported that the drywells on Underhill and Linden Farms Roads were pumped and cleaned. Rick Testa will be repairing the shoulder of the road at the drywell site. Mr. Wellington also reported he has coordinated with Rick Testa on installing, at the main entrance to the Coffin Woods preserve on Oyster Bay Road, the "Blind Driveway" sign and convex mirror.

POLICE REPORT

The Mayor reported that Village police protection from the Brookville Police Department has been running smoothly and the patrols are visible around the Village. He further reported that he and the other three Mayors attended the Nassau County Police Academy graduation of the Brookville Police Department candidates.

VILLAGE ATTORNEY REPORT

The Village Attorney updated the Board on the pending litigation involving 11 High Ridge Lane and Dr. Modlin. The Village Attorney also reported that the Notice of Claim recently filed by the Village by Old Brookville was denied coverage by the Village's insurance carrier.

PROPOSED LOCAL LAW C-2022 - "VIDEO CONFERENCING"

The Village Attorney circulated a draft of Proposed Local Law C-2022, which would allow the members of the Village Board of Trustees, Board of Zoning Appeals and Planning Board to participate in meetings via video conference in a manner consistent with the Village of Matinecock's Rules of Procedure and the provisions of Public Officers Law §103-a. After discussion on the proposed Local Law, the Board deferred scheduling a public hearing to consider adopting the Proposed Local Law C-2022 at this time.

NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of the Board of Trustees is scheduled for January 17, 2023.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.


Village Clerk