

**MINUTES OF THE 1153<sup>rd</sup> MEETING  
OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE VILLAGE OF KINGS POINT  
April 5, 2022  
Adopted on May 23, 2022**

The 1153<sup>rd</sup> meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Village of Kings Point was called to order by Mayor Michael C. Kalnick at 6:00 p.m. on April 5, 2022, at the Village Hall of the Village of Kings Point, 32 Steppingstone Lane, Kings Point, New York 11024.

**PRESENT:** Michael C. Kalnick, Mayor  
David Harounian, Deputy Mayor  
Hooshang Nematzadeh, Trustee  
Kouros Torkan, Trustee  
Ira S. Nesenoff, Trustee

**ALSO PRESENT:** Gomie Persaud, Village Clerk Treasurer  
Stephen Limmer, Esq., McLaughlin & Stern, LLP, General Counsel  
Chris Aiossa, Superintendent of Building Department  
George Banville, Police Commissioner

**ABSENT:** Michael Moorehead, Superintendent of Public Works

Mayor Michael C. Kalnick opened the public hearing on the tentative budget for the Village's 2022/2023 fiscal year, which has been posted on the Village website for the residents to review. The Mayor stated that the Board of Trustees, as it always does, has worked very hard to keep taxes down for the coming year. Among the difficulties faced by the Board, as usual, are the State mandates and other cost increases over which the Village has no control. Although most people think that the State mandated Tax Cap is 2%, in fact, the 2% is a maximum cap and the cap is actually the lesser of 2% or a computation based upon the cost of living. This year the Tax Cap for the Village is only 1.02%. Although it was with great difficulty, the Board attempted to develop a budget this year that is less than the Tax Cap, while retaining all of the high-quality services that the residents of the Village expect and deserve. However, because of the difficulty in determining how the state will interpret the budget and because of the difficulties imposed upon the Village if it exceeds the Tax Cap without adopting a local law to override the Tax Cap, for precautionary purposes, the Board finds it fiduciarily prudent to adopt a local law overriding the Tax Cap for the 2022/2023 fiscal year.

The tentative budget for the Village's 2022/2023 fiscal year is \$18,621,150.48. Of that budget, the Police Department represents 51%, Debt Service 11%, Fire/Ambulance 10%, Professional Services 6%, Administrative 6%, Garbage/Tree Removal 5%, the Public

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Works Department 4%, Maintenance 4%, the Building Department represents 2%, and the Court 1%.

No one asked to be heard and the Mayor closed the public hearing. Upon motion by Trustee Ira S. Nesenoff, seconded by Trustee Hooshang Nematzadeh by resolution # **2022-22**, the Board unanimously set a special meeting date of April 27, 2022, at 9:00 a.m. to adopt the **tentative budget as the final budget**. A copy of the tentative budget is on file with the Village Clerk.

Upon motion by Trustee Kouros Torkan, seconded by Trustee David Harounian, by resolution # **2022-23**, the Board unanimously approved the minutes as presented of the **Board of Trustees meeting** of March 17, 2022.

Upon motion by Trustee David Harounian, seconded by Trustee Hooshang Nematzadeh, by resolution # **2022-24**, the Board unanimously approved the payment of **audited claims** as follows:

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| a. General Fund: | \$ 117,232.89 |
| b. Trust Fund:   | \$ 84,935.00  |

A Copy of the abstract of claims is on file with the Village Clerk.

Upon motion by Trustee Hooshang Nematzadeh, seconded by Trustee David Harounian, by resolution # **2022-25**, the Board unanimously accepted the **Building Department report** for the period of March 2022, showing the total fees deposited of **\$42,385.00** into the General Fund and **\$152,000.00** into the Trust Fund. A copy of the report is on file with the Village Clerk.

Upon motion by Trustee Kouros Torkan, seconded by Trustee Ira S. Nesenoff, by resolution # **2022-26**, the Board unanimously accepted the **Village Justice Court report** for the period of March 2022, showing the total fees and surcharges deposited of **\$14,440.00** into the General Fund. A copy of the report is on file with the Village Clerk.

Upon motion of Trustee Hooshang Nematzadeh, seconded by Trustee Kouros Torkan, by resolution # **2022-27**, the Board unanimously **adopted the 2022/2023 Tentative Assessment Roll as the Final Assessment Roll**, and directed the roll be filed with the Village Clerk, and a notice of such filing be published in the Great Neck News.

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The Village Clerk/Treasurer advised the Board that there was difficulty in obtaining Inspectors of Election for the Village's annual election because of the requirement that there be two Democrats and two Republicans residing within the Village and, upon the suggestion of the New York Conference of Mayors, requested that the Board adopt a resolution expanding the residency requirements for the Inspectors of Election from just the Village to all of Nassau County. Upon motion by Trustee Hooshang Nematzadeh, seconded by Trustee Kouros Torkan, by resolution # **2022-28**, the Board unanimously changed the residency requirements of Inspectors of Election for the annual Village of Kings Point Village Election to be held on **June 21, 2022**, from just the Village of Kings Point to all the County of Nassau.

Upon motion by Trustee Hooshang Nematzadeh, seconded by Trustee David Harounian, by resolution # **2022-29**, the Board unanimously authorized the Village Clerk/Treasurer to appoint Inspectors of Election once the list becomes available from the Board of Elections pursuant to the provisions of the Election Law of the State of New York, and based upon the requirement that one-half of the inspectors be members of the Democratic Party and the other half be members of the Republican Party. Alternate Inspectors of Election for the annual Village Election will be appointed if needed from the list based on their availability on **June 21, 2022**; and **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that, the Chairperson and each of the other Inspectors shall be compensated at the rate of **\$200.00** for the day.

Trustee Hooshang Nematzadeh introduced **Bill No. 4 of 2022**, a local law amending Chapter 25, Notice to Property Owners, of the Code of the Village of Kings Point. Upon motion by Trustee Ira Nesenoff, seconded by Trustee David Harounian, by resolution # **2022-30**, the Board unanimously found that the adoption of **Bill No. 4 of 2022**, as a local law would not be an action as defined in 6 NYCRR Part 617 and would not have an adverse impact upon the environment if enacted, and authorized General Counsel to prepare, mail, and publish all of the necessary legal notices for a public hearing for **Bill No. 4 of 2022**, a local law amending Chapter 25, Notice to Property Owners, of the Code of the Village of Kings Point, at a meeting of the Board of Trustees to be held on **April 27, at 9:00 a.m.** A copy of the Bill is on file with the Village Clerk.

Although it is not expected that the proposed budget will exceed the tax levy limit, upon the recommendation of counsel in the event that the budget inadvertently exceeds the limit, Trustee David Harounian introduced **Bill No. 5 of 2022**, a local law authorizing the Village of Kings Point to levy a property tax in excess of the limit established in General Municipal Law §3-c. Upon motion by Trustee David Harounian, seconded by Trustee Ira

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S. Nesenoff, by **Resolution # 2022-31** the Board authorized General Counsel to prepare, mail, and publish all of the necessary legal notices for a **public hearing** for **Bill No. 5 of 2022**, a local law authorizing the Village of Kings Point to levy a property tax in excess of the limit established in General Municipal Law §3-c., on **April 27, 2022, at 9:00 a.m.** A copy of the Bill is on file with the Village Clerk.

Trustee Hooshang Nematzadeh introduced **Bill No. 6A of 2022**, a local law amending Chapter 30, Police Commissioners, Board of, of the Code of the Village of Kings Point. Upon motion by Trustee David Harounian, seconded by Trustee Kouros Torkan, by resolution # **2022-32**, authorized General Counsel to prepare, mail, and publish all of the necessary legal notices for a public hearing for Bill No. 6A of 2022, a local law amending Chapter 30, Police Commissioners, Board of, of the Code of the Village of Kings Point, at a meeting of the Board of Trustees to be held on **April 27, 2022, at 9:00 a.m.** A copy of the Bill is on file with the Village Clerk.

Village Clerk-Treasurer Gomie Persaud reported that she has been actively looking for a Deputy Village Treasurer and has interviewed several candidates. She is recommending that the Village Board consider appointing **Julia Yan, CPA**. The Board reviewed and discussed candidate Julia Yan, CPA, and agreed that she would be the best candidate to fill the Deputy Village Treasurer position. Upon motion by Trustee David Harounian, seconded by Trustee Kouros Torkan, by resolution # **2022-33**, the Board unanimously approved the appointment of Julia Yan as Deputy Village Treasurer, commencing on April 18, 2022, based upon an annual salary of **\$75,000.00**, and such other terms and conditions as shall forth in the Employee Benefit Handbook.

Mayor Michael C. Kalnick advised the Board that he is negotiating with the **non-union employees of the Village** and that he has agreed with them that if the negotiations extend past June 1, 2022, any increase in **salary would be retroactive** to June 1, 2022, and asked the Board to adopt a resolution to that effect. Upon motion by Trustee David Harounian, seconded by Trustee Kouros Torkan, by resolution # **2022-34**, the Board unanimously agreed that any increase in compensation to the non-union employees of the Village authorized by the Board after June 1, 2022, would be retroactive to June 1, 2022.

Mayor Michael C. Kalnick advised the Board that he is negotiating with the Kings Point **Police Benevolent Association** [“PBA”) and, subject to approval by the police officers, it would extend the existing contract from June 1, 2022, to May 31. 2026, upon the same terms and conditions as the present contract, except the compensation of the officers

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would be increased at the rate of 3% for each of the four fiscal years. Upon motion by Trustee Kouros Torkan, seconded by Trustee David Harounian, by resolution # **2022-35**, the Board unanimously agreed to the extension of the contract with the PBA, upon the same terms and conditions as the present contract, except that the compensation of the officers would increase 3% as of June 1 for each year of that four-year period, conditioned upon the approval of the extension upon those terms by the PBA and its execution of a contract to that effect; and **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that, upon the execution of the contract in accordance with those terms with the PBA, the Village police dispatchers would receive the same 3% annual increase as of June 1 for each year of that four-year period.

Based upon the performance of **Village Clerk Treasurer Gomie Persaud**, Mayor Michael C. Kalnick recommended that her compensation be increased to the rate of \$145,000/year as of May 1, 2022. Upon motion by Trustee Kouros Torkan, seconded by Trustee David Harounian, by resolution # **2022-36**, the Board unanimously agreed that the compensation of Village Clerk Treasurer Gomie Persaud be increased to the rate of \$145,000/year effective May 1, 2022.

Based upon the dedication and performance of **Gomie Persaud** since her appointment as Village Clerk Treasurer as of April 1, 2001, and her prior service to the Village of Island Park for 10 ½ years, upon motion by Trustee Kouros Torkan, seconded by Trustee David Harounian, by resolution # **2022-37**, the Board unanimously agreed to amend Article IX of the Employee Handbook, with regard to Health Insurance, as follows:

Effective May 1, 2022, the Village will pay 100% of the premiums for Health Care Medical Coverage for non-bargaining unit appointed officers of the Village who retire with at least ten years of continuous service to the Village of Kings Point who have at least ten years of service with another municipality within the state and are eligible to retire as a member of a retirement system administrated by the State of New York or one of its political subdivisions for the same coverage as then being provided to active non-bargaining unit appointed officers of the Village of Kings Point for the remainder of their life.

Upon the recommendation of Village Clerk Treasurer Gomie Persaud, upon motion by Trustee Hooshang Nematzadeh, seconded by Trustee David Harounian, by resolution # **2022-38**, the Board unanimously agreed to engage **Worldpay, LLC and AllPaid, Inc.**, to accept payments made by individuals using credit cards, debit cards, prepaid debit

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cards, and other means of electronic payment for transmission to the Village in accordance with its Merchant Agreement. A copy of the agreement is on file with the Village Clerk.

Upon the request of **Sheila Hakimi**, by an undated letter received by the Village on April 4, 2022, to change the address of her premises from 11A Mitchell Drive to 12 Mitchell Drive, and the confirmation by Superintendent of Building Department Chris Aiossa that the address of **12 Mitchell Drive** would not be needed for any other property, upon motion by Trustee Hooshang Nematzadeh, seconded by Trustee Ira Nesenoff, by resolution # **2022-39**, the Board unanimously agreed to change the address of 11A Mitchell Drive to 12 Mitchell Drive. A copy of the letter is on file with the Village Clerk.

Mayor Michael C. Kalnick announced that a special meeting of the Board of Trustees will be held on **April 27, 2022, at 9:00 a.m.**, and the regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees will be held on **May 23 at 6:00 p.m.** at the Village Hall.

There being no further business to come before the Board, the Mayor adjourned the meeting at 6:10 p.m.

Gomie Persaud  
Village Clerk-Treasurer