

INCORPORATED VILLAGE OF MALVERNE
Meeting of the Board of Trustees
Regular Monthly Meeting
December 6, 2023
Minutes

Present

Mayor Timothy Sullivan

Village Clerk/Treasurer Averil Smith

Deputy Mayor Scott Edwards

Village Attorney Benjamin Truncale

Trustee Perry Cuocci

Deputy Clerk Jill Valli

Trustee Carl Prizzi

Trustee Lori Lang

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m.

The Pledge to the Flag was recited followed by a moment of silence for John Armstrong, Patricia Carey, Erin Meade, and Maureen Wendt.

Mayor's Update – The Mayor spoke about the successful Holiday Lighting events and the new additions for 2023. The carousel was sponsored by Liberty Water, Northwell LIJ and H2M. The Pine Stream Extension is still awaiting DEC approval to break ground. The new Police Headquarters renovation is on track for late spring opening. The road work punch list was completed with some additional drywells installed as necessary. Ackley Avenue will be repaved in the Spring, as the water main replacement is now complete. The fall tree planting initiative has resulted in the planting of 65 new trees in the Village.

Department Reports

Ambulance Corps – the Mayor shared that he is working with the Ambulance Corps to determine their future role in the Village.

Building Department – Superintendent Louis Santora reported that the electronic application portal is in full swing.

Cable TV – Trustee Prizzi thanked the whole team for covering all the Lighting events. He reported that the Lighting went live for the first time on Malverne TV and social media.

Celebrations – Trustee Lang thanked the volunteers and departments who helped with all the Lighting activities.

DPW – Superintendent Kevin Brady reported that this week is the last week for leaf collection in the street. He reviewed the sanitation schedule for the upcoming holidays.

Education – Trustee Lang spoke about all the schools that performed at the Lighting. All of the schools have winter concert events. Visit the school websites for more information.

Fire Department – Chief Garvey presented the statistical report for the month.

Village Historian – David Weinstein reported on the 1948 donation of a carillon for the Community Presbyterian Church. On behalf of the Historical Society, he reported that the *Fireside Photo with Santa* event was attended by over 200 children and the *Holiday Gala* had the largest attendance to date.

Library – Library Director Carol Lagos highlighted events for adults, teens and children for the month of December. New museum passes for the 9/11 museum are available. There are collection boxes for *Toys for Tots* and *Cellphones for Soldiers* in the Library.

Police Department – Chief Aresta presented the statistical reports for the month of November. He cautioned the residents to be careful as boxes are being stolen off stoops. He shared tips to avoid burglary. The 2023 Holiday Lighting attracted one of the largest crowds ever.

Police Reserves – Chief Oliva thanked his members for their participation in the Lighting.

Youth Board – Trustee Prizzi thanked the Youth Board members who supported their events in 2023. February 24th Hofstra Basketball tickets are still available. The fall tennis program wrapped up last week. Winter Fitness Classes for children and teens at Fitness 19 are coming in the new year.

Public Input

Carol Hassett spoke on behalf of the American Legion and reported on recent Veteran and Legion events and future initiatives including *Christmas Blankets for Vets*. The Legion Christmas Party will be on December 17th at 3:00 p.m. at the Post.

Announcements

1. The filing deadline for all Partial Exemptions from Real Property Taxes for Senior Citizens, Veterans, and Fire and Ambulance Volunteers is January 2, 2024. Applications are available at Village Hall and on the Village website.
2. The Lighting of the Menorah is Thursday, December 7th at 5:30 p.m. at the Malverne Train Station.
3. The Malverne Fire Department is conducting their Toys-for-Tots drive. Donation boxes are located at Village Hall and the Library.
4. Village Hall will be closed on Monday, December 25th in observance of Christmas and Monday, January 1st in observance of New Years Day.
5. The DPW will be closed on Monday, December 25th in observance of Christmas and Monday, January 1st in observance of New Years Day. As a result, Monday's sanitation will be picked up on Tuesday and Tuesday's sanitation picked up on Wednesday. For the

weeks of December 25th and January 1st, please put cardboard out with your Tuesday or Wednesday garbage. A separate truck will be dispatched to collect cardboard.

6. On behalf of the Board of Trustees I would like to wish all of our residents a Happy Chanukah, Blessed Christmas and a Happy New Year.

At 8:20 p.m. a motion was made by Deputy Mayor Edwards seconded by Trustee Lang and carried to go into Executive Session to discuss a particular person or persons, followed by Work Session to discuss matters listed on the agenda and transact such other business as may properly come before the Board.

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At 8:20 p.m. a motion was made by Trustee Lang, seconded by Trustee Prizzi and carried to open Work Session.

Resolution #231206 – A motion was made by Deputy Mayor Edwards seconded by Trustee Prizzi and carried approving the minutes of the November 1, 2023 Board Meeting, Work and Executive Sessions.

Resolution #231206A – A motion was made by Trustee Prizzi seconded by Deputy Mayor Edwards, Trustee Cuocci abstained and carried approving the minutes of the November 16, 2023 Public Hearing, ARB Meeting, Work and Executive Sessions.

Resolution #231206B – A motion was made by Trustee Lang seconded by Deputy Mayor Edwards and carried acknowledging that warrants A2321 and C2322 have received necessary approvals.

Resolution #231206C - A motion was made by Trustee Cuocci seconded by Trustee Lang and carried to adopt Local Law 3 of 2023 adding Chapter 400 of the Village Code entitled Prohibited Noises effective January 1, 2024.

Resolution #231206D - A motion was made by Trustee Lang seconded by Trustee Cuocci and carried to adopt Local Law 4 of 2023 adding Chapter 600, Section 13.19 entitled Transient Rental Property.

Resolution #231206E – A motion was made by Trustee Lang seconded by Trustee Prizzi and carried accepting the bid through Municibid in the amount of \$2,900 for a 2010 Ford Expedition formerly used by the Malverne Fire Department.

Resolution #231206F – A motion was made by Deputy Mayor Edwards seconded by Trustee Lang and carried accepting the bid through Municibid in the amount of \$ 7,600 for the 2012 Ford Expedition formerly used by the Malverne Fire Department.

Resolution #231206G – A motion was made by Trustee Cuocci seconded by Deputy Mayor Edwards and carried authorizing the Ford F150, currently assigned to the OEM to be transferred to the Police Reserves.

Resolution #231206H – A motion was made by Trustee Lang seconded by Deputy Mayor Edwards, Mayor Sullivan voted yes, Trustee Prizzi and Trustee Cuocci voted no, authorizing the DASNY grant in the amount of \$50,000 originally earmarked for the purchase of an emergency response vehicle for the Malverne Fire Department be reallocated towards the purchase of a new Fire Chiefs vehicle.

Resolution #231206I – A motion was made by Trustee Prizzi seconded by Trustee Lang and carried authorizing the Mayor to sign the agreement with Grant Guys for services regarding preparation and filing of a Federal Grant for the purchase of a new emergency response vehicle for the Malverne Fire Department.

Resolution #231206J – A motion was made by Deputy Mayor Edwards seconded by Trustee Lang and carried authorizing the Mayor to sign the agreement with IOMR to perform medical examinations for the Malverne Fire Department.

Resolution #231206K – A motion was made by Trustee Lang seconded by Deputy Mayor Edwards and carried approving Court Ordered Tax Refunds to the attached taxpayers and

Maidenbaum & Sternberg LLP for 2022 and 2023 in the total amount of \$230.29 plus awarded cost costs.

Resolution #231206L – A motion was made by Trustee Cuocci seconded by Deputy Mayor Edwards and carried approving Court Ordered Tax Refunds to the attached taxpayers and Long Island Tax Reduction Inc., for 2022 and 2023 in the total amount of \$276.34 plus awarded cost costs.

The Mayor and Village Attorney spoke about RAR challenges.

Resolution #231206M – A motion was made by Deputy Mayor Edwards seconded by Trustee Lang, Trustee Cuocci abstained and carried approving Court Ordered Tax Refunds to the attached taxpayers and Maidenbaum Property Tax Reduction Group for 2022 and 2023 in the total amount of \$35,487.75 plus awarded cost costs.

Resolution #231206N - A motion was made by Trustee Cuocci seconded by Trustee Prizzi and carried authorizing the Mayor to extend an offer of employment to Deborah Osborne, as Research Assistant to the Board effective December 13, 2023.

Resolution #231206O Approves the Mayoral appointment of an Alternate Member of the Zoning Board to fill an unexpired term ending March 31, 2024.

Resolution #231206P - A motion was made by Trustee Cuocci seconded by Trustee Prizzi and carried acknowledging receipt of audit report and financial statements for the Village and Library for fiscal year ending 5/31/23.

Resolution #231206Q – A motion was made by Trustee Cuocci seconded by Trustee Prizzi and carried authorizing the Village Clerk/Treasurer to sign invoices related to the Police Headquarters and Pine Stream Extension Projects after review and approval by the Village Engineers assigned to each project.

Resolution #231206R – A motion was made by Trustee Prizzi seconded by Trustee Lang and carried accepting donations from Liberty Water and Northwell Health towards Holiday Lighting activities.

The Mayor informed the Board that the Planning Board will be meeting shortly regarding the Atlas Court subdivision. The new owners are proposing a three-lot subdivision for single family homes.

At 9:45 p.m. a motion was made by Trustee Cuocci seconded by Deputy Mayor Edwards and carried to move to Executive Session.

At 10:30 p.m. a motion was made by Trustee Cuocci, seconded by Trustee Prizzi and carried to resume Work Session followed by a motion to close Work Session and adjourn.