

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

Present:

Mayor Timothy Sullivan	Village Clerk/Treasurer Averil Smith
Deputy Mayor Scott Edwards	Deputy Clerk Jill Valli
Trustee Perry Cuocci	
Trustee Carl Prizzi	
Trustee Lori Lang	

The Meeting was called to order at 7:35 p.m.

The Pledge to the Flag was recited followed by a moment of silence for Frieda Casini.

Peggy Urick from Woodmen Life Chapter 467 presented a check to the Board towards expenses of the September 11th Memorial Ceremony.

Mayor's Update – The Mayor updated the community regarding the water main replacement on Ackley Avenue and the adjoining dead ends, and the reengineering and repaving scheduled for the Spring. He thanked Malverne School District 12 for hosting the Summer Rec Program and looks forward to growing the partnership with our school districts. He provided an update regarding the Town of Hempstead hearings regarding the gas station on the corner of Ocean and Hempstead Avenues. The DEC has requested revisions to the Pine Stream extension project (Whelan Field) design plan. They are limiting the hard surfaces at the location and the plan will be reworked by our engineers and resubmitted to the DEC for final approval. The Mayor introduced Peter Trentacoste, who with Ben Truncale, will serve as the new Village Attorney.

Department Reports are on file. Village Historian David Weinstein reported on the formation and growth of local school districts beginning in the 1920s. On behalf of the Historical Society, he announced upcoming events including Historic Crimes of Long Island on October 29th at 3:00 p.m., Veterans Breakfast on November 11th at 8:30 a.m., Fireside Photos with Santa on November 19th, and the Holiday Gala on December 1st.

Public Input

Assemblyman Brian Curran – Announced that the 5K Run for Heros will be held on September 9th at 9:00 a.m. at Baldwin Park. All proceeds go to local Veterans organizations. Register online or on race day.

Michael D'Angelo – Crossroads Farm – Announced the fall operating hours and offerings. Upcoming events include the 2023 Sunshine Program for 3 ½ - 11-year-olds, the Farm to Table Benefit Dinner on September 14th, Civic Wine tasting on September 22nd, and on October 22nd the Fall Festival.

Liza Tom – Kiwanis Club of Malverne – Announced that they have recently become chartered for a Key Club at Malverne High School. The Back-to-School Supply Collection continues, with boxes at the Library and Village Hall. They have been working with Malverne Cinema to bring awareness to Kiwanis activities. The Kiwanis Installation will be held on Wednesday October 4th. They are once again partnering with the Village Wide Garage Sale by collecting unsold clothing, shoes, and books and donating them. A fall clean-up project is scheduled for October 28th at Hempstead Lake Park.

Jennifer Prizzi – Civic Association President – Announced that the Wine Tasting Fundraiser will be Friday September 22nd. Tickets are available online for \$35 per person. October's event is the Teal Pumpkin Project, and the annual Shredding event will be held on November 4th. The Garden Tour returns on June 22, 2024. The Civic Association is seeking 8 homes to participate in the tour. Their next general meeting is Tuesday, November 7th at 7:30pm at Village Hall.

Jan Kasal – MEFF 5K's 17th annual race will be on October 15th at 9:00 a.m. with a kids run at 8:30 a.m. He invited residents to participate and volunteer.

Elizabeth Krull – VP Chamber of Commerce – Announced three upcoming events. On September 13th from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. there will be a General Meeting at Crossroads Farm. The Double Fish ribbon cutting will be Wednesday, September 27th at 10:30 a.m. The 30th Annual Malverne Fall Festival and Car Show will be held on October 15th from 11:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. on Church Street and surrounding parking lots.

The Board and residents present discussed the plan to install pickleball courts at Westwood Park. The Mayor explained that he received feedback from members of the community that people were looking for an additional recreational activity in the area. Westwood Park was identified as a possible location because adding a pickleball court is not allowed at Whelan field under DEC regulations, and Harris Field has been recently renovated. Funding for the courts would come from Federal Grant Funds for COVID – we are using the money to upgrade technology and improve outdoor areas and improve parks. Carbone Park will be upgraded next.

The following residents addressed the Board regarding their concerns; too small a venue, takes away from serenity of the park, too noisy, removing basketball leaves no place for teens to play, poor aesthetics, hours of operation, and other pickleball courts available nearby.

Maureen DeNicola, 100 Malverne Avenue; Doug Fetch; Joseph Netcart; Barry and Roseann Siegel, Wolf Avenue; Michele Be, Webster Street; James Flynn, 175 Franklin Avenue; Lee Brogner, 59 Webster Street; Ed Tracey, 29 Webster Street; Dawn Dandrea, Ambrose Avenue; Andy Chernoff, 90 Morris Avenue W; Catherine McDermott, 9 Webster Street; Nancy Willis, 15 Croydon Street.

Announcements

1. Our annual September 11th Candlelight Ceremony will be held on Monday, September 11th at 8:00 p.m. at the memorial on Church Street in honor of the Malverne residents who lost their lives: Scott Bart, Jacqueline Donovan, James Haran and Diane Urban.
2. In recognition of Pediatric Cancer Awareness Month and in support of the Mary Ruchalski Foundation, the Village will hold a "Lighting of the Gold Tree" on Thursday, September 14th at 7:30 p.m. at Sgt. Winters Park on Hempstead Avenue.
3. A public hearing regarding updates to the Village Code pertaining to Noise and Transient Housing will be held on Thursday, September 21st at 7:00 p.m. at Malverne Village Hall.
4. The Village-wide garage sale is scheduled for Saturday, October 7th. Permits are available for \$10 each at Village Hall or at www.malvernevillage.org

As the High Holidays of Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur are in the coming weeks, we would like to extend our best wishes to the members of the Jewish Community.

At 9:45 p.m. a motion was made by Deputy Mayor Edward seconded by Trustee Lang to adjourn 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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Minutes

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At 10:00 p.m. a motion was made by Deputy Mayor Edwards, seconded by Trustee Cuocci and carried to open Work Session.

Resolution #230906H – A motion was made by Trustee Lang seconded by Deputy Mayor Edwards and carried, authorizing the Mayor to enter into the attached modified retainer agreement with Spellman Gibbons Polizzi Truncale & Trentacoste, LLP for legal services for a term September 1, 2023, through May 31, 2024.

At 10:10 p.m. Mr. Trentacoste joined Work Session.

Temporary Sign Permit – A motion was made by Trustee Cuocci seconded by Trustee Lang and carried approving the temporary sign permit for the MEFF 5K on the Railroad Fence.

Resolution #230906 – A motion was made by Trustee Cuocci seconded by Deputy Mayor Edwards and carried approving the minutes of the July 20, 2023, Special Use, ARB with Work and Executive Session and the August 2, 2023, Monthly Board meeting with Work and Executive Session.

Resolution #230906A – A motion was made by Trustee Cuocci seconded by Deputy Mayor Edwards and carried, acknowledging Warrants A2307, C2308, C2309, A2310, C2311, and A2312 have received necessary approvals.

Resolution #230906B – A motion was made by Trustee Prizzi seconded by Deputy Mayor Edwards and carried, accepting the donation from AnnMarie McNierney in the amount of \$1,000 for the planting of a tree and plaque in memory of Patricia Carey.

Resolution #230906C – A motion was made by Trustee Prizzi, seconded by Trustee Cuocci and carried, accepting the donation from Woodsman’s Life in the amount of \$460 for expenses related to the September 11 Memorial Service.

Resolution #230906D – A motion was made by Trustee Cuocci seconded by Deputy Mayor Edwards and carried, accepting the donation from the Malverne Chamber of commerce in the amount of \$600 for ½ of the cost for the Play in the Park.

Resolution #230906E – A motion was made by Trustee Lang, seconded by Deputy Mayor Edwards and carried, accepting MFD membership application #330 for Fabian G. Rivera.

Resolution #230906F – A motion was made by Trustee Prizzi seconded by Deputy Mayor Edwards and carried, approving the hourly rate of \$55 per hour for Malverne Tennis instructor Patrick Samedy for the 2023-24 Tennis Program.

Resolution #230906G – A motion was made by Trustee Cuocci seconded by Deputy Mayor Edwards and carried, approving Northport Tree Services as the vendor for the 2023/24 Curb Line / Front Yard Tree Planting Program and sets the resident contribution rate of \$190/tree and \$150/tree for senior residents.

Resolution #230906I – A motion was made by Trustee Lang, seconded by Deputy Mayor Edwards and carried, authorizing the Mayor to sign the retainer agreement from Walsh Markus McDougal & DeBellis, LLP to provide services as Zoning Board Attorney and Building Prosecutor effective September 1, 2023.

Resolution #230906J – A motion was made by Trustee Lang seconded by Deputy Mayor Edwards and carried, authorizing the Mayoral appointment of Patricia McDonald as a member of the Zoning Board to fill an unexpired term ending March 31, 2026.

Resolution #230906K – A motion was made by Deputy Mayor Edwards seconded by Trustee Cuocci and carried, authorizing the Mayoral offer of employment to Maurice Cavelle as DPW Laborer effective October 2, 2023.

Resolution #230906L – A motion was made by Trustee Cuocci seconded by Deputy Mayor Edwards and carried, accepting reimbursement from New York State for expenses related to tropical storm Isias in the total amount of \$7,507.85 and the accompanying budget adjustment.

Resolution #230906M – A motion was made by Trustee Lang, seconded by Trustee Prizzi and carried, accepting the Federal Assistance to Firefighters Grant in the amount of \$209,047.61 and authorizes project costs in excess of this amount be paid from the Fire Department operating account.

Clerk Treasurer Smith added that the intention is to use this grant over a 2-year period, providing it is technologically feasible to do so.

Resolution #230906N- A motion was made by Trustee Lang, seconded by Trustee Prizzi and carried, accepting the attached Town of Hempstead Fire protection contracts for North Lynbrook and Northwest Malverne.

The geothermal heating/cooling system at Village Hall was discussed. The system has not been working properly. An emergency work proposal is before the Board to service the wells at a cost of \$9,500.00 in an effort to solve the problems. The Mayor is committed to using geothermal over other alternatives. Going forward, the recurring course of maintenance for the wells will be \$3000 every two years.

RESOLUTION #230906O A motion was made by Trustee Prizzi, seconded by Deputy Mayor Edwards and carried to accepting the proposal from American Well & Pump Company for servicing of two supply wells for the Geothermal System at Village Hall.

The Board discussed the following items with no action with financial implications were taken:

- Omni Recycling – Rockville Center’s facility is at full capacity. As per last month’s authorization, the Village has extended the contract with Omni to coincide with the present garbage contract. Resident recycling education is being considered.
- PD Grant Assistance – Request to Legislator Gaylor for the PD Communications Tower is in the final approval process with the County. Requests on the State level will be made next Spring.
- The transfer of the OEM Vehicle to the DPW or Fire Department is being considered.
- 1 Britton Circle – Appraisal must be done in the near future to stay on schedule for the approved sale.

At 10:40 p.m. a motion was made by Trustee Prizzi, seconded by Trustee Cuocci and carried to move from Work Session to open Executive Session.

At 11:45 p.m. a motion was made by Trustee Lang seconded by Trustee Cuocci and carried to resume Work Session.

Resolution # 230906P - A motion was made by Trustee Cuocci, seconded by Trustee Prizzi and carried authorizing the Village Clerk to engage a forensic auditor as discussed in Executive Session for an amount not exceeding \$15,000.

At 11:50 p.m. a motion was made by Trustee Prizzi, seconded by Trustee Cuocci and carried to close Work Session and adjourn.