

**MINUTES OF DECEMBER 5, 2024
THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES
REGULAR MEETING
FOR THE
INC. VILLAGE OF RUSSELL GARDENS**

PRESENT David M. Miller, Mayor; Larry Chaleff, Deputy Mayor, Trustee Martin Adickman; Trustee Jane Krakauer; Trustee Matt Ellis and Lorraine Hunt

ABSENT Danielle Pennise, Village Clerk-Treasurer

PUBLIC HEARINGS

Mayor Miller called the Public Hearing to order to introduce proposed **Local Law (7-2024) TAX LEVY LIMIT OVERRIDE**. He stated that this gives the Village the ability to override the property tax cap as prescribed in General Municipal Law to adopt a budget for 2025-2026. He also stated that the Village would not be overriding the tax cap.

On a motion by Larry Chaleff and seconded by Jane Krakauer it was:

RESOLVED to hold a Public Hearing on Proposed Bill (7-2024) on January 2, 2025

VOTE OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES:

AYE: MILLER, CHALEFF, ADICKMAN, KRAKAUER, ELLIS

NAY: NONE

SANITATION BIDS

Mayor Miller opened the bid that the Village of Russell Gardens received for the removal of refuse and recyclables for the period of one year starting March 1, 2025 to February 28, 2026 with an option for two (2) additional one (1) year period. The bid received was from Meadow Carting Company. Their bid was:

\$270,000 for the 1st year (3/1/25- 2/28/26)

\$280,000 for the 2nd year (3/1/26- 2/28/27)

\$290,000 for the 3rd year (3/1/27- 2/29/28)

A motion made by Larry Chaleff to accept the bid from Meadow Carting for the removal of refuse and recycling and was seconded by Jane Krakauer.

VOTE OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES

AYE: MILLER, CHALEFF, ADICKMAN, KRAKAUER, ELLIS

NAY: NONE

HEARING SCHEDULED 01/02/2025.

On a motion by Larry Chaleff and seconded by Jane Krakauer it was:

RESOLVED to schedule a Public Hearing on January 2, 2025 at 8:00P.M. to adopt the Inc. Village of Russell Gardens Budget for the Fiscal Year 3/1/2025-2/28/2026.

VOTE OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES:

AYE: MILLER, CHALEFF, ADICKMAN, KRAKUER, ELLIS

NAY: NONE

REGULAR MEETING

MINUTES OF NOVEMBER 7, 2024

A motion was made by Larry Chaleff to accept the Minutes of November 7, 2024, and was seconded by Jane Krakauer

VOTE OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES

AYE: MILLER, CHALEFF, ADICKMAN, KRAKAUER, ELLIS

NAY: NONE

TREASURER'S REPORT FOR OCTOBER 31, 2024

A motion was made by Larry Chaleff to accept the Treasurer's Reports for October 31, 2024, and was seconded by Jane Krakauer.

VOTE OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES

AYE: MILLER, CHALEFF, ADICKMAN, KRAKAUER, ELLIS

NAY: NONE

BUILDING INSPECTOR'S REPORTS FOR NOVEMBER 2024

A motion was made by Larry Chaleff to accept the Building Inspector's Report for November 2024 and was seconded by Jane Krakauer.

VOTE OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES

AYE: MILLER, CHALEFF, ADICKMAN, KRAKAUER, ELLIS

NAY: NONE

MAINTENANCE REPORT FOR NOVEMBER 2024

A motion was made by Larry Chaleff to accept the Maintenance Report for November 2024 and was seconded by Jane Krakauer.

VOTE OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES

AYE: MILLER, CHALEFF, ADICKMAN, KRAKAUER, ELLIS

NAY: NONE

INVOICES

RESOLVED, to approve \$92,297.94 disbursements from First National Bank of Long Island General Funds Checking Account for invoices paid in the amount of \$74,454.60 in November 2024, Check #1179 to 1198 and Payroll disbursements of \$33,880.90.

VOTE OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES:

AYE: MILLER, CHALEFF, ADICKMAN, KRAKAUER, ELLIS

NAY: NONE

CONTRACTS

RESOLVED, to authorize the mayor to sign an agreement with Municipal Valuation Services Inc., in which Thomas Donato will act as engagement coordinator to complete the 2025/2026 Annual Assessment Update and Inventory for a fee of \$6,800. To review small claim and commercial certiorari settlements for 2024/2025 and to review assessment totals for roll Years 2024 and 2025, and to assist the Inc. Village of Russell Gardens with the preparation and filing of the Annual Assessor's Report, including adjusted base proportion calculations at a cost of \$1,300.

VOTE OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES:

AYE: MILLER, CHALEFF, ADICKMAN, KRAKAUER, ELLIS

NAY: NONE

RESOLVED, to authorize the mayor to sign an agreement with Municipal Valuation Services Inc., to act as consultant to the Inc. Village of Russell Gardens for 2025 Small Claims proceedings, in which a market analysis for each parcel will be prepared in the amount of \$125.00/parcel, and \$200/hr. for commercial certiorari proceedings

VOTE OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES:

AYE: MILLER, CHALEFF, ADICKMAN, KRAKAUER, ELLIS

NAY: NONE

RESOLVED, to authorize the mayor to sign an agreement with Nelson Pope & Voorhis LLC to perform planning and environmental services under the NYS Environmental Quality Review Act in consideration with the village to amend Village Zoning Code to allow religious uses by special use permit and to establish standards to consider in reviewing such applications. The fee for SEQR to amend zoning code is \$3,000.

VOTE OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES:

AYE: MILLER, CHALEFF, ADICKMAN, KRAKAUER, ELLIS

NAY: NONE

RESOLVED, to authorize the mayor to sign an agreement with Share Builder Corp. (53 Stevens St., Roosevelt, NY 11575) to continue to repair street curbing in the Village for the period of 10 days in December at a rate of \$1,100 per day.

VOTE OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES:

AYE: MILLER, CHALEFF, ADICKMAN, KRAKAUER, ELLIS

NAY: NONE

A motion was made to adjourn the meeting at 8:45 P.M. by Larry Chaleff and seconded by Jane Krakauer.

VOTE OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES:

AYE: MILLER, CHALEFF, ADICKMAN, KRAKAUER, ELLIS

NAY: NONE

THE NEXT MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES WILL TAKE PLACE ON THURSDAY, JANUARY 2, 2025.

Respectfully submitted,

Lorraine Hunt