

**MINUTES OF JUNE 6, 2024**  
**THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES**  
**REGULAR MEETING AND PUBLIC HEARING**  
**FOR THE**  
**INC. VILLAGE OF RUSSELL GARDENS**

**PRESENT:** Mayor David M. Miller, Deputy Mayor Larry Chaleff, Trustee Jane Krakauer and Village Clerk Treasurer Danielle Pennise.

**ABSENT:** Trustee Martin Adickman and Trustee Matt Ellis.

**Mayor David M. Miller** opened the meeting at 8:00 P.M. in Village Hall and announced the public hearing for the applicant, **Hertz Corporation** who is seeking a special use permit for 225 Northern Blvd., Section 2, Block 284, Lots 322, 521, and 522.

Hertz must provide the following which is contingent on the village to issue their special use permit.

- Hertz Corp has been operating without a special use permit for the past 10 years and owes the village two renewal operating permit fees.
- Establish plantings around property lot and provide a contract with a landscaper to maintain the plantings and grass around the property.
- Place new grass on the border located on sidewalk.
- Update site plan for parking and indicate the number of reserved spots for customers.
- Address vehicles parked in excess of 1 hour and overnight parked vehicles on Northern Blvd.
- Clear all open violations presented by the building department:12-10: Failure to provide annual inspection report of fuel burning appliances,12-27D: Failure to provide screening for the roof top HVAC unit.
- Hertz is to provide their HVAC design.
- In addition, as per the most recent inspection, the fire extinguishers on the premise need to be reinspected and properly installed according to code.

A motion was made by **Mayor Miller** to continue the hearing at another scheduled date and seconded by **Jane Krakauer**.

**VOTE OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES:**

**AYE: DAVID MILLER, LARRY CHALEFF, AND JANE KRAKAUER**

**NAY: NONE**

**Mayor Miller** announced that a proposed law on prohibited uses of room rentals will be scheduled. The Mayor commented that this law applies to residential properties with no lease less than one year.

A motion was made by **Larry Chaleff** and seconded by **Jane Krakauer**, to schedule a Public Hearing on **July 11, 2024** at 8:05 p.m., to amend Russell Gardens Code Chapter Section 60-42, Prohibited uses for room rentals.

**Mayor Miller** proceeded with the adoption of the board reports.

A motion was made by **Larry Chaleff** and seconded by **Jane Krakauer**, **RESOLVED**, to accept the minutes of May 2, 2024, Treasurers Report for the period of April 2024, and Building Inspectors Report, and Maintenance Report for the month of May 2024.

**VOTE OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES:**

**AYE: DAVID MILLER, LARRY CHALEFF, AND JANE KRAKAUER**

**NAY: NONE**

The Mayor proceeded with the adoption of the following resolutions:

The next resolution was to enforce residents to comply to stop signs throughout the village and to curtail speeding. **RESOLVED**, to accept communication letters to be sent to residents to enforce NYS Vehicle Traffic Law Section 1172(a) for the overall public safety of the village.

A motion was made by **Larry Chaleff** and seconded by **Jane Krakauer**.

**VOTE OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES:**

**AYE: DAVID MILLER, LARRY CHALEFF AND JANE KRAKAUER**

**NAY: NONE**

**INVOICES PAID**

**RESOLVED**, to approve total disbursements of **\$117,594.45** from First National Bank of Long Island General Fund Checking Account, for invoices paid in the amount of \$84,049.32 in May 2024, Check# 2320 to 2361 and Electronic Transfers in the amount of \$541.09 and Payroll disbursements of \$33,004.04.

A motion was made by **Larry Chaleff** and seconded by **Jane Krakauer**.

**VOTE OF THE BOARD:**

**AYE: DAVID MILLER, LARRY CHALEFF AND JANE KRAKAUER**

**NAY: NONE**

**VILLAGE CONTRACTS**

**RESOLVED**, to authorize the mayor to sign an agreement with American Secured Fencing Corp. 2190 Reeds Mill Lane, Bronx, NY 10475 in the amount of **\$10,975**, to remove and replace a chain link fence at the Joyce Cohn Pathway.

A motion was made by **Larry Chaleff** and seconded by **Jane Krakauer**.

**VOTE OF THE BOARD:**

**AYE: DAVID MILLER, LARRY CHALEFF AND JANE KRAKAUER**

**NAY: NONE**

**Mayor Miller** commented, curbing will be done in the village. There are seven miles of curbing to be done. This is the initial step prior to the pavement of the roads which has been moved to start next summer due to the current weather conditions.

**RESOLVED**, to authorize the mayor to sign an agreement with Share Builder Corp. 53 Stevens St., Roosevelt, NY, 11575, in the amount of **\$2,800** for chimney façade and to repair all damaged cobblestone curb joiners throughout the village at a cost of \$900 daily.

A motion was made by **Larry Chaleff** and seconded by **Jane Krakauer**.

**VOTE OF THE BOARD:**

**AYE: DAVID MILLER, LARRY CHALEFF AND JANE KRAKAUER**

**NAY: NONE**

**ACTUARIAL REPORT**

**RESOLVED**, to accept the Actuarial Report for the Inc. Village of Russell Gardens' Other Post Employment Benefits for the Fiscal Year 2023/2024 prepared by Cavooris Consulting Group.

A motion was made by **Larry Chaleff** and seconded by **Jane Krakauer**.

**VOTE OF THE BOARD:**

**AYE: DAVID MILLER, LARRY CHALEFF AND JANE KRAKAUER**

**NAY: NONE**

**277 NORTHERN BLVD.**

Bert Eshaghpour, owner of 277 Northern Blvd. requested a permit renewal.

Upon review by the board, a renewal was granted. **RESOLVED**, permit for 277 Northern Blvd. is renewed through December 31,2024 at a full renewal fee.

A motion was made by **Larry Chaleff** and seconded by **Jane Krakauer**.

**VOTE OF THE BOARD:**

**AYE: DAVID MILLER, LARRY CHALEFF AND JANE KRAKAUER**

**NAY: NONE**

**Mayor Miller** provided some general village updates and reminders to all residents.

Tennis courts opened Saturday, May 11, 2024. Repairs were done to the chimney of Village Hall in May and repair will also be done on the roof. A reminder from village code, Landscaping should be done from 8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. Monday through Friday and on Saturday, between the hours of 9:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. No work is permitted on Sundays. A reminder from last meeting, all dog walkers should be mindful of not walking their dogs on the lawn of residential properties and dogs must be kept on a leash at all times. Lastly, the new sweeper will arrive next week. Department of Public Works will repair street potholes throughout the village.

The next meeting of the Board of Trustees will be held on Thursday, July 11, 2024.

A motion was made by **Larry Chaleff** and seconded by **Jane Krakauer**, to adjourn the meeting at 9:00 p.m.

**VOTE OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES:**

**AYE: DAVID MILLER, LARRY CHALEFF AND JANE KRAKAUER**

**NAY: NONE**

Respectfully Submitted,

Danielle Pennise, Village Clerk Treasurer

Inc. Village of Russell Garden