

MINUTES OF THE REORGANIZATION MEETING
OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES
THE INC. VILLAGE OF VALLEY STREAM

DATE: APRIL 1, 2024

The public may attend the Reorganization Meeting or join on ZOOM using the link provided: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/7148140969>

BEFORE: EDWIN A. FARE Mayor
JOHN L. TUFARELLI, Deputy Mayor
DERMOND E. THOMAS, Trustee
SEAN WRIGHT, Trustee
KEVIN WASZAK, Trustee

PRESENT: JAMES J. HUNTER, Village Clerk/Administrator
MICHAEL J. FOX, Village Treasurer
DAVID SABATINO, Deputy Village Treasurer
MICHAEL T. HOPKINS & ASSOC, PLLC, General Counsel
ALISON WALSH, Personnel Officer

At 7:00 p.m. Mayor Fare welcomed everyone to Village Hall and those watching on ZOOM for the Annual Reorganization Meeting, introduced guests and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mayor Fare administered the Oath of Office of Trustee to John L. Tufarelli.

Mayor Fare introduced Rev. Steven Milazzo, Pastor of Bethlehem Assembly of God who administered the Oath of Office of Trustee to Sean Wright.

Mayor Fare called the meeting to order and asked the Village Clerk to call the roll:

Trustee Tufarelli	Yes
Trustee Thomas	Yes
Trustee Wright	Yes
Trustee Waszak	Yes
Mayor Fare	Yes

RES.049/24 MAYOR'S APPOINTMENTS

The Mayor hereby appoints:

David Sabatino as Deputy Village Treasurer for Planning and Development for a term of one official year ending April 7, 2025.

Michael Fox as Village Treasurer/Receiver of Taxes/Chief Budget Officer for a term of two official years ending April 6, 2026.

Gerard Frusci as member of the Board of Zoning Appeals for a term of five official years ending April 2, 2029.

Kenneth Bond as Chairperson of the Board of Zoning Appeals for a term of one official year ending April 7, 2025.

Cynthia Nunez as 1st Alternate to the Board of Zoning Appeals to fill the unexpired term of Annette Gray ending April 7, 2025.

Linda Skliros as 2nd Alternate to the Board of Zoning Appeals for a term of one official year ending April 7, 2025.

George Catalanotto as member of the Planning Board for a term of five official years ending April 2, 2029.

George Catalanotto as Chairperson of the Planning Board for a term of one official year ending April 7, 2025.

Fareda D. Khan as 1st Alternate to the Planning Board for a term of two official years ending April 6, 2026.

Angel Freire as 2nd Alternate to the Planning Board for a term of one official year ending April 7, 2025.

Yannie Chon as a member of the Library Board for a term of five official years ending April 2, 2029.

Joanne Fazzari as a member of the Library Board to fill the unexpired term of Ida D'Angelo ending April 6, 2026.

Margo V. McKenzie as a member of the Board of Ethics for a term of three official years ending April 5, 2027.

Jairo H. Correa as a member of the Board of Ethics for a term of three official years ending April 5, 2027.

Mark Daley as a member of the Board of Ethics for a term of three official years ending April 5, 2027.

Luigi Amorese as a member of the Board of Examining Electricians for a term of three official years ending April 5, 2027.

Harlan Wank as a member of the Board of Examining Plumbers for a term of three official years ending April 5, 2027.

Steven Saccareccia as a member of the Board of Examining Plumbers to fill the unexpired term of Robert Coppola ending April 7, 2025.

Casey Forthofer as member of the Village Tree Board for a term of three official years ending April 5, 2027.

Eugene Boening as member of the Village Tree Board for a term of three official years ending April 5, 2027.

Michael T. Hopkins & Assoc. PLLC as General Counsel to the Board of Trustees and Inc. Village of Valley Stream.

Robert H. Goldberg, PLLC as Tort Case Attorney.

Thomas A. Williams as Deputy Village Attorney, Architectural Review & Planning Bds.

Jaspan Schlesinger Narendran , LLP as Board of Zoning Appeals Counsel.

Ryan, Brennan & Donnelly, LLP as Tax Certiorari Counsel.

Jennifer A. Mazzei, as Deputy Village Attorney, Prosecutor.

Jane Zwirn-Turkin as Deputy Village Attorney, Prosecutor.

Mohammed T. Shaikh as Deputy Village Attorney, Prosecutor.

Matthew Fernando as Deputy Village Attorney, Prosecutor.

Robert M. Bogle as Deputy Village Attorney, Prosecutor.

Frank Roca as Chief Fire Prevention Inspector/Office of Emergency Management P/T. Gregory Bourquin, Richard J. Skellington, Robert Sarno, William Croak, Fred Gless & John C. Beck, Jr. as Assistant Fire Prevention Inspectors P/T for a term of one official year ending April 7, 2025.

Nicholas Cassano, William Grace, James Cassidy and Raja Ishtiaq as members of the Village Traffic Advisory Committee for a term of one official year ending April 7, 2025.

Trustee Tufarelli, Trustee Wright, Lillianne Correa and Alison Walsh as members of the Village Sexual Harassment Policy Committee for a term of one official year ending April 7, 2025.

David Sabatino and Thomas McAleer as members of the Community Economic Development Team (CEDT) established April 2019.

Christine Kelly and Cathryn Natoli as Co-chairpersons of the Beautification Committee established September 2020.

David Sabatino as Chairperson, Richard DeAngelis, Lee Feinman, Patrick Burke, Steve Thom, John LaBarbera, Rev. Steven Milazzo, Gena Rositano, Amy Bentley and Barbara DeGrace as members of the Sports, Parks, Arts, and Recreation Committee (SPARC) established April 1, 2013.

William Rohe, Kevin Hill, Michael Belfiore, James Hunter, Barbara DeGrace, Kathy Bogle, George Catalanotto, Shelia Irby, Patrick Clayton, George Schuchman as members of the Village Veterans Affairs Committee established April 1, 2013.

William Grace, Audra Hamlett-Gay, Alison Walsh, Brenda Acquavella, Kelly DuPignac, and Daniel Vecchione as members of the Workplace Violence Investigative Team established July 2008.

Trustee Thomas, Village Clerk James J. Hunter, William Grace, Shop Steward, Department Head, Alison Walsh and Daniel Vecchione as members of the Work Safety Committee established September 23, 2013.

MOTION BY MAYOR Fare SECOND BY TRUSTEE Tufarelli

ROLL CALL:	Trustee Tufarelli	Yes	Trustee Wright	Yes
	Trustee Thomas	Yes	Trustee Waszak	Yes
			Mayor Fare	Yes

The Mayor hereby designates:

Edwin A. Fare, Mayor as liaison to the Valley Stream Chamber of Commerce, Department of Public Safety, Village Building Department, Village Safety Committee and Village Training & Education Committee.

John L. Tufarelli, Trustee as Deputy Mayor for the ensuing official year.

John L. Tufarelli, Trustee as liaison to the Valley Stream Fire Department, Department of Public Works, Valley Stream Historical Society and the Community Economic Development Team (CEDT).

Dermond E. Thomas, Trustee as liaison to the Department of Recreation, Law Department, Valley Stream Youth Collaboration, the Nassau County Police Dept., Treasurer's Department, Office of Assessment and Vehicle Accident Committee.

Sean Wright, Trustee as liaison to the H. Waldinger Memorial Library, Valley Stream Schools, Valley Stream Civilian Patrol, TVASNAC and Village Attendance Committee.

Kevin Waszak, Trustee as liaison to the Valley Stream Auxiliary Police, Department of Public Health/Safety, Department of Parks, Department of Code Enforcement, Office of Emergency Management, Friends of Bridge and the Beautification Committee.

Carol W. McKenna as Village Historian.

Valley Stream Herald, Newsday and Tribune are declared the official newspapers of the Village.

Mayor Fare declares that the work sessions of the Board of Trustees will be held on the 1st Monday of each month at 6:30 p.m. The Regular meetings of the Board of Trustees will be held on the 3rd Monday of each month at 7:00 p.m.

MOTION BY MAYOR Fare SECOND BY TRUSTEE Thomas

ROLL CALL:	Trustee Tufarelli	Yes	Trustee Wright	Yes
	Trustee Thomas	Yes	Trustee Waszak	Yes
			Mayor Fare	Yes

RES.050/24 APPROVE VILLAGE AUDITORS

RESOLVED that the firm PKF O'Connor Davies, 25 Suffolk Court, Hauppauge, NY 11788 be approved as Village Auditors to audit the Village books including the Village Justice accounts, for the fiscal year June 1, 2024 - May 31, 2025 at a fee provided for in the budget.

MOTION BY TRUSTEE Wright SECONDED BY TRUSTEE Waszak

ROLL CALL:	Trustee Tufarelli	Yes	Trustee Wright	Yes
	Trustee Thomas	Yes	Trustee Waszak	Yes
			Mayor Fare	Yes

RES.051/24 MICHAEL T. HOPKINS & ASSOC. PLLC TO PROVIDE LEGAL SERVICES TO THE VILLAGE

RESOLVED that the firm of Michael T. Hopkins & Assoc. PLLC be and hereby is retained to provide legal services to the Village of Valley Stream as General Counsel for the ensuing official year at an annual retainer of \$65,000.00 payable to the firm in equal monthly installments for attendance at Board of Trustee meetings. All other services provided by the firm to the Village as reflected in the firm proposal on file with the Village Clerk.

MOTION BY TRUSTEE Waszak SECONDED BY TRUSTEE Wright

ROLL CALL:	Trustee Tufarelli	Yes	Trustee Wright	Yes
	Trustee Thomas	Yes	Trustee Waszak	Yes
			Mayor Fare	Yes

RES.052/24 MINUTES

RESOLVED that the minutes of the following meetings be approved.

- A. Regular Meeting – March 11, 2024
- B. Special Meeting – March 20, 2024 (Canvass the Vote)
- C. Special Meeting – March 25, 2024 (Present Tentative Budget)

MOTION BY TRUSTEE Tufarelli SECONDED BY TRUSTEE Thomas

ROLL CALL:	Trustee Tufarelli	Yes	Trustee Wright	Yes
	Trustee Thomas	Yes	Trustee Waszak	Yes

RES.053/24 TAX CERTIORARI SETTLEMENTS

WHEREAS, there are writs of certiorari pending in the Supreme Court of Nassau County against the Village of Valley Stream (the "Village") with respect to certain real property located within the Village; and

WHEREAS, the firm of Ryan, Brennan & Donnelly LLP, counsel to the Village for tax certiorari matters, has negotiated settlements of such cases; and

WHEREAS, the Village believes it is in the best interests of the Village to settle the outstanding writs upon such terms and conditions as have been negotiated by counsel to the Village;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that Ryan, Brennan & Donnelly LLP, counsel to the Village for tax certiorari matters, is authorized to execute stipulations of settlement in respect to the following cases; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Clerk of the Board of Assessors is authorized to honor such assessment reduction upon the tax rolls of the Village for the years 2023/24.

Owner/Rep	Sec	Block	Lot(s)	Years	Original Assessed Value	New Assessed Value	Negotiated Refund
134-140 Rockaway/ Murphy Lynch	37	125	14	2017/18 - 2023/24	9,755	7,000	\$9,000.00
52 Railroad Ilc/ Maidenbaum	37	532	463; 863A	2018/19 - 2023/24	19,585	12,000	\$21,000
65 Roosevelt/ Jaspan	39	384	9	2015/16 - 2023/24	46,952	42,000	\$18,000
ANMR Realty/ Jaspan	37	435	435	2013/14 - 2023/24	9,870	6,000	\$21,000

MOTION BY TRUSTEE Thomas SECONDED BY TRUSTEE Tufarelli

ROLL CALL: Trustee Tufarelli Yes Trustee Wright Yes
Trustee Thomas Yes Trustee Waszak Yes

RES.054/24 UNPAID TAXES

WHEREAS, the Tax Collector did return and file an account of unpaid taxes in the amount of \$478,659.44 with the Village Board, for the fiscal year 2023 - 2024 as of the 1st day of April 2024; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Trustees met and did examine such account and did compare it with the original tax rolls and did therefore, certify to the same to the effect that they found it to be correct; and

WHEREAS, no judgment has been obtained for said unpaid taxes and no sale on account of such unpaid taxes has heretofore been held pursuant to law; and

WHEREAS, from the account of unpaid taxes heretofore returned to the Village Board by the Tax Collector of the Village of Valley Stream, New York for the fiscal year 2023 - 2024, of \$478,659.44 remain unpaid, despite diligent efforts to collect the same;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that this Board determines to collect the amount of such unpaid taxes levied or assessed for the fiscal year 2023 - 2024 by a tax sale, in the manner and after the form and requirements as provided and prescribed by Section 1452 of the Real Property Tax Law of the State of New York, and all acts amendatory thereto; that the Treasurer of the Village of Valley Stream, with the account, affidavit and certificate of such unpaid taxes, upon receiving a copy of this resolution, be and hereby is authorized and directed to cause to be published in the Valley Stream Herald once each week for three successive weeks, a list or statement of the real property upon which such taxes are unpaid, as shown on the tax list, with the amount tax, fees, interest and charges thereon and also publication of a notice that a tax lien upon such real property shall be made at least 10 days before and not later than the 21st day of May, 2024, be sold at public auction, at a place in said Village to be designated by said Village Treasurer, to discharge the tax fees, interest and charges aforesaid which may be due thereon at the time of such sale; and that the Village Treasurer, at the time and place specified in said notice, proceed with the sale of said tax lien upon the real property upon which such taxes are unpaid as above set forth and continue the same from day to day until the sale is completed; and that such tax liens shall be sold subject to the provisions of the Federal and State Soldiers' and Sailors' Relief Act.

MOTION BY TRUSTEE Wright SECONDED BY TRUSTEE Waszak

ROLL CALL: Trustee Tufarelli Yes Trustee Wright Yes
Trustee Thomas Yes Trustee Waszak Yes

RES.055/24

PUBLIC HEARING FIRE DEPT. CONTRACT

RESOLVED that there will be a Public Hearing on May 20, 2024 at 7:00 p.m. at Village Hall, 123 So. Central Ave, Valley Stream, New York to consider contracting with the Valley Stream Fire Department for fire protection services for the fiscal year beginning June 1, 2024 - May 31, 2025.

MOTION BY TRUSTEE Tufarelli SECONDED BY TRUSTEE Thomas

ROLL CALL: Trustee Tufarelli Yes Trustee Wright Yes
Trustee Thomas Yes Trustee Waszak Yes

RES.056/24

APPROVE CONTRACTS/LEASE AGREEMENTS

RESOLVED that the Mayor is authorized to execute contracts/lease agreements as follows:

Vector Solutions, a TargetSolutions Learning LLC Agreement for On-Line Training for the members of the Valley Stream Fire Department effective May 1, 2024 – April 30, 2025 at a fee of \$18,085.55 to be automatically renewed until canceled at a 3% fee increase on each renewal date. (A.3410.469)

BK Fire Suppression & Security Systems of Brentwood, NY for an AES DPW Gas Pumps Maintenance Contract with AES semi-annual inspections (Pro Chem ATD dry chemical fire suppression) at an annual fee of \$490.00 effective April 1, 2024 to March 31, 2025. (A.1640.458)

Firehouse Systems, Inc. d/b/a Panther Compressors - Agreement for Enhanced CAT Software Service for the Air Compressor at the Valley Stream Fire Department Headquarters at an annual fee of \$1,960.00 effective January 1, 2024 to December 31, 2024.

MOTION BY TRUSTEE Waszak SECONDED BY TRUSTEE Wright

ROLL CALL: Trustee Tufarelli Yes Trustee Wright Yes
Trustee Thomas Yes Trustee Waszak Yes

RES.057/24

CLAIM SETTLEMENT

RESOLVED that the Board of Trustees authorizes payment of the following claim settlement:

VEA001/24 PD – \$9,663.02

MOTION BY TRUSTEE Wright SECONDED BY TRUSTEE Waszak

ROLL CALL: Trustee Tufarelli Yes Trustee Wright Yes
Trustee Thomas Yes Trustee Waszak Yes

RES.058/24

USE OF VILLAGE FACILITIES

RESOLVED that upon compliance with such terms and conditions as may be required by the Village of Valley Stream permission to use Village facilities is granted as follows:

A.J. Hendrickson Park Pool Lot – Valley Stream Kiwanis Car Wash Fundraiser – Sunday, May 26, 2024 – 10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. with no scheduled rain date.

Village Green & Community Band Shell – Danse Xpressions annual Showcase – Saturday, May 25, 2024 from 11:30 a.m. – 2:30 p.m. – no scheduled rain date.

Barrett Park – Robert W. Carbonaro School 5th Grade Class Picnic – Friday, May 31, 2024 – 9:30 a.m. – 2:30 p.m. – with no scheduled rain date.

A.J. Hendrickson Park Pool Lot - Holy Name of Mary School Athletic Department Car Wash Fundraiser – Sunday, June 2, 2024 – 10:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. with no scheduled rain date.

Barrett Park – Brooklyn Avenue School 3rd Grade Class Picnic – Wednesday, June 5, 2024 – 9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. – with no scheduled rain date.

Barrett Park – Robert W. Carbonaro School 3rd Grade Class Picnic – Friday, June 7, 2024 – 9:15 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. – with no scheduled rain date.

A.J. Hendrickson Park Basketball Courts – Core Group Enterprises Lab (CGE) Clinic beginning June 24, 2024 & concluding September 6, 2024 from 10:00 a.m. – 2:30 p.m. Monday to Friday. Courts remain open to Village residents.

A.J. Hendrickson Park Basketball Courts – Core Group Enterprises Lab (CGE) Ed Farrell Memorial Tournament – Thursdays & Fridays 6:00 p.m. – 10:00 p.m. on July 25 & 26, August 1 & 2, August 8 & 9, August 15 & 16, August 22 & 23 and August 29 & 30, 2024.

Barrett Park – Valley Stream Soccer Club - Spring Camp – Monday, April 22, 2024 – Friday, April 29, 2024 – 8:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

Barrett Park – Valley Stream Soccer Club - Summer Camp – Monday, August 19, 2024 – Friday, August 23, 2024 – 8:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

MOTION BY TRUSTEE Thomas SECONDED BY TRUSTEE Tufarelli

ROLL CALL: Trustee Tufarelli Yes Trustee Wright Yes
Trustee Thomas Yes Trustee Waszak Yes

RES.059/24 UNIT III CONTRACT AMENDMENT

RESOLVED that the Personnel Salary Schedule of the Unit III Collective Bargaining Agreement between the Village and Local 342, L.I.P.S.E. covering the period June 1, 2021 through May 31, 2026, be amended by:

1. Insert the title Groundskeeper/Superintendent of Public Works** (incumbent only) in Grade 15.
2. Insert the title Security Aide/Director of Recreation** (incumbent only) in Grade 11.

**Denotes in-house title

MOTION BY TRUSTEE Tufarelli SECONDED BY TRUSTEE Thomas

ROLL CALL: Trustee Tufarelli Yes Trustee Wright Yes
Trustee Thomas Yes Trustee Waszak Yes

RES.060/24 UNIT III TITLE CHANGES

RESOLVED that the following title changes be approved at the salary provided for in the Unit II Collective Bargaining Agreement and shall be effective upon the approval of the Nassau County Civil Service Commission.

Steven Acquavella From: Superintendent of Public Works, Unit III, Grade 15, 2nd Year
To: Groundskeeper/Superintendent of Public Works** (incumbent only) Unit III, Grade 15, 2nd Year

Jimmy Fitanzo From: Caretaker/Director of Recreation** (incumbent only) Unit III, Grade 11, 3rd Year
To: Security Aide/Director of Recreation** (incumbent only) Unit III, Grade 11, 3rd Year

MOTION BY TRUSTEE Wright SECONDED BY TRUSTEE Waszak

ROLL CALL: Trustee Tufarelli Yes Trustee Wright Yes
Trustee Thomas Yes Trustee Waszak Yes

Trustee Waszak: I hereby move that the abstract of audited vouchers be paid as soon as same is approved by the majority.

MOTION BY TRUSTEE Waszak SECONDED BY TRUSTEE Wright

ROLL CALL:	Trustee Tufarelli	Yes	Trustee Wright	Yes
	Trustee Thomas	Yes	Trustee Waszak	Yes

Mayor Fare asked for a motion to close the Reorganization Meeting.

On a motion by Trustee Tufarelli seconded by Trustee Thomas and carried unanimously, the Board of Trustees voted to adjourn the Reorganization Meeting at 7:23 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



JAMES J. HUNTER
Village Clerk/Administrator

SCHEDULE OF MEETINGS –

- Monday - Apr. 08, 2024 - Budget Hearing - 7:00 p.m.
- Monday - May 06, 2024 - Work Session - 6:30 p.m.
- Monday - May 20, 2024 - Public Hearing (Fire Contract)
& Regular Meeting 7:00 p.m.
- Monday - June 03, 2024 - Work Session - 6:30 p.m.
- Monday - June 17, 2024 - Regular Meeting - 7:00 p.m.
- Monday - July 01, 2024 - Work Session - 6:30 p.m.
- Monday - July 15, 2024 - Regular Meeting - 7:00 p.m.
- Monday - Aug. 05, 2024 - Work Session - 6:30 p.m.
- Monday - Aug.19, 2024 – Regular Meeting – 7:00 p.m.
- Monday - Sept.09, 2024 - Work Session - 6:30 p.m.
- Monday - Sept. 23, 2024 - Regular Meeting - 7:00 p.m.