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Meeting #8

MINUTES OF THE PUBLIC HEARING
AND
REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES
OF THE VILLAGE OF ATLANTIC BEACH

MAY 12, 2025

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Pappas called the meeting to order at 7:30 PM

SALUTE TO THE FLAG

ROLL CALL

Present were: Mayor George J. Pappas
Trustees Nathan Etrog
Barry Frohlinger
Anthony Livreri
Village Treasurer Herbert A. Klibanoff
Village Attorney Jared Kasschau
Village Clerk Emily Siniscalchi
Superintendent Vincent Amoroso

Absent: Trustee Patricia Beaumont

REPORTS

1. A. Police Activity Report – April 2025
Movers: 14 Parkers: 0 Aided Cases: 5
Larceny Auto – 2 incidents
- B. Atlantic Beach Rescue Report - Commissioner Nat Etrog
Report attached
- C. Park Commission Report - Chairman Nat Etrog
Report attached
- D. The Village Garden – Report given by Anita Geier
Report attached
- E. AB Cats – Beth Brenner
Report attached
- F. Beautification Report – Dolores Friedel
Report attached
- II. PUBLIC WORKS & BUILDING DEPARTMENT REPORT – Vincent Amoroso
Report attached
- III. CODE ENFORCEMENT REPORT – Vincent Amoroso - Report attached
- IV. TREASURER'S REPORT – Treasurer Herbert A. Klibanoff
For the month of April 2025– we had \$941,599.78 total cash available
Capital checking \$253,859.38; BZA Escrow \$36,091.81
General Fund \$624,648.59
- V. TVASNAC – Carl Baessler
Nothing to report

At 7:45 PM Trustee Livreri called the Public Hearing to order
Seconded by Trustee Etrog
Ayes: Mayor Pappas, Trustees Etrog, Frohlinger, Livreri
Noes: None

PUBLIC HEARING – ANNUAL STORM WATER MANAGEMENT REPORT – MS-4

Superintendent of Public Works Vincent Amoroso gave an overview of this report.

The Village of Atlantic Beach is required to file an MS4 (municipal separate storm sewer system) Interim Progress Certification and Annual Reports with the NYSDEC. The interim report was filed prior to the deadline of April 1, 2025 as was the Annual Report. The reporting period runs from January 3rd – January 2nd and requires a public hearing. The program has 6 parts, Public Elimination, Construction Site Stormwater Runoff Control, Post Construction Stormwater Runoff and Stormwater Management for Municipal Operations.

Some examples of compliance with the program would be:

- Public education involvement – beach cleanups, S.T.O.P Program (stop throwing out pollutants) and literature that is available)
- Illicit discharge – illegal dumping, illegal connections to storm drains or any contaminate that goes into a U.S. waterway.
- Site runoff and post construction mainly deals with property in excess of 1 acre.
- Municipal operations – street sweeping, drain cleaning

GRANTED

Motion by: Trustee Livreri Seconded by: Trustee Etrog
Ayes: Mayor Pappas, Trustees Etrog, Frohlinger, Livreri
Noes: None

At 7:50 PM Trustee Livreri made a motion to adjourn the Public Hearing and go back into regular meeting. Seconded by: Trustee Etrog

Ayes: Mayor Pappas, Trustees Etrog, Frohlinger, Livreri
Noes: None

RESOLUTION – Village Court Amnesty Program – May 16, 2025 thru August 15, 2025

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees hereby approves and authorizes an amnesty program for all outstanding parking violations issued as of the date of adoption of this resolution; and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, that the amnesty program hereby provides for the waiver of any increase in fines over the original amount of the fine at the time of its issuance if said original fine is paid in full within the period of May 16, 2025 through August 15, 2025; and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, that those individuals or entities who are issued parking violations on May 13, 2025, or thereafter, shall not be afforded amnesty.

GRANTED

Motion by: Trustee Livreri Seconded by: Trustee Etrog
Ayes: Mayor Pappas, Trustees Etrog, Frohlinger, Livreri
Noes: None

RESOLUTION DEMANDING DISCLOSURE OF DOCUMENTS AND REIMBURSEMENT OF LEGAL FEES RELATED TO EMINENT DOMAIN PROCEEDINGS

WHEREAS, the law firm of Goldstein, Rikon, Rikon & Levi (current name) (GRR&L) was engaged in connection with eminent domain proceedings involving a religious entity, Chabad; and

WHEREAS, transparency in legal decision-making and fiscal accountability are fundamental obligations of Village governance; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Trustees and the public have a right to review all pertinent records regarding the authorization, scope and costs of such legal actions; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and his party declined to pursue alternative revenue sources during the recent budget process, resulting in an 87% permanent tax increase for residential property owners, making the recovery of unnecessary expenditures a fiscal imperative;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees hereby demands the Mayor immediately provide the following documents to the Board no later than 4PM, Friday, May 16, 2025.

1. All written requests (including emails, letters or memoranda) from the Board or Individual Trustees in 2020, 2021, and/or 2022 to GRR&L concerning the legality and advisability of pursuing eminent domain against Chabad;
2. GRR&L's written response(s), including any legal opinions, memoranda, or correspondence on the matter;
3. The engagement letter or agreement authorizing GRR&L to proceed with eminent domain actions;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Mayor shall publicly release to Village residents by the same deadline:

4. Any resolution, contract, or official designation appointing GRR&L as counsel in this matter.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees directs the Village Attorney to immediately initiate efforts to seek at least a 50% reimbursement of all legal fees paid to GRR&L in connection with these proceedings, including but not limited to:

- . Reviewing contractual obligations
- . Assessing potential avenues for recovery, and
- . Reporting back to the Board within 30 days with a recommended course of action;

Motion by:
Ayes:

Seconded by:
Noes:

RESOLUTION – Ethics Committee

Ethics Committee adopted

GRANTED

Motion by: Mayor Pappas
Seconded by: Trustee Livreri
Ayes: Mayor Pappas, Trustees Etrog, Frohlinger, Livreri
Noes: None

RESOLUTION – Finance Committee

The following appointed:
Trustee Barry Frohlinger, Les Frimerman, Julia Herbert,
Treasurer Herbert Klibanoff, Joseph Pierantoni, Francine Rosenberg

GRANTED
Motion by: Mayor Pappas
Seconded by: Trustee Livreri
Ayes: Mayor Pappas, Trustees Etrog, Frohlinger, Livreri
Noes: None

RESOLUTION – FEES - GRANTED

SNOW EMERGENCY:
Parking lot fine: Current \$50 per offense
TO: \$200 per offense

Motion by: Trustee Etrog Seconded by: Trustee Frohlinger
Ayes: Mayor Pappas, Trustees Etrog, Frohlinger, Livreri
Noes: None

PARKING LOT LICENSE:
Current – None
To: Parking lots under 10,000 s/f @ \$900
Parking lots over 10,000 s/f @ \$1,250

Motion by: Trustee Livreri Seconded by: Trustee Etrog
Ayes: Mayor Pappas, Trustees Etrog, Frohlinger, Livreri
Noes: None

GOOD AND WELFARE

Discussion was had in relation to the following topics:

- Appoint Finance Committee - Budget - Taxes
- Covers for beach garbage cans
- Beach end plantings – people can donate and a plaque put at area
- Tennis center pickle ball courts

APPROVAL OF BILLS

RESOLVED, that all bills be paid in the amount of \$101,735.69

GRANTED
MOTION BY : Trustee Livreri SECONDED BY: Trustee Etrog
AYES: Mayor Pappas, Trustees Etrog, Frohlinger, Livreri
NOES: None

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

April 28, 2025 and April 30, 2025 Minutes were accepted a written by the Village Clerk

GRANTED

MOTION BY: Trustee Livreri

SECONDED BY: Trustee Etrog

AYES: Mayor Pappas. Trustees Etrog, Frohlinger, Livreri

NOES:

DATE OF NEXT MEETING - Monday, June 9, 2025 – 7:30 PM

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION BY: Mayor Pappas made a motion to adjourn meeting at 9:00 PM.

SECONDED BY: Trustee Etrog

AYES: Mayor Pappas, Trustees Beaumont, Etrog, Frohlinger, Livreri

Emily Siniscalchi, Village Clerk