MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING HELD ON MARCH 7, 2023 AT 32 OLD SLIP, NEW YORK CITY AND REMOTE ATTENDANCE, PARTICIPATION AND OBSERVATION VIA AN AUDIO/VIDEO CONNECTION TO THE INTERNET.

Mayor O'Brien called the Board of Trustees meeting to order at 5:02 p.m., and the following were in attendance via video or phone connection:

Hugh O'Brien, Mayor
Frank Wolf, Deputy Mayor, Trustee
Nat Oppenheimer, Trustee
Susan Skerritt, Trustee
Anna Kovner, Trustee
Scott Rosenblum, Advisor to the Board
Mario Posillico, Administrator & Clerk
Donna Lyudmer, Village Treasurer
And at times up to 0 persons attended in person and 5 other attendees observed through internet connection

# AUTHORIZATION FOR VILLAGE ADMINISTRATOR TO HIRE A FULL-TIME PERSON AS DEPUTY VILLAGE TREASURER

Village Administrator Posillico stated that as had been authorized at the December 12, 2022 meeting, he and Village Treasurer Lyudmer had undertaken a search for candidates for the position of Deputy Village Treasurer, and outlined that process. He stated that as a result of that search both he and Village Treasurer Lyudmer are prepared to recommend Alexa Collins as a full-time member of the office staff to fill the position as Deputy Village Treasurer. Mayor O'Brien then provided an overview of his interview with Ms. Collins and endorsed that recommendation. After discussion and all having a chance to be heard, Trustee Wolf made a motion to authorize Administrator Posillico, subject to a background check, to offer employment to Alexa Collins as a full-time employee of the administrative staff for ultimate appointment to the position Deputy Village Treasurer, the approval of which by the Suffolk County Department of Civil Service shall be requested in a timely manner, with benefits associated with full-time employment pursuant to Village employment policies at a rate of \$52,500.00 per annum, with start date on or about April 1, 2023, the exact date to be arranged directly with the employee, with the further stipulation that if the position or the employee is not approved by the Suffolk County Department of Civil Service, the offer for employment may be rescinded or assigned to a different title at the discretion of the Village Administrator.

The motion was seconded by Trustee Skerritt, and the motion was carried according to the following vote:

Motion: Trustee Wolf Seconded: Trustee Skerritt

In Favor: Mayor O'Brien, Trustee Wolf, Trustee Oppenheimer, Trustee Skerritt, Trustee Kovner

Against: None Abstain: None

### 2023/24 BUDGET WORK SESSION

Mayor O'Brien welcomed those in attendance to observe the Board as it worked its way through the 2023/2024 Tentative Budget, with limited or no room for public questions or comments in order to allow the Board to work uninterruptedly through the very long and detailed budget. He further stated that the final budget will be ready for presentation at the April 11, 2023 public hearing and ultimate adoption thereafter. The Board members, the Village Administrator, the Village Treasurer and the Advisor to the Board discussed the budgeted line items that were not related to personnel evaluations, litigation strategy or contract negotiations.

## ADJOURN INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION

Trustee Wolf made a motion at 8:52 p.m. that the Board adjourn into Executive Session to discuss litigation strategy, contract negotiations and personnel issues relating to the budget preparation. The motion was seconded by Trustee Skerritt and on call it was approved according to the following vote:

Motion: Trustee Wolf Seconded: Trustee Skerritt

In Favor: Mayor O'Brien, Trustee Wolf, Trustee Oppenheimer, Trustee Skerritt, Trustee Kovner

Against: None Abstain: None

## RE-ADJOURNMENT INTO PUBLIC SESSION

Trustee Wolf made a motion to re-adjourn into public session at 9:52 p.m. The motion was seconded by Trustee Skerritt and the motion was carried according to the following action:

Motion: Trustee Wolf Seconded: Trustee Skerritt

In Favor: Mayor O'Brien, Trustee Wolf, Trustee Oppenheimer, Trustee Skerritt, Trustee Kovner

Against: None Abstain: None

The public meeting was called back into session by Mayor O'Brien at 9:52 p.m. and the following were in attendance:

Hugh O'Brien, Mayor
Frank Wolf, Deputy Mayor, Trustee
Nat Oppenheimer, Trustee
Susan Skerritt, Trustee
Anna Kovner, Trustee
Scott Rosenblum, Advisor to the Board
Mario Posillico, Administrator & Clerk
Donna Lyudmer, Village Treasurer

And at times up to 0 persons attended in person and 0 other attendees observed through internet connection

### **CLOSE OF MEETING**

After all having had a chance to be heard and there being no further business before the Board, Trustee Kovner made a motion at 9:53 p.m. to close the meeting and to hold the next Board of Trustees meetings according to the following schedule:

• April 11, 2023 at 5:00 p.m. at 1180 Avenue of the Americas and by remote connection, which will include the Public Hearing on the 2023/24 Budget.

The motion was seconded by Trustee Skerritt and on call it was approved according to the following vote:

Motion: Trustee Kovner Seconded: Trustee Skerritt

In Favor: Mayor O'Brien, Trustee Wolf, Trustee Oppenheimer, Trustee Skerritt, Trustee Kovner

Against: None Abstain: None