



BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING MINUTES

April 01, 2025, at 7:00 PM

432 Route 306, Wesley Hills, NY 10952

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MEMBERS' PRESENT:

Marshall Katz, Mayor
Milton Schwartz, Deputy Mayor (zoom)
Yisroel Cherns, Trustee (zoom)
Joseph Mause, Trustee
Tova Krull, Trustee

MEMBERS ABSENT:

None

OTHERS PRESENT:

Benjamin Selig, Village Attorney (zoom)
Camille Guido - Downey, Village Clerk-Treasurer

Mayor Katz opened the meeting at 7 pm followed by the pledge of allegiance.

ITEM #1

RESOLUTION NO. 21-25

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Trustee Mause made a motion to approve the minutes of March 4, 2025, seconded by Trustee Krull. Upon vote, Yea: Mayor Katz, Trustee Mause and Trustee Krull. This motion was carried unanimously.

PUBLIC HEARING - 2025-2026 VILLAGE BUDGET

Trustee Mause made a motion to open the public hearing, seconded by Trustee Krull. Upon vote, Yea: Mayor Katz, Trustee Mause and Trustee Krull. This motion was carried unanimously.

No one from the public wished to speak.

Mayor Katz stated that the following sections need to be updated:

1. Total Assessed Value number will decrease from \$123,376,820 to \$123,310,320 as per the Ramapo Assessor's offices' recent certification.
2. Line item 1450 – Elections -Personal services from \$0 to \$1,800
3. Line item 1450 – Elections – Contractual services from \$0 to \$2,200
4. Line item 1620 – Operation of Buildings – removal of \$35,000 as this is funded from this year's budget.

Trustee Mause made a motion to close the public hearing, seconded by Trustee Krull. Upon vote, Yea: Mayor Katz, Trustee Mause and Trustee Krull. This motion was carried unanimously.

ITEM #3

RESOLUTION NO. 22-25

RESOLUTION ADOPTING 2025-2026 VILLAGE BUDGET

Trustee Mause made a motion to approve the following resolution, seconded by Trustee Krull:

WHEREAS, the Board of Trustees of the Village of Wesley Hills has met and considered the tentative budget for the fiscal year beginning June 1, 2025, and has conducted a public hearing thereon as required by Section 5-508 of the Village Law; and

WHEREAS, said Board of Trustees has determined that the amounts estimated in the tentative budget are more than required for said fiscal year,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the tentative budget for said fiscal year is hereby revised as follows:

Account	From	To	Difference
Total Assessed Value	\$123,376,820	\$123,310,320	-\$66,500
1450, Elections, Personal services	\$0	\$1,800	+\$1,800
1450, Elections, Contractual services	\$0	\$2,200	+\$2,200
1620, Operation of Buildings	\$35,000	\$0	-\$35,000

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, as a consequence of such changes such tentative budget, “Summary of Budget” is hereby revised as follows:

1. Total Appropriated Surplus is hereby decreased to \$97,500.
2. Balance to be raised by Taxation is hereby not increased.
3. Tax Rate is hereby changed to -1.0089%.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the tentative budget as so amended and revised and as set forth in the copy of such budget annexed hereto and made a part of the Minutes of this Board, is hereby adopted, and that the several amounts set forth in the “Tentative Budget” column of such budget be and hereby are appropriated for the objects and purposes specified, and the salaries and wages set forth in the budget shall be and hereby are fixed at the amounts shown therein effective June 1, 2025.

Upon vote, Yea: Mayor Katz, Trustee Mause and Trustee Krull. This motion was carried unanimously.

ITEM #4

MAYOR'S APPOINTMENT - DEPUTY MAYOR

Mayor Katz appoints Milton Schwartz as Deputy Mayor for a one-year term.

ITEM #5

RESOLUTION NO. 23-25

APPOINTMENT OF DEPUTY VILLAGE CLERK

Mayor Katz appoints Alicia Schultz as Deputy Village Clerk.

Trustee Mause made a motion to approve the following resolution, seconded by Trustee Krull:

RESOLVED, that the Mayor's appointment of Alicia Schultz to the office of the Deputy Village Clerk for a one-year term is hereby approved.

Upon vote, Yea: Mayor Katz, Trustee Mause and Trustee Krull. This motion was carried unanimously.

ITEM #6

RESOLUTION NO. 24-25

APPOINTMENT OF DEPUTY VILLAGE TREASURER

Mayor Katz appoints Yael Ash as Deputy Village Treasurer.

Trustee Mause made a motion to approve the following resolution, seconded by Trustee Krull:

RESOLVED, that the Mayor's appointment of Yael Ash to the office of the Deputy Village Treasurer for a one-year term is hereby approved.

Upon vote, Yea: Mayor Katz, Trustee Mause and Trustee Krull. This motion was carried unanimously.

ITEM #7

RESOLUTION NO. 25-25

APPOINTMENT OF ASSOCIATE JUSTICE

Mayor Katz appoints Howard Richman as Associate Justice for a one-year term.

Trustee Mause made a motion to approve the following resolution, seconded by Trustee Krull:

RESOLVED, that the Mayor's appointment of Howard S. Richman to the office of Associate Village Justice for a one-year term is hereby approved.

Upon vote, Yea: Mayor Katz, Trustee Mause and Trustee Krull. This motion was carried unanimously.

ITEM #8

RESOLUTION NO. 26-25

APPOINTMENT OF PLANNING BOARD CHAIRMAN

Mayor Katz appoints Lon Lieberman as Chairman of the Planning Board.

Trustee Mause made a motion to approve the following resolution, seconded by Trustee Krull:

RESOLVED, pursuant to the provisions of Section 7-718 of the Village Law, that the Mayor's appointment of Lon Lieberman as Chairman of the Planning Board of the Village of Wesley Hills for a one-year term is hereby approved.

Upon vote, Yea: Mayor Katz, Trustee Mause and Trustee Krull. This motion was carried unanimously.

ITEM #9

RESOLUTION NO. 27-25

APPOINTMENT OF PLANNING BOARD MEMBER

Mayor Katz appoints Neil Wasserman as a Member of the Planning Board.

Trustee Mause made a motion to approve the following resolution, seconded by Trustee Krull:

RESOLVED, that the Mayor's appointment of Neil Wasserman as a Member of the Planning Board of the Village of Wesley Hills for a term expiring April 2030 is hereby approved.

Upon vote, Yea: Mayor Katz, Trustee Mause and Trustee Krull. This motion was carried unanimously.

ITEM #10 **RESOLUTION NO. 28-25**
APPOINTMENT – 1st ALTERNATE TO THE PLANNING BOARD

Mayor Katz appoints Joseph Zupnik as 1st Alternate to the Planning Board.

Trustee Mause made a motion to approve the following resolution, seconded by Trustee Krull:

RESOLVED, that the Mayor's appointment of Joseph Zupnik as 1st Alternate to the Planning Board of the Village of Wesley Hills for a one-year term is hereby approved.

Upon vote, Yea: Mayor Katz, Trustee Mause and Trustee Krull. This motion was carried unanimously.

ITEM #11 **RESOLUTION NO. 29-25**
APPOINTMENT OF 2nd ALTERNATE TO THE PLANNING BOARD

Mayor Katz appoints Tzvee Rotberg as 2nd Alternate to the Planning Board.

Trustee Mause made a motion to approve the following resolution, seconded by Trustee Krull:

RESOLVED, that the Mayor's appointment of Tzvee Rotberg as 2nd Alternate to the Planning Board of the Village of Wesley Hills for a one-year term is hereby approved.

Upon vote, Yea: Mayor Katz, Trustee Mause and Trustee Krull. This motion was carried unanimously.

ITEM #12 **RESOLUTION NO. 30-25**
APPOINTMENT OF ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS CHAIRMAN

Mayor Katz appoints Jonathan Gewirtz as Chairman of the Zoning Board of Appeals.

Trustee Mause made a motion to approve the following resolution, seconded by Trustee Krull:

RESOLVED, pursuant to the provisions of Section 7-718 of the Village Law, that the Mayor's appointment of Jonathan Gewirtz as Chairman of the Zoning Board of Appeals of the Village of Wesley Hills for a one-year term is hereby approved.

Upon vote, Yea: Mayor Katz, Trustee Mause and Trustee Krull. This motion was carried unanimously.

ITEM #13 **RESOLUTION NO. 31-25**
APPOINTMENT OF ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS MEMBER

Mayor Katz appoints Stephanie Collantes as a member of the Zoning Board of Appeals for a term expiring 2030.

Trustee Mause made a motion to approve the following resolution, seconded by Trustee Krull:

RESOLVED, that the Mayor's appointment of Stephanie Collantes as a Member of the Zoning Board of Appeals of the Village of Wesley Hills for a term expiring April 2030 is hereby approved.

Upon vote, Yea: Mayor Katz, Trustee Mause and Trustee Krull. This motion was carried unanimously.

ITEM #14 **RESOLUTION NO. 32-25**
APPOINTMENT OF 1st ALTERNATIVE TO THE ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS

Mayor Katz appoints Barry Rozenberg as 1st Alternate to the Zoning Board of Appeals.

Trustee Mause made a motion to approve the following resolution, seconded by Trustee Krull:

RESOLVED, that the Mayor's appointment of Barry Rozenberg as 1st Alternate to the Zoning Board of Appeals of the Village of Wesley Hills for a one-year term is hereby approved.

Upon vote, Yea: Mayor Katz, Trustee Mause and Trustee Krull. This motion was carried unanimously.

ITEM #15 **RESOLUTION NO. 33-25**
APPOINTMENT OF 2nd ALTERNATE TO THE ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS

Mayor Katz appoints Anita Hajioff as 2nd Alternate to the Zoning Board of Appeals.

Trustee Mause made a motion to approve the following resolution, seconded by Trustee Krull:

RESOLVED, that the Mayor's appointment of Anita Hajioff as 2nd Alternate to the Zoning Board of Appeals of the Village of Wesley Hills for a one-year term is hereby approved.

Upon vote, Yea: Mayor Katz, Trustee Mause and Trustee Krull. This motion was carried unanimously.

ITEM #16 **RESOLUTION NO. 34-25**
RESOLUTION DESIGNATING OFFICIAL DEPOSITORIES FOR VILLAGE FUNDS

Trustee Mause made a motion to approve the following resolution, seconded by Trustee Krull:

RESOLVED, that the following banks are hereby designated as official depositories for Village funds: Key Bank, N.A.; JPMorgan Chase Bank, N.A.; M&T Bank; MBIA; Webster Bank; T.D. Bank Corp; and N.Y. Class.

Upon vote, Yea: Mayor Katz, Trustee Mause and Trustee Krull. This motion was carried unanimously.

ITEM #17 **RESOLUTION NO. 35-25**
RESOLUTION DESIGNATING OFFICIAL NEWSPAPER

Trustee Mause made a motion to approve the following resolution, seconded by Trustee Krull:

RESOLVED, that the Rockland County Times and the Rockland Journal News, local newspapers, be designated as official Village newspapers of the Village.

Upon vote, Yea: Mayor Katz, Trustee Mause and Trustee Krull. This motion was carried unanimously.

ITEM #18

RESOLUTION NO. 36-25

RESOLUTION APPROVING THE 2025-2026 STORMWATER EDUCATION PROGRAM AGREEMENT WITH CORNELL COOPERATIVE EXTENSION OF ROCKLAND

Trustee Mause made a motion to approve the following resolution, seconded by Trustee Krull:

RESOLVED, that the 2025-2026 Stormwater II Education Program Agreement between the Village of Wesley Hills and the Cornell Cooperative Extension of Rockland, a copy of which is made a part of the minutes of this Board, is hereby accepted, and the Mayor is authorized to indicate the approval and acceptance of such proposal by signing same on behalf of the Village of Wesley Hills.

Upon vote, Yea: Mayor Katz, Trustee Mause and Trustee Krull. This motion was carried unanimously.

ITEM #19

RESOLUTION NO. 37-25

APPROVAL OF A CONTRACT WITH CIVIL DESIGN WORKS FOR ENGINEERING SERVICES FOR THE 2025-2026 YEAR

Trustee Mause made a motion to approve the following resolution, seconded by Trustee Krull:

RESOLVED, that the Proposal and Fee Schedule for Engineering Consulting Services for the 2025-2026 year for the Village of Wesley Hills by Civil Design Works, a copy of which is made a part of the Minutes of this Board, is hereby approved and the Mayor is authorized to indicate approval of such agreement on said document on behalf of the Village of Wesley Hills.

Upon vote, Yea: Mayor Katz, Trustee Mause and Trustee Krull. This motion was carried unanimously.

ITEM #20

RESOLUTION NO. 38-25

RESOLUTION APPROVING THE PROPOSAL WITH BROOKER ENGINEERING (A DIVISION OF WESTON & SAMPSON), PLLC FOR ENGINEERING SERVICES FOR THE 2025-2026 YEAR

Trustee Mause made a motion to approve the following resolution, seconded by Trustee Krull:

RESOLVED, that the Proposal and Fee Schedule for Engineering Consulting Services for the 2025-2026 year for the Village of Wesley Hills by Brooker Engineering (a division of Weston & Sampson), PLLC, a copy of which is made a part of the Minutes of this Board, is hereby approved and the Mayor is authorized to indicate approval of such agreement on said document on behalf of the Village of Wesley Hills.

Upon vote, Yea: Mayor Katz, Trustee Mause and Trustee Krull. This motion was carried unanimously.

ITEM #21

RESOLUTION NO. 39-25

RESOLUTION APPROVING ABSTRACTS OF AUDITED CLAIMS

Trustee Mause made a motion to approve the following resolution, seconded by Trustee Krull:

RESOLVED, that the general fund claims #22,842 through #22,919 in the aggregate amount of \$159,360.59 as set forth in Abstract #4/25 dated April 1, 2025, a copy of which abstract of audited claims is made a part of the Minutes of this Board, are hereby approved.

Upon vote, Yea: Mayor Katz, Trustee Mause and Trustee Krull. This motion was carried unanimously.

ITEM #22

RESOLUTION NO. 40-25

RESOLUTION APPROVING TRANSFER OF FUNDS

Trustee Mause made a motion to approve the following resolution, seconded by Trustee Krull:

RESOLVED, that the transfers in the aggregate amount of \$185,000 as set forth in Abstract #4/25 dated April 1, 2025, a copy of which abstract of audited claims is made a part of the Minutes of this Board, are hereby approved.

Upon vote, Yea: Mayor Katz, Trustee Mause and Trustee Krull. This motion was carried unanimously.

ITEM #23

DISCUSSION: POMONA HEIGHTS SPEED BUMPS

Mayor Katz stated that he mailed a letter to the residents of the Pomona Heights area to get feedback on the speed bumps that were installed. Mayor Katz stated that the responses were split between keeping the speed bumps and removing them. Trustee Krull stated that we should keep them and speak to the Town about installing a flatter kind of bump. Trustee Schwartz agreed and suggested temporary this year and permanent next year. Trustee Cherns and Trustee Mause agreed. Mayor Katz stated that he will reach out to Ramapo and report back. Mayor Katz stated that he will also discuss the speed bumps on Willow Tree with the Town.

ITEM #24

DISCUSSION: WILLOW TREE PARK IMPROVEMENTS

Mayor Katz stated that he shared the emails with the Town in reference to the proposed improvements to the Park. Mayor Katz stated that the Town will repair the pier and install the handicap access on Amsterdam Ave now. The Board Members agreed that they would like to see an overall plan of the improvements that includes, the walking paths, parking, playground, benches, bridge repair, etc. Mayor Katz stated that the Village needs to decide if we want to replace the gazabo or have it removed. Mayor Katz stated that he will be in contact with the Town for scheduling of another public meeting.

VILLAGE CLERK/TREASURER'S REPORT

Camille Guido-Downey reported that there were 17 complaints reported last month and 12 were for potholes. The NYS Achieves grant has been submitted. Construction has begun at the Village Hall landscaping.

UPCOMING MEETINGS

April 22	Workshop Meeting
May 6	Regular Board Meeting

May 20 Workshop Meeting

ADJOURNMENT

Trustee Mause made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Trustee Krull. Upon vote,
Yea: Mayor Katz, Trustee Mause and Trustee Krull. This motion was carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,
Camille Guido-Downey