

The Regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Village of Cedarhurst was held July 10, 2023 at Village Hall, 200 Cedarhurst Avenue, Cedarhurst, NY 11516 at 8:00 P.M.

Present after roll call: Mayor:	Benjamin Weinstock
Trustees:	Eric G. Brown
	Israel Wasser
	Daniel Plaut
Village Attorney:	Evan Newman
Village Clerk-Treasurer:	Salvatore Evola
Dep. Village Clerk-Treasurer:	JoMarie Capone
Excused: Trustee:	Myrna Zisman
Sup't of Buildings	Wayne Yarnell

Trustee Wasser led the Pledge of Allegiance.

On motion of Trustee Brown, seconded by Trustee Wasser, the following reports for the month of June 2023 were unanimously accepted:

Nassau County Police Department
Lawrence-Cedarhurst Fire Department
Village Justice Andrew Goldsmith
Associate Justice Segal Blakeman

On motion of Trustee Plaut, seconded by Trustee Brown, the minutes of the June 5, 2023 Board Meeting were approved.

On motion of Trustee Wasser, seconded by Trustee Plaut, payment was approved of all properly audited vouchers, except as noted as per the Board Audit dated July 10, 2023, covering vouchers from June 6, 2023 through July 10, 2023.

On motion of Trustee Brown, seconded by Trustee Wasser, the hearing was closed and the new Sexual Harassment Policy, mandated by the State of New York, was adopted.

On motion of Trustee Plaut, seconded by Trustee Brown, the Memorandum of Agreement between the Incorporated Village of Cedarhurst and the CSEA Local 1000 Cedarhurst Unit #7633-00 for the period June 1, 2022 through May 31, 2026, approved by Village Special Counsel and Union was ratified.

On motion of Trustee Wasser, seconded by Trustee Brown, the retirement of the Superintendent of Public Works, Frank Parise was acknowledged. The Mayor added that this is a melancholy event. Frank has always been a friend of the Village and he helped us in running the Village. The Mayor would like the minutes to reflect that he will be missed. Trustee Brown added that Frank always carried himself with dignity, always a gentleman. He will be missed but always be with us as a friend.

Charles Durlach, of 338 Oak Avenue, addressed the Board regarding a Village easement that is next to his property that is being repaired now by the Village. He would like the fence that abuts his property and the easement to be repaired. He said that the Village installed the fence originally and it matches the fence on the other side of the easement that abuts another property. On motion of Trustee Brown, seconded by Trustee Plaut, the Village will replace the chain link portion of the fence.

Dr. Allan Simon, of Lawrence, addressed the Board. He was here at the Zoning Board Meeting at which the project at 68 Washington Avenue was denied. He now hears that the Village of Cedarhurst is paying an exorbitant amount for that same property which he believes is about \$500,000 above the market value. He wants this to be investigated. The Village of Cedarhurst residents deserve to know how their money is spent.

Michael Hatten, of 56 Washington Avenue, addressed the Board saying that he wanted to expand on what Dr. Simon said. He read the contract that was signed regarding the property at 68 Washington Avenue. He brought up an issue on page 17. The Mayor explained that he was referring to irrelevant note that should have been intended to be deleted before execution but was overlooked. He then discussed the value of the property. He asked about the referendum. Attorney Newman explained that the Village gave notice about the referendum and explained how the statute that allows bonding works. He further explained that there was a Permissive Referendum notice and explained to Mr. Hatten what a Permissive Referendum was. Since the Village never received any petitions for a Permissive Referendum, nor referendum was held. The Village complied with all the requirements.

Mr. Hatten talked about an Oak tree, claiming it is 10 feet in circumference, at least 100 years old, which is on the property and wants it to be saved as a landmark. It converts CO² into oxygen and provides shade preventing the sun from beating down on the pavement. Mayor Weinstock stated that the Board understands your request.

Mr. Hatten considers ethics to be important and stated that the Village Board and every employee should sign the ethics standards every year.

Mr. Hatten brought up about disclosure and public officials.

There being no further business before the Board, on motion of Trustee Brown, seconded by Trustee Wasser, the meeting was duly adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Salvatore Evola
Village Clerk-Treasurer