

Hempstead, New York

January 16, 2024

REGULAR MEETING

A Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Incorporated Village of Hempstead was held at the Board Room, 99 James A. Garner Way, NY 11550 at 6:30 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Trustee Daniels, Burroughs, Griffith, Boone
Absent: Trustee Griffith; Mayor Hobbs

Also Present:

Keisha Marshall, Village Attorney
Stephany Braxton, Deputy Village Clerk

SALUTE TO THE FLAG

Deputy Mayor Daniels called the meeting to order and asked everyone present to rise and join in a salute to the flag of the United States of America.

**GUN VIOLENCE SURVIVORS' WEEK
PROCLAMATION**

This proclamation declares the week of **January 22, 2024 to January 26, 2024**, to be National Gun Violence Survivors Week in the **Village of Hempstead** to honor and remember all victims and survivors of gun violence and uplift the resilient voices of survivors across the nation.

WHEREAS, every year, more than 43,000 Americans are killed with guns, approximately 76,000 more are shot and wounded, and countless others experience the collective trauma of gun violence;

WHEREAS, every year, on average, 939 New Yorkers are killed on acts of gun violence.

WHEREAS, in advance of early February, when more Americans are killed with guns than are killed in our peer countries in an entire calendar year;

WHEREAS, a gun violence survivor is anyone who has personally experienced gun violence — whether you have witnessed an act of gun violence, been threatened or wounded with a gun, or had someone you know and cared about wounded or killed;

WHEREAS, forms of gun violence can include, but are not limited to: gun suicides, gun homicides, domestic violence involving a gun, shootings by law enforcement, mass shootings and unintentional shootings;

WHEREAS, 59 percent of adults in America, including 71 percent of Black and 60 percent of Latinx Americans, or someone they care about has experienced gun violence in their lifetime, demonstrating the reach and impact gun violence has in communities across America;

WHEREAS, firearms are the leading cause of death for children and teens;

WHEREAS, people in America, in cities across the nation are working to end the senseless violence by advocating for common sense gun safety legislation;

WHEREAS, by commemorating National Gun Violence Survivors Week on **January 22 to January 26**, communities across America will raise awareness about gun violence and honor the lives stolen by gun violence; and

WHEREAS, we renew our commitment to reduce gun violence and pledge to do all we can to keep firearms out of the hands of those who are a danger to themselves or others and encourage responsible gun ownership to help keep our communities safe.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Village of Hempstead declares **January 22 to January 26, 2024** to be National Gun Violence Survivors Week. We encourage all citizens to

support their communities' efforts to prevent the tragic effects of gun violence and to honor and value human lives.

Trustee Griffith present at 6:40 p.m.

**APPROVAL OF
MISCELLANEOUS LICENSE
AND PERMIT APPLICATIONS**

Clerk wishes to report that Mayor Hobbs & Deputy Mayor Daniels have approved miscellaneous Business licenses as reviewed.

GENERAL BUSINESS:

New Business/ Change of Owner:

El Molino Bakery
Erika Cuahtlapantzi
303 Front Street

Twelve Six Lounge LLC (Takeout Restaurant)
Marsha-Nique Irving
419 Clinton Street

Renewals:

JNJ Caribbean Foods Inc.
Jacqueline & Joel Watson
33B Main Street

J.M. Jewelry Corp.
Jorge Morocho
64 North Franklin Street

Gem of Mt. Vernon Inc. (Business, Secondhand Dealer & Pawnbroker)
Ryan Kaminsky
52 North Franklin Street

Sal's Mexican Grill LLC (Business & Cabaret)
Salvador Pineda
510 Fulton Ave

Hilton Check Cashing Corp.
John Caruso
116A Fulton Ave

A Molina Corp. Amanda Jewelry
Amanda Molina
142 North Franklin Street

Public Storage Operating Company #20219
PS Northeast LLC
817 Peninsula Blvd

Henry's Green Farm Inc.
Kyong Hun Kim
201 Henry Street

El Buen Sabor Deli & Restaurant (Cabaret)
Jose Banegas
692 Fulton Ave

Bulldog Window Guards & Railing Inc.
Kevin Lawrence
462 South Franklin Street

Bonnie's Happy Nails

Bahn Jin Ok
201 Henry Street

Nizh USA Inc.
Aidar Shabaev & Gulnara Shabaev
92 Front Street

JMJ Jewelry Repair & shop Corp.
Joan Ariel Estevez
400 Fulton Ave Suite D

Hack License for Approval

Maria A Gonzalez Morales
West Graham Ave
Hempstead, NY 11550

Juan Carlos Rubio
261 E Columbia St
Hempstead, NY 11550

Noel Antonio Leon
252 Main St
Hempstead, NY 11550

Joel Maldonado
96 Wellesley Ave
Hempstead, NY 11550

Tow License for Approval

Staying Connected Transportation LLC
Cash Whitmore
157 Rutland Rd
Hempstead, NY 11550

JUSTICE COURT (Monthly Report submitted by Village Justice Brianna A. Vaughan)

Report of the Village Justice for the month of **December 2023**

Total number of cases before the court 3,930

Total monies remitted to Village Comptroller \$334,321.95

(Copy of this report is on file in the Village Clerk's Office and may be viewed by the public during office hours.)

**485 FRONT STREET LLC
485-493 FRONT ST**

Clerks offers the following resolution for adoption:

RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of **Jacqueline Zore-Smrek, Deputy Village Attorney** the Board of Trustees hereby approves the settlement of Tax Certiorari matter with **485 Front Street LLC**, for the property known as **485-493 Front Street**, Hempstead, New York in a total of \$50,000.00 for the tax years 2018/19 through 2023/24

WHEREAS, litigation was instituted against the Incorporated Village of Hempstead in the Supreme

Court, County of Nassau, State of New York, under Consolidated Index No. 400821/22, in the case entitled “In the Matter of 485 Front Street LLC, Petitioner, against The Board of Assessors and/or the Assessor of the Village of Hempstead and the Board of Assessment Review, Respondents” to resolve the issue of the true assessment, both retroactively and prospectively, for the 2018/19 through 2023/24 tax years, for real property tax purposes, for the premises described as Section 34, Block 404, Lots 29, 37, 44, known as 485-493 Front Street, Hempstead, New York 11550; and

WHEREAS, by proposed Stipulation of Settlement, subject to the approval of this Board, the Village has agreed to refund to 485 Front Street LLC, owner of 485-493 Front Street, a total of \$50,000.00, to resolve the issue of the true tax assessment for the 2018/19 through 2023/24 tax years, payable in two equal payments of \$25,000.00. The first payment to be paid within 90 days after receipt by the Village of a certified copy of the duly signed and entered Order and Judgment that effectuates this settlement with verified claim form and proof of payment of taxes for all years, and the second payment to be paid within 180 days after receipt by the Village of a certified copy of the duly signed and entered Order and Judgment that effectuates this settlement with verified claim form and proof of payment of taxes for all years;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of Trustees of the Incorporated Village of Hempstead, to refund to 485 Front Street LLC, owner of 485-493 Front Street, a total of \$50,000.00, to resolve the issue of the true tax assessment for the 2018/19 through 2023/24 tax years, payable in two equal payments of \$25,000.00. The first payment to be paid within 90 days after receipt by the Village of a certified copy of the duly signed and entered Order and Judgment that effectuates this settlement with verified claim form and proof of payment of taxes for all years; the second payment to be paid within 180 days after receipt by the Village of a certified copy of the duly signed and entered Order and Judgment that effectuates this settlement with verified claim form and proof of payment of taxes for all years; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the issue of the prospective tax assessment for the tax years 2024/25, 2025/26 and 2026/27 for 485-493 Front Street, Hempstead, NY 11550 will be \$84,000.00 and that no protest will be filed by 485 Front Street LLC, owner of 485-493 Front Street, Hempstead, NY, for said the tax years; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that refund interest is waived unless payment of the refund is delinquent; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that, upon payment of the total refund, the certiorari tax

proceedings brought on behalf of 485 Front Street LLC, for the tax years 2018/19 through 2023/24, shall be discontinued with prejudice and that no costs or disbursements shall be awarded to either party; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Office of the Village Attorney is authorized to execute a Stipulation of Settlement and any related documents consistent with this Resolution.

Moved by Trustee Boone
Seconded by Trustee Griffith

AYES: Trustees Daniels, Burroughs, Griffith, Boone
NOES: None
ABSENT: Mayor Hobbs

BSONYC CORP.
18-22 MAIN ST

Clerks offers the following resolution for adoption:

RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of **Jacqueline Zore-Smrek, Deputy Village Attorney** the Board of Trustees hereby approves the settlement of Tax Certiorari matter with **BSONYC Corp.**, for the property known as **18-22 Main Street**, Hempstead, New York in a total of \$8,000.00 for the tax years 2017/18 through 2023/24

WHEREAS, litigation was instituted against the Incorporated Village of Hempstead in the Supreme Court, County of Nassau, State of New York, under Consolidated Index No. 403327/2020, in case entitled "In the Matter of BSONYC Corp., Petitioner, against The Assessor of the Village of Hempstead and the Board of Assessment Review, Respondents," to resolve the issue of the true assessment, retroactively, for the 2017/18 through 2023/24 tax years, for real property tax purposes, for the premises described as Section 34, Block 340, Lot(s) 107, known as 18-22 Main Street, Hempstead, New York 11550; and

WHEREAS, by proposed Stipulation of Settlement, subject to the approval of this Board, the Village has agreed to refund to BSONYC Corp., owner of 18-22 Main Street, a total of \$8,000.00, to resolve the issue of the true tax assessment for the 2017/18 through 2023/24 tax years, payable in one lump sum within 90 days of the Village's receipt of the Order and Judgment with Notice of Entry and affidavit of paid taxes and;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of Trustees of the Incorporated Village of Hempstead, that the Village has agreed to refund BSONYC Corp., owner of 18-22 Main Street, a total of \$8,000.00, to resolve the issue of the true tax assessment for the 2017/18 through 2023/24 tax years, payable in one lump sum of \$8,000.00 within 90 days of the Village's receipt of the Order and Judgment with Notice of Entry and affidavit of taxes paid; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that, upon payment of the total refund, the certiorari tax

proceedings brought on behalf of BSONYC Corp., owner of the property known as 18-22 Main Street, Hempstead, New York 11550, for the tax years 2017/18 through 2023/24, shall be discontinued with prejudice and that no costs or disbursements shall be awarded to either party; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that refund interest is waived unless payment of the refund is delinquent; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Office of the Village Attorney is authorized to execute a Stipulation of Settlement and any related documents consistent with this Resolution.

Moved by Trustee Boone
Seconded by Trustee Burroughs

AYES: Trustees Daniels, Burroughs, Griffith, Boone
NOES: None
ABSENT: Mayor Hobbs

**250 FULTON AVENUE
REALTY LLC.**

Clerks offers the following resolution for adoption:

RESOLVED that upon the recommendation of **Keisha Marshall, Village Attorney** that the Mayor and Board of Trustees hereby approves to enter into an agreement with 250 Fulton Avenue Realty LLC., 250 Fulton Ave, Hempstead, New York, 11550, to utilize fifty (50) parking spaces, located in Parking Field #4 from January 29, 2024, through December 31, 2024.

Moved by Trustee Griffith
Seconded by Trustee Burroughs

AYES: Trustees Daniels, Burroughs, Griffith, Boone
NOES: None
ABSENT: Mayor Hobbs

SAN GEN LLC.

Clerks offers the following resolution for adoption:

RESOLVED that upon the recommendation of **Keisha Marshall, Village Attorney** that the Mayor and Board of Trustees hereby approves to enter into an agreement with San Gen LLC., 777 Glen Cover Ave, Glen Head, New York, 11546, to utilize ten (10) parking spaces, located in Parking Field #4 from January 29, 2024, through December 31, 2024.

Moved by Trustee Boone
Seconded by Trustee Griffith

AYES: Trustees Daniels, Burroughs, Griffith, Boone
NOES: None
ABSENT: Mayor Hobbs

**NASSAU/ SUFFOLK LAW
SERVICES COMMITTEE, INC.**

Clerks offers the following resolution for adoption:

RESOLVED that upon the recommendation of **Keisha Marshall, Village Attorney** that the Mayor and Board of Trustees hereby approves to enter into an agreement with Nassau/ Suffolk Law Services Committee, Inc., 1 Hellen Keller Way, 5th Floor, Hempstead, New York, 11550, to utilize forty (40) parking spaces, located in Parking Field #1 and twenty (20) parking spaces, located in Parking Field #16 from January 17, 2024, through December 31, 2024.

Moved by Trustee Boone
Seconded by Trustee Burroughs

AYES: Trustees Daniels, Burroughs, Griffith, Boone
NOES: None
ABSENT: Mayor Hobbs

**THOMSON REUTERS
ENTERPRISE CENTRE GMBH
WEST PROFLEX**

Clerks offers the following resolution for adoption:

RESOLVED that upon the recommendation of **Keisha Marshall, Village Attorney** that the Mayor and Board of Trustees hereby approves to enter into an agreement with Thomson Reuters Enterprise Centre GmbH for West Proflex for the three-year period pursuant to the terms and conditions of the annexed agreement.

Moved by Trustee Boone
Seconded by Trustee Burroughs

AYES: Trustees Daniels, Burroughs, Griffith, Boone
NOES: None
ABSENT: Mayor Hobbs

**WORKER'S COMPENSATION
CLAIM SETTLEMENT**

Clerks offers the following resolution for adoption:

RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of **Joe Gill, Village Treasurer**, the Board of Trustees were polled on **January 4, 2024**, to approve Worker's Compensation claim in a total amount of \$23,184.48 to be paid by **January 5, 2024**, to avoid a 20% penalty. **be ratified.**

Moved by Trustee Boone
Seconded by Trustee Burroughs

AYES: Trustees Daniels, Burroughs, Griffith, Boone
NOES: None
ABSENT: Mayor Hobbs

**WORKER'S COMPENSATION
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Clerks offers the following resolution for adoption:

RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of **Joe Gill, Village Treasurer**, the Board of Trustees were polled on **January 5, 2024**, to approve Worker's Compensation claim in a total amount of \$978.98 to be paid by **January 8, 2024**, to avoid a 20% penalty. **be ratified.**

Moved by Trustee Boone
Seconded by Trustee Griffith

AYES: Trustees Daniels, Burroughs, Griffith, Boone
NOES: None
ABSENT: Mayor Hobbs

DIONTE FRANCOIS

Clerks offers the following resolution for adoption:

RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of **Ronald Martin, Sanitation General Supervisor**, the Mayor, hereby appoint and/or approve the following to the position of Laborer-PT for the Incorporated Village of Hempstead.

Name	Department/Title/Grade	Base Salary
Dionte Francois <i>(New Hire)</i>	DPW-Sanitation Laborer-PT	\$17.00 hr upon approval

Moved by Trustee Boone
Seconded by Trustee Burroughs

AYES: Trustees Daniels, Burroughs, Griffith, Boone
NOES: None
ABSENT: Mayor Hobbs

TYRONE ALSTON

Clerks offers the following resolution for adoption:

RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of **Frank Germinaro, Director, Public Works**, the Mayor, hereby appoint and/or approve the following to the position of Laborer for the Incorporated Village of Hempstead.

Name	Department/Title/Grade	Base Salary
Tyrone Alston <i>(PT to FT)</i>	DPW-Parks & Shade Laborer Grade 104/0 N	\$56,229 yr upon approval

Moved by Trustee Boone
Seconded by Trustee Griffith

AYES: Trustees Daniels, Burroughs, Griffith, Boone
NOES: None
ABSENT: Mayor Hobbs

CHERISE GERMANY

Clerks offers the following resolution for adoption:

RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of **Krischna Francois-Venant, Clerk to the Village**

Justice, the Mayor, hereby appoint and/or approve the following to the position of Court Clerk for the Incorporated Village of Hempstead.

Name	Department/Title/Grade	Base Salary
Cherise Germany <i>(New Hire)</i>	Village Justice Court Clerk <i>Grade 5//0 N</i>	\$52,694 yr upon approval

Moved by Trustee Boone
Seconded by Trustee Griffith

AYES: Trustees Daniels, Griffith, Boone
NOES: None
ABSTAIN: Trustee Burroughs
ABSENT: Mayor Hobbs

RESIDENCY REQUIREMENTS Clerks offers the following resolution for adoption:

Moved by Trustee Boone that the provisions of Local Law #1-1980, entitled Residency Requirements for certain Village employees are hereby waived for the following employee due to the special requirements needed to fill the position of **Legal Assistant** for the Incorporated Village of Hempstead:

Demitra Koliokotas Lynch

Seconded by Trustee Burroughs

AYES: Trustees Daniels, Burroughs, Griffith, Boone
NOES: None
ABSENT: Mayor Hobbs

**DEMITRA KOLIOKOTAS
LYNCH**

Clerks offers the following resolution for adoption:

RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of **Keisha Marshall, Village Attorney**, the Mayor, hereby appoint and/or approve the following to the position of Legal Assistant for the Incorporated Village of Hempstead.

Name	Department/Title/Grade	Base Salary
Demitra Koliokotas-Lynch <i>(New Hire)</i>	Legal Legal Assistant <i>Grade 12/0 N</i>	\$63, 320 yr upon approval

Moved by Trustee Boone
Seconded by Trustee Burroughs

AYES: Trustees Daniels, Burroughs, Griffith, Boone
NOES: None
ABSENT: Mayor Hobbs

CHECK WARRANT

Clerks offers the following resolution for adoption:

RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of **Joe Gill, Village Treasurer** all meeting bills, audited by the Board of Trustees on check warrant dated **January 16, 2024**, be approved as previously reviewed.

Moved by Trustee Boone

Seconded by Trustee Burroughs

AYES: Trustees Daniels, Burroughs, Griffith, Boone

NOES: None

ABSENT: Mayor Hobbs

MEETING ADJOURNED

Clerks offers the following resolution for adoption:

There being no other business to come before the Board, Trustee Boone moved to adjourn.

Seconded by Trustee Burroughs

AYES: Trustees Daniels, Burroughs, Griffith, Boone

NOES: None

ABSENT: Mayor Hobbs

Deputy Village Clerk