

A regular meeting of the Port Washington Garbage District Board of Commissioners was held at the Polish American Hall located at 5 Pulaski Place, Port Washington N.Y. 11050, on Thursday January 11, 2024, at 10:00 am.

Commissioners present:

Paul Oleksiw, Chairman

Stephen Scott, Secretary

Nadine Delmonte, Treasurer

The meeting was called to order at 10:00 am and began with the Pledge of Allegiance

Commissioner Delmonte made a motion to approve the minutes of the previous regular schedule meeting held on December 28, 2023, Commissioner Oleksiw seconded the motion, Commissioner Scott abstained, and the motion was approved.

Commissioner Oleksiw announced he was sworn in at the Town of North Hempstead Town Hall and signed and submitted his notarized Oath card.

Commissioner Oleksiw made a motion to enter into the Annual Organizational Meeting.

The Commissioners nominated and approved for the following positions:

Chairman – Paul Oleksiw

Treasurer – Nadine Delmonte

Secretary – Stephen Scott

Attorney for the District – Christopher Murray of Rivkin Radler LLP.

Located at 926 RXR Plaza

Uniondale NY 11553

Accountant for the District – Phyllis Marangelli of Sollazzo and Marangelli

Independent Auditor for the District – to be announced.

District Website Consultant – Doug Augenthaler

Official newspaper for the District – Port Washington News and or Newsday

Surety Bond provider – Jasper Surety Agency

Depository for District records – Public Storage

District Depositories:

1. Valley National Bank – Primary Depository
2. Chase – Secondary Depository

3. Bank of America – Other Depository
4. BNY Mellon – Collateral Depository

Insurance Agency and Provider:

1. Epic Insurance Brokers- Agent
2. NYMIR- Insurance provider

Wireless provider – AT&T Wireless

Regularly scheduled meetings will be held at 10:00 am on the second and last Thursday of each month

Meeting will be held at the Polish American Hall located at 5 Pulaski Place Port Washington NY 11050

The Organizational meeting was closed at 10:15am and the Regularly scheduled meeting was opened.

Treasurer’s Report

The Commissioners reviewed the District’s account balances as of December 31, 2023.

Previous balance as of 11/30/2023	\$2,252,479.60
Interest	\$276.66
Checks and payments- cleared Total	\$197,250.80
Checks and payments- uncleared Total	<u>\$194,723.33</u>
Ending Balance	\$1,860,707.27

Claims and invoices received for payment and approved

Commissioner ‘s Fee	\$221.64
Meeting hall	\$200.00
Board of Election rent	\$1,375.00
Jasper Surety bond	\$270.00 Chairman
	\$115.00 Treasurer
All American Movers (election machines)	\$850.00
Property Tax on Neulist Ave	\$335.77
Harbor Deli	\$43.43
Public storage	\$438.00
Total	\$3,848.84

BNY Mellon statements and Valley statements were given to Commissioner Delmonte. Commissioner Delmonte sent the District's accountant, Phyllis Marangelli the latest financial statements.

Commissioner Oleksiw made a motion to approve the Treasurer's report, Commissioner Scott seconded, and the motion was approved

CHAIRMAN'S Report

The District still has to hire an Independent Auditor. Commissioner Delmonte has the name of the auditor that the BID uses. The District will have to start to work on the new bid for the 2025, 2026, and 2027 carting contract. The District might consider changing recycling to alternate weeks for paper/cardboard and glass/plastic. Commissioner Oleksiw will contact Chris Murray to look over the present contract and make any suggestions/changes. The IRS notified the Districts accountant that the previous reported problem was rectified. Commissioner Oleksiw wanted to comment on the Instagram account. While the postings are for informational/educational purposes it should not be used to promote any politicians' programs on either side of the aisle. It should highlight the town codes/laws should not have conversation under the commissioner email. Commissioner Delmonte stated the District Flyer can be sent out. Commissioner Delmonte will contact Dejana for their insurance certificate, and EPIC should be sending the Districts insurance certificate too.

Public Comment:

No public comments

Commissioner Scott announced the next Regularly Scheduled Meeting will be held on Thursday January 25, 2023. At 10:00 am.

There being no further business, Commissioner Scott made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 11:28 am, Commissioner Delmonte seconded the motion, and the motion was approved unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Stephen Scott', with a large, stylized flourish at the end.

Stephen Scott

Secretary

A regular meeting of the Port Washington Garbage District Board of Commissioners was held at the Polish American Hall located at 5 Pulaski Place, Port Washington N.Y. 11050, on Thursday January 25, 2024, at 10:00 am.

Commissioners present:

Paul Oleksiw, Chairman

Stephen Scott, Secretary

Nadine Delmonte, Treasurer

Attendees:

William Scaglione

Melissa Vissicchio – Residents Forward

Annette Oestreich -GPW BID

Halime Berkay- GPW BID

The meeting was called to order at 10:00 am and began with the Pledge of Allegiance

Commissioner Oleksiw made a motion to go to Public Comments first, all were in favor.

Annette Oestreich from the GPWBID started by stating the goal is to mitigate the white plastic bags on Main Street and create a more inviting image for people coming to the town. The BID wants to partner with the District to solve the problem of the current curbside garbage collection of the commercial properties on Main Street. The BID receives many complaints about the garbage on Main Street. Ms. Oestreich realizes that it's not a simple problem to solve but some ideals could be: additional code enforcement by the District or the Town of North Hempstead, alternatives to curbside pickup, Dumpsters in the rear of the properties or dumpsters in area parking lots for store owners or residents that are lockable to prevent abuse from outsiders, different pickup times and or increased pickups 6 days a week.

Commissioner Oleksiw stated that in the past other options like garbage cans were used and failed because the cans weren't taken off the street or they were knocked over or impeded traffic. The District has no dumpster service in the contract.

Ms. Oestreich suggested a professional study be conducted to come up with solutions, possibilities like requiring any new buildings to have dumpsters, have dumpsters with screens surrounding them so they aren't an eyesore.

Commissioner Oleksiw again stated that the District only collects the garbage it doesn't make the rules or laws governing it. The Town makes the laws and codes regarding when garbage can be placed at the curbside. The Town Code Enforcement Officers are the people that are employed to enforce these laws not the District.

Ms. Oestreich stated that they spoke to the Town and were told to go to the garbage district and the District can ask the Town to change the laws regarding garbage. It was also brought up that the Town doesn't have enough code enforcement officers and the District might be able to do the code enforcement.

William Scaglione said the problem is not the garbage but an image problem with all the empty stores with brown paper covering the windows. We asked before that something be done, maybe requiring property owner to cover the windows with something else pictures or advertisements. To penalize stores with tickets will not solve the problem, its hard enough to stay in business with the ever-increasing high taxes. The Town has a Highway Dept. a Sidewalk Dept. a Code enforcement Dept. that we are all paying for with our taxes. The Town should be held accountable. If any changes are made it must be kept simple.

Halime Berkay has been a store owner on Main street for years and the times when garbage is allowed to be placed at the street and the pickup times don't work. Many times, something is place in the garbage on the weekends and can't be put out till Tuesday pickup and it stinks out the store. An additional pickup might work better.

Mr. Scaglione said in the past different days were tried and if we had a Monday pickup, stores would but out the garbage on Saturday night and it would sit out all weekend.

Melissa Vissicchio suggested doing something like New York City is doing in upper Manhattan. The City is trying a pilot program where garbage containers are being stored in shed like containers to deter rodents and keep garbage from being blown around the street. These containers are being place on the street in the city, but we might consider other location in town then the street.

Everyone agreed that code enforcement is the key to any plan of action to be considered.

Mr. Scaglione stated the District shouldn't be forced to do code enforcement that maybe the Port Washington Parking Enforcement could do it. They already travel up and down the business district and have the authority to write summonses. The litter bins that the BID placed on Main Street are a problem, residents are using them to put out their household garbage and the fast-food businesses contribute to them being overloaded even right after they are picked up.

Commissioner Oleksiw asked if the BID has investigated additional enhanced sanitation. The hiring of Philip during the summer to keep the streets clean is a great idea, maybe it could be expanded.

Ms. Oestreich stated the BID would never do anything without the District and that is way the town has a garbage district and they would support them. They are tried of dealing with the Town and want to put in in the Districts lap to make changes, unfortunately everything turns political. We need a professional to do a study to tell us the best course of action whether its Dejana or some other professional, to reduce the garbage on Main Street, where dumpster can be placed, if something like the NYC pilot program could be used and should the contact specification should be changed to reflex these suggestion. The BID doesn't want to be adversarial, just want to go to the Town with a plan that will be best for Port Washington. The BID will be looking forward to talking with Dejana about a Green Machine to do sidewalk sweeping.

The Public Comment portion of the Regular Meeting was closed. The Commissioners thanked everyone for attending and will take all of their suggestion in consideration and the Attendees left the meeting.

Commissioner Delmonte made a motion to approve the minutes of the previous regular schedule meeting held on January 11, 2024, Commissioner Oleksiw seconded the motion, and the motion was approved.

Treasurer's Report

Claims and invoices received for payment and approved.

Doug Augenthaler	\$595.00
AT&T	\$89.49
Dejana	\$195,585.00
Rivkin Radler legal fee	\$97.50
Harbor Deli	\$42.34
Public storage	\$438.00
Total	\$196,847.33

BNY Mellon statements and Valley statements were given to Commissioner Delmonte. Commissioner Delmonte sent the District's accountant, Phyllis Marangelli the latest financial statements.

CHAIRMAN'S Report

The District still has to hire an Independent Auditor. Commissioner Delmonte has the name of the auditor that the BID uses, Satty & Partners and will contact them for information. The District will have Chris Murray from Rivkin Radler to review work on the new bid for the 2025, 2026, and 2027 carting contract and to look over the present contact and make any suggestions/changes. Commissioner Oleksiw sent the Town of North Hempstead Rivkin Radler's information for approval as the District's attorney. Commissioner Delmonte stated the District's Flyer will be sent to Kenny from Finer Touch printing with the additional changes. Commissioners Delmonte and Oleksiw surety bonds were signed and notarized by Commissioner Scott. Holly Byrne from the BID requested permission to have a meeting with Robert Velocci from Dejana to talk about options available for enhanced sanitation and a motorized sidewalk cleaning.

Commissioner Scott announced the next Regularly Scheduled Meeting will be held on Thursday February 08, 2024. At 10:00 am.

There being no further business, Commissioner Oleksiw made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 11:30 am, Commissioner Scott seconded the motion, and the motion was approved unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted

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Stephen Scott

Secretary

A regular meeting of the Port Washington Garbage District Board of Commissioners was held at the Polish American Hall located at 5 Pulaski Place, Port Washington N.Y. 11050, on Thursday February 08, 2024, at 10:00 am.

Commissioners present:

Paul Oleksiw, Chairman

Stephen Scott, Secretary

Nadine Delmonte, Treasurer

The meeting was called to order at 10:00 am and began with the Pledge of Allegiance

Commissioner Oleksiw made a motion to approve the minutes of the previous regular schedule meeting held on January 25, 2024, with corrections, Commissioner Delmonte seconded the motion, and the motion was approved.

Treasurer's Report

The Commissioners reviewed the District's account balances as of January 31, 2024.

Previous balance as of 01/30/2024	\$1,858,356.14
Interest	\$243.49
Checks and payments- cleared Total	\$197,148.32
Checks and payments- uncleared Total	<u>\$197,597.34</u>
Ending Balance	\$1,660,758.80

Claims and invoices received for payment and approved.

Commissioner 's Fee	\$147.76
	\$443.28
Meeting hall	\$300.00
United States Treasury (1 st ¼ payroll tax)	\$783.30
Total	<u>\$1674.34</u>

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Commissioner Oleksiw made a motion to approve the Treasurer's report, Commissioner Scott seconded, and the motion was approved.

Commissioner Oleksiw made a motion to enter executive session to discuss potential litigation at 10:20 am, all in favor, motion passed. The regular monthly meeting continued at 10:45 am.

CHAIRMAN'S Report

Commissioner Oleksiw stated that a Friday night pick up of the garbage on Main Street or having dumpster service is unrealistic. A possible solution might be no garbage put out on Friday nights, put out garbage on Saturday mornings with a pickup on Saturday morning before 10am. This would only be for Main Street.

The Commissioner Delmonte said status of the annual flyer is complete but Finer Touch has not mailed it out yet. The District still has to hire an Independent Auditor. Commissioner Oleksiw spoke to Brian Nicollet from Satty & Partners and will be sending him Robert Johnsons audited financial for last year. Mr. Nicollet will be able to give a quote for this years audited financials. The Commissioners would ask Chris Murray if a RFP would be needed to hire the new independent auditor. The District will have to start to work on the new bid for the 2025, 2026, and 2027 carting contract. Commissioner Oleksiw will contact Chris Murray to look over the present contact and make any suggestions/changes. Some of the changes to the contract were discussed; to raise the contract to a five year contract from the current three years, raise the BID can count to 35 cans, Christmas tree disposal January 1 to January 15, change all garbage can sizes from 30 gals to 32 gal, on page 21 change to one bulk item pickup, a one time move in and one time move out pickups, page 22 no commercial recycling, page 24 excluded items for pickup to include toilets, marble, tiles, porcelain bathroom fixtures and construction debris, page 26 Tipping receipts if commissioners request them, page 29 mandate no equipment older then 7 years, GPS equipment on truck available to Commissioners, and equipment on the trucks-shovel broom to pick up debris left on roadway during collections.

Compensation for the Commissioners was brought up, a raise to \$100.00 per meeting from the current \$80.00 was suggested. A maximum of \$100.00 is allowed by the current By Laws but Commissioner Oleksiw will speak to Chris Murray to see what procedures must be followed.

Commissioner Oleksiw made the request for approval of the Districts Attorney to the Town of North Hempstead. Commissioner Oleksiw suggested we have a meeting with the acting Commissioner of Public Safety for the Town.

Public Comment:

No public comments

Commissioner Scott announced the next Regularly Scheduled Meeting will be held on Thursday February 29, 2024. At 10:00 am.

There being no further business, Commissioner Scott made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 12:03 pm, Commissioner Delmonte seconded the motion, and the motion was approved unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted

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Stephen Scott

Secretary

A regular meeting of the Port Washington Garbage District Board of Commissioners was held at the Polish American Hall located at 5 Pulaski Place, Port Washington N.Y. 11050, on Thursday February 29, 2024, at 10:00 am.

Commissioners present:

Paul Oleksiw, Chairman

Stephen Scott, Secretary

Nadine Delmonte, Treasurer

The meeting was called to order at 10:00 am and began with the Pledge of Allegiance

Commissioner Oleksiw made a motion to approve the minutes of the previous regular schedule meeting held on February 11, 2024, with corrections, Commissioner Delmonte seconded the motion, and the motion was approved.

CHAIRMAN'S Report

Commissioner Oleksiw stated that the annual flyers have been mailed out, having received one in the mail.

Commissioner Oleksiw stated that the Town of North Hempstead Comptroller's office requires the peer review report by March 15, 2024. He will try to contact Steven Pollacks office to clarify the date.

The District received a proposal from Satty, Levine & Ciacco to be their Independent Auditor. Commissioner Delmonte spoke to Brian Nicollet from Satty & Partners and was quoted \$13,500.00 per year for their services. All other efforts to find an independent peer review auditor came up with negative results. The Commissioners stated an RFP would not be needed as long as the contract was under \$20,000.00 and there is a limited number of qualified vendors. Commissioner Oleksiw made a motion to accept the quote and enter into an agreement with Satty, Levine & Ciacco. Commissioner Delmonte seconded all were in favor, the motion passed. Steven Pollack called during the meeting and said any auditor must submit a letter that they are peer review certified, a three-year letter from A.I.C.P.A peer review program company. Commissioner Oleksiw said the quote has such a letter attached and will send it to Mr. Pollack's office. The District will continue to work on the new bid for the carting contract. Commissioner Oleksiw will have amended bid specs at the next meeting for review. The collection of garbage on the Main Street business corridor was addressed. Any changes must be done in accordance with the Codes and rules of the Town of North Hempstead. The responsibility of all involved must be coordinated, the District to collect the garbage, the BID to request a change to the Code involving when garbage can be placed on the street and if the Main Street corridor can have special times from the rest of the district, the Town would have to pass any change to the Town code, and the BID would have to inform the merchants and property owners of such changes.

Treasurer's Report

Commissioner Delmonte stated she would contact the local hardware store and request their help by putting a sign up stating the acceptable size of garbage can is 32 gallons as per code. If a larger can is used you can risk the contactor refusing to pick up your garbage.

Commissioner Delmonte will speak to Doug Augenthaler about some changes to be made to the Website. Who to call with questions or problems- Dejana first with an email to the District Commissioners, put a link to the flyer, residential recycling paper/cardboard- glass/plastics, and about yard waste. Some of the links don't work also.

Commissioner Delmonte wants to post about move in/ move out pickups and that Dejana should be contacted first and then the District. Question should be emailed to the District.

Claims and invoices received for payment and approved.

Commissioner 's Fee	\$147.76
	\$443.28
Meeting hall	\$300.00
United States Treasury (1st ¼ payroll tax)	\$783.30
Office supplies/ Post Office	\$9.25
AT&T	\$84.30
EPIC NYMIR insurance	\$9,184.13
Public Storage	\$438.00
Accountant services/ Sollazzo & Marangelli,	\$2,000.00
Legal Services/ Rivkin Radler, Chris Murray	\$487.50
DEJANA	\$195,585.00

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Commissioner Oleksiw made a motion to approve the Treasurer's report, Commissioner Scott seconded, and the motion was approved.

New Business

The illegal dumping on Marino Ave, by Uncle Giuseppe's, the police were contacted. This is the same location as the previous dumping with the same construction debris.

Public Comment:

No public comments

Commissioner Scott announced the next Regularly Scheduled Meeting will be held on Thursday March 14, 2024. At 10:00 am.

There being no further business, Commissioner Oleksiw made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 11:30 pm, Commissioner Scott seconded the motion, and the motion was approved unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted

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Stephen Scott

Secretary