Minutes of the Meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Village of Great Neck Estates held on Monday, May 11, 2020 at 7:00 pm., by videoconference pursuant to Executive Orders.

The Village Administrator called the roll:

Present: Mayor William D. Warner
        Deputy Mayor Jeffrey Farkas
        Trustee Lanny Oppenheim
        Trustee Howard S Hershenhorn was not net present
        Trustee Ira D. Ganzfried
        A. Thomas Levin, Esq., Village Attorney
        Kathleen L Santelli, Village Administrator

Mayor Warner called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

The Village Administrator confirmed that notice that this meeting would be conducted by video conference had been posted on the Village website on May 5, 2020. The meeting was recorded, and a transcription will be prepared as required by law.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Upon motion offered by Mayor Warner, seconded by Trustee Ganzfried, and duly adopted, the Board convened in executive session at 7:00 pm for legal advice, and to discuss matters pertaining to potential litigation. The vote on the foregoing was 5 votes in favor, 0 votes opposed and 0 abstentions.

The Board took no action in executive session.

Upon motion offered by Trustee Ganzfried, seconded by Trustee Hershenhorn, and adopted unanimously, the Board returned to public session at 8:00 pm

The vote on the foregoing was 5 votes in favor, 0 votes opposed and 0 abstentions.

Mayor Warner read the following announcement with regard to conduct of the videoconference meeting:

Due to public health and safety concerns related to COVID-19, and pursuant to Governor’s Executive Orders, including, without limitation Orders 202.1, 202.10 and 202.15, the Board of Trustees of the Village of Great Neck Estates will not be meeting in-person until further notice. No in person public attendance at Board meetings is permitted.

The Board opened this meeting at 7:00 pm in public session, at which time the Board voted to convene in executive session, and reconvene in public at 8:00 pm.

This meeting is being recorded and a transcription will be provided at a later date.
Please be advised that in accordance with the Open Meetings Law, the public does not have the right to comment on agenda items which are not public hearings, unless authorized by the rules of the Board. The public has the opportunity to hear and observe this meeting live at the Zoom meeting address, and to participate in any public hearings which may be held at this meeting. Any interested members of the public may provide comments on any matter, by email to admin@vgone.com or by using the Chat feature on Zoom.

BUILDING DEPARTMENT
Mayor Warner stated that the April Report of Building Department activity for the period February 2020-April 2020 was distributed to the Board and is available on the Village website. On motion of Mayor Warner, seconded by Trustee Hershenhorn, and duly adopted, the Board voted to accept the April 2020 Building Department report. The vote on the foregoing was 5 votes in favor, 0 votes opposed and 0 abstentions. The report is on file in the Village office.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT
Mayor Warner stated that the report of Public Works activity for the month of April 2020 was distributed to the Board and is available on the website. On motion of Mayor Warner, seconded by Trustee Oppenheim, and duly adopted, the Board voted to accept the April 2020 Building Department report. The vote on the foregoing was 5 votes in favor, 0 votes opposed and 0 abstentions. The report is on file in the Village office.

POLICE DEPARTMENT
Mayor Warner stated that the report of Police activity for the month of April 2020 was distributed to the Board and is available on the website. Chief Ricardo Moreno and Sgt. Shannon Noor were participants in the meeting. On motion of Mayor Warner, seconded by Trustee Oppenheim, and duly adopted, the Board voted to accept the April 2020 Police Department report. The vote on the foregoing was 5 votes in favor, 0 votes opposed and 0 abstentions. The report is on file in the Village office. Trustee Hershenhorn commended the Police Department, Public Works Department, Village Office and Village Justices and Court staff for their dedicated efforts during this period.

PARK-POOL-TENNIS
Mayor Warner stated that a meeting has been scheduled with the principals of New York Tennis to discuss the opening of the tennis courts when authorized by Executive Order of the Governor.
Mr. Jordan Shavolian resident of 10 Ridge Drive West and Payem Kermanian resident of 15 Laurel Drive were participants and inquired about the 2020 pool season and day camp. Mayor Warner stated that pool opening is Phase 4 of the Governor Cuomo’s plan and although plans are being made for mobilization, nothing can be done until the conditions in the Governor’s Executive Order are met.

ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION – No report
CABLE COMMISSION – No Report
CIVIC ASSOCIATION – No report

MAYOR’S REPORT

Jhacs Electric – Generator Maintenance Agreement
On motion of Trustee Oppenheim, seconded by Trustee Ganzfried, and duly adopted, the Board authorized Mayor Warner to sign proposed agreements with JHACS Electric, Incorporated for generator maintenance services at the Village Hall, the Village Police Station and the Village Public Works Department, as reviewed by the Village Attorney, for the fiscal year beginning June 1, 2020 through and including May 31. The vote on the foregoing was 5 votes in favor, 0 votes opposed and 0 abstentions.

9-9 Parking Permit Further Extension
The Board discussed requests from Village merchants, whose establishments are closed due to the COVID-19 health emergency, for an extension of their 9-9 parking permits. The following motion was offered by Mayor Warner, seconded by Deputy Mayor Farkas, and duly adopted:

Whereas, at its April 13, 2020 meeting, in recognition of economic hardships and other conditions related to the Covid-19 health emergency restrictions, which have closed or limited retail and commercial operations of businesses in the Village, the Board of Trustees granted an extension of 9 am to 9 pm paid parking permits which would otherwise have expired April 30, 2020 to and including May 31, 2020, without additional fee, and

Whereas, such conditions have continued to the present time, and are likely to continue into the future, Now, Therefore, Be It,

Resolved, that the 9 am to 9 pm paid parking permits which would otherwise have expired April 30, 2020, and which heretofore were extended to and including May 31, 2020, without additional fee, be, and hereby are, further extended to and including June 30, 2020, without additional fee.
The vote on the foregoing was 5 votes in favor, 0 votes opposed and 0 abstentions.

**Request for Extension of Due Date for payment of Village Tax Without Penalties or Interest**

Mayor Warner stated that the Village had been informed by NYCOM that villages could request that the Governor issued an executive order extending for twenty-one days the period of time in which property tax payments could be paid without penalty or interest. On motion by Trustee Ganzfried, seconded by Trustee Oppenheim, and duly adopted, the Board authorized and directed Mayor Warner to request that the Governor act pursuant to Real Property Tax Law Section 925-a(2), by Executive Order to extend for twenty-one days the final date for paying Village of Great Neck Estates property taxes without interest or penalty with a provision that any taxes not paid by the final date be subject to the same interest and penalties that would have applied if no extension had been granted. The vote on the foregoing was 5 votes in favor, 0 votes opposed and 0 abstentions.

**Water Authority of Great Neck North**

Mayor Warner stated that the Village had received a request from the Water Authority for payment of $5,165.24 representing a portion of a purposed cost of repair of the irrigation lines damaged by Bancker Construction during the installation of the water main in the Village Park. The matter was held for further discussion.

**CLERK-TREASURER**

The Administrator stated that the financial report for the months of March 2020 and April 2020 have been submitted to the Board and are posted on the website. On motion by Mayor Warner, seconded by Deputy Mayor Farkas, and duly adopted, the Board approved the March 2020 and April 2020 financial reports. The vote on the foregoing was 5 votes in favor, 0 votes opposed and 0 abstentions. The reports are on file in the Village office.

**MINUTES**

The Administrator stated that draft minutes of the prior meetings had been reviewed by the Village Attorney. On motion by Mayor Warner, seconded by Trustee Ganzfried, and duly adopted, the Board approved the minutes of April 11, 2020 as amended and presented to the Board. The vote on the foregoing was 5 votes in favor, 0 votes opposed and 0 abstentions. The approved minutes are posted on the website and are on file in the Village office.

**ABSTRACTS**
On motion by Trustee Ganzfried, seconded by Trustee Oppenheim, and duly adopted, the Board ratified the payment of claims on General Abstract #201937 in the amount of $98,263.54 for contractual bills and approved payment of the claims on General Abstract #201938 in the amount of $173,915.99 for April bills. The vote on the foregoing was 5 votes in favor, 0 votes opposed and 0 abstentions.

There being no further business, on motion offered by Mayor Warner, seconded by Trustee Hershenhorn, and duly adopted, the Board adjourned the meeting at 8:31 pm. The vote on the foregoing was 5 votes in favor, 0 votes opposed and 0 abstentions.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathleen L. Santelli
Village Administrator