

**Greater Port Washington/Business Improvement District Association,
Inc.**

**Board of Directors Meeting
Meeting Minutes - Approved
September 4, 2024
Location: 329 Main Street, PW**

In attendance: Mariann Dalimonte, Bonnie Doran, Manny Galanis, Cindie Leigh, Annette Oestreich, Paul Oleksiw, Donna Rice, Michael Tucker, Michael Tretola, and Holly Byrne, Executive Director.

Excused: Halime Berkay, Nadine Delmonte

- 1) Donna Rice called the meeting to order at 7:04 p.m.
- 2) Steven Pollack attended the meeting representing the Town of North Hempstead Budget Department.
- 3) Annette Oestreich presented the proposed 2025 Budget.
 - a) Discussion was held regarding the distribution of grant funds between the Sign Grant and the Façade Grant. The budget will remain as presented. Bonnie Doran made a motion to approve and submit the proposed 2025 budget to the Town of North Hempstead Comptroller's Office. Cindie Leigh seconded the motion. Mariann Dalimonte abstained. All others voted in favor.
- 4) Presidents Report presented by Donna Rice
 - a) Donna, Holly and Manny had a chance to visit The Beacon and to meet with new owners.
 - b) Donna, Nadine and Holly met with Derek Skuzenski, Commissioner for Public Safety.
 - c) Donna asked for volunteers from the board to assist with a sidewalk audit to assess critical and dangerous sidewalks within the District. Mariann Dalimonte reported that sidewalk service requests should be submitted to a separate phone number at the Town of North Hempstead. The 311 call center does not address sidewalk issues.
- 5) Bonnie Doran made a motion to accept August 7, 2024, minutes as presented. Cindie Leigh seconded the motion. Manny Galanis, Annette Oestreich, and Michael Tucker abstained. All others voted in favor.
- 6) Annette Oestrich presented the Treasurer's Report for August 31, 2024.
 - a) Michael Tucker made a motion to accept the Treasurer's Report. Bonnie Dorna seconded the motion. All in favor.
- 7) Holly Byrne presented the proposed guidelines for the grant programs to be offered in 2025 in an email to all board members for their review. No edits were suggested. The guidelines will be enacted January 1, 2025.

- 8) Holly Byrne provided updates on upcoming events and beautification initiatives.
 - a) The nomination period is now open for the annual election of 3 Class A/Commercial Property Owners and 1 Class B/Commercial Tenant. Self-nomination forms must be submitted by 5:00 pm Friday, September 27. Email notifications have been sent to all email addresses and the notice is posted on the website. Blank will remain available at the office at 329 Main Street while the nomination period is open.
 - b) Restaurant Week is scheduled for October 20 -27.
 - c) Halloween Scavenger Hunt is scheduled for Saturday, October 26.
 - d) Port Holiday Magic is scheduled for three (3) Saturdays, November 30, December 7 and December 14.
 - e) The Highway Department is scheduled to remove the hanging flower baskets after Pride in Port on September 28.

- 9) Annette Oestreich made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Michael Tucker seconded the motion. All in favor. The meeting was adjourned at 8:10 pm.