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PUBLIC HEARING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE
INCORPORATED VILLAGE OF
ISLAND PARK, NASSAU COUNTY, NEW YORK

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April 20, 2023

6:48 p.m.

BOARD MEMBERS:

MICHAEL MCGINTY, Mayor

MATTHEW G. GRACI, Deputy Mayor

ROBERT O. TICE, Trustee

IRENE P. NAUDUS, Not Present

BARBARA VOLPE-RIED, Trustee

CLAUDIA ARMENDINGER, Village Clerk

SUSAN BOLAND, Village Attorney



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2 MAYOR MCGINTY: Trustee Graci,
3 Volunteer Firefighter, would you lead
4 us in the Pledge of Allegiance.

5 TRUSTEE GRACI: Hand over
6 heart.

7 (Following recitation of the
8 Pledge of Allegiance, the meeting was
9 called to order.)

10 MAYOR MCGINTY: Thank you.
11 Before we begin, for the record,
12 again, I can't speak for anybody
13 else, but, Claudia, you have been a
14 true asset. And, frankly, I can't be
15 anymore appreciative than I am of the
16 service that you provide to this
17 community, albeit in the short time
18 you have been here, and I thank you.

19 VILLAGE CLERK: Thank you.
20 Roll call?

21 MAYOR MCGINTY: Please.

22 VILLAGE CLERK: Trustee Graci.

23 TRUSTEE GRACI: Here.

24 VILLAGE CLERK: Trustee Ried.

25 TRUSTEE VOLPE-RIED: Present.



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2 VILLAGE CLERK: Trustee Tice.

3 TRUSTEE TICE: Here.

4 VILLAGE CLERK: Mayor.

5 MAYOR MCGINTY: Yes, ma'am.

6 VILLAGE CLERK: Trustee Naudus,
7 absent.

8 Public Hearing to consider the
9 adoption of Local Law 6 of the year
10 2023.

11 Amending Local Law 27 of 2017
12 establishing a Vacant Building
13 Registry in the Incorporated Village
14 of Island Park.

15 Amending Article 1 Registry and
16 Article II Maintenance: Penalties
17 for Offenses.

18 MAYOR MCGINTY: I would like a
19 motion to open the Hearing, please.

20 TRUSTEE GRACI: Motion.

21 TRUSTEE TICE: I'll make it.

22 MAYOR MCGINTY: Motion by
23 Deputy Mayor Graci. Second by
24 Trustee Tice.

25 On the motion. Aye.



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2 In this case, Matt, would you
3 explain the Building Registry.

4 TRUSTEE GRACI: Basically, what
5 it comes down to -- and tell me if
6 I'm right or I'm wrong -- in a
7 nutshell, we have about anywhere
8 between 7 to 11 vacant homes in
9 different parts of Island Park, some
10 commercial, some residential. They
11 have been here for way too long.
12 Some houses have been here for over
13 20 years and no one is in it. So
14 what I, basically, did was I enacted,
15 hopefully, a law with the town lawyer
16 that if you're a residential owner,
17 you have to put \$25,000 into a fund.
18 If we come to you and say that the
19 grass is too high and the foundation
20 is broke, this or that, you have to
21 fix it. If you do not fix it, we
22 will take money out of that account
23 to fix the problems on the house.
24 Then the account would have to then
25 go up to \$25,000 again. Trying to



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2 make it difficult for anyone that has
3 a vacant house that's theirs so they
4 have no choice but to sell it.
5 Nobody wants to live next to a vacant
6 house or a vacant commercial
7 building. So we upped all the
8 different fines, different fee
9 schedules, different everything to
10 get rid of these houses. That's what
11 this law is all about. Any question
12 on it?

13 MAYOR MCGINTY: Madam Clerk,
14 the second one.

15 VILLAGE CLERK: Public Hearing
16 to consider the adoption of Local Law
17 7 of the year 2023. A Local Law
18 Enacting a Property Tax Exemption for
19 Volunteer Firefighters and Ambulance
20 Workers Pursuant to Section 466-a of
21 the Real Property Tax Law.

22 MAYOR MCGINTY: In actuality, I
23 believe this to be an extension of
24 the present law. Trustee Tice, do
25 you have anything to say about this?



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2 TRUSTEE TICE: No. But I think
3 any volunteer fireman and ambulance
4 worker would be most proud about
5 this.

6 MAYOR MCGINTY: This Village is
7 blessed with a volunteer firefighter
8 first responder group that, frankly,
9 we want to show our appreciation and
10 just as frankly, we want to keep them
11 on board. And so with that, we open
12 the Public Hearing. Does anybody
13 have any questions? Yes, ma'am.

14 AUDIENCE MEMBER: Are these
15 people all Island Park residents?

16 MAYOR MCGINTY: Yes, ma'am.

17 AUDIENCE MEMBER: So they are
18 familiar with the water situation and
19 the streets? The last flood that we
20 had, the water was up to my door step
21 and they came flying through. They
22 weren't on a call. They pushed the
23 water right into the house. I had to
24 replace all of my floors.

25 MAYOR MCGINTY: I'm sorry to



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2 hear that, obviously. I believe you
3 are referring to December 23rd, and I
4 think Trustee Tice and I were
5 discussing that. And if I'm not
6 mistaken, I think, upon inspection,
7 we found out that it was a fire truck
8 from the City of Long Beach.

9 TRUSTEE TICE: Yeah. We had
10 some mutual aid companies come in.
11 There was extensive calls that day.
12 A lot of rescue calls, a lot of calls
13 that didn't go over. So we were
14 responding. We would be at one
15 place, we would get a second call,
16 and we would have to immediately go
17 there. We had a child that was
18 injured. So, yes, the guys 90
19 percent of the time are very careful,
20 but when they hear a child, you know,
21 it's difficult.

22 AUDIENCE MEMBER: I was
23 wondering, are they familiar with the
24 water situation? It was like a boat
25 going through.



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2 TRUSTEE TICE: Well, what
3 happens is because of the size and
4 weight of the vehicles, they move a
5 lot of water. It's not like a
6 regular car, you know. We have a
7 fire truck, you know, and they are
8 10-feet wide. Their tires are
9 massive on them. So even if they
10 crawl, you are still going to get a
11 wake.

12 AUDIENCE MEMBER: Not like
13 that.

14 TRUSTEE TICE: I understand. I
15 understand.

16 MAYOR MCGINTY: Thank you.
17 Anybody else on the Property Tax
18 Exemption? Seeing none.

19 Can we move on to the next
20 Public Hearing, please?

21 VILLAGE CLERK: Public Hearing
22 to consider the adoption of Local Law
23 8 of the year 2023, Authorizing a
24 Property Tax Levy in excess of the
25 limit set forth in General Municipal



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2 Law Section 3-c.

3 MAYOR MCGINTY: I request this
4 resolution each year during the
5 budget cycle to enable the Board to
6 consider the full extent of revenue
7 available to it. Are there any
8 questions? Thank you. We have one
9 more.

10 VILLAGE CLERK: Public Hearing
11 for the Tentative Budget.

12 A copy of the entire Tentative
13 Budget is available for public
14 inspection. All interested persons
15 will be given an opportunity to
16 present oral and/or written comments
17 on the 2023/2024 Tentative Budget.

18 MAYOR MCGINTY: Any comments,
19 please? Seeing none. I believe it's
20 time to close the Public Hearing. So
21 I would like for a motion to close
22 the Public Hearing.

23 TRUSTEE TICE: I will make it.

24 MAYOR MCGINTY: Motion by
25 Trustee Bob Tice. Second?



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TRUSTEE VOLPE-RIED: Second.

MAYOR MCGINTY: Second by

Trustee Ried. On the motion. Aye.

(Whereupon, all Board Members
voted affirmatively.)

(Time noted: 6:53 p.m.)



