

**VILLAGE OF AIRMONT
BOARD OF TRUSTEES
OCTOBER 7, 2019
7 PM**

**PRESENT: MAYOR NATHAN BUBEL
BRIAN DOWNEY, DEPUTY MAYOR
PETER BLUNNIE, TRUSTEE
MIGDALIA PESANTE, TRUSTEE
KEVIN WARBRICK, TRUSTEE
AMY MELE, VILLAGE ATTORNEY
RALPH BRACCO, CLERK TO THE BOARD
DONNA LOPOPOLO, DEPUTY CLERK**

Mayor Bubel called the meeting to order, led everyone in the Pledge of Allegiance and asked for a moment of silence in memory of Officer Brian Mulkeen.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Numerous comments noted.

APPROVING PROPOSAL RECEIVED FROM FREDERICK P. CLARK ASSOCIATES IN THE AMOUNT OF \$2500.00 TO PROVIDE ROADWAY/TRAFFIC ASSESSMENT FOR CRAGMERE ROAD/RETAINING WALL NUNC PRO TUNC

The motion was moved by Mayor Bubel
The motion was seconded by Trustee Blunnie

The votes of the Board of Trustees were as follows:

NAME	YES	NO	NOT VOTING	ABSENT
Blunnie	X			
Downey	X			
Pesante	X			
Warbrick	X			
Bubel	X			

All were in favor and the motion carried.

APPROVING ANNUAL RETIREMENT SYSTEM LOGS FOR VILLAGE ATTORNEY

WHEREAS, the Village Attorney, consistent with her resolution of appointment in April 2019 and the New York State Comptroller’s Office requirements kept and submitted time records of her hours worked for the Village of Airmont; and

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees of the Village of Airmont hereby approves the time sheets of Amy Mele for the months of April through September 2019.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Village report her hours to the New York State Comptroller’s Office as full time, retro-active to April 1, 2019.

The motion was moved by Mayor Bubel
The motion was seconded by Trustee Downey

The votes of the Board of Trustees were as follows:

NAME	YES	NO	NOT VOTING	ABSENT
Blunnie	X			
Downey	X			
Pesante	X			
Warbrick	X			
Bubel	X			

All were in favor and the motion carried.

AUTHORIZATION TO RETAIN A TITLE COMPANY REGARDING THE LAND EXCHANGE BETWEEN THE VILLAGE OF AIRMONT AND JAMES & EDWARD CHEESEMAN FOR THE PROPERTY LOCATED AT 184 ROUTE 59

The motion was moved by Mayor Bubel
 The motion was seconded by Trustee Downey

The votes of the Board of Trustees were as follows:

NAME	YES	NO	NOT VOTING	ABSENT
Blunnie	X			
Downey	X			
Pesante	X			
Warbrick	X			
Bubel	X			

All were in favor and the motion carried.

**SENIOR RECORDS CLERK POSITION
 APPOINTMENT OF SENIOR RECORDS CLERK – MARYBETH BROOKS**

These items were moved to Executive Session.

MOTION TO SET BUDGET WORKSHOP FOR OCTOBER 21 AND NOVEMBER 4 (IF NEEDED) AT 6:00 PM (MEETING TO FOLLOW AT 7:30 PM) AND TO AUTHORIZE THE VILLAGE CLERK TO POST THE MEETING

The motion was moved by Mayor Bubel
 The motion was seconded by Trustee Warbrick

The votes of the Board of Trustees were as follows:

NAME	YES	NO	NOT VOTING	ABSENT
Blunnie	X			
Downey	X			
Pesante	X			
Warbrick	X			
Bubel	X			

All were in favor and the motion carried.

MOTION TO SET PUBLIC HEARING FOR THE 2020 TENTATIVE BUDGET ON NOVEMBER 4, 2019 AT 7:30 PM

The motion was moved by Mayor Bubel
 The motion was seconded by Trustee Blunnie

The votes of the Board of Trustees were as follows:

NAME	YES	NO	NOT VOTING	ABSENT
Blunnie	X			
Downey	X			
Pesante	X			
Warbrick	X			
Bubel	X			

All were in favor and the motion carried.

ROAD MAINTENANCE CONTRACT

Bid notice to be published regarding road maintenance contract.

TRASH REMOVAL CONTRACT

Bid notice to be published regarding trash removal contract.

VILLAGE HALL CLEANING SERVICES

Proposals reviewed. Tabled until further notice.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

9/16/19 – Mayor Bubel made a motion to approve the minutes of September 16, 2019, seconded by Trustee Downey. All were in favor and the motion carried.

APPROVAL OF VOUCHERS

MOTION TO APPROVE THE VOUCHERS OF OCTOBER 7, 2019 IN THE AMOUNT OF \$65,449.96

The motion was moved by Mayor Bubel
 The motion was seconded by Trustee Pesante

The votes of the Board of Trustees were as follows:

NAME	YES	NO	NOT VOTING	ABSENT
Blunnie	X			
Downey			X	
Pesante	X			
Warbrick	X			
Bubel	X			

Motion carried 4 in favor and 1 abstention.

OLD BUSINESS/NEW BUSINESS

Trustee Downey presented the following resolution:

RESOLUTION CONDEMNING GOP VIDEO

WHEREAS, recently there was a video released by the Rockland County Republican Party on their OFFICIAL Facebook page; and

WHEREAS, the video contained a warning of a “takeover” of Rockland by the Hasidic Jewish community, which this Board considers hateful and an Anti-Semitic message; and

WHEREAS, the video was not subtle nor hidden like past videos and flyers from the party, it was DIRECT AND EXACTLY what the people behind the video release intended; and

WHEREAS, the video was up on Facebook/Twitter for less than 24 hours before being removed due to the OVERWHELMING response from residents of Rockland, The New York State Attorney General Letitia James and Governor Cuomo and many others who stated the video was “disgusting,”

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that as the Village Board of the Village of Airmont, we echo these reactions and condemn the video and its drafters and its contents in every way possible. We stand by our duty to unite this Village and to never allow this type of hateful rhetoric to go unnoticed or unanswered within our boundaries; and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Village Board of the Village of Airmont pledges to always be a beacon to families regardless of race, creed, or religion, and we invite residents to come and live in a suburban, friendly village with property for your children to play and the safety to walk the streets unfettered. We, your elected officials, will keep working tirelessly, keeping this possible and with the Village’s support these goals are well within reach.

The motion was moved by Trustee Downey
The motion was seconded by Mayor Bubel

The votes of the Board of Trustees were as follows:

NAME	YES	NO	NOT VOTING	ABSENT
Blunnie	X			
Downey	X			
Pesante	X			
Warbrick	X			
Bubel	X			

All were in favor and the motion carried.

MOTION TO ENTER INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION REGARDING PERSONNEL MATTERS AND LITIGATION

Mayor Bubel made a motion to enter into Executive Session at 8:45 pm, seconded by Trustee Downey. All were in favor and the motion carried.

MOTION TO END THE EXECUTIVE SESSION

Mayor Bubel made a motion to end the Executive Session at 10:29 pm, seconded by Trustee Warbrick. All were in favor and the motion carried.

Village Clerk was not included in the Executive Session, but was authorized to complete the following:
Send PO 27 regarding Senior Records Clerk to Rockland County Personnel
Send out canvass letters for building inspector and code enforcer positions

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Bubel made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Trustee Downey, All were in favor and the meeting ended at 10:29 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Ralph J. Bracco, Clerk to the Board
Donna Lopopolo, Deputy Village Clerk