

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF
THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES
Wednesday, March 13, 2024**

A work session of the Board of Trustees of the Incorporated Village of Head-of-the-Harbor was held on Wednesday, March 13, 2024 at 7 PM at the Village Hall located at 500 North Country Rd., St. James, NY 11780. Those present were the following members Mayor Douglas A. Dahlgard, Deputy Mayor Daniel W. White, Trustees Jeffrey D. Fischer, L. Gordon Van Vechten and Trustee Judith C. Ogden. Also, in attendance Village Administrator/Clerk, Margaret O’Keefe; Police Chief, Charles M. Lohmann; Village Attorney, Anthony Guardino; Building Inspector, Robert O’Shea; Dir. of Highway Operations, Frank Prinzevalli and Village Treasurer, Patricia Mulderig. Members of the public were requested to sign-in.

• **Mayor – Douglas A. Dahlgard:**

Discussion ensued regarding the Special Use Permit Application from the Monastery of the Glorious Ascension. In accordance with Village Code § 81-24, the application is a Type I under SEQRA.

- It was, upon motion by Deputy Mayor White, second by Trustee Fischer, and adopted (4-1-0):
RESOLUTION #181-23
RESOLVED, to adopt a resolution of negative declaration of environmental significance and reasoned elaboration for the Monastery of the Glorious Ascension, inc. (a/k/a Monastery of St. Dionysus) for the construction and operation of a house of worship at 481 North Country Road, St. James, NY 11780 (SCTM: 0801-007.00-03;00-029.001, 037.000). This resolution is deemed read into the record in its entirety and shall be affixed to the official minutes with the vote recorded accordingly.

Discussion ensued regarding buffer language.

- It was, upon motion by Deputy Mayor White, second by Trustee Van Vechten, and adopted (4-1-0):
RESOLUTION #182-23
RESOLVED, to approve the application for special permit for the construction and operation of a House of Worship by the Monastery residing on their property. A resolution is offered to approve the application of the Monastery of the Glorious Accession Inc. also known as the Monastery of Saint Dionysios for a special permit for the construction and operation of a House of Worship at 481 North Country Road, St. James, New York 11780. The resolution is 14 pages long and small type and detailed its findings and there are 18 specific conditions that the village and the applicant have agreed to. Therefore, this resolution is deemed read into the record in its entirety and shall be affixed to the official minutes with the vote recorded accordingly.
 - The Board of Trustees agrees to send correspondence to Rob Trotta supporting Suffolk County’s intent to acquire school district property located in the village’s jurisdiction.
 - Police Department new vehicle to be delivered shortly.
 - Auditors to be at Village Hall March 18th and March 20th.
 - The Village attorney, Anthony Guardino shall forward to the homeowner on Piper Lane the invoice received from Town of Smithtown bill regarding emergency services.
 - Trees on order for Arbor Day celebration.
 - Highway Department - filling potholes and dealing with stormwater.

There being no other matters to be brought before the Board; it was, upon motion by Trustee Fischer, second by Deputy Mayor White and unanimously adopted, to adjourn the meeting at 7:21 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Margaret O’Keefe
Village Administrator/Clerk