

## Village of North Chevy Chase

### Council Meeting Minutes – November 18, 2025

**Approval of October Meeting Minutes:** The Council approved the minutes.

**Treasurer Report:** Results for October 2025 included combined income of \$60,830 and combined expenses of \$145,846 (includes capital expenses for Kensington Pkwy streetlights). Current fiscal year-to-date revenues came to \$153,005 and expenses to \$221,515. Total assets as of October 31 were \$3,293,608.

**Permits:** Fast-track approvals by the Village Manager included:

- 1) 3821 Kenilwroth Drwy – dumpster (Oct 28)
- 2) 3820 Inverness Dr – fence (Nov 12)

**Village Arborist Introduction:** Richard Jones, a Maryland licensed tree expert and UMD campus arborist, was introduced to the group. He discussed his background in tree management, inventory, and data reporting, expressing his enthusiasm for helping maintain and enhance the Village's canopy. He presented a canopy cover study showing 53% coverage, which exceeds the coverage of the District of Columbia (approximately 40%). The Council agreed to have the arborist update the Village's tree inventory and assess the health of each Village tree, as well as determine any winter maintenance requirements, prior to the December 16 Council meeting.

**Snow Removal from Sidewalks Decision:** The Council decided to uphold the Village (and County) ordinance whereby residents are required to clear the sidewalks in front of their property of snow/ice within 24 hours of snowfall cessation. Concerns were raised about the financial obligations of the Village assuming that responsibility, as well as the fact that historically, the vast majority of residents proactively cleared the sidewalks in front of their property. The Council requested that the Village Manager provide residents via the December newsletter with the contact information for the Village's street snow removal vendor - Miller Landscaping services - if they would like to receive sidewalk or other snow removal services on their property. The Village Manager was also instructed to enforce the Village Ordinance Section 4-204 related to "Snow and Ice Removal from Public Sidewalks" in which residents would be fined if snow/ice is not removed within 24 hours of snowfall cessation; however, the Village Manager would seek to communicate with the affected residents prior to fine issuance. In addition, the Manager was requested to collect a list of individuals (i.e. teenagers) living in the Village who are available/interested in supporting snow removal for distribution to residents. The Council indicated that it would consider discussing the sidewalk snow removal again

next year, after another year of data is compiled. There was also discussion about adding a SMS service so that residents could receive brief SMS notifications rather than email, particularly during time-sensitive events such as snow clearing. The Village Manager was requested to look into this service and request that residents update their phone numbers with the Village Manager.

**Intersection Safety Study Update:** The traffic engineering firm, Brudis & Associates, submitted a rough draft of the intersection safety study to the Village. The Village Manager and some Councilmembers planned to clarify points in the draft report with Brudis on November 19, 2025 and anticipated a more complete draft being available for Council discussion by the December 16 meeting.

**Kensington Parkway Street Lighting Update:** The Council chair noted that the Village was coordinating with Pepco to energize the lights and once that was done and Baldwin Line tested the lines, a lighting ceremony would take place, There was brief discussion about placing holiday decorations on the lights. An initial estimated cost was \$250 per light pole. With 25 lights, the total would be \$6,250. Residents indicated that they would prefer to see funds used for sidewalk snow removal or donated to a local food bank or other charity instead.

**Attendees:**

Adrian Andreassi  
Maury Mechanick  
Geetika Sripathi  
Jon Macy  
Dana Peterson  
Richard Jones  
Alison Merikangas  
David Asai  
Angela and Tim Morreell  
Jean Lewis  
Mike and Jacqueline Flanagan  
Sandy Tennies  
Peter Herscovitch