

Village of North Chevy Chase Monthly Council Meeting – Tuesday, January 16, 2024 at 7:30 p.m.

Meeting called to order at 7:30 p.m. by Adrian Andreassi (Chair), conducted in person and through electronic means; also in attendance were Brian Hoffner (Vice Chair); Maury Mechanick (Secretary); Olga Joos (Treasurer) and Jon Macy (Member); Susan Theis (Village Manager); and other residents of VoNCC (list attached)

Secretary’s Report for December 2023 Council Meeting (Mechanick) – Approved.

Treasurer’s Report for December 2023 (Joos) –Approved.

Results for December 2023 included income of \$1404.41 and operating expenses of \$34,091.86 (including waste removal, leaf collection, street lighting, trees, wages and taxes, membership and dues, professional fees, and office and communication). No capital expenditures were incurred during December 2023. Total current assets as of December 2023, consisting of operating balance plus reserves, including APRA funds received, came to \$2,959,561.43.

Action Items:

Composting – Consistent with the decision taken at the December 2023 Council Meeting, the Council approved the issuance of a RFP to potential composting companies to submit bids for the Village’s pilot project regarding composting.

Amendment of Village Ordinances Regarding the Planting of Canopy Trees in the Village Right of Way and Required Notification to Be Provided to New Residents Regarding Village Permitting Requirements– In recognition of the importance of maintaining adequate canopy tree coverage throughout the Village, the Village Council decided that amendment of the Village Ordinances to establish specific policies regarding circumstances in which the Village may plant trees within the Village right of ways and to specify the circumstances in which canopy trees on residential property can be taken down, should be undertaken. Similarly, in order to ensure that new residents are fully aware of Village permitting procedure, the Council also decided that amendment of the Village Ordinances to require disclosure of Village permitting procedures in connection with the sale of residential properties located within the Village should be undertaken. Specific text for revised Ordinances will be submitted for consideration at the February 2024 Council Meeting, as the first step required under the Village Charter for adopting amendments to existing Ordinances.

ARPA Funds – The Council continued discussion of possible projects to be funded by ARPA funds received, with increased focus on using these funds for improved pedestrian street lighting along Kensington Parkway and improve overhead lighting throughout the Village. In order to develop concrete plans and contract execution by year-end 2024, as a condition for expenditure of the ARPA funds, the Village will retain advice of one or more lighting experts to develop the necessary plans.

Village 100-Year Celebration – In connection with the Village efforts undertaken to commemorate the 100-year anniversary of the Village’s formal establishment, Olga Joos has undertaken research that she reported on regarding the Village’s history and some historically significant developments with respect to the surrounding areas.

Monthly Manager’s Report – [to be provided by Susan]

Meeting adjourned at 8:40 p.m.

Date of next meeting: February 20, 2024

January 16, 2024 Village Council Meeting - Attendees

In Person:

Adrian Andreassi
Brian Hoffner
Jon Macy
Susan Theis

Via Zoom:

Olga Joos
Maury Mechanick
Susan Smith