

**REGULAR MEETING
OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES
August 3, 2026**

A Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees was held on August 3, 2026, with the following in attendance:

Randall Rosenbaum	Mayor
Frank Genese	Deputy Mayor
Gary Lewandowski	Trustee
Mary Jo Collins	Trustee
AJ Smith	Trustee
Max Frankel	Trustee
Claire Dorfman	Trustee
Jeff Blinkoff	Village Attorney
Marla Wolfson	Village Administrator
Peter Albinski	Building Superintendent
Heather Lanci	Village Treasurer/Deputy Clerk

Mayor Rosenbaum called the meeting to order at 7:02. Richard Tocci of the Roslyn Fire Companies led the assembly in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Regular Meeting

Approval of Minutes

On motion of Mayor Rosenbaum, seconded by Trustee Dorfman, the minutes of the July 6, 2026 Board of Trustees Meeting were approved unanimously.

Treasurer's Report

Mayor Rosenbaum noted that the July abstract was larger than usual because it included payment for the Village's annual road paving project, which had been completed earlier than anticipated.

On motion of Mayor Rosenbaum, seconded by Deputy Mayor Genese, the monthly claims in the amount of \$674,270.34 were approved unanimously.

Roslyn Fire District – Length of Service Award Program (LOSAP)

Representatives of the Roslyn Fire District presented a proposed amendment to the Length of Service Award Program (LOSAP) for volunteer firefighters. The proposal would increase the monthly benefit from \$20 to \$30 for each year of credited service and increase the maximum credited service from 30 years to 50 years. The representatives explained that the proposed changes were intended to assist with the recruitment and retention of volunteer firefighters in light of declining volunteer membership, increasing call volumes, increased training requirements and the rising costs associated with providing fire protection services. The estimated additional annual cost to all participating municipalities was approximately \$140,000, of which Flower Hill's estimated share was \$10,298, or less than \$20 annually per affected taxable parcel.

The Board discussed the increasing costs of firefighting equipment and regulatory requirements, the geographic size of the Roslyn Fire District, and the municipalities and areas served by the District. Mayor Rosenbaum noted that although the increased cost would apply only to the portion of Flower Hill served by the Roslyn Fire District, the expenditure would nevertheless be included within the Village's overall budget and would therefore have to be considered in connection with the State tax cap. The Board also discussed the funding status of the LOSAP program, investment earnings, the timing of the proposed increase, and the procedure and costs associated with conducting the required referendum.

It was clarified that the Board was not being asked to approve the increased LOSAP benefit itself. Rather, the Board was being asked to authorize the matter to be submitted to the eligible voters within the Flower Hill portion of the Roslyn Fire District at a referendum to be held within the required time period.

Resident David Frankel addressed the Board and expressed concern regarding the proposed increase. Mr. Frankel stated that additional actuarial and financial information should be provided before the proposal is submitted to the voters and questioned whether the proposed increase would effectively address volunteer recruitment and retention. Mr. Frankel requested that the Board defer action until additional information was available. Representatives of the Fire District responded to his questions and stated that Penflex serves as the professional administrator and actuarial consultant for the LOSAP program.

Following discussion, motion was made by Deputy Mayor Genese, seconded by Trustee Collins, to adopt Resolution No. 14 – 2026, authorizing a referendum on the proposed LOSAP amendments, with the referendum to be held at Village Hall within 60 to 90 days of adoption of the resolution, on a date and during hours to be subsequently determined.

RESOLUTION NO. 14 - 2026 OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES

In the matter of amending the provisions of the Length of Service Award Program adopted for active volunteer firefighter members of the Rescue Hook & Ladder Company No. 1 and Roslyn Highlands Hook & Ladder, Engine & Hose Company, Inc.

WHEREAS; qualified voters of the Incorporated Village of Flower Hill approved a proposition to establish a Defined Benefit Length of Service Award Program ("Program") with the first program year beginning January 1, 1996, administered by the Joint Sponsoring LOSAP Board for active volunteer firefighter members of the Rescue Hook & Ladder Company No. 1 and Roslyn Highlands Hook & Ladder, Engine & Hose Company, Inc. ("Active Members") in accordance with Article 11-A of the New York State General Municipal Law ("Law"); and,

WHEREAS; under the current Program provisions, volunteers earn a \$20 Monthly payment lifetime Service Award for each year of Service Credit earned under the Service Award Program Point System for up to thirty (30) years of such credit in the Program, with such monthly Service Award payments commencing to the volunteer upon attainment of the Program Entitlement Age of sixty-two (62) years old; and,

WHEREAS; Article 11-A of the Law authorizes the Board of Trustees to hold a public referendum to seek approval for an amendment to the Program; and

WHEREAS; these amendments may be intended to enable the Joint Sponsoring LOSAP Board with approval from each individual municipality to improve the Service Award Program benefits for the Active Members; and

WHEREAS; such improvement in the Service Award Program benefits is consistent with the intent of the Program to help the Rescue Hook & Ladder Company No. 1 and Roslyn Highlands Hook & Ladder, Engine & Hose Company, Inc. recruit and retain Active Members; now, therefore,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees of the Incorporated Village of Flower Hill, as authorized by Article 11-A of the Law, directs that there shall be a public referendum of eligible voters of the Incorporated Village of Flower Hill to be held on a date to be subsequently determined by the Board of Trustees, within the time period required by law, to seek voter approval to:

- Increase the Monthly Service Award from \$20 to \$30 for service credit earned after 2026; and
- Effective January 1, 2027, increase the maximum number of years of Service Credit that a volunteer can earn from thirty (30) to fifty (50) years.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, because the LOSAP Program is based upon an intermunicipal agreement between the Town of North Hempstead, Town of Oyster Bay, Incorporated Village of Brookville, Incorporated Village of East Hills, Incorporated Village of Flower Hill, Incorporated Village of North Hills, Incorporated Village of Old Westbury, Incorporated Village of Roslyn, Incorporated Village of Roslyn Estates, and Incorporated Village of Roslyn Harbor, all in Nassau County, New York, in which Program costs are based on percent of total assessment for the Villages and Towns in the Roslyn Fire District, the 2027 calculated program estimated cost is about \$230,000, or about \$983 per participating volunteer, including about \$13,000 of annual cost of administration. Should voters approve this amendment, the annual cost of the amended program for current participants is estimated to increase to a total of about \$370,000, or \$1,581 per participating volunteer. The Incorporated Village of Flower Hill's portion of the \$140,000 differential is estimated to be \$10,298. There is no expected administration cost increase as a result of this amendment; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, all other provisions of the Program which require voter approval shall not change, and the Program shall continue to be administered in accordance with Article 11-A of the Law as such law is amended from time to time.

September Board of Trustees Meeting – Date Change

Mayor Rosenbaum announced that the September 2026 Board of Trustees meeting would be rescheduled to Tuesday, September 8, 2026. The change was made to avoid an extended period between meetings and to permit timely payment of Village obligations.

Surplus Property

On motion of Mayor Rosenbaum, seconded by Deputy Mayor Genese, the Board voted unanimously to declare the Village's 2010 Ford Escape SUV and two laptops surplus

property.

Tree Removal Appeal – 475 Manhasset Woods Road

The Board considered an appeal concerning the required replacement of a tree approved for removal at 475 Manhasset Woods Road. The applicant stated that the property already contained numerous trees and requested relief from both the requirement to plant a replacement tree and the alternative \$500 contribution to the Village Tree Fund.

The Board explained that the removal of the tree had been approved and that Village policy required either the planting of a replacement tree or a \$500 contribution to the Tree Fund. The applicant requested that both requirements be waived. Mayor Rosenbaum asked whether any member of the Board wished to make a motion granting the requested relief. No Board member made such a motion.

Tree Remediation Appeal – 124 Walnut Lane

The Board next considered an appeal regarding a tree removal at 124 Walnut Lane. The applicant requested permission to remove a leaning maple tree and proposed installing approximately 18 Green Giant evergreens along the property line, together with planting a replacement deciduous tree elsewhere on the property. The applicant explained that the existing maple tree was leaning toward the house and that installation of the proposed Green Giants near the tree could disturb its root system.

The Board discussed the distinction between evergreen screening and replacement deciduous trees, the Village's interest in preserving shade trees and natural habitat, and the appropriate location and species for a replacement tree. The Board also discussed existing plantings within the Village right-of-way along Dogwood Lane and the importance of maintaining adequate clearance for pedestrians, bicyclists and vehicles.

On motion of Mayor Rosenbaum, seconded by Deputy Mayor Genese, the Board unanimously approved removal of the maple tree conditioned upon the planting of an oak tree in consultation with the Village Arborist as to its location. The applicant also agreed to work with the Village regarding maintenance of the existing arborvitae along Dogwood Lane to provide appropriate clearance and improve pedestrian and roadway safety. The Board noted that this agreement did not affect the Village's ability to require additional action in the future should the plantings be determined to create a safety hazard.

Building Superintendent Report

Building Superintendent Peter Albinski reported on the July 2026 Architectural Review Committee meeting for Board consideration.

Returning Application

- New You – 1045 Northern Boulevard, Roslyn - Signs
Approved – to BOT

New Applications

- 117 Hemlock Road – New Single-Family Dwelling
Not Approved – Return to next ARC meeting

On motion of Mayor Rosenbaum, seconded by Trustee Frankel, the Board voted six (6) in favor and one (1) abstention by Trustee Lewandowski, to approve the findings and recommendations of the Architectural Review Committee.

Mayor's Report

Mayor Rosenbaum reported that the Village's annual road paving program had been completed. Work was performed on portions of Mason Drive, Dartmouth Road, Drake Lane, Hemlock Road and Birchdale Lane. The Village will continue to evaluate road conditions in preparation for next year's paving program.

Mayor Rosenbaum reported that work was continuing on the Port Washington Boulevard/Middle Neck Road project.

Mayor Rosenbaum further reported that he, Trustee Lewandowski and Village Administrator Wolfson had met with IMEG Engineering regarding the Village's sewer feasibility study. IMEG continued to seek information from the Port Washington Sewer District necessary to advance the study. The feasibility study could not meaningfully proceed until the requested information was received.

Mayor Rosenbaum reminded those present that the next Board of Trustees meeting would be held on Tuesday, September 8, 2026.

Executive Session

On motion of Mayor Rosenbaum, seconded by Deputy Mayor Genese, the Board unanimously entered Executive Session at 8:24 p.m. to discuss pending litigation. As no action was taken during Executive Session, upon motion of Mayor Rosenbaum, seconded by Trustee Frankel, the Board closed Executive Session and returned to the regular meeting at 8:26 p.m.

On motion of Mayor Rosenbaum, seconded by Trustee Dorfman, the Board adjourned the regular meeting at 8:26 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Marla Wolfson
Village Administrator