

**INC. VILLAGE OF MANORHAVEN
SPECIAL MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES
September 30, 2026 – 6:30 p.m. – MEETING AGENDA**

CALL TO ORDER: Mayor Popeleski called meeting to order at 6:43pm

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Pledge led by Trustee Stone

ATTENDANCE: Trustee Christine Zahn; Trustee Jeffrey Stone; Trustee Monica Ildefonso; Deputy Mayor Khristine Shahipour - Excused; Mayor John Popeleski; Christopher J. Neumann, Esq., Village Attorney; John E. Hommel, Village Clerk

MAYOR COMMENTS: No Mayor comments

PUBLIC COMMENT:

- Ken Kraft
 - This is second lawsuit that the Village has to pay within the last few months
 - Last lawsuit was paid by issuing a bond, how will this one be paid – Mayor explained that the Village has funds set aside for this settlement
 - Residents are bearing the cost of past Village incompetence
 - Village should be more cognizant of procedures for handling personnel
 - Mayor – Village officials at the time received bad legal advice
- Sherry Denn
 - With all the lawsuits against the Village, do Trustees and mayor take annual online classes for harassment and other learnings
 - Attorney Neumann explained that in the first lawsuit the Village at the time received possibly misleading advice. The second lawsuit Attorney Neumann questions the Courts decision and stated Attorney handling the suit did so in proper and responsible fashion. Stated that Village officials are aware of past mistakes and will follow proper procedures going forward.
 - Outside counsel for this lawsuit was provided under the Village insurance policy

Resolutions:

Resolution #57 – 2026:

Be it resolved that the Board of Trustees of the Village of Manorhaven hereby accepts, approves and authorizes the payment of a judgment in the matter of Jacqueline Zimbardi v. Incorporated Village of Manorhaven, (Index No. 615377/23), in the amount of \$145,936.49. Of this amount \$137,572.43 will be paid by payroll and consist of Salary, accrued Personal Time Off, Health Insurance and FICA. Two separate checks will be issued by the Village; an amount of \$505.00 for Court costs and an amount of \$7,859.05 representing interest.

Trustee Stone made a motion to accept; seconded by Mayor Popeleski;

Trustee Zahn – Abstain; Trustee Stone - Aye; Trustee Ildefonso – Aye; Deputy Mayor Shahipour - Excused; Mayor Popeleski- Aye.

all in favor – 3/all opposed – 0/abstain – 1/excused - 1

Resolution #58 – 2026:

Be it resolved that the Board of Trustees of the Village of Manorhaven hereby accepts, approves and authorizes the hiring of Special Counsel Robert McLaughlin, P.L.L.C. to provide legal services in connection with the prosecution of Dr. Hertzl Sure and related defendants. Special Counsel will be compensated at a rate of \$300 per hour. Services and compensation will follow stipulations as set forth in Retainer Agreement.

Trustee Stone made a motion to accept; seconded by Trustee Ildefonso;

Trustee Zahn – Abstain; Trustee Stone - Aye; Trustee Ildefonso – Aye; Deputy Mayor Shahipour - Excused; Mayor Popeleski- Aye.

all in favor – 4/all opposed – 0/excused - 1

MOTION TO ADJOURN BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING:

Trustee Zahn made a motion to adjourn the meeting; seconded by Trustee Stone; unanimously carried (4-0) at 7:01 p.m.

Manorhaven, NY

John E. Hommel

Village Clerk-Treasurer

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