**VILLAGE OF WESTFIELD**

**BOARD OF TRUSTEES**

**MINUTES**

**DATE: Tuesday, September 3rd**, 2024 **TIME:** 5:00 PM

**PLACE:** North Room – Eason Hall

**Members Present:** Mayor Dennis Lutes, Trustee Josh Freifeld, Trustee Judy Einach, Trustee Blake Maras, Trustee Johanna Kelley

**Staff**: Vince Luce, Administrator & Village Clerk

**VISITORS: None**

**RESOLUTION 22-2024 PRO HOUSING COMMUNTY**

Mayor Lutes opened the meeting at approximately 5:17pm and noted that the Board approved at their last regular meeting to apply for the NY Forward Grant which requires Westfield to become a Pro-Housing Community. It was noted that at their August 19, 2024 meeting, WDC Executive Director Don McCord had outlined the timeline and procedures required to apply for this round of NY Forward Grant monies. It was also noted that the Pro-Housing Community requirement was put in place by the state and in order to be eligible for several grant programs through the State of New York, communities are now required to apply for and become a pro-housing community as a requirement.

There being no further questions, the board approved the following proposed resolution 22-2024 as presented on a motion by J. Freifeld /J. Einach and unanimously approved.

VILLAGE OF WESTFIELD

RESOLUTION No: 22-2024

PRO-HOUSING COMMUNITY

Trustee J. Freifeld moved and Trustee J. Einach seconded that

WHEREAS, the Village of Westfield (hereinafter “local government”) believes

that the lack of housing for New York residents of all ages and income levels negatively impacts

the future of New York State’s economic growth and community well-being;

WHEREAS, the housing crisis has negative effects at regional and local levels, we believe that

every community must do their part to contribute to housing growth and benefit from the

positive impacts a healthy housing market brings to communities;

WHEREAS, we believe that supporting housing production of all kinds in our community will

bring multiple benefits, including increasing housing access and choices for current and future

residents, providing integrated accessible housing options that meet the needs of people with

sensory and mobility disabilities, bringing economic opportunities and vitality to our

communities, and allowing workers at all levels to improve their quality of life through living

closer to their employment opportunities;

WHEREAS, we believe that evidence showing that infill development that reduces sprawl and

supports walkable communities has significant environmental and public health benefits; and

WHEREAS, we believe that affirmatively furthering fair housing and reducing segregation is not

only required by law, but is essential for keeping our community strong and vibrant;

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED that the Village of

Westfield, in order to take positive steps to alleviate the housing crisis, adopts the Pro

Housing Communities pledge, which will have us endeavor to take the following important

steps:

1. Streamlining permitting for multifamily housing, affordable housing, accessible housing,

accessory dwelling units, and supportive housing.

2. Adopting policies that affirmatively further fair housing.

3. Incorporating regional housing needs into planning decisions.

4. Increasing development capacity for residential uses.

5. Enacting policies that encourage a broad range of housing development, including

multifamily housing, affordable housing, accessible housing, accessory dwelling units,

and supportive housing.

**SEQR RESOLUTION 23-2024 LEAD SERVICE REPLACEMENT PROGRAM**

VILLAGE OF WESTFIELD

RESOLUTION No: 23-2024

LEAD SERVICE REPLACEMENT PROGRAM

WHEREAS, the Village has received a Lead Service Line Funding Award through the Federal Fiscal Year 2023 Bipartisan Infrastructure Law Lead Service Line Replacement (BIL-LSLR) funding the Drinking Water State Revolving Fund (DWSRF) to establish an inventory of water service lines throughout the village service area; and

WHEREAS, it is anticipated that any disturbance to complete physical below grade service identification will be confined to the area of the existing curb boxes and service lines to identify water service materials; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT, the Department of Health (NYSDOH) identifies all lead service line projects as Type II SEQR Actions and in concurrence with NYSDOH findings MRB recommends the Action to be a Type II Action under Section 617.5 (c) of the State Environmental Quality Review (SEQR) Regulations; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT, Type II Actions are not subject to further review under Part 617 of the SEQR Regulations; and

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED that, the Village Board in making this classification has satisfied the procedural requirements under SEQR and directs this Resolution to be placed in the File on this Action.

The within Resolution was moved by Village Board Trustee Josh Freifeld, seconded by Village Board Trustee Judy Einach, was passed unanimously voted upon by the Board members, as follows:

Dennis Lutes, Mayor - Aye

Judith Einach, Trustee - Aye

Johanna Kelley, Trustee - Aye

Blake Maras, Trustee – Aye

Josh Freifeld, Trustee - Aye

There being no further issues and items to discuss, the Board adjourned the meeting on a motion by J. Einach/ J. Freifeld.

Respectfully submitted by,

Vincent Luce, Village Clerk