

Special General Meeting
Beth Israel Synagogue
October 2, 2019

Present: Mark Malinoff, Lisa Cassidy, David Fitzerman, Leonard Harris, Harvey Rosen, Sharon Monson, Ryan Gertzbein, Michele Casey, Susan Morris, Mort Morris, Julia Gravonic, Libby Tenenhouse, Jennifer Grosz, David Kogon, Daniel Woolf, Julie Woolf, Heidi Springer, Bryon Springer, Allen Nutik, Michael Springer, Laurie Marans, Mort Morris, Elaine Viner, Stacey Reed, Marilyn Kogon, Michael Robinson, Penny Robinson, Doug Springer, Wally Viner, Daniel Glatt, Arnie Palmer, Elaine Palmer

Vice President Leonard Harris calls the meeting to order at 7:00pm.

Motion: to approve the agenda.

Moved: Susan Morris

Seconded: Libby Tenenhouse

Carried

Introductory Remarks – Leonard Harris

Thank you to all for coming. We all love Beth Israel and have supported it for 109 years. Beth Israel is unique for its continued vitality, and we owe a thank you to the founding families for maintaining it, too. Beth Israel is both a family and a non-profit organization. We have to keep both identities in mind when making decisions. Rosen Fuelds has warmed and care for Beth Israel since 1959. Merle Koven and her father before her have warmed and been generous to the congregation. A round of applause recognized their contributions and support. The Board voted to convert from oil to gas after considering several factors: considerable anticipated annual savings, environmental impact, connection between Beth Israel and Rosen Fuels.

New Business

Motion: The Beth Israel Congregation authorizes the Board to spend up to \$45,000 to replace the synagogue's heating system.

Moved: Ryan Gertzbein

Seconded: Marilyn Kogon

Carried

Discussion:

Michael Robinson asked why the motion was asking for \$45,000 when the quote was for \$25,000. The range of quotes was \$25,000 to \$40,000, some with and some without tax; these are estimates, and the actual cost might be higher. Because it's an expenditure over \$25,000 and isn't in the budget, it requires general meeting approval.

Michele Casey asked how many quotes the Board got. There were 5 quotes, another coming the next day.

Julie Gravonic asked if solar panels have been considered. No, they haven't.

Allen Nutik asked if we're replacing a furnace or a boiler. Because of the difference between commercial and home units, it looks like what we think of as a furnace but is actually a boiler. Michele Casey confirmed that this meeting isn't to choose the company, the Board/Executive will do that. This meeting is just to authorize the expenditure.

Mark Malinoff clarified that one of the oil tanks, which were purchased in the last few years and are still in good condition, will be moved to Otterburn House, where the boiler is fine but the tank needs replacing.

Good and Welfare

Motion: to adjourn

Moved: Susan Morris

Seconded: Sharon Monson

Carried

Minutes respectfully prepared and submitted by Lisa Cassidy