

MINUTES
VILLAGE OF SOUTHAMPTON
BOARD OF TRUSTEES
Public Session II – January 23, 2018

Due notice having been given, the Public Meeting of the Board of Trustees was held at the Southampton Village Hall, 23 Main Street, Southampton, New York at 5:00 P.M.

Present were Mayor Irving, Trustees Allan, McGann and Hattrick; Village Administrator Stephen Funsch and Village Attorney, Wayne Bruyn. Trustee Yastrzemski was absent.

Mayor Irving opened the meeting by leading the Pledge of Allegiance.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Pamela Balserus, 89 Fordham Road, requested that the Village consider a new code with respect to residents being required to maintain their property so that landscaping does not encroach on neighbors' properties. She stated that she was having an issue involving encroachment by a neighbor's trees. Mayor Irving commented that the Village's Code Enforcement officer would need to review the situation.

Ms. Balseras also requested that the Village consider establishing a law banning the use of bamboo which she stated is a very invasive plant.

Rob Coburn, 345 Hill Street, addressed the Board regarding the proposed playground projects and asked if there were detailed plans to review. Village Administrator Funsch replied that the plans would be made available on line. Mr. Coburn asked if there were any updates regarding the traffic study. Mayor Irving stated that they would ask Gary Goleski, Superintendent for the Department of Public Works for an update.

Father Constantine Lazarakus addressed the Board regarding the proposed playgrounds and stated that Agawam Park is beautiful and the space sufficient for kids. He commented that teenagers are an underserved population and that should be a major priority for the Village's public recreation plans. He suggested that there be an open dialogue with teenagers and schools to discuss their needs.

BOARD PRESENTATIONS:

Cell Tower Presentation:

Mayor Irving gave a brief overview of the issue, noting that there was a public-private dimension to the project, the proposed location for the tower which would provide a stronger signal that would improve reliability for access to emergency services, is next to the police department. Representatives from Hemphill, LLC., made a presentation which included photo simulations of the proposed tower. A discussion followed regarding the height, location and need for a tower to be erected at the location which is adjacent to a neighborhood. Suggestions were made to explore other locations, possibly several locations, and the possibility of using existing flag poles to house a new cell tower.

The following residents expressed their concerns and asked questions regarding the project:

Jayne Clair, Coopers Farm Road

Paul Bollo, 95 Foxhollow Lane

Nick Palumbo, 380 Hill Street

Father Constantine Lazarakus, 70 Old Town Road

Deborah Bates, 49 Walnut Street

Mayor Irving stated that one of the reasons for the presentation is because the impact the proposed cell tower would have on the Village. He stated that the Village needed to create a level of communication to be able to respond to the needs of both residents and visitors. He further noted that it was the intent to leave the discussion open and encouraged members of the public to provide written responses.

Village Attorney Wayne Bruyn stated that legally this was an informational meeting and that should the Village decide they wanted to move forward, there was a process that they would need to go through including a public hearing and a full approval process.

Mayor Irving thanked the speakers for their presentation and Mr. Bruyn noted that the Village would post the findings on the website.

PUBLIC HEARINGS - NONE

COMMUNICATIONS TO THE BOARD: NONE

RESOLUTIONS

RESOLVED, that the reading of the minutes for the Public Session of January 11, 2018 be dispensed with and that those minutes be accepted as filed by the Village Administrator and that the actions taken at that meeting be and hereby are ratified and approved.

On the motion of Trustee McGann and seconded by Mayor Irving, the above resolution was unanimously approved.

RESOLVED, that the claims for the warrants dated January 23, 2018 totaling \$453,724.55 (Warrant #10 - General Fund) and the Village payrolls for the period January 5, 2018 to January 18, 2018 be audited and approved.

On the motion of Trustee Hattrick and seconded by Trustee Allan, the above resolution was unanimously approved.

RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees hereby rejects all of the recent bids for the reconstruction of the Pyrrhus Concer house and accordingly authorizes the Village Administrator to send out related rejection notices to the bidders.

On the motion of Mayor Irving and seconded by Trustee Hattrick the above resolution was unanimously approved.

RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees hereby approves the refund of a \$500 building permit fee to Melinda Iannuzzi as recommended by Jonathan Foster, Building Inspector.

On the motion of Trustee McGann and seconded by Mayor Irving, the above resolution was unanimously approved.

RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees hereby approves Oscar Ramirez as a probationary member of Hook & Ladder Co. #1 effective January 23, 2018.

On the motion of Mayor Irving and seconded by Trustee McGann the above resolution was unanimously approved.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

1. Finance Manager System upgrade

Village Administrator Funsch stated that members of the administration department would be attending training for the Finance Manager system January 24 and 25.

2. Sanitary System – 9 Main Street.

Timothy S. McCulley, Attorney for the applicant spoke and stated that his client wants to put a second story on the building which would require a new septic system. Their proposal is to use property on West Main Street for the system. Mayor Irving asked if the client would consider installing an alternative sewer system and Mr. McCulley said that he would check with his client and Suffolk County Department of Health to be sure that they would accept an alternative system as well. Scott Dobriner, of Inter-Science Research Associates, also spoke on behalf of the applicant.

3. Main Street Parking

Village Administrator Funsch stated that merchants are complaining that people are parking longer than 2 hours on Main Street. Chief Cummings stated that they have been looking at possible parking solutions: meters, cell phone applications, etc. but haven't found anything suitable yet. The Police Department normally relaxes the 2 hour limit during the winter months, however due to the increase activity in the Village, the Police Department will begin enforcing the 2 hour limit.

COMMENTS FROM THE BOARD:

Trustee Yastrzemski - absent

Trustee Allan wished Happy 97th Birthday to John Holden. Ms. Allan reminded the public that there would be a presentation and discussion at the February 8th Board meeting regarding gas leaf blowers. She also noted that the Town of Southampton has an affordable housing lottery taking place and recommended that interested parties go to the Town's website and sign up with the Housing Authority.

Trustee McGann – no comment

Trustee Hattrick - discussed the proposed cell tower and wanted to confirm that it would go before the Boards for approval. He suggested that the Village investigate

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getting an electronics expert to review existing cell towers and the need for new towers. Trustee McGann suggested looking at alternative companies. Village Attorney Bruyn stated that this was a preliminary discussion and that part of the approval process would be to have a full environmental analysis done.

Mayor Irving - thanked Trustee Allan for researching and providing the information on the Southampton Town Housing Authority lottery and also for her work on the leaf blowers.

The Mayor commented that the reason for the discussion on the cell tower proposal was to get input from the public and encouraged people to submit their comments in writing.

The Mayor noted that the Village had a meeting with representatives from the DEC and that it was a great dialogue regarding Lake Agawam with the DEC providing information on funding sources for sewer treatment and other items. The DEC suggested that the Village try to increase the salinity value of the lake to reduce blue-green algae with the hope of cutting it by 50%.

2nd PUBLIC COMMENT:

Paul Bolo addressed the Board regarding the Dog Park and issues of runoff. He also suggested the Village look at the westerly portion of the Lola Prentice Park as a possible location for teen activities.

MOTION TO ADJOURN:

Mayor Irving made a motion to adjourn to Executive Session for the purpose of discussing personnel matters and legal matters. Trustee Hattrick seconded the motion and the Board approved the motion unanimously. The Board convened to Executive Session at 7:00PM.

The Board returned to Public Session at 7:40PM. Mayor Irving suggested the following resolutions:

RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees hereby approves an increase of \$2,000 in the annual salary of Victoria Beers effective January 24, 2018 for passing the Notary Public exam.

On the motion of Trustee Hattrick and seconded by Trustee McGann, the resolution unanimously approved.

RESOLUTION: RECOMMENDING ADDITION OF PROPERTIES TO THE TOWN OF SOUTHAMPTON COMMUNITY PRESERVATION FUND PROJECT PLAN

WHEREAS, pursuant to New York State Town Law §64-e, the Town Board of the Town of Southampton, by resolution dated August 25, 1998, approved and adopted the “Town of Southampton Community Preservation Project Plan,” which lists every project the Town plans to undertake pursuant to the Community Preservation Fund (“CPF”), including projects within the Village of Southampton; and

WHEREAS, the Town Board has periodically updated and amended the CPF Project Plan to include projects not originally listed that have been found to be eligible for community preservation; and

WHEREAS, the Town Board by resolution dated December 27, 2016, amended the CPF Project Plan to include water quality improvement projects that were authorized by an amendments to Town Law §64-e, and Chapter 140 of the Town Code; and

WHEREAS, the Village of Southampton has determined that certain properties as listed below are eligible for community preservation within the Village of Southampton and should be added to the CPF Project Plan as Village/Hamlet Green/Parks & Recreation priorities.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees of the Village of Southampton hereby recommends to the Town Board of the Town of Southampton that the following listed properties be added as Village/Hamlet Green/Parks & Recreation priorities for community preservation within the Village of Southampton and that the Town of Southampton Community Preservation Project Plan be so amended.

On the motion of Trustee Allan and seconded by Mayor Irving, the resolution unanimously approved.

MOTION TO ADJOURN

Trustee Hattrick made a motion to adjourn the Public Meeting; Trustee McGann seconded the motion and a unanimous vote followed. The meeting was adjourned at 7:45PM.

Stephen Funsch
Village Administrator

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