



Village of Southampton

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Board of Trustees

MINUTES

February 10, 2022 - 6:00 PM

Call to Order:

Meeting Start Time: 6:05 PM

Present:

Mayor Jesse Warren, Trustee Gina Arresta, Trustee Joseph McLoughlin, Trustee Roy Stevenson, Trustee Robin Brown, Village Administrator Charlene Kagel-Betts, Village Attorney Kenneth Gray, Village Clerk Cathy Sweeney, Assistant to the Mayor Miranda Weber & A/V Coordinator Katherine Styler

Pledge of Allegiance:

Led by Mayor Warren

Public Comment:

1. The Village of Southampton Board of Trustees Meeting will be taking place via ZOOM. The meeting will be live-streamed and a transcript will be provided at a later date.

To join the Board Meeting via Zoom, you must register in advance to:
mweber@southamptonvillage.org prior to 12:00PM on the meeting date.

To view the meeting LIVE go to:

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCwDidTdhkHXbspR0hkoxH4g>

NOTE: This is due to public health and safety concerns related to COVID-19 and in accordance with Governor Hochul's approved legislation (Ch. 1 of the Laws of 2022 amends Sections 1 and 2 of Part # of Chapter 417 of the Laws of 2021 which amended Article 7 of the Public Officers Law) extending virtual access to public meetings under New York State's Open Meetings Law.

The Village of Southampton Board of Trustees Meetings will take place remotely and without in-person access during the COVID-19 state disaster emergency.

There is no Public Comment at work session meetings.

Andrew~

Questions about a resolution. Why the rush to have an outside consultant evaluate the viability of the court?

Why not the litigation resolve itself prior to hiring a consultant. It sounds like the actions you are taking and you want the board to take up your political interest.

Employee of the Month:

1. February 2022 Employee of the Month

Name: KRISTINE LOCKARD
Department: AMBULANCE
Position: PARAMEDIC

Nominated by: Cheyne Finocchiaro, Chief, Department Head of SHV Ambulance

Mayor Warren ~

Read the recommendation citation from Chief Finocchiaro and I would like to say how fortunate we are to have Kristine on our EMS/Ambulance Team.

Thank you to the entire EMS Department, it's these men and women who make our village run well!

Trustee Arresta ~

Read a letter to the Board from the Chiefs and Board of Directors of SHVA. Thank you Steve Phillips, Eddie West and crew for their help on Sunday, January 30, involving a serious pediatric trauma patient.

2. February 2022 Employees of the Month

Department: HIGHWAY PERSONNEL

Nominated by: Mayor Warren

Nick Albino - Maintenance Mechanic
Josh Bard - Laborer
Nick Cogan - Laborer
Pedro Cuervo - Auto Equipment Operator
Andrew Distefano - Auto Equipment Operator
Brian Doroska - Maintenance Mechanic III
Stephen Elliston - Heavy Equipment Operator
Sean Hodgkins - Tree Trimmer
Dave Kruckel- Tree Trimmer
William Miller - Tree Trimmer
Kyle Robinson - Laborer
James Strong - Laborer
Corey Swezey - Heavy Equipment Operator
Mark Maddock- Central Garage

Mayor Warren ~

Would like to recognize every member in our hybrid department. We have an incredible team. Everyone did their best and there was no lack of effort during this snow storm.

Board Presentations:

1. Heliport Landing Fees - Charlene Kagel-Betts, Village Administrator
Administrator Kagel-Betts ~

- Peter Coulton from Vector Airport Systems, who currently manages the operations of the village heliport, noticed village fees were lower than surrounding areas.
- Turning over presentation to Peter Coulton

Peter Coulton - VAS ~ Presentation

Mayor Warren ~

- It's good news that we may add additional revenue by raising fees. We should err on the side of being conservative, keeping our revenue projection flat. We don't know if we will have increased or decreased traffic.
- It seems its unprofitable every time a helicopter lands in the Village. It causes issues where our DPW needs to come and clean up. At times, our Police Department may work overtime. Raising the fees is not to generate more revenue per se but to cover the increased cost of doing business.

Trustee McLoughlin ~

- Will there be penalties in place if helicopters land during restricted hours?

Administrator - Kagel-Betts ~

- I believe that is managed by the Police Department. They would issue violations there.

2. Southampton History Museum - presented by Tom Edmonds and Sean Deneny

Tom Edmonds and Sean Deneny presented on Rogers Mansion Property. Requesting money for the first time.

Trustee McLoughlin ~

- Thank you to Tom and Sean. I'm hopeful about what you discussed tonight, and I am sure we can get this done. Your friends of our community and I would want nothing more than to see this happen.

Trustee Stevenson~

- You have a wonderful facility there and it's a very important part of our community. I encourage you to exhaust all resources for grant funding.

Mayor Warren ~

- Thank you to Tom and Sean for doing a great job as well as being an excellent organization. We are happy to be a part of it.

Public Hearing:

1. Public Hearing regarding Local Law 2-2022, the proposal to amend Village Code Section §110-43 and to add restriction of "on street" parking on Settlers Lane

Patricia Maginsky ~ 4 Meadowgrass Lane

- I'm concerned that the trucks will park on Meadowgrass Lane or by tennis courts if they can't park on Settlers Lane.

Laureen Enright ~ 16 Meadowgrass Lane

- In the past years, I have seen more and more cars and trucks using Settlers Lane as a parking area. The car dealerships and transport trucks have parked there as well. They use Meadowgrass as a turn around. It's dangerous, as children and families are out biking, walking and playing, because there is no law not to park landscapers, deer hunters, Uber drivers etc parked there.
2. Public Hearing regarding Local Law 3-2022, the proposal to amend Village Code Section §119-2, Fees and to update Building Department Fees.

Communications to the Board:

1. Rogers Mansion Mulberry Tree - correspondence from Southampton History Museum
Attachments are in the agenda packet

Discussion Items:

None noted.

Suggested Resolutions:

1. RESOLVED, that the claims for the warrant dated February 10, 2022 totaling \$91,296.96 (Warrant #A-13 General Fund) and \$2,769.00 (Warrant #CS-4 - CS Trust Fund) be audited and approved.

Motion to Approve (Aye) was initiated by Jesse Warren and seconded by Gina Arresta.

Yes: Jesse Warren, Gina Arresta, Joseph McLoughlin, Robin Brown, Roy Stevenson

No: None

Abstain: None

2. RESOLVED, the reading of the minutes for the Public Sessions of January 25, 2022 and January 31, 2022 to be dispensed with and those minutes be accepted as filed by the Village Clerk and the actions taken at the meeting are hereby ratified and approved.

Motion to Approve (Aye) was initiated by Jesse Warren and seconded by Gina Arresta.

Yes: Jesse Warren, Gina Arresta, Joseph McLoughlin, Robin Brown, Roy Stevenson

No: None

Abstain: None

3. RESOLVED, the Board of Trustees approved the agreement with CGR Promising Solutions to perform a study of the DPW Department and is desirous of expanding the scope of work to include the Justice Court review at a of \$8,500, for services paid by Trustee Special Projects A1010.433. (tabled on 1.25.2022)

Motion to Approve (Aye) was initiated by Jesse Warren and seconded by Gina Arresta.

Yes: Jesse Warren, Gina Arresta, Robin Brown, Roy Stevenson

No: Joseph McLoughlin

Abstain: None

Discussion:

Trustee McLoughlin ~

I sent an email to the Board on 2.10.2022 regarding my view of this resolution.

Trustee Stevenson ~

The consultant agreed to the amount and to perform the study for DPW and Justice Court. This analysis is to examine the efficiency of the Justice Court.

The folks are experts and have completed similar work for many of the other jurisdictions and towns and village on Long Island, we can use their expertise and it is a good step to take in order to get a better handle on understanding the issues facing the Justice Court.

Trustee Arresta ~

This is good business practice to get outside eyes looking in to identify the inefficiencies.

The experts are valuable and it will be helpful to have their input.

Trustee Brown ~

I agree and a big believer in listening to the experts. I am always in favor, appreciate my colleagues have investigated the consultants and fully support any improvements.

4. WHEREAS, in accordance with the recommendation of the aircraft services company (VECTOR AIRPORT SYSTEMS) who manages the activity at the Village's Heliport and to cover the rising operations costs, landing fees at the Village Heliport need to be updated. Now therefore be it, RESOLVED, the Village Board of Trustees hereby approves the following change to the Heliport Landing Fees as follows: Landing Fee:
- Aircraft Weight ~ 0 - 4,999 lbs. ~ \$100 will be increased to \$150
 - Aircraft Weight ~ 5,000 - 9,999 lbs. ~ \$150 will be increased to \$225
 - Aircraft Weight ~ 10,000 lbs and over will be \$350 (new)

Motion to Approve (Aye) was initiated by Jesse Warren and seconded by Gina Arresta.

Yes: Jesse Warren, Gina Arresta, Joseph McLoughlin, Robin Brown, Roy Stevenson

No: None

Abstain: None

Discussion:

Trustee Arresta ~

Please clarify the new weight category, 10,000lbs and above is a new entity and Charlene verified this is correct, synonymous and upon recommendation by Pete from Vector.

Mayore Warren ~

Request to re-visit this at another time to discuss rates.

5. RESOLVED, The Board of Trustees approves the Village Administrator to execute a renewal contract with Vector Airport Systems to manage the activity at the Village Heliport for a term of five years, with an all-inclusive fee structure that will result in considerable savings to the village.

Motion to Approve (Aye) was initiated by Jesse Warren and seconded by Joseph McLoughlin.

Yes: Jesse Warren, Gina Arresta, Joseph McLoughlin, Robin Brown, Roy Stevenson

No: None

Abstain: None

6. RESOLVED, the Board of Trustees appoints Robert Hand to the position of Maintenance Mechanic V in the Building Maintenance Department, at a salary of \$115,000 effective February 11, 2022.

Motion to Approve (Aye) was initiated by Jesse Warren and seconded by Joseph McLoughlin.

Yes: Jesse Warren, Gina Arresta, Joseph McLoughlin, Robin Brown, Roy Stevenson

No: None

Abstain: None

7. RESOLVED, the Board of Trustees hereby approves that, with respect to the 2022 Village General Election and in accordance with Village Code Chapter 6-1, the election will be held on Friday, June 17, 2022. The polling place will be located at the Levitas Center (Southampton Cultural Center), located at 25 Pond Lane, Southampton, NY. The polls will be open for the timeframe as follows: 9:00AM - 9:00PM.

The following offices will be filled: For Village Trustee - two (2) positions and the Term of Office for both positions is two (2) years. Current Incumbent: Gina S. Arresta. Current Incumbent: Joseph R. McLoughlin.

Motion to Approve (Aye) was initiated by Jesse Warren and seconded by Joseph McLoughlin.

Yes: Jesse Warren, Gina Arresta, Joseph McLoughlin, Robin Brown, Roy Stevenson

No: None

Abstain: None

8. RESOLVED, the Board of Trustees authorizes the Southampton Town United Soccer Club to use the Downs Family Park for their 2022 Soccer Programs beginning March 21, 2022 (weather permitting) and continuing throughout December 4, 2022.

Motion to Approve (Aye) was initiated by Jesse Warren and seconded by Roy Stevenson.

Yes: Jesse Warren, Gina Arresta, Joseph McLoughlin, Robin Brown, Roy Stevenson

No: None

Abstain: None

9. RESOLVED, The Board of Trustees approves the attached Budget Modification #320 for FYE May 31,2021 as a result of auditors adjusting entries for Coopers Beach Equipment, A7141.2 from Contingency A1990.4 in the amount of \$3,900.

Motion to Approve (Aye) was initiated by Jesse Warren and seconded by Robin Brown.

Yes: Jesse Warren, Gina Arresta, Joseph McLoughlin, Robin Brown, Roy Stevenson

No: None

Abstain: None

10. RESOLVED, the Board of Trustees approves the attached Budget Modification #321 to cover the increased cost of 2 new PD Vehicles moved from Police Personnel Services A3120.1 to Police Equipment A1620.2, in the amount of \$20,000.

Motion to Approve (Aye) was initiated by Jesse Warren and seconded by Joseph McLoughlin.

Yes: Jesse Warren, Gina Arresta, Joseph McLoughlin, Robin Brown, Roy Stevenson

No: None

Abstain: None

11. RESOLVED, the Board of Trustees approves the following members to represent the environmental community on the Gas Leaf Blower Task Force: Christian Picot and Paige Louthan.

Motion to Approve (Aye) was initiated by Jesse Warren and seconded by Gina Arresta.

Yes: Jesse Warren, Gina Arresta, Joseph McLoughlin, Robin Brown, Roy Stevenson

No: None

Abstain: None

12. RESOLVED, the Board of Trustees (Board) of the Incorporated Village of Southampton (Village) hereby approves the Local Law 2-2022, the proposal to amend Village Code Section §110-43 and request to add the restriction of "on street" parking on Settlers Lane.

Motion to Approve (Aye) was initiated by Jesse Warren and seconded by Joseph McLoughlin.

Yes: Jesse Warren, Joseph McLoughlin, Robin Brown, Roy Stevenson

No: None

Abstain: Gina Arresta

13. RESOLVED, the Board of Trustees (Board) of the Incorporated Village of Southampton (Village) hereby approves the Local Law 3-2022, the proposal to amend Village Code Section §119-2, Fees and to update Building Department Fees.

Motion to Table was initiated by Jesse Warren and seconded by Gina Arresta.

Yes: Jesse Warren, Gina Arresta, Joseph McLoughlin, Robin Brown, Roy Stevenson

No: None

Abstain: None

14. RESOLVED, the Board of Trustees appoints Arthur Riegel as the Hearing Officer regarding a personnel matter at a daily rate of \$3,000.

Motion to Approve (Aye) was initiated by Jesse Warren and seconded by Gina Arresta.

Yes: Jesse Warren, Gina Arresta, Robin Brown, Roy Stevenson

No: None

Abstain: Joseph McLoughlin

Discussion ~

Trustee McLoughlin would like to table since he has some questions.

15. RESOLVED, the Board of Trustees approves Gary Spangler as a probationary member of Southampton Hose Co. 1 effective February 1, 2022.

Motion to Approve (Aye) was initiated by Jesse Warren and seconded by Roy Stevenson.

Yes: Jesse Warren, Gina Arresta, Joseph McLoughlin, Robin Brown, Roy Stevenson

No: None

Abstain: None

16. RESOLVED, the Board of Trustees approves Jessica Gouws as a probationary member of Southampton Hose Co. 1 effective February 1, 2022.

Motion to Approve (Aye) was initiated by Jesse Warren and seconded by Roy Stevenson.

Yes: Jesse Warren, Gina Arresta, Joseph McLoughlin, Robin Brown, Roy Stevenson

No: None

Abstain: None

17. RESOLVED, the Board of Trustees approves the usage of the Non-Prevailing Wage Rental Rates for DPW-Highway Department. The rates are synonymous with the adopted Town of Southampton Highway Rates of rental equipment for snow and sand removal for 2022.

Motion to Approve (Aye) was initiated by Jesse Warren and seconded by Gina Arresta.

Yes: Jesse Warren, Gina Arresta, Joseph McLoughlin, Robin Brown, Roy Stevenson

No: None

Abstain: None

18. RESOLVED, the Board of Trustees approves the Rotary Club of Southampton to hold it's 31st Annual Firecracker 8K Walk/Run on July 3, 2022, 6:00AM to 11:30AM, to start and finish at Agawam Park.

Motion to Approve (Aye) was initiated by Jesse Warren and seconded by Robin Brown.

Yes: Jesse Warren, Gina Arresta, Joseph McLoughlin, Robin Brown, Roy Stevenson

No: None

Abstain: None

19. RESOLVED, the Board of Trustees approves the request to waive the Building Permit Application fees associated with the application received from Stony Brook Southampton Hospital regarding the replacement of the 1965 Cooling System Chiller (at the cost of \$802,000). The waived fees are \$10,000.

Motion to Approve (Aye) was initiated by Jesse Warren and seconded by Joseph McLoughlin.

Yes: Jesse Warren, Gina Arresta, Joseph McLoughlin, Robin Brown, Roy Stevenson

No: None

Abstain: None

Mayoral Appointments:

None noted.

Comments from Board Members:

Trustee Arresta ~

- Thank you to the Highway Department and the entire Department of Public Works for working through

this unprecedented storm. Everyone did a terrific job!

- An Update on our solar-powered garbage stations. They will be up and running before the start of the summer season. Situated on both sides of Main Street

Trustee McLoughlin ~

- Thank you to all our employees of the DPW , they were up against a lot in the unprecedented blizzard. As a Trustee, I commit to working with the department and all the departments to have a plan in place for better communication during any storm.
- Congratulations to Bob Hand on his well deserved promotion.
- The mask mandate should be lifted this week, looking forward to the Board returning to at least a hybrid model for meetings.

Trustee Brown ~

- Thanks to our department for keeping us safe. There was a lot of work to be do , so thank you very much!
- Thanks to our various team members involved in looking into raising the Building Department and Heliport fees. It's important to be competitive.
- Happy Valentines Day, and its also Heart Month. Let's take care of our hearts and stay healthy!

Trustee Stevenson ~

- During the crazy storm, we really appreciated our community. The DPW plowing the streets, the police to take care of us , and firemen ready to respond. We are really happy to recognize the DPW guys ! Thank you to everyone who makes the village such a special place to live in. Thanks to everyone!

Mayor Warren ~

- Echo big thank you to all our essential workers.
- Congratulations to Bob Hand on his appointment to Head of the Building Maintenance Department. He is a great employee and one of those people that you always want to have in your organization.
- We have two more appointments to the Leaf Blower Task Force and would like to get that going as soon as possible. Would like to keep pace with the town on this.
- We are updating our fee structure for 2022 standards. We are working closely with our acting Chief Hurteau and Laura Sikorski, regarding the rising number of false alarm calls, and the subsequent expense and drain on our SHVPD.
- Operation Love is February 13, hosted by Pastor Utley and Heart of the Hamptons at the United Methodist Church, honoring all our essential workers who were on the front lines during the pandemic.
- I would like to recognize that February is Black History Month..
- Would like to encourage everybody to get behind the village project to rebuild the Homestead of Pyrrhus Concer.. The hope is to get all the support needed to leave a lasting legacy for years to come.

Motion to Adjourn to Executive Session for the purpose of discussing contractual, litigation and specific Village personnel matters.

Motion to Adjourn to Executive Session (Aye) was initiated by Jesse Warren and seconded by Gina Arresta.

Yes: Jesse Warren, Gina Arresta, Joseph McLoughlin, Robin Brown, Roy Stevenson

No: None

Abstain: None

Return to Public Session:

Motion to Return to Public Session (Aye) was initiated by Gina Arresta and seconded by Joseph McLoughlin.

Yes: Jesse Warren, Gina Arresta, Joseph McLoughlin, Robin Brown, Roy Stevenson

No: None

Abstain: None

Resolutions, if any:

No actions or motions were made in the Executive Session.

Motion to Adjourn:

Motion to Adjourn (Aye) was initiated by Gina Arresta and seconded by Joseph McLoughlin.

Yes: Jesse Warren, Gina Arresta, Joseph McLoughlin, Robin Brown, Roy Stevenson

No: None

Abstain: None

End Meeting Time: 8:57 PM