

**MINUTES
VILLAGE OF SOUTHAMPTON
BOARD OF TRUSTEES
Public Session I – March 8, 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 6:00 PM

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

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

EMPLOYEE OF THE MONTH

Mayor Irving acknowledged the March Employee of the Month, Mauricio Espinoza, Custodial Worker I/Maintenance Mechanic I in the Building/Maintenance Department, hired March 31, 2015. Mayor Irving read letters of recommendation from two of his co-workers commending him for his positive attitude and exemplary work and then thanked Mr. Espinoza for his efforts.

PUBLIC COMMENT - NONE

BOARD PRESENTATIONS - NONE

PUBLIC HEARINGS

1. MAXIMUM GROSS FLOOR AREA OF A DWELLING

Mayor Irving made a motion to open the Public Hearing; Trustee Yastrzemski seconded the motion and a unanimous vote followed.

Village Administrator read and submitted into the record a letter from Paul Travis, Planning Commission Chair. Village Attorney Wayne Bruyn then reviewed the proposed local law amendment, noting that on January 24, 2018 the Village had received a letter from Suffolk County Planning Commission stating that this is a matter for local jurisdiction.

Mayor Irving commented that over the past few years, the Village has made changes to its code with the pyramid law and height restrictions and that this code amendment is the final piece of the Village's efforts to address zoning changes.

Mr. Travis spoke and noted that the change to GFA is relatively small, but the Commission could continue to review alternatives. Glynis Berry of Studio A/B also spoke providing clarification on how the proposed amendment would affect smaller lot sizes.

A discussion followed with members of the community sharing their comments including: Edoardo Simioni, Mike Sanjabi, Bonnie Cannon, Judy Maysles, Fred Weinfurt, Martin Gilmartin, Jay Diesing, Robert Lohman, Paul Robinson, Jim McFarlane, Geoff Hull, Marc Chiffert, Regina Greeven and Laura DeVinney.

Following the discussion Mayor Irving stated that the hearing would be kept open and agreed that the Village has not yet seen the effects of the recent code changes.

Mayor Irving then made a motion to adjourn the hearing until the March 20th meeting. Trustee Yastrzemeski seconded the motion and a unanimous vote followed.

2. LOCAL LAW – TAX CAP OVERRIDE

Mayor Irving made a motion to open the Public Hearing regarding Local Law authorizing a Property Tax Levy in excess of the limit established in General Municipal Law §3-c.; Trustee Yastrzemeski seconded the motion and a unanimous vote followed.

Village Administrator Funsch explained that the cap tax override is a recommended practice by New York State and NYCOM and something the Village does every year, since the tax cap law began with its purpose to provide a safeguard and to allow the Board to exceed the tax cap if needed.

There was no discussion or comments and Mayor Irving made a motion to close the Public Hearing; Trustee Yastrzemeski seconded the motion and a unanimous vote followed.

Mayor Irving then made a motion to authorize the Notice of Adoption of Local Law 2 of 2018 and suggested the following resolution:

RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees enacted Local Law Authorizing A Property Tax Levy In Excess Of The Limit Established In General Municipal Law §3- as Local Law 2 of 2018.

Trustee Yastrzemeski seconded the motion and a roll call vote followed: Trustee Yastrzemeski, aye; Trustee Hattrick, aye; and Mayor Irving, aye.

3. AMENDING RESIDENCY REQUIREMENTS FOR APPOINTED OFFICERS

Mayor Irving made a motion to open the Public Hearing; Trustee Yastrzemski seconded the motion and a unanimous vote followed.

Mayor Irving explained the purpose of amending the residency requirements for appointed boards as it has become more difficult to find people that are interested and able to serve on the various boards. This amendment would allow the Village to reach out to individuals within the school district should the need arise.

Bonnie Cannon, 54 Miller Road, addressed the Board stating that before the resolution was adopted the Village should look for members within the Village and do more recruitment. Trustee Yastrzemski stated that it has been difficult to find members and this amendment would give the ability to look at other individuals but would not require that the Board go outside of the Village. Trustee Hattrick commented that it would be good to take a little more time to consider this and Mayor Irving again noted that it was difficult to find people to sit on boards who don't have potential conflicts.

Mayor Irving then made a motion to adjourn the Public Hearing until the March 20, 2018 Board Meeting. Trustee Hattrick seconded the motion and a unanimous vote followed.

COMMUNICATIONS TO THE BOARD

Beach Clean Up – Saturday, August 25, 2018

Village Administrator Funsch read a letter from Southampton Town Councilwoman Christine Scalera requesting that the Village co-sponsor a Beach Clean-Up with the Town of Southampton at Coopers Beach on Saturday, August 25, 2018 from 4-5:30PM. Mayor Irving made a motion to authorize the use of Coopers Beach for the Clean-up; Trustee Hattrick seconded the motion and a unanimous vote followed.

RESOLUTIONS

RESOLVED, that the reading of the minutes for the Work Session of February 20, 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 Mayor Irving and seconded by Trustee Hattrick the above resolution was unanimously approved.

RESOLVED, that the claims for the warrants dated March 8, 2018 totaling \$1,051,310.64 (Warrant #16 - General Fund), \$491.32 (Warrant #10 – Expense Trust), \$23,972.50 (Warrant #10 – Capital Reserve Fund) and the Village payrolls for the period from February 16, 2018 to March 1, 2018 be audited and approved.

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

RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees hereby approves that, with respect to the Village general election to be held on Friday, June 15, 2018, the polling place shall be the Levitas Center (Cultural Center of Southamptn), Pond Lane, Southamptn, NY and that the polls shall be open from 9:00 AM until 9:00 PM.

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

RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees hereby approves the attached schedule of budget transfer to eliminate overages for the period ending March 8, 2018.

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

WHEREAS, the Village of Southamptn (hereinafter the “Village”) is proposing a series of drainage improvements to an existing closed drainage system for the purposes of improving water quality at the system’s existing outfall at Agawam Lake (hereinafter the “proposed action”); and

WHEREAS, the Village has retained VHB Engineering, Surveying and Landscape Architecture, P.C. to review the proposed action, the State Environmental Quality Review Act and its implementing regulations at 6 NYCRR Part 617, and to make a recommendation to the Village as to the proper classification of the proposed action; and

WHEREAS, the proposed action specifically includes a series of drainage improvements to an existing closed storm drainage system at three locations within the Village, including the O’Connell Drive parking lot (west end), Jobs Lane between Main Street and O’Connell Drive parking lot, and Meeting House Lane at Oak Street, for the purposes of improving water quality at the system’s existing outfall at Agawam Lake; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to 6 NYCRR §617.5(c)(5) and (11) of the implementing regulations of the State Environmental Quality Review Act, “[s]treet openings and right-of-way openings for the purpose of repair or maintenance of existing utility facilities; and the “extension of utility distribution facilities, including gas, electric, telephone, cable, water and sewer connections to render service in approved subdivisions or in connection with any action on this list” are Type II actions;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Village, as lead agency, after review of the action proposed at the three locations within the village mentioned above, 6 NYCRR §617.5, and the opinion provided by VHB Engineering, Surveying and Landscape Architecture, P.C., hereby determines that the proposed action is a Type II Action pursuant to 6 NYCRR §617.5(c)(5) and (11) of the implementing regulations of the State Environmental Quality Review Act, and will, therefore, by definition, have no adverse impacts on the environment.

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

RESOLVED that the Board of Trustees hereby accepts the bid from Quogue Catering Company in the amount of \$42,750 to operate the concession at Coopers Beach for the 2018 season.

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

RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees hereby approves Christopher Olczak as a probationary member of Hook & Ladder Co. 1 effective March 8, 2018.

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

DISCUSSION ITEMS – NONE

COMMENTS FROM THE BOARD:

Trustee Yastrzemski – commented regarding 2 recent public safety issues and offered his thanks to all rescue, EMS and first responders who helped during the Nor ‘easter and responded to the Lock-Out at the Southampton schools. He stated that he was proud of the Police Department and Chief Cummings and commented on how well they interacted with the community, showing that they are well-trained and very capable. He also thanked the community for their support.

Trustee Allan - absent

Trustee McGann – absent

Trustee Hattrick requested that Village Attorney Bruyn review some issues that had been raised regarding the ARB. Trustee Hattrick also acknowledged the passing of Warren Hamer a couple of months ago, stating that he was a great man who contributed much to the Village.

Mayor Irving thanked Trustee Yastrzemski for stepping forward regarding the Nor'easter and the Southampton Schools lockdown while he was away. The Mayor reiterated that when it comes to schools and children's safety there was no action too extreme. He then provided a review of upcoming programs at the cultural arts organizations. Mayor Irving also commented that Warren Hamer was a true gentleman and a special guy who provided a great service to the Village and would be missed.

2nd PUBLIC COMMENT:

Bonnie Cannon, 54 Miller Road addressed the Board regarding the proposed Park plan and wanted to be sure that the teens and pre-teens are considered in the planning and to consider installing basketball courts. Mayor Irving responded that he and Trustee McGann had met with staff from the Rogers Memorial Library and had discussed the needs and interests of the teens.

Ms. Cannon also remarked on the US Open and suggested that the Village combine with the Town to hold a job fair for possible job opportunities around the US Open. She also commented on the issue of the ARB and other boards, stating that individuals with complaints should address them to the Ethics Board and go through the process. Lastly, Ms. Cannon encouraged the Village to look at additional properties for affordable and next generation housing.

MOTION TO ADJOURN:

Mayor Irving made a motion to adjourn to Executive Session for the purpose of discussing personnel matters and legal matters. Trustee Yastrzemski seconded the motion and the Board approved the motion unanimously. The Board convened to Executive Session at 8:09PM.

The Board returned to Public Session at 8:40PM.

MOTION TO ADJOURN

Mayor Irving made a motion to adjourn the Public Meeting; Trustee Hatrick seconded the motion and a unanimous vote followed.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:41PM.

Stephen Funsch
Village Administrator

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