

**MINUTES  
VILLAGE OF SOUTHAMPTON  
BOARD OF TRUSTEES  
Public Session II – April 24, 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 PM

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

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

**PUBLIC COMMENT –**

Susan Stevenson, Village resident, spoke regarding the construction vehicles that were parking along Gin Lane and taking up all the available spaces, therefore prohibiting access to the beach areas for residents.

**BOARD PRESENTATIONS**

**Gin Lane Restoration Project**

Melissa Dedovich presented a revised plan for the proposed restoration project. A discussion followed with questions being raised by members of the Board as well as Gary Goleski, Superintendent of Public Works who stated that the Village's Environmental Planning Consultant, Charles J. Voorhis, had reviewed the plan and made recommendations. Mr. Goleski recommended that the Board review the plan more thoroughly with Mr. Voorhis as well as Ms. Dedovich, to discuss possibly modifying the plans so as to ensure that the public vista was not blocked. Ms. Dedovich requested that they be allowed to present their current plan to the Zoning Board of Appeals. Trustee Yastrzemski stated that he had no objection providing the matter was not closed before the Board could speak with Mr. Voorhis. Mayor Irving thanked Ms. Dedovich, Mr. Scott Lindsay and the neighbors for their efforts in this matter.

**PUBLIC HEARINGS**

**1. MAXIMUM GROSS FLOOR AREA OF A DWELLING**

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

Mayor Irving noted that following the last Public Hearing all had agreed that the Hillcrest Avenue and Miller Road area needed to be reviewed separately.

Trustee Yastrzemski questioned the issues of the stairwells to the basements and the fact that they seemed to encroach; he asked if this was addressed in the proposed code change or are they exempt. Village Attorney Bruyn stated that they are a consequence of the GFA.

Barbara McEntee, Village resident, commented that it was an issue of what went around the staircase and how does that fit in with the house.

Christine Sullivan-Witker, Village resident, asked where generators were to be located. Village Attorney Bruyn stated that there are setbacks for generators.

Mr. Bruyn then reviewed the revised local law pertaining to maximum gross floor area of a dwelling.

Bonnie Cannon, 54 Miller Road, stated that she was setting up a neighborhood meeting which the Board would be invited to discuss how a revised GFA would affect their neighborhood.

Fred Weinfurt, Rosko Drive, suggested that the Board hold on the change to R7.5 lot size but not hold up the process on the larger lots, and urged the Board to render a decision.

Mayor Irving made a motion to close the Public Hearing; Trustee Allan seconded the motion and a unanimous vote followed. Mayor Irving then made a motion to re-notice the Public Hearing for May 10, 2018; Trustee Hattrick seconded the motion and a unanimous vote followed.

## **2. AMENDING RESIDENCY REQUIREMENTS FOR APPOINTED OFFICERS**

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

Village Attorney Bruyn stated that based on the comments received at the previous Public Hearings the Board was prepared to make revisions that stipulated that all advisory boards (ZBA, ARB, Planning, and Planning Commission) would require members to be Village residents. Board Officers (Fire Prevention, Ambulance) and administrative positions could continue to be filled by individuals who were not Village residents.

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

Mayor Irving then made a motion to schedule a new Public Hearing for May 10, 2018; Trustee Hattrick seconded the motion and a unanimous vote followed.

### **3. PROPOSED BUDGET – FYE 5/31/2019**

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

Village Administrator Steve Funsch reviewed the budget and stated that based on input there had been a modification to reallocate a portion of funds from the Seniors line to the Minority Youth and Work Force Advisory lines. He also noted that Workers Compensation had been reduced and that safety procedures were in place and training offered for all employees.

Mayor Irving thanked Mr. Funsch and Trustee McGann reiterated that all departments had done a great job with their budgets. Trustee Allan stated that equipment purchases were aligned with the Town and that the Village obtained good pricing and rates.

Mayor Irving made a motion to close the Public Hearing on the 2018/2019 Budget. Trustee Hattrick seconded the motion.

Mayor Irving made a motion to accept the 2018/2019 Budget for the Village of Southampton. Trustee McGann seconded the motion and a roll call took place with the following results:

Mayor Irving: Aye; Trustee Yastrzemski: Aye, Trustee Allan: Aye, Trustee McGann: Aye; Trustee Hattrick: Aye.

### **COMMUNICATIONS TO THE BOARD - NONE**

### **RESOLUTIONS**

***RESOLVED, that the reading of the minutes for the Public Session of April 12, 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 Hattrick and seconded by Mayor Irving the above resolution was unanimously approved.

***RESOLVED, that the claims for the warrants dated April 24, 2018 totaling \$610,329.14 (Warrant #17 - General Fund), \$136,880.14 (Warrant #11 – Capital Reserve Fund), and \$213.33 (Warrant #11-Trust Fund) be audited and approved.***

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

***RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees approves the appointing of the following individuals as Election Inspectors for the Village Election on June 15, 2018, effective April 24, 2018:***

<b><i>Gina Arresta (Chairperson)</i></b>	<b><i>9 am – 9pm.</i></b>	<b><i>\$25/hr</i></b>
<b><i>Diane Fisher</i></b>	<b><i>9 am – 9pm</i></b>	<b><i>\$25/hr</i></b>
<b><i>Georgette Chapek</i></b>	<b><i>9 am – 9pm</i></b>	<b><i>\$20/hr</i></b>
<b><i>Gayle Reisig</i></b>	<b><i>9 am – 9pm</i></b>	<b><i>\$20/hr</i></b>
<b><i>Mariette Pinkus</i></b>	<b><i>9 am – 9pm</i></b>	<b><i>\$20/hr</i></b>
<b><i>Rachel Foster</i></b>	<b><i>9 am – 9pm</i></b>	<b><i>\$20/hr</i></b>
<b><i>Betty Nichols</i></b>	<b><i>9 am – 9pm</i></b>	<b><i>\$20/hr</i></b>
<b><i>Jenny Fillingerl</i></b>	<b><i>9 am – 9pm</i></b>	<b><i>\$25/hr</i></b>

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

***WHEREAS, that the Board of Trustees has adopted a budget for the fiscal year beginning June 1, 2018 that does not require a real property tax levy in excess of the amount otherwise prescribed in General Municipal Law Sec 3-c, and***

***WHEREAS, the Village had adopted Local Law #2 of 2018 authorizing a tax levy in excess of the limit established in General Municipal Law Sec 3-c, so, THEREFORE, be it resolved that the Board of Trustees hereby repeals LL #2 of 2018 as provided in section 4 of such law.***

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

***RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees hereby approves that a valid beach parking permit must be displayed in or on any motor vehicle parked or standing in or upon the parking facility at Coopers Beach during weekends and holidays from May 26, 2018 through June 17, 2018 and on a daily basis commencing June 23, 2018 through and including September 3, 201.***

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

***RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees hereby approves the hiring of Nicholas Johnson as Grasshopper for the Parks Dept. at an hourly salary of \$11.***

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

***RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees hereby approves the hiring of the following as Traffic Control Officers for the 2018 season at an hourly rate of \$16:***

***George Brown***

***Kevin Mawn***

***Kesi Goree***

***Sara Mohl***

***Kurt Grodski***

***Victor Esposito***

***Thomas Cummings Jr.***

***Jolynn Bezubek***

***Robert Murphy***

***Joseph Roccardi***

***Seth Mohl***

***Kyle Kochanskyj***

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

***RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees approve the hiring of the following as seasonal Police Officers for 2018 at an hourly rate of \$26:***

***Gregg Keglihan***

***Nicholas Acquino***

***Andrew Kuettner***

***Pablo Londono***

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

## **DISCUSSION ITEMS**

### **1. Lola Prentice Park**

Mayor Irving stated that the area had been a park since 1969 with many uses. The request had been made to reinstall basketball courts at the Park and the area that had most recently been used as an impound lot had originally been the site of basketball courts it would make sense to transform that section back to basketball courts. Trustee Yastrzemski said that the Village was looking to utilize the space for what it was designed for.

Bonnie Cannon, 54 Miller Road, commented that it was a great plan and thanked the Board for their efforts.

Village Attorney Bruyn noted for the record that there is currently litigation against the Village by one of the neighbors regarding the use of that particular area. Mr. Bruyn then gave a history of the Park since its creation in 1969 and noted that its plan was for dawn to dusk use and no lighting was planned for.

Trustee Hattrick commented that Orson Munn had been instrumental in getting the Park donated to the Village back in 1969.

Mayor Irving then made a motion to approve the following resolution; Trustee Hattrick seconded the motion and a unanimous vote followed.

**RESOLUTION: Authorize restoration of basketball courts at Lola Prentice Memorial Park**

*WHEREAS, by deed dated July 17, 1962, the Village of Southampton acquired property on the westerly side of Windmill Lane from the Southampton School District to be used for public use; and*

*WHEREAS, in consideration of the donation of funds for park and recreation uses, the Village Board by resolution, dated December 13, 1968, named the property as Lola Prentice Memorial Park (hereinafter referred to as the “park”); and*

*WHEREAS, from 1969-1975, the Village Board adopted resolutions authorizing the repair and improvement of the park with a replica of the first English fort in New York State; tennis courts, and a floodable basketball court to be used in the winter for ice skating, fences, a pavilion and fireplace; and*

*WHEREAS, in 1976, the Village Board recognized that the use of the park for ice skating was not reliable given unpredictable weather conditions and contemplated converting the facilities to tennis courts; and*

*WHEREAS, the tennis courts were not constructed and the park facilities came into disuse until the mid-1990s when the a portion of the site was used as a skateboard facility, which use ceased a few years thereafter; and*

*WHEREAS, in 2013, the Village Board authorized the improvement of the front portion of the park to be used as a “dog park”; and*

*WHEREAS, parking area along the front of the park along Windmill Lane has proven to be inadequate to serve the dog park; and*

*WHEREAS, the rear portion of the property has remained improved with the original paved facilities previously used for tennis and/or basketball; and*

***WHEREAS, adjacent Police Department facilities had temporarily used these improved areas for parking of impound vehicles, which use has ceased and has been relocated to the adjoining Village lands; and***

***WHEREAS, the Village Board has held informational meetings on use of park facilities throughout the Village and received numerous requests to provide basketball courts in the Village; and***

***WHEREAS, the Village Board had a plan prepared by Araiys Design, last dated April 24, 2018, for the restoration of two (2) basketball courts at the park; and***

***WHEREAS, the plans depict the restoration of the basketball courts utilizing the existing paved and fenced area, formalization of the configuration of the existing gravel parking area in the center of the property to serve both the basketball courts and the dog park, and introduction of evergreen planting to augment the existing screen plantings along the northerly property line; and***

***WHEREAS, the restoration of the basketball courts as depicted on the plans has been reviewed by the Village's environmental planning consultants, Nelson Pope and Voorhis, LLC, and by memorandum, dated April 24, 2018, advised that the restoration of the basketball courts is considered to be a Type II Action under 6 NYCRR §617.5(c)(2), SEQRA.***

***NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees of the Village of Southampton, hereby approves the plan prepared by Araiys Design, last dated April 24, 2018, for the restoration of two (2) basketball courts at the Lola Prentice Memorial Park, and hereby authorizes the Superintendent of Public Works to implement the plan utilizing existing municipal contracts and vendors.***

## **2. Moses Lane Park**

Kathy Cervone, Fox Hollow Lane, expressed concerns about the proposed tennis courts and stated that the Town has tennis courts within a close proximity. She voiced concern regarding the transient population that courts would bring, parking and noise all of which she referred to as external obsolescence, which she felt could diminish the value of the property by 5-25%.

Mayor Irving stated that current plans called for an open vista area with walking paths but that tennis courts were still possible in the future.

Regina Greeven, Ox Pasture Road asked how people would access the park – if they would walk or drive. Trustee Yastrzemski asked how many parking spots were in the current plan and Village Administrator Funsch responded that there were 9 spots.

Bonnie Cannon, 54 Miller Road, requested the Board to consider adding chess tables to the park. A discussion followed with the Board agreeing to explore it further.

Village Attorney Bruyn reminded the public that the property was purchased by Southampton Town for the Village, using Community Preservation Funds and clearly stated that it be used as an “active park” and the Intermunicipal Agreement (IMA) with the Town states that it be used for such purpose. He stated that the Village had presented their plan for Moses Park to the Town and it had been approved. Araiys Design has prepared a revised plan. He also stated that there was a negative declaration which stated that the plan had no negative impact on the environment.

Following a discussion, Trustee Hattrick made a motion to approve the following resolution; Trustee McGann seconded it and a unanimous vote took place.

**RESOLUTION: Authorize improvements at Moses Lane Park**

*WHEREAS, by deed, dated November 9, 2016, the Town of Southampton acquired property via the Community preservation Fund on the northerly side of Moses Lane, south of the Long Island Railroad, in the Inc. Village of Southampton, SCTM# 0904-001.00-03.00-085.001, for the expressed purpose of an active park; and*

*WHEREAS, by Inter-Municipal Agreement, dated November 10, 2016, the Village of Southampton has been authorized by the Town of Southampton to improve, operate and manage the premises for active park and recreation purposes for the benefit of both Village and Town residents; and*

*WHEREAS, pursuant to resolution adopted by the Southampton Town Board on April 10, 2018, the Town of Southampton approved a general concept plan for the development of the subject premises for active park and recreational purposes; and*

*WHEREAS, the Village Board has held informational meetings on the use of park facilities throughout the Village and received numerous requests to consider different and/or a variety of improvements on the subject premises; and*

*WHEREAS, until the location and design of other active recreation facilities can be determined, the Village Board has agreed that the premises may be developed with a paved winding walking path, grass meadows, a planted berm along the LIRR to the north and an informal gravel parking area as depicted on a plan prepared by Araiys Design, last revised April 24, 2018; and*

*WHEREAS, the improvements as depicted on the plan have been reviewed by the Village’s environmental planning consultants, Nelson, Pope and Voorhis, LLC, and has advised that the proposed park improvements are considered to be an “Unlisted Action” under 6 NYCRR §617, SEQRA and have prepared an Environmental Assessment Form, Parts 1 and 2; and*



***WHEREAS, the Board of Trustees of the Village of Southampton, has reviewed the Environmental Assessment Forms prepared by its environmental planning consultants and finds that the project will not have a significant adverse impact on the environment.***

***NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees of the Village of Southampton hereby adopts a Negative Declaration pursuant to 6 NYCRR §617, SEQRA; and***

***BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Board of Trustees of the Village of Southampton hereby approves improvement of the Moses Lane Park as shown on the plan prepared by Araiys Design, last dated April 24, 2018, which plan includes the installation of a paved winding walking path, grass meadows, a planted berm along the LIRR property to the north and an informal gravel parking area; and***

***BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Board of Trustees of the Village of Southampton hereby authorizes the Superintendent of Public Works to implement the plan utilizing existing municipal contracts and vendors.***

**3. Public Hearing – Ocean Rescue Committee**

Mayor Irving provided background on the proposed Volunteer Ocean Rescue Committee stating that its purpose was to function as first responders for swimmers in distress at the ocean beaches. He noted that East Hampton has had a very successful program for over 15 years and many of their members were actually from Southampton Village; he further noted that East Hampton has taken a very strong role in educating the community.

Village Attorney Bruyn noted that these are volunteers and could not coordinate with Village Police and Fire Department unless there is a formal arrangement made and by-laws adopted. He noted that there were many logistics that needed to be worked out.

Trustee Yastrzemski and Mayor Irving both commented that there had been a great response to the idea and it was a great mix of people who had joined together to form this committee.

Chief Cummings spoke and stated that ocean rescue situations have become much more prevalent and this committee would align with the work of the Police Department. He also stated that the Police Department was working to add call boxes at the beaches.

Trustee Allan noted that the Village was extending the hours of the lifeguards at Coopers Beach to 9-6pm on weekends up to mid-July and 9am-6pm daily from mid-July through Labor Day.

Mayor Irving then made a motion to schedule a Public Hearing on the proposed Ocean Rescue Committee for May 10, 2018. Trustee Yastrzemski seconded the motion and a unanimous vote followed.

### **COMMENTS FROM THE BOARD:**

**Trustee Yastrzemski** – thanked the Fire Departments and First Responders for their work on battling the blaze at National Golf Links, stated that they did a great job in preserving a historical building.

**Trustee Allan** – commented that there had been a lot of activity in the past month and cautioned the public to be aware of small deer and fawn at this time of year. She also mentioned that May is Senior Month and in honor of that there would be a special resource fair on May 1<sup>st</sup> at the Rogers Mansion on the grounds of the Southampton History Museum from 1-4pm with refreshments.

**Trustee McGann** – commented that she was very excited about the plans for the new Parks and that the Village was still working on the expansion plans for Agawam Park playground. She noted that the Village was resurfacing the ground cover at Agawam playground and commented that the playground brought families into the business district as well.

**Trustee Hattrick** – no comment

**Mayor Irving** extended his thanks to the Fire Department and First Responders who assisted at the National Golf Links. He reminded the public that there would be a Job Fair on May 11<sup>th</sup> from 11am-2pm at Southampton Town Hall for temporary positions for the U.S. Open.

He noted that the Planning Commission meeting had been rescheduled from May 5<sup>th</sup> to May 17<sup>th</sup> and that there would be a presentation on attainable housing.

### **2<sup>nd</sup> PUBLIC COMMENT:**

Bonnie Cannon, 54 Miller Road, thanked the Board for listening and commended them for addressing all the issues that had been presented at the last meeting.

### **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 7:21PM.

The Board returned to Public Session at 9:08PM.

Mayor Irving suggested the following resolutions:

***RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees hereby approves an increase in Derrick Highsmith hourly rate to \$18, effective April 25, 2018.***

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

***RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees hereby approves the hiring of Matthew Fitzpatrick as an Auto Mechanic III at an annual salary of \$55,394.68 effective May 7, 2018.***

On the motion of Trustee Hattrick and seconded by Trustee Allan, the resolution was approved. Trustee Yastrzemski abstained.

***RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees approve the hiring of Camryn Highsmith as the Assistant Manager for the 2018 summer at an hourly rate of \$15.***

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

**MOTION TO ADJOURN**

Trustee Hattrick made a motion to adjourn the Public Meeting; Trustee Yastrzemski seconded the motion and a unanimous vote followed. The meeting was adjourned at 9:11PM.

Stephen Funsch  
Village Administrator

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