

MINUTES
VILLAGE OF SOUTHAMPTON
BOARD OF TRUSTEES
Public Session I – May 10, 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, Allan, McGann and Hattrick; Village Administrator Stephen Funsch and Village Attorney, Wayne Bruyn.

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

EMPLOYEE OF THE MONTH

Mayor Irving acknowledged the April Employee of the Month, Shawn Hodgins, a Tree Trimmer in the Highway Department, hired March 27, 2017.

Mayor Irving read a letter of recommendation from Mr. Hodgins co-worker, Ken Booth and thanked him for his commitment and work.

PUBLIC COMMENT –

Robert Skinner, 14 Eileen Circle, Jamesport, addressed the Board regarding the effect of the air traffic from the Southampton Village heliport on the residents of the North Fork. He stated that there was a large volume of helicopters flying over their area and severe noise issues. He asked for help in promoting and an all-water route and asked the Board to speak to the FAA.

John Cullen, 74 Smugglers Path, Northville, read a letter from an additional resident, Connie Carlin, and discussed the helicopter issue and presented photos. He asked the Board to support an all water route and move the flight path from the North Shore to the South Shore. He noted that there was a mandatory route created by Senator Schumer and Congressman Bishop in 2012 and noted that it has not been followed.

Village Attorney Beau Robinson asked if they had reached out to the FAA and Mr. Cullen responded that they had.

Catherine Kent, 2302 Sound Avenue, Baiting Hollow and Councilwoman on the Riverhead Town Board, spoke on behalf of the Town Board and asked for help with helicopter issues stating that it has become a quality of life issue with helicopters flying over the North Fork to and from the city and dropping passengers on the South Fork. She asked the Village Board to support their efforts and limit flights and suggested using one route in and a different route out.

BOARD PRESENTATIONS

Dog Parker – Chelsea Brownridge

Ms. Brownridge requested the Board consider allowing the use of Dog Parkers, a “smart” dog house that could be placed in front of designated establishments that would provide a temperature controlled haven for dogs to be housed while their owners visited stores, etc. The program would require no cost to the Village. A lengthy question and answer period took place and the Board agreed to review it and consider the possibilities.

Gin Lane Restoration Project

Melissa Dedovich and Ed Hollander presented a revised plan for the proposed restoration project and shared letters of support from residents. .

Mayor Irving remarked that it would have a great environmental impact but that the concern of the Board is that the viewscapes for the general public are not sufficient. The Mayor said the concept is appreciated and spectacular but we must be able to provide a view for the public.

Jay Diesing of Southampton Association which supports the plan questioned the existing view and felt that the proposed plan was superior to the existing conditions.

Members of the Board spoke and in conclusion stated that they supported the concept but would like to meet with the planners and homeowners to come up with a plan that would provide for additional viewing area for the public.

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.

Village residents Sally Van Erk, Michael White and Michael Jonke all addressed the Board with concerns and in opposition to aspects of the proposed zoning changes.

Village residents Jay Diesing and Christine Witker-Sullivan spoke in support of the changes and urged the Board to move forward with adopting the resolution.

Trustee McGann stated that she believed in property rights and was concerned with the proposed changes. She also commented that while there is a changing landscape the tax reassessment by the Town of Southampton is forcing the local people out.

Trustee Allan commented that many people have expressed to her that they are unhappy with the size of the homes. She further commented that after 12 years of one direction it is time for the Village to take a different track.

Trustee Yastrzemski stated that this proposed law has been discussed for some time and that there has been a trend in reduction over the past 10 years. He further commented that the Planning Commission is one of the most important groups and serves as a think tank for the Village.

Mayor Irving stated that this wasn't something new that had just been proposed – the Planning Commission had done extensive studies with an outside firm and there had been several public hearings. He further stated that it was not the intent of the law to take away property rights, but rather to reduce the overall size of homes on lots to try to make a nicer streetscape for all to enjoy.

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 accept Local Law#3; Village Administrator Funsch read the proposed local law; Trustee Allan seconded the motion and a roll call took place with the following results:

Trustee Yastrzemski: Aye, Trustee Allan: Aye, Mayor Irving: Aye; Trustee McGann: Nay; Trustee Hatrick: Aye. The motion passed with 4 Ayes and 1 Nay.

2. AMENDING RESIDENCY REQUIREMENTS FOR APPOINTED OFFICERS

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

Mayor Irving noted that it was the proposed local law would only affect Board officers and Administrative employee positions and not the advisory boards which would remain only open to 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 resolution to accept Local Law #4 ; Mayor Irving read the proposed Local Law; Trustee Hatrick seconded the motion and a roll call took place with the following results: Trustee Yastrzemski: Aye, Trustee Allan: Aye, Mayor Irving: Aye; Trustee McGann: Aye; Trustee Hatrick: Aye. The motion passed unanimously.

3. Establish an Ocean Rescue Department

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

Trustee Yastrzemski stated that a group had come together to form an Ocean Rescue Committee with the help of our East Hampton neighbors who already have a great program in place. He stated that the training is rigorous and that he was impressed by the enthusiasm of the volunteers.

Mayor Irving commented that it was great to see such a diverse group of individuals

with varying ages and backgrounds all committed to starting this very important group for the Village.

Ed Reade, a Police Officer with the Village and member of East Hampton Ocean Rescue said that he was so happy that the Village was 100% behind this and thanked them for their support.

Jim Arnold and East Hampton resident and Chief of the East Hampton Ocean Rescue stated that he was here as a liaison between the two groups and was very happy to get this started. He thanked the Village for their support and said that it was remarkable how quickly it had come together. Mr. Arnold also stated that education on water safety was one of the biggest aspects of the program.

Mike Purcell, a lifeguard at Coopers Beach for 29 years said that this program will support the lifeguards and serve as a great buffer, especially during the shoulder seasons.

Mayor Irving made a motion to close the Public Hearing; Trustee Yastrzemski seconded the motion and a unanimous vote followed. Mayor Irving made a resolution to accept the Local Law #5 to establish a Village of Southampton Ocean Rescue Department; Village Administrator Funsch read the proposed local law; Trustee Yastrzemski seconded the motion and a roll call took place with the following results: Trustee Yastrzemski: Aye, Trustee Allan: Aye, Mayor Irving: Aye; Trustee McGann: Aye; Trustee Hattrick: Aye. The motion passed unanimously.

COMMUNICATIONS TO THE BOARD - NONE

1. Southampton Public Schools – Field Day – Agawam Park – 6/14/2018
Village Administrator Funsch read a letter of request from Rhonda L. Koscinski of Southampton Elementary School requesting that the three kindergarten classes have permission to hold their Field Day activities in Agawam Park on Thursday, June 14 from 9-11am, with a rain date of Friday, June 15th. The Board requested the Village Administrator to let the school know about the repairs being made to the playground.
2. CVO – Memorial Day Parade – Monday, May 28 and Independence Day Parade – Wednesday July 4
Village Administrator Funsch read a letter of request from Susan F. Steinke, Secretary of Commission on Veterans Patriotic Events to hold the Memorial Day Parade on Monday, May 28th and the Fourth of July Parade on Wednesday, July 4th at 10am.
Trustee Yastrzemski made a motion to approve the request; Trustee McGann seconded the motion and a unanimous vote followed.
3. Southampton High School Class of 2018 – Coopers Beach – June 8

Village Administrator Funsch read a letter of request from Jacqueline Fritz of Southampton Public Schools requesting permission for the Seniors and their advisors to use Coopers Beach on Friday, June 8 from 7:30-10:30am.

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

RESOLUTIONS

RESOLVED, that the reading of the minutes for the Work Session of April 24, 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 Yastrzemski, the above resolution was unanimously approved.

RESOLVED, that the claims for the warrants dated May 10, 2018 totaling \$232,734.29 (Warrant #18 - General Fund), \$6,796.10 (Warrant # 12- Trust Fund) and \$18,339.50 (Warrant #12-Capital Reserve Fund) and the Village payrolls for the period ended May 10, 2018 be audited and approved.

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 the attached schedule of budget transfers to eliminate line item overages for the period ending May 10, 2018.

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

RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees hereby approves the hiring of Michael Quick as a seasonal laborer for the Building Maintenance Department for the summer of 2018 at an hourly salary of \$15.

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

WHEREAS, the Village of Southampton desires to restore the historic Pyrrhus Concer House located at 51 Pond Lane, in the Incorporated Village of Southampton; and

WHEREAS, the Village Board obtained a preliminary cost estimate for said project, and appropriated \$500,000.00 toward the cost of the restoration; and

WHEREAS, the Village Board retained the services of Chaleff & Rogers, Architects, AIA, PC, who prepared detailed plans and bid specifications; and

WHEREAS, a notice to bidders was published and bids were opened on December 11, 2017, with all bids substantially higher than funds allocated for the project by the Village; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Trustees rejected all bids and required the scope of the project to be reduced and the plans and specifications for the project to be revised; and

WHEREAS, based upon revised plans and specifications, a new notice to bidders was published and on April 5, 2018 four bids were opened; and

WHEREAS, Chaleff & Rogers Architects, on behalf of the Village, reviewed all four bids, requested additional information from the two lowest bidders as to certain qualifications, and, thereafter, evaluated all four bids pursuant to the Contract Award System set forth in the bid documents; and

WHEREAS, Chaleff & Rogers Architects has determined that bidder William G. Prophy LLC has demonstrated qualifications necessary to perform and complete the project with all services, including plumbing, HVAC and electrical work, to be performed by its own employees with no outside subcontractors, thereby negating the need for a separate sealed envelope with subcontractors names and amounts to be paid thereto as required under the Wicks Law; and

WHEREAS, the bid of William G. Prophy LLC in the amount of \$437,600.00 is the lowest responsible bid, with all other bids substantially greater than the funds allocated for the project by the Village.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees of the Village of Southampton, hereby accepts the bid of William G. Prophy LLC for the Pyrrhus Concer House Historic Restoration as being the lowest responsible bid and authorizes the Mayor to execute all documents necessary to engage the contractor to complete the project.

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 following payment from the Capital Reserve accounts subject to permissive referendum:

Mayday Communications \$18,339.50 Major Equipment Reserve

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

DISCUSSION ITEMS

1. SURF SCHOOL BID

Village Administrator Funsch noted that a bid request had been put out for the Surf School and only one bid had been received and that was by Flying Point Surf School for \$2500. Mayor Irving made a motion to accept the bid stipulating that the location was still to be determined; Trustee Allan seconded the motion and a unanimous vote followed.

COMMENTS FROM THE BOARD:

Trustee Yastrzemski – thanked the public for their input, noting that these are often long processes and decisions are not made lightly. He thanked everyone for attending the meetings and for their input.

Trustee Allan – thanked the Mayor and the Board for the inaugural Senior Resource event held in May and acknowledged the work of Judy Johnson and the Southampton History Museum who hosted it. Mrs. Allan also reminded the public of the dates of the US Open – June 11-17 and noted that there was a job fair taking place on Friday, May 11 at Town Hall for positions at the Open. She stated that the Town had provided a list of traffic restrictions with respect to the Open. Trustee Allan also noted that the date of the next Planning Commission meeting was May 17th at 5pm. She also noted that there was a meeting of the Hillcrest Avenue/Miller Road neighborhoods on May 14th at King’s Chapel.

Trustee McGann – no comment

Trustee Hattrick – no comment

Mayor Irving thanked the Board for reviewing the various legislative issues, noting that it’s a lengthy process. He encouraged members of the public to attend the Job Fair on May 11th from 11am-2pm at Southampton Town Hall for temporary positions for the U.S. Open. The Mayor also informed the public that there would be a Memorial Day Parade on Monday, May 28th culminating with a service in Agawam Park.

2nd PUBLIC COMMENT:

Michael White, Southampton resident spoke on many issues including CPF and the suggestion that the Village make a request of Assemblyman Fred Thiele to have control of the funds generated for CPF by the sale of Village properties.

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 9:35PM.

The Board returned to Public Session at 10:54PM.

Mayor Irving suggested the following resolutions:

RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees hereby approves the appointment of Comercia Bank as the designated financial agent for the Village of Southampton Fire Department LOSAP plan.

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

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 10:56PM.

Stephen Funsch
Village Administrator

5/10/18