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Board of Trustees

MINUTES

May 24, 2022 - 6:00 PM

Call to Order:

Meeting Start Time: 6:03 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 Deputy Clerk Karen Bontempo, & A/V Coordinator Katherine Styler

Pledge of Allegiance:

Led by Mayor Warren

Public Comment:

The Village of Southampton's Board of Trustees Meeting will be taking place as a Hybrid In-Person/ ZOOM meeting.

The meeting will be held at Southampton Village Hall located at 23 Main Street, Southampton, NY at 6PM and 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:
mayorsoffice@southamptonvillage.org by noon on the meeting date.

To view the meeting LIVE go to:

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCwDidTdhkHXbspR0hkoxH4>

There is no Public Comment during Work Sessions.

No Public Comment this evening.

Board Presentations:

1. Lake Agawam Dredging Study Update - Chic Voorhis, Nelson Pope Voorhis
2. Monthly Treasurer Report - Charlene Kagel-Betts, CPA - Village Administrator/Treasurer

Public Hearing:

1. Public Hearing regarding Local Law 9-2022, the proposal to amend the Village Code by adding the NYS Open Meeting Law regarding videoconferencing.

Motion to Open Public Hearing 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

Motion to Close Public Hearing 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

2. Public Hearing regarding Local Law 10-2022, the proposal to amend the Village Code to add Home Furnishings Showroom in the Highway Business District and Village Business District w/Special Exception Use.

Motion to Open Public Hearing (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

Motion to Close Public Hearing (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

Communications to the Board:

Discussion Items:

1. Review and Discussion - 2022-2023 Capital Budget and 3 Year Capital Plan - Board of Trustees, Charlene Kagel Betts, Village Administrator/Treasurer

Suggested Resolutions:

1. RESOLVED, the claims for the warrant dated May 24, 2022 totaled \$112,684.73 (Warrant A-17- General Fund), \$25,187.00 (Warrant H-10- Capital Fund) and \$500.00 (Warrant T-22- Trust Fund) are 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 Session of May 12, 2022 are dispensed, the minutes are 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 (Board) of the Incorporated Village of Southampton (Village) hereby approves Local Law 9-2022, the proposal to amend the Village Code by adding the NYS Open Meeting Law regarding videoconferencing.

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

4. RESOLVED, the Board of Trustees (Board) of the Incorporated Village of Southampton (Village) hereby approves Local Law 10-2022, the proposal to amend the Village Code to add Home Furnishings Showroom in the Highway Business District and Village Business District w/Special Exception Use
AND, BE IT FURTHER

RESOLVED, the Board of Trustees has determined that this is an unlisted negative declaration for SEQRA purposes.

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

5. WHEREAS, the Village of Southampton has submitted a grant application to the 2022 Town of Southampton Community Preservation Fund Water Quality Improvement Program to support estimated project costs associated with installation of a pilot-scale Injection Well Permeable Reactive Barrier at the north end of Lake Agawam; and
WHEREAS, the application was submitted in partnership with the New York State Center for Clean Water Technology (CCWT) at Stony Brook University; and
WHEREAS, the grant request of \$396,459 will support capital costs for installation of the permeable reactive barrier for the purposes of intercepting nitrogen from groundwater flows prior to discharge to Lake Agawam;
NOW THEREFORE BE IT,
RESOLVED that the Village of Southampton Board of Trustees ratifies the submission of the proposal requesting funding from the Town of Southampton Community Preservation Fund Water Quality Improvement Program in the amount of \$396,459.

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 approves funding as a cost share to the Southampton Town Trustees Piping Plover Program in the amount of \$9,850.00 to be paid from Trustee Special Projects A.1010.443

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

7. WHEREAS, the pursuant to Section 6-e of NYS General Municipal Law, there is hereby established a Contingency and Tax Stabilization Reserve Fund.
The purpose of this Reserve Fund is to accumulate monies to finance certain unanticipated revenue losses or unanticipated expenditures chargeable to the "eligible portion of the annual budget," and to lessen or prevent projected increases in excess of 2½ percent of the amount of the real property tax levy needed to

finance the eligible portion of the annual budget, and

WHEREAS, The law defines “unanticipated expenditure” as “an expenditure for a specific purpose for which there is no or insufficient appropriation or which will cause an appropriation to be insufficient that is necessitated by a change in federal or state laws, rules or regulations, a court order, judgment or decree, a public emergency, or an industry-wide price, rate or premium increase, which takes effect or occurs after final adoption of the annual budget and which could not have been reasonably anticipated prior to final adoption of the annual budget.”, and

WHEREAS, An “unanticipated revenue loss” means “estimated revenue which is rendered undeceivable because of a change in federal or state laws, rules or regulations, a court order, judgment or decree, or other circumstance, which takes effect or occurs after final adoption of the annual budget and which could not have been reasonably anticipated prior to final adoption of the annual budget.”

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED, the Board of Trustees appropriates \$125,000 from Unreserved Fund Balance to fund this reserve. This resolution is subject to permissive referendum pursuant to Section 6-e of the General Municipal Law.

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

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

No: Jesse Warren

Abstain: None

8. RESOLVED, The Board of Trustees hereby adopts the Preliminary 2022-23 Capital Budget, as amended by the attached changes, as the Adopted 2022-23 Capital Budget.

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

9. RESOLVED, the Board of Trustees accepts the Letter of Resignation for Pedro Cuervo - Auto Equipment Operator, Highway Department, effective May 17, 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

10. RESOLVED, the Board of Trustees appoints Matthew Weeks to the position of Beach Manager, Coopers Beach, at a salary of \$24,800, effective May 24, 2022.

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

11. RESOLVED, the Board of Trustees approves the following staff and rates of pay for the employees of Coopers Beach – effective May 24, 2022.

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

12. RESOLVED, The Board of Trustees approves the promotion of Edward West to Groundskeeper III (Parks) at a salary of \$71,352.90 to lead the Downtown Crew, effective June 3, 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

13. RESOLVED, The Board of Trustees approves the lateral transfer of James Strong, Laborer from Highway to the Parks Department (Replace Ed West on Grounds Crew), effective June 3, 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

14. RESOLVED, The Board of Trustees appoints Brendan Rack to the position of Highway Laborer, effective June 8, 2022 at a salary of \$43,293.31. (Replace James Stong Transfer to Parks)

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

15. RESOLVED, The Board of Trustees appoints Jason Ambrose to the position of Parks Laborer (Downtown Crew) at a salary of \$43,293.31, effective June 3, 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

16. RESOLVED, the Board of Trustees approves the stipend in the amount of \$500 (90-day temp) for Tajea Anderson, for assuming the additional duties of Notary Public.

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

17. RESOLVED, the Board of Trustees approves the Southampton Village Fire Department to host their Annual Awards Dinner at Downs Family Park on Saturday, June 4, 2022 from 6:00pm - 11:00pm. A tent will be set up on Friday, June 3, 2022 and removed on Sunday, June 5, 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

18. RESOLVED, the Board of Trustees approves the Southampton Village Ocean Rescue to Lifeguard for Southampton High School's "Day at the Beach" at Coopers Beach on Thursday, June 23, 2022 from 1:00pm - 3:00pm.

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

Mayoral Appointments:

Comments from Board Members:

Trustee Arresta ~ *First, I'd like to congratulate Bob Grisnik, the owner of Southrifty Drugstore. He has been in business in the village for 50 years and he has an anniversary coming up and he is so involved in the community and he runs the Fourth of July Parade. He is also head of the CVO and a veteran and we're so lucky to have him in our village. With that, let's remember our veterans and those that have died for our country. This weekend is Memorial Day. On Monday, the little walk down on Jobs Lane starts at 10:45 and the ceremony begins at 11 am. I know the scouts are involved and other different groups there, so it would be very nice to have a great turnout for those who have given their lives.*

Updates about charging stations are done operating and the striping is done. Everybody can see as you go by with proper signs, but do not park your car if you are not going to charge or else you will get tagged for that. But if you do, once you are done, you have a certain amount of time to keep your car there, it can't be there the whole day.

I'm very happy that the downtown crew is now complete and I believe they're going to start this weekend as well as during the week to keep our village streets and conditions as they should be.

The Big Bellies, I'm happy to say, is still on schedule so we should start seeing those, come in June sometime. I just got confirmation, so, I hope to see everyone on Monday and at the Memorial Day Ceremony.

Trustee Brown ~ *Good Evening everyone, a request has been made from the office of Vincent Toomey, our Labor Attorney, on behalf of Southampton Village. We are seeking additional avenues to determine if we can obtain the Police Chief exam results expeditiously. I'd like to read this letter that was sent on our behalf to Thomas Malito, Personnel Officer of Suffolk County Civil Service. "Dear Commissioner Malito, I hope you have been well. My office is a council to the Village of Southampton for labor and employment matters. As you may be aware, the Village of Southampton has a vacancy in its Police Chief position. Your agency, primarily through Stan Pelk, has been helpful to the village in securing an open competitive test for this position. The examination was given in March 2022. In the past years, test results for examinations occurring in March were often released in May. In a recent conversation with Mr Pelk, it was indicated that due to Covid-related backlogs over the last two years in scheduling and scoring test exams the results might be sent to Suffolk county, sometime over the summer, Mr. Pelk indicated that his circumstances were entirely out of the country's control and we totally understand that. Stan did indicate, however, that upon receipt of the results from the state, it might be possible for the department to expedite the processing and certification of the results. Doing so would be extremely helpful and I respectfully request your consideration of this matter, which is of great importance to the village. If you do wish to discuss this, I would be happy to do so. Thank you for your consideration. very truly Vince Toomey,". I assure myself and all the trustees agreed to that and say thank you so very much. I'd like to give this to our Village Administrator for this document and I want to on the other hand, wish everyone has a wonderful pleasant and safe holiday.*

Trustee McLoughlin ~ *First off in relation to Eddie West, congratulations this evening to all of our downtown crew, much deserved. I do too want to say happy Memorial Day to all residents in the village, and this unofficial kickoff. It is a time of reflection, because we should be honoring those who fight for our freedom and obviously hope that you all can enjoy the days as much as you want and enjoy our family and friends to support them at this time as well. Also, I am very excited to be working with the Historical Museum and, we said \$72,000 for a year. I think Thomas did a fantastic job with their team, making great working grounds and working to improve the property and, of course, the upkeep of the mansion. It gets costly and they're a cornerstone of our community, so I hope that in the coming years those laundry lists can be accomplished. Have a great weekend and I will see you in June.*

Trustee Stevenson ~ I would like to add my voice to those honoring those defending our freedom, reminding us of safety and security. I believe as a board of trustees and a Mayor, it is our fundamental job to protect the safety and security of all of our residents. We do a lot of things here concerned about the lake, about our buildings and about our infrastructure. But to really focus on making sure that everybody's business out here in the village is secured and safe here. I spoke earlier about the Capital Equipment, the Police and fire talks that the Fire Department indicated, they helped us do their jobs and I want to thank the board for approving the capital budget. We depend on our Police Force Professionals. Our Emergency Security Services of our Fire Department volunteers and professionals work in all those departments to keep us safe and they need the right equipment to do the jobs to do that and it's our responsibility to provide that equipment for them. It's not cheap. We approved the purchase of an ambulance this past year that came in at \$360,000. Fire and Police particularly approved tonight are close to \$300,000 a piece.

Coming in the future, we're going to need some big fire trucks that are over a million dollars. They're not getting bells and whistles. They're not gold-plated. This is what this equipment costs and it's expensive. We have the right to demand that those who work in our departments in the Police, Fire and Ambulance Departments spend the money they are allocated to achieve the maximum efficiency. In the same token, they have the right to look to us to provide them with doing their job.

If you look at the budget once it's published, you'll see that several big expenditures for the Fire Department are found held pending negotiations with Southampton Fire District that are ongoing to determine the amount of contribution the district makes to the village to pay for our jointly shared fire protection. The village provides fire protection to the greater Southampton Village District and I hope that the district will understand and make it a priority to contribute their fair share to the capital equipment costs that we see coming up in the future to maintain the high standards of our Southampton Village Fire Department.

I'd like to conclude by thanking the taxpayers who, of course, fund and pay for us to be able to do this. I'd like to thank the board for putting this together and supporting the capital budget and I'd like to thank the men and women of the Fire, EMT and the Police Department for all they do to keep us here. Thank you very much.

Mayor Warren ~ I'll conclude by first recognizing every member of our Parks Department, in particular, the supervisor, Steve Phillips. You've got a lot of great people, such as Bill Banks, Eddie West. If you look around downtown right now, in my opinion, it looks as good and better than before. We're using new mulch around our trees and starting to power wash our streets regularly organically without chemicals but just with a regular power wash. We have flowers planted courtesy of the Village Improvement Society and I think we've been getting a lot of compliments as well lately, and this is thanks to, a large part to our Parks Department, who came out this year as they do every year, but this year in particular, stepped up. I think our village is in great shape again and we're getting a lot of compliments and we just encourage everyone. When they walk around, they can see how beautiful it looks and you can thank our Parks Department as well.

Secondly, I'd like to echo Trustee McLoughlin's comment congratulating Ed West for his promotion. They will be leading the downtown crew and the board has been working on this for quite some time. We had some issues with the civil service but we fought very hard for it and we thought Ed really deserved a promotion and now with the downtown crew there was a great opportunity to do so and very happy for this and wanted to thank our entire board for ratifying that promotion. Very happy for Eddie West, as Trustee McLoughlin said "long overdue", and happy that the board was able to get it done.

I just wanted to conclude again by wishing everyone a happy Memorial Day weekend. Hope you can enjoy the time with your friends and family. Be safe and look forward to the Memorial Day ceremony where we honor and recognize our veterans who gave the ultimate sacrifice for our country and community. To me, this is one of the most important days of the year where we recognize those who have fallen to sacrifice themselves for our freedom so that we get to enjoy every single day.

Motion to Adjourn to Executive Session

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

Time: 8:15:09 PM

Return to Public Session:

Motion to Return to Public 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

Time: 10:11 PM

Resolutions, if any:

No Action was taken at Executive Session

Motion to Adjourn:

Motion to Adjourn (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

End Meeting Time: 10:11 PM