

MINUTES
VILLAGE OF SOUTHAMPTON
BOARD OF TRUSTEES
Public Session II – June 26, 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; Deputy Clerk Eileen Musarra and Village Attorney, Wayne Bruyn. Village Administrator Stephen Funsch was absent.

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

PUBLIC COMMENT

Evelyn Konrad, 18 South Rosko Drive, addressed the Board and thanked them and Chris Talbot, Building Inspector, for exercising oversight of Rosko Drive in particular for having a fence removed that had been in violation of the Village's side fence regulations.

Mayor Irving reviewed the election results, read by Deputy Registrar Eileen Musarra, and congratulated Trustees Yastrzemski and Allan as well as Judge Barbara Wilson on their re-elections.

BOARD PRESENTATIONS

Southampton Fire Department - Fire Truck Purchase
Second Assistant Chief, Alfred Callahan III and Edward Corrigan Jr., 29 year member of the Southampton Hook & Ladder and Chairman of the Hook and Ladder Purchasing Committee addressed the Board to request permission for the Fire Department to purchase a new hook and ladder truck – a Rosenbauer T-Rex Aerial – to replace the 1996 Pierce Bronto ladder truck which the Board has approved to be put up for sale.

An informative presentation took place with Mr. Corrigan outlining many features of the truck that would provide a great benefit to the Fire Department and increase its ability to provide services to Village residents. Members of the Board asked questions centering on specific features, available warranty and the life expectancy of the truck, which Mr. Corrigan said was 25 years. Mr. Corrigan noted that the Southampton Fire Department has a very high ISO (Insurance Service Office) rating which in turn represents a savings to homeowners as their insurance rates are lower due to the high ISO rating.

Mr. Corrigan stated that the projected cost of the new vehicle is approximately \$1.5million and would take 15-16 months to build. Trustee Yastrzemski explained that the funds for the truck would come out of capital reserves. He noted that the Village has Capital Reserves specifically for use by the Fire Department so this purchase would not create an additional burden for Village taxpayers. Mr. Corrigan noted that the purchased was part of an approved NJPA contract and that they have received support from the Fire District for the purchase. Village Attorney Wayne Bruyn asked that Mr. Corrigan have the Fire District provide a written letter of support to the Village.

Mayor Irving thanked the Department for their presentation and thanked the members of the Southampton Fire Department for their support. The Mayor said that the Board needed to review the information further before making a decision.

PUBLIC HEARING

DEER FENCE LAW

Mayor Irving made a motion to re-open the Public Hearing to establish Local Law No. ____ of 2018 to amend §116-18 (Permitted Fences and Walls) to add a new subsection D with respect to Deer Fences. Trustee Yastrzemski seconded the motion and a unanimous vote followed.

Village Attorney Wayne Bruyn reviewed the proposed law that would authorize the Building Inspector to issue permits under limited conditions, allowing for fencing up to 8' that would have to be screened by hedge and/or plantings and would only be for homes in the residential zone. Mr. Bruyn noted that the Village of Southampton Planning Commission had sent preliminary comments but had indicated that the matter would be discussed at their next meeting on July 5th.

Evelyn Konrad, 18 South Rosko Drive, stated that the proposed law was in violation of the Village Code, Chapter 116 regarding fences on corner properties. Ms. Konrad recommended that the Village work spearhead the other municipalities, Southampton Town and Suffolk County, and all work with the State to address the overall deer problem.

Alastair Merrick, 94 Bishops Lane, encouraged the Board to enact the proposed deer fence law.

Katerina Grinko, of Twomey, Latham, Shea, Kelley, Dubin & Quartararo, LLP, representing Whitefields Condominiums, 155 Hill Street, spoke in support of the proposed local law, stating that the property owners believed the 8' fence would offer better protection than a 6' fence and that the proposed hedging would address the issue of aesthetics. Ms. Grinko read into the record an email from Elaine-Elliot Moskwa and Alexander Moskwa, owners of Unit 14 at Whitefields supporting the proposed law.

Eric Winkler, 37 John Street, stated that he had heard much support from the residents and that the fence was a good start. He further suggested that a broad study be done and that the Village apply for CPF funding for the study.

Valerie Hart, resident, agreed that the deer situation is a continuing issue but that it required more than a fence.

Trustee McGann stated that the issue has been discussed for years and felt the Board needed to seriously consider the idea of thinning the herd. Mayor Irving commented that he felt it was a two-prong approach, cull the herd and possibly add fence. Trustee Allan reminded the public that the Planning Commission would be discussing this topic at their meeting on July 5th. She noted there were many questions including the concern that hedge and fences would just move the herd to smaller lots; traffic issues and is hedging the Village what the Village wants and does it solve the problem? Trustee Yastrzemski commented that controlled hunting should be considered and Mayor Irving stated that he would reach out to the group that had made a presentation in the past.

Mayor Irving made a motion to adjourn the Public Hearing for all purposes until the July 12, 2018 meeting. Trustee Yastrzemski seconded the motion and a unanimous vote followed.

COMMUNICATIONS TO THE BOARD - NONE

RESOLUTIONS

RESOLVED, that the reading of the minutes for the Public Session of June 14, 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.

Trustee McGann made a motion to approve; Mayor Irving seconded, and a unanimous vote followed.

RESOLVED, that the claims for the warrants dated June 26, 2018 totaling \$33,077.97 (Warrant #2 - General Fund-Payables), \$222,971.06 (Warrant #3 - General Fund), \$31,766 (Warrant #1 Trust Fund) and \$27.60 (Warrant #1 CS Trust Fund), \$39,893.12 (Warrant #1 - Capital Reserve Fund) be audited and approved.

Trustee McGann made a motion to approve; Mayor Irving seconded, and a unanimous vote followed.

RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees hereby approves the hiring of Charles Nichols for chairs and umbrella attendant at Coopers Beach for the 2018 season at the hourly rate of \$9.00/hour.

Trustee McGann made a motion to approve; Trustee Hattrick seconded, and a unanimous vote followed.

RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees hereby approves the hiring of Matthew Giugliano as a lifeguard at Coopers Beach for the 2018 season at an hourly cost of \$13.50 an hour.

Trustee Allan made a motion to approve; Trustee McGann seconded, and a unanimous vote followed.

RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees hereby approves the hiring of Joseph Tusa as a Paramedic for the Southampton Village Ambulance at an hourly rate of \$25.00 an hour.

Trustee Yastrzemski made a motion to approve; Trustee Hattrick seconded, and a unanimous vote followed.

RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees hereby approves the following individuals as Officers of the Ocean Rescue Department of the Village of Southampton:

***James Arnold - Chief
Nick Palumbo - Assistant Chief
Mark Vagianos - Captain
Luke O'Connor - Lieutenant
Dan Claud, Jr. – Lieutenant***

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

DISCUSSION ITEMS - NONE

COMMENTS FROM THE BOARD:

Trustee Yastrzemski commented that our Country's great celebration of independence was upon us with the Fourth of July and thanked all the departments for their support in getting the Village ready for the Parade and holiday. He wished all a happy and healthy Fourth of July weekend. Trustee Yastrzemski also noted the passing of Reverend Martin Dozier, stating that he was a great man who had a tremendous impact on the entire community and offered condolences to Rev. Dozier's family and friends.

Trustee Allan commented that the revised Ethics Code for the Village would be put forth for public comment at the July 12, 2018 and thanked the committee for its work. Ms. Allan also noted that the Planning Commission would hold their next meeting on

July 5th at 5PM and topics to be discussed included the proposed deer fence law and the move by Stony Brook Southampton Hospital from the Village to the Stony Brook campus. She thanked everyone who came out to vote at the Village elections.

Trustee McGann commented that she was pleased to announce that the ground cover at the playground in Agawam Park was finished and had been re-opened to the public.

Trustee Hattrick asked Police Chief Cummings about the Traffic Control Officers, noting that they seemed to mark the tires on the side of the tires and not the treads as had been done in the past. Chief Cummings stated that this was accurate.

Mayor Irving commented that the Swearing-in ceremony for Board of Trustees would take place on Monday, July 2, 2018 at 4:15pm followed by the Organizational meeting. He invited the public to attend and support Trustees Yastrzemski and Allan and Judge Wilson. Mayor Irving reminded the public that the Fourth of July Parade would be taking place on Wednesday, July 4th and encouraged everyone to attend. He commented that the resurfaced playground at Agawam Park was great and that the new men's restroom would be opening soon and that the Village has installed an Innovative Alternative (I/A) septic system in the Park.

2nd PUBLIC COMMENT: NONE

MOTION TO ADJOURN:

Mayor Irving made a motion to adjourn to Executive Session for the purpose of discussing personnel matters and legal matters. Trustee Allan seconded the motion and the Board approved the motion unanimously. The Board convened to Executive Session at 6:64 PM.

The Board returned to Public Session at 8:53PM.

Mayor Irving suggested the following resolutions:

RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees of the Village of Southampton hereby directs that a public hearing shall be held on Thursday, August 9, 2018 at 6:00 p.m. prevailing time, at the Southampton Village Hall, 23 Main Street, Southampton, New York, to hear any and all persons either for or against a local law entitled: "Local Law amending §116-24 with respect to the organization of the Board of Appeals; Training and Appointment of Alternate Members."

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

RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees of the Village of Southampton hereby directs that a public hearing shall be held on Thursday, August 9, 2018 at 6:00 p.m.

prevailing time, at the Southampton Village Hall, 23 Main Street, Southampton, New York, to hear any and all persons either for or against a local law entitled: “Local Law amending Chapter 19 (Planning Board) of the Village Code to add a new Article II with respect to the organization of the Planning Board; training and appointment of alternate members.”

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

RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees of the Village of Southampton hereby directs that a public hearing shall be held on Thursday, August 9, 2018 at 6:00 p.m. prevailing time, at the Southampton Village Hall, 23 Main Street, Southampton, New York, to hear any and all persons either for or against a local law entitled: “Local Law amending §116-31 with respect to the organization of the Board of Architectural Review and Historic Preservation; training and appointment of alternate members.”

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

RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees of the Village of Southampton hereby directs that a public hearing shall be held on Thursday, August 9, 2018 at 6:00 p.m. prevailing time, at the Southampton Village Hall, 23 Main Street, Southampton, New York, to hear any and all persons either for or against a local law entitled: “Local Law amending Chapter 116 (Zoning) to add a new Article VIII with respect to training requirements for administrative boards.”

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

RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees of the Village of Southampton hereby directs that a public hearing shall be held at 5:00 p.m. prevailing time on Tuesday, July 24, 2018 on “A LOCAL LAW amending §84-7 of the Village Code with respect to peddling and soliciting on public property within the village business district.”

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

MOTION TO ADJOURN

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

The meeting was adjourned at 8:26PM.

Eileen Musarra
Deputy Village Clerk

6/26/18