



# Village of Southampton

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## **Board of Trustees**

### **MINUTES**

September 8, 2022 - 4:00 PM

### **Call to Order: Executive Session begins at 4:00PM, followed by Public Session at 6:00 PM:**

Meeting Start Time: 4:00 PM (Executive Session)

Motion to Return to Public Session was initiated by Jesse Warren and seconded by Gina Arresta.

Yes: Jesse Warren, Gina Arresta, Robin Brown, Roy Stevenson, William Manger

No: None

Abstain: None

Public Session Start Time: 6:14 PM

### **Present:**

Mayor Jesse Warren, Trustee Gina Arresta, Trustee Robin Brown, Trustee Roy Stevenson, Trustee William Manger, Village Administrator Charlene Kagel-Betts, Village Attorney Kenneth Gray, Village Clerk Cathy Sweeney & A/V Coordinator Sage Certain

### **Pledge of Allegiance:**

Led by Mayor Warren

### **Public Comment:**

1. 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, live-streamed and a transcript will be provided at a later date.  
Join the meeting via ZOOM:  
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89730446459>  
View the meeting via YouTube:  
<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCwDidTdhkHXbspR0hkoxH4g>  
There is no Public Comment during work sessions.

### **Employee of the Month:**

1. Jaeda Gant  
Village Hall  
Office Assistant

**Public Hearing:**

1. Public Hearing regarding Local Law 13-2022, the proposal to amend the Village Code Chapter 110-43, Schedule L, Stopping, Standing and Parking Restrictions.

Motion to Open the Public Hearing (Aye) was initiated by Jesse Warren and seconded by Gina Arresta.

Yes: Jesse Warren, Gina Arresta, Robin Brown, Roy Stevenson, William Manger

No: None

Abstain: None

N/A:

Motion to Close the Public Hearing (Aye) was initiated by Jesse Warren and seconded by Gina Arresta.

Yes: Jesse Warren, Gina Arresta, Robin Brown, Roy Stevenson, William Manger

No: None

Abstain: None

N/A:

**Communications to the Board:**

1. Jay Diesing ~ Correspondence regarding Telephone Pole Removal

**Discussion Items:**

1. Village-wide Speed Limit ~ Presented by Jesse Warren, Mayor
2. Hill Street Traffic Analysis ~ Presented by Jesse Warren, Mayor

**Suggested Resolutions:**

1. RESOLVED, the claims for the warrant dated September 7, 2022 totaling \$214,861.09 (Warrant #A-14 - General Fund) and \$9,062.05 (Warrant #H-5 - Capital Fund) are audited and approved.

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

Yes: Jesse Warren, Gina Arresta, Robin Brown, Roy Stevenson, William Manger

No: None

Abstain: None

2. RESOLVED, The Board of Trustees appoints the Budget and Finance Committee members to a term ending June 30, 2024:

Len Zinnanti

Dane Neller

Rosemarie Dios

Edward Money penny

James McNaughton

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

Yes: Jesse Warren, Gina Arresta, Robin Brown, Roy Stevenson, William Manger

No: None

Abstain: None

3. RESOLVED, the Board of Trustees (Board) of the Incorporated Village of Southampton (Village) hereby approves the Local Law 13-2022, the proposal to amend the Village Code, Chapter 110-43, Schedule L, Stopping, Standing and Parking Restrictions.

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

Yes: Jesse Warren, Gina Arresta, Robin Brown, Roy Stevenson, William Manger

No: None

Abstain: None

4. RESOLVED, the Board of Trustees (Board) of the Incorporated Village of Southampton (Village) authorizes the Village Administrator to Publish the Notice of Public Hearing to be held on Tuesday, September 20, 2022 at 6:00pm as a Hybrid In Person/ ZOOM Meeting regarding Local Law 15-2022, the proposal to amend Village Code, Chapter A119-2, Fees.

Motion to Approve (Aye) was initiated by Jesse Warren and seconded by William Manger.

Yes: Jesse Warren, Gina Arresta, Robin Brown, Roy Stevenson, William Manger

No: None

Abstain: None

5. RESOLVED, the Board of Trustees approves the proposal for Nelson, Pope and Voorhees to perform a targeted rush hour traffic analysis for Hill Street in the amount of \$8,500 to be paid from Trustees Special Projects A1010.443

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

Yes: Jesse Warren, Gina Arresta, Robin Brown, Roy Stevenson, William Manger

No: None

Abstain: None

6. RESOLVED, the Board of Trustees approved Nelson Pope and Voorhees and Squires Surveying for the Meets and Bounds for Doscher Park for \$450 to be paid from Trustees Special Projects A1010.443

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

Yes: Jesse Warren, Gina Arresta, Robin Brown, Roy Stevenson, William Manger

No: None

Abstain: None

7. RESOLVED, the Board of Trustees authorizes the Mayor to sign an agreement between the Village of Southampton and Certain Media Inc. which will provide Audio Visual Services for the Village at a rate of \$3,000 per month. Services provided over 30 hours per month will be a rate of \$3,500 for that respective month.

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

Yes: Jesse Warren, Gina Arresta, Robin Brown, Roy Stevenson, William Manger

No: None

Abstain: None

8. RESOLVED, The Mayor appoints and the Board of Trustees approves Katherine Styler Feldman to the position of Heavy Equipment Operator in the Highway /DPW Department at a salary of \$62,347.20, effective Friday, September 9, 2022.

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

Yes: Jesse Warren, Gina Arresta, Robin Brown, Roy Stevenson, William Manger

No: None

Abstain: None

9. RESOLVED, the Mayor appoints and the Board of Trustees approves Rovitt Morales and Donna Bennett to positions of part-time Code Enforcement Trainees in the Building Department, at a rate of \$22.00 per hour, effective August 29, 2022.

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

Yes: Jesse Warren, Gina Arresta, Robin Brown, Roy Stevenson, William Manger

No: None

Abstain: None

10. RESOLVED, the Board of Trustees accepts the Letter of Resignation for Jacqueline Allen, Office Assistant, effective September 1, 2022.

Motion to Approve (Aye) was initiated by Jesse Warren and seconded by William Manger.

Yes: Jesse Warren, Gina Arresta, Robin Brown, Roy Stevenson, William Manger

No: None

Abstain: None

11. RESOLVED, the Board of Trustees approves the written request submitted by Mike Lieberman from the Southampton Village Ocean Rescue to volunteer as Lifeguards for the Surfers Healing Event on Tuesday, September 13, 2022 from 9:00am - 3:00pm at Ponquogue Beach.

Motion to Approve (Aye) was initiated by Jesse Warren and seconded by Robin Brown.

Yes: Jesse Warren, Gina Arresta, Robin Brown, Roy Stevenson, William Manger

No: None

Abstain: None

12. RESOLVED, the Board of Trustees approves the Southampton Intermediate School to host an 8th grade Kickball Tournament on the Baseball Field on Friday, September 23, 2022 from 10:00am - 2:00pm at Flying Point Park (Downs Field).

Motion to Approve (Aye) was initiated by Jesse Warren and seconded by Robin Brown.

Yes: Jesse Warren, Gina Arresta, Robin Brown, Roy Stevenson, William Manger

No: None

Abstain: None

13. RESOLVED, the Board of Trustees approves the appointment of Steven Phillips as acting DPW Superintendent, with an additional stipend of \$8,000 prorated for time in the position of the increased work level. .

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

Yes: Jesse Warren, Gina Arresta, Robin Brown, Roy Stevenson, William Manger

No: None

Abstain: None

### **Comments from Board Members:**

**Trustee Arresta** ~ First I'd like to congratulate Jaeda on being Employee of the Month! She always has a smile and she has a wonderful demeanor, the way she walks up and down the hallway and she's always so steady in what she does! You give her a task and she does it with a smile, always! What a great job Jaeda! It was great having you this summer and hope to see more of you soon! I'd also like to congratulate Gary Goleski who has been our DPW Superintendent these past years and has worked for the Village for almost 37 years now and is going into the next stage of his life. He's retiring, so his last day of work here is September 15th! I wanted to thank Gary for his service and his time with the village. It was a pleasure working with Gary as liaison to the DPW for the past two years and it was a pleasure, Gary! He will be doing some consulting work in the interim, so we will have some more conversations. I just want to wish him all the best in his retirement. Thank you.

**Trustee Brown** ~ Good evening everyone, I would also like to congratulate Jaeda. I also appreciate the board as well as our Village Hall team and they have all recognized her! Also, I want to give a special thanks

because she was referred to us by Bonnie Cannon from the Bridgehampton Child Center and it's just agencies like that coming together. It takes a Village and here she's been well received and her energy and her work have been greatly appreciated. I'm so glad and I say congratulations to you. Thank you Jaeda! On a second note, I want to congratulate all of our agencies, our Police Officers, Fire Department, and Ambulance. We had a holiday that was pleasant and safe and that's because you're always on the job, behind the scenes, making sure things are done well and keeping our village safe. I can speak for myself as well. I'm sure, on behalf of the board, they are thanking you and commending you for your work. So, thank you.

**Trustee Manger** ~ I would just like to thank everyone again, all the work they did, all the employees for a very very busy summer that we had here in Southampton. I think we did see larger crowds than we have had in the past, which is a good thing, but you know it is also challenging and we were able to get through it. We had superb weather which certainly made Cooper's Beach do very well. I did go down to judge the Sand Castle Contest last weekend that was well attended. I just want to thank all the village again for their hard and dedicated work over a very long hot summer. We got through it, and I want to thank them really for their efforts. On another note, a very sad note, I want to announce the death of one of the members of our Land Use Boards, the death of Peter Dewitt this afternoon, who served on our Board of Architectural Review and Historic Preservation, and we want to send condolences to his partner, James, and all of his friends and the work that, he did here on behalf of the village he will be missed and again just very very sad news we receive this afternoon. Thank you.

**Trustee Stevenson** ~ I appreciate the board for thanking everybody in Southampton Village for making this summer such a success. We're a small village, but in the summer we become a very very big village with a lot of people stressing our resources and from the folks here in Village Hall helping with beach passes and helping with requests, the Building Department handling all of the jobs that are being done, in construction in the Village, of course. As Trustee Brown mentioned, the Fire, Police, Ambulance, the TCOS who work and keep our streets safe, the lifeguards, the DPW who do a great job keeping the village looking neat in spite of all the people marching around the Highway Department. I just can't thank everybody enough for the job they do in helping our little Village host so many guests and having them appreciate our Village so much that they want to keep coming back here. It really is a special love living here full time. This is for all of us who are here full time now. It certainly is, for most of us, our favorite time, because it's still really nice and we get to drive and don't have to worry about the traffic quite so much, but in any case, I just want to take my hat off to everybody who makes our village such a special place. Thank you.

**Mayor Warren** ~ I'll just conclude by echoing the remarks of Trustee Manger. It was a devastating surprise to learn of this. We are here for Peter's partner James and the Village, of course, will be recognizing Peter's passing as this is a big loss for the Village. I know this is also a need for privacy, so I don't want to speak about it any further. I am truly heartbroken about the news and it's devastating. It's just something that one would not expect as Peter was an important volunteer and just a good overall person. On a different note, I'll be brief. I just wanted to give the Village an update. Myself and the Acting Chief Heauteu went in front of the Suffolk County Legislature this week requesting funding either out of the Operating or Capital Budget from the Suffolk County Budget for a traffic study, a Comprehensive Traffic Study essentially from Canoe Place all the way through Water Mill. We're doing everything we can, including the flashing lights. We're going to implement a Pilot Program shortly that we think will be very successful. Until we can get the traffic moving on County Road 39, our efforts on Hill Street will not be achieved. We've got to get those cars moving. We've had a lot of meetings with the County, the Town, with other Engineers and we just made it clear to the Legislature. We nicely asked for funding for a Comprehensive Traffic Study, which I think would be a big help, which is what the Commissioner of the Highway Department Public Works Department is looking for in order to kind of change some of the lights and come up with any type of improvements to County Road 39. I also wanted to congratulate Kat Styler. She is now an employee of the Department of Public Works in the Highway Department. Kat is a Heavy Equipment Operator. We're certainly short-staffed in that regard. She's an outstanding person when it comes to that type of machinery. I think that she'll be an outstanding addition to the

*Public Works Department. I'm very happy for her and her family and I'm very happy for the Village. Now I want to welcome Charles Certain and Sage Certain. Sage is here tonight doing our videography. Many of the residents will notice the change in our mics, which may be quite clear. I just wanted to welcome the Certain Family and then also want to extend my thank-yous to Jackie Allen who steered our Building Department in the right direction for many years. She was an outstanding employee. My message to Jackie is congratulations on your retirement, you're always welcome back. The door is open and you're welcome to join us anytime. Lastly, I wanted to thank and congratulate Gary on his retirement. He's dedicated decades to the Village and it was great to get to know him and to work with him and we're also looking forward to working with him as a consultant moving forward. Thank you.*

### **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, Robin Brown, Roy Stevenson, William Manger

No: None

Abstain: None

Time: 7:13PM

### **Return to Public Session:**

Motion to Return to Public Session was initiated by Jesse Warren and seconded by Gina Arresta.

Yes: Jesse Warren, Gina Arresta, Robin Brown, Roy Stevenson, William Manger

No: None

Abstain: None

Time: 8:19PM

### **Motion to Adjourn:**

Motion to Adjourn was initiated by Jesse Warren and seconded by Gina Arresta.

Yes: Jesse Warren, Gina Arresta, Robin Brown, Roy Stevenson, William Manger

No: None

Abstain: None

End Meeting Time: 8:20PM