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Board of Trustees

MINUTES

January 12, 2023 - 4:00 PM

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

Motion to Open Meeting / Adjourn to Executive Session was initiated by Gina Arresta and seconded by William Manger.

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

No: None

Absent: Jesse Warren at Opening of Executive Session

Meeting Start Time: 4:11PM

Note: Jesse Warren arrived at 4:32PM

Executive Session End Time: 5:52PM

Public Session Meeting Start Time: 6:04PM

Present:

Mayor Jesse Warren, Trustee Gina Arresta, Trustee Robin Brown, Trustee William Manger, Trustee Roy Stevenson, Village Administrator Charlene Kagel-Betts, Village Attorney Andrew Preston, Village Clerk Cathy Sweeney, & A/V Coordinators Charles Certain and 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. Edward Reid
Police Officer
Southampton Village Police Department
Nominated by Sergeant Dave Dorchak

2. Matthew Stetler
Police Officer
Southampton Village Police Department
Nominated by Sergeant Dave Dorchak

Board Presentations:

1. Recognition for newly appointed 2023 Southampton Village Volunteer Ambulance Officers
Recognition for newly appointed 2023 Southampton Village Fire Department Officers
2. Village of Southampton Grants ~ Mayor Warren
3. Arts and Culture District ~ Presented by Frank Fish and Noah Levine (tentative)
4. Southampton High School Event ~ 2023 Senior Banquet Committee

Public Hearing:

1. Public Hearing for Local Law 1-2023, the proposal to amend Chapter 116, Zoning.
Motion to Open the Public Hearing 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

Motion to Close the Public Hearing 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

2. Public Hearing for Local Law 2-2023, the proposal to amend Chapter 65 Historic and Landmark Preservation.
Motion to Open the Public Hearing 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

Motion to Close the Public Hearing 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

3. Public Hearing for Local Law 3-2023, the proposal to amend Chapter 108, Vacant Storefronts.
Motion to Open the Public Hearing 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

Motion to Close the Public Hearing 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

Communications to the Board:

1. Correspondence from Frances Genovese
2. Correspondence from John Scagnelli, President, The Dunes At Southampton Homeowners Association
3. Correspondence from Meryl R. Lieberman
4. Correspondence from Martin L. Leib, M.D.
5. Correspondence from Toby Alfred
6. Correspondence from Anne Bendell
7. Correspondence from Bishops Pond Southampton Village Homeowners Association

Discussion Items:

1. Senior Citizen Committee ~ Trustee Manger
2. Award of Information Technology Contract ~ RFP Results and Committee recommendation ~ Trustee Arresta
3. Suffolk County Deer Management ~ Trustee Arresta

Suggested Resolutions:

1. RESOLVED, the claims for the warrant dated January 12, 2023 totaling \$1,116,768.92 (Warrant #A-20 - General Fund), \$109,245.75 (Warrant #H-10 - Capital Fund), \$500.00 (Warrant #T-11 - CS Trust Fund) and \$34,945.98 (Warrant #A-19 - Utilities Fund) are audited and approved.

Motion to Approve (Aye) was initiated by Gina Arresta and seconded by Roy Stevenson.

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

No: None

Abstain: None

2. RESOLVED, the reading of the minutes for the Public Sessions of December 08, 2022 and December 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 William Manger.

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 Local Law 1-2023, the proposal to amend Chapter 116, Zoning.

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

4. RESOLVED, the Board of Trustees (Board) of the Incorporated Village of Southampton (Village) hereby approves Local Law 2-2023, the proposal to amend Chapter 65 Historic and Landmark Preservation.

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 (Board) of the Incorporated Village of Southampton (Village) hereby approves Local Law 3-2023, the proposal to amend Chapter 108, Vacant Storefronts.

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

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

No: Jesse Warren

Abstain: None

6. RESOLVED, the Board of Trustees (Board) of the Incorporated Village of Southampton (Village) authorizes the Village Clerk to Publish a Notice of Public Hearing to be held on Thursday, February 9, 2023 @ 6:00pm as a Hybrid In-Person/ZOOM Meeting regarding Local Law 4-2023, the proposal to add Chapter 117, Order of Proceedings Before Land Use Boards.

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

7. RESOLVED, the Board of Trustees recognizes the election results of the Officers for our 2023 Southampton Village Ambulance Department as follows: Chief Kyle McGuinness. First Assistance Chief Robert J. Murphy, Second Assistance Chief Colby Gill, Secretary Daniel Berry and Treasurer Donald Mahoney.

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

8. RESOLVED, the Board of Trustees recognizes the election results of the Officer for our 2023 Southampton Village Fire Department as follows: Fire Chief Emmanuel "Manny" Escobar, First Assistant Chief Polis Walker and Second Assistant Chief Richard Fowler.

Motion to Approve (Aye) was initiated by Jesse Warren and seconded by Roy Stevenson.

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

No: None

Abstain: None

9. RESOLVED, the Board of Trustees approves the contract increase not to exceed \$106,000 between the Village of Southampton and D&B Engineers and Architects for additional work for the Southampton Village Sewer District Design - to be paid from Water Quality Reserve.

Motion to Approve (Aye) was initiated by Jesse Warren and seconded by Roy Stevenson.

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

No: None

Abstain: None

10. RESOLVED, the Board of Trustee accepts a donation request from John Scheehser, dated November 18, 2022, with regards to a single galvanized jet-ski trailer for the Southampton Village Ocean Rescue.

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 Budget Transfer # 337 to cover various budget shortfalls.

Account	Detail Description	TRANSFER OUT	TRANSFER IN
A 1410.13	CLERK PART TIME (SEASONAL for WRK COMP)	0.00	18,000.00
A 1410.1	CLERK SALARIES	18,000.00	0.00
A 1490.1	DPW Salary (Goleski Payout)	0.00	120,000.00
A 9070.8	COMPENSATED ABSENCES	120,000.00	0.00
A 1620.12	BUILDING MAINT OVERTIME (VACANCIES)	0.00	15,000.00
A 1620.1	BUILDING MAINT SALARY	15,000.00	0.00
A 3150.1	JAIL ATTEND	0.00	2,000.00
A 3120.1	POLICE SALARIES	2,000.00	0.00
A 3620.13	SAF INSP +BUILD PART TIME SALARY (PT for J ALLEN)	0.00	14,000.00
A 3620.1	SAFETY INSP - SALARY	14,000.00	0.00
A 4540.12	AMBULANCE OVERTIME	0.00	10,000.00
A 4540.13	AMBULANCE PART TIME	10,000.00	0.00
A 4540.8089	AMBULANCE LOSAP	0.00	3,000.00
A 4540.44	AMBULANCE CONTRACTUAL	3,000.00	0.00
A 5110.2	HIGHWAY EQUIP (CAPITL OVERRUN)	0.00	12,000.00
A 5110.44	HIGHWAY CONTRAC	12,000.00	0.00
A 7110.42	PARKS UTILITIES	0.00	1,500.00
A 7110.44	PARKS CONTRAC	1,500.00	0.00
A 8030.4	ARB CONTRACT (Art 78)	0.00	20,000.00
A 1990.4	CONTINGENCY	20,000.00	0.00
	Transfer Totals :	215,500.00	215,500.00

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

12. WHEREAS , the Board of Trustees authorized the Village Clerk to issue a Request for Proposal for interested parties regarding the management, maintenance and support for Information Technology Services for the Village of Southampton, a one year contract with the option to renew on an annual basis in August 2022 and appointed the IT RFP Review Committee to review submitted proposals and make recommendations to the Board regarding applicants.
AND, WHEREAS, the IT RFP Committee has made the recommendation,
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT
RESOLVED, the Board of Trustees awards the contract to provide IT Support to the Village of Southampton to Fluid Imagery of Westhampton Beach, NY for one year in the amount of \$82,800 with an option to renew this flat fee will include unlimited ongoing support and software subscriptions for Village Hall, Ambulance, DPW, Police Department and Justice Court. Work requested outside the scope of contract will be billed at \$150 per hour upon Village Administrator approval.

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

13. WHEREAS, a complete evaluation and assessment of the Village's DPW Equipment was performed by the Department Head and the Village's DPW Consultant which resulted in the need for a new Dump Truck and reallocation of funding for Curb and Sidewalk repairs to future years.
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT
RESOLVED, at the recommendation of the Acting DPW Superintendent and the DPW Consultant, in order to meet the needs and operations of the Department, the Highway Department 2022-2023 Capital Budget is amended as follows:
DECREASE SIDEWALKS in the amount of \$145,000
DECREASE CURBS in the amount \$145,000
INCREASE DUMP TRUCK in the amount of \$290,000
AND, BE IT FURTHER
RESOLVED, the 2024-2025 Capital Plan will be revised as follows:
DELETE HIGHWAY VACON TRUCK \$450,000
INCREASE SIDEWALKS in the amount of \$145,000
INCREASE CURBS in the amount of \$145,000.

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

14. RESOLVED, the Board of Trustees authorizes the Village Attorney and Village Assessor to enter into a stipulation to settle an Article 7, tax lien litigation between the Village and 256 Wickapogue Road in the amount of \$2,322.79 related to tax years 2020-2021 through 2022-2023 as identified in a proposed stipulation negotiated between the Village Assessor and Council for 256 Wickapogue Road.

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

15. RESOLVED, The Board of Trustees recognizes and accepts the Suffolk County Civil Service reclassification of Nicholas Cogan's title from Highway Department Laborer to Automotive Equipment Operator at a salary of \$54,408.08 effective January 13, 2023.

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

16. RESOLVED, the Board of Trustees approves the formal request submitted by Acting Chief Hurteau, Southampton Village Police Department to increase George Brown's salary as Code Enforcement Officer to \$32 per hour, effective November 25, 2022, after his successful completion and final certification of - Code Enforcement Training.

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

17. RESOLVED, the Board of Trustees approves the sale of tax liens on all unpaid property taxes for the fiscal year 2021-2022 will be held at 1:00pm on Tuesday, March 14, 2023 in the Board Room, Village Hall, 23 Main Street, Southampton, New York. Notice to this effect will be published in the official paper, The Southampton Press.

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

18. RESOLVED, the Board of Trustees approves the request from the Southampton Village Police Benevolent Association to host its Annual Easter Egg Hunt at Agawam Park on Friday, April 7, 2023 during the hours of 9:00am - 12:00pm.

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

19. RESOLVED, the Board of Trustees approves the request received from Dr. Zahn, Principal of Southampton High School, to host their annual Senior Banquet at Coopers Beach on Tuesday, June 13, 2023, from 6:00pm - 9:00pm. At the request of the Mayor, fees will be waived for this event.

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

20. RESOLVED, the Board of Trustees approves the event application submitted by Bill Kinney, Paragon Festivals to host their Festival of the Arts to be held at Agawam Park on Saturday, July 8, 2023 - Sunday, July 9, 2023 @ 10:00am - 5:00pm daily. The sponsor of the event is the Evelyn Alexander Rescue Center, a center which rescues orphans and injured animals.

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

21. RESOLVED, the Board of Trustees approves the Ellen Hermanson Foundation to hold its 28th Annual Ellen's Run on Sunday, August 20, 2023 from 6:00 AM to 11:00 AM to start and finish at the Southampton Intermediate School.

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

22. RESOLVED, the Board of Trustees approves Sean Curneen as a probationary member of Agawam Engine Co. 1, effective January 12, 2023.

Motion to Approve (Aye) was initiated by Jesse Warren and seconded by Roy Stevenson.

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

No: None

Abstain: None

23. WHEREAS, the Village of Southampton hosted its First Annual Partners in Wellness Program, hosted at the Southampton Arts Center along with Weill Cornell Medicine on Wednesday, January 11, 2023 from 11:00am - 2:00pm on behalf of the Village of Southampton Employees,
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT
RESOLVED, the Board of Trustees supported this event at the cost of \$1,100, to be funded by Trustee Special Projects.

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

24. WHEREAS, the Approved Grant Project cost for the Traffic Light Improvement for the intersection of Main and Jobs Lane has increased in the amount of \$63,024.81, and the increase is not reimbursable by the Grant capped at \$85,642.00,

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT

RESOLVED, the Board of Trustees amend the Grant Project cost of the Traffic Light improvement for the intersection of Main and Jobs Lane increasing from \$166,526.58 to \$229,551.39 and the match increased by \$63,024.81 to be funded through Trustee Special Projects.

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

25. WHEREAS, the population of deer has dramatically increased throughout the Village of Southampton, and has created health and safety concerns for residents,

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT

RESOLVED, The Board of Trustees approves the proposal and contract with Suffolk County Deer Management SCDM as approved by counsel to develop a Deer Management Plan for the village for an amount not to exceed \$20,000 to be paid from Trustees Special Projects.

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

26. WHEREAS, in September 2022 the Village of Southampton Board of Trustees adopted the Comprehensive Plan Update dated September 2022, and
WHEREAS since that time minor revisions to correct scrivener's omissions to page 92 regarding Light Industrial designations, and

WHEREAS the Board of Trustees adopted a Negative Declaration for the Comprehensive Plan in accordance with the State Environmental Quality Review Act (SEQR) on September 20, 2022,

NOW, BE IT RESOLVED that the Village of Southampton Board of Trustees hereby amends the Comprehensive Plan Update dated September 2022 to correct scrivener's omissions on Page 92 thereof.

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

27. RESOLVED, the Village of Southampton's Board of Trustees designates Southampton Village Ocean Rescue as an emergency rescue and first aid squad pursuant to New York State General Municipal Law §209-b.

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

28. RESOLVED, the Board of Trustees (Board) of the Incorporated Village of Southampton (Village) authorizes the Village Clerk to Publish a Notice of Public Hearing to be held on Thursday, February 9, 2023 @ 6:00pm as a Hybrid In-Person/ZOOM Meeting regarding Local Law 5-2023, the proposal to modify Chapter 21-5 of Village Code.

Motion to Approve (Aye) was initiated by Gina Arresta and seconded by William Manger.

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

No: None

Abstain: None

Mayoral Appointments:

1. RESOLVED, per §107-3 of the Village Code, the Mayor appoints Laura Devinney to a two-year term and Nancy McGann to a one-year term to the Village Tree Commission.

Motion to Table was initiated by Gina Arresta and seconded by Roy Stevenson.

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

No: None

Abstain: None

Comments from Board Members:

Trustee Arresta ~ Wanted to again say congratulations to officers Reid and Stetler. I was wondering what the temperature of the ocean was when they jumped in. That warranted going above and beyond. Thank you, you're really terrific! And, speaking of police officers, so happy to see our incoming Chief here for the entire meeting tonight. His presence is welcomed. If the weather stays as it is, DPW will be starting work along Meeting House Lane to repair the sidewalk. It will be from Main Street to Oak Street. Hopefully, this work will start next week. It's almost embarrassing to mention these trash can bellies again, but the shipping company said they are now enroute for sure and the delivery date is January 19, 2023. Just quickly, about the traffic situation, we hear everyone and all the concerns. We have been up there a number of times and we are trying to do what's best for everyone. Thank you and have a good evening.

Trustee Brown ~ Once again, I would like to salute and thank our officers for going above and beyond. I'm very excited about the installation of our new chiefs and congratulate them. Thank you to the board for supporting the day of wellness. It was well received and our employees know that they are important to us. Thank you to Weill Cornell, Golden Jalapenos for catering and the Southampton Arts Center. It was a lovely time, and, thank you, thank you, thank you.

Trustee Manger ~ It was quite a meeting. Those watching obviously saw your Village Government at work. I would like to add my voice again about how terrible I felt about Anthony Carter being taken apart by the Mayor in a public session and in front of his parents, wife and three children, especially when he had told Anthony Carter he would support him. To turn and do that in a public session was absolutely wrong, unconscionable and it's going to take a long time for you to repair the damage that you have done Mayor Warren. Thank you.

Trustee Stevenson ~ Wanted to talk about how the turning of the new year is often a time for reviewing the prior years' accomplishments, expressing gratitude to those who helped us achieve them and looking ahead to unfinished goals and new challenges. In the year past, Mayor Warren and fellow trustees have worked diligently to enhance the residents' quality of life in our beautiful village.

I would like to touch on a few highlights: Trustee Manger helped develop a new comprehensive master plan evolving from the input of our residents, best practices from communities similar to ours and advice from our consultants. The new Master Plan focuses on revitalizing the Village Center, remediating and preserving our natural environment as we become a greener, more sustainable community, increasing the availability of workforce housing, preserving the village's residential fabric, making the village more pedestrian and bicycle friendly and recommending zoning changes to control the intensity of ongoing development. The key element of this plan is the creation of a sewer system. I worked with the Sewer District Task Force, Chairman Paul Travis and his committee members to develop a draft which is the Phase I Design. The initial phase will serve the village business district, the area which generates the most waste with the greatest proximity to Lake Agawam. The design looks forward to the future enlargement of the system to provide service to the village's residential areas as well. With help from Southampton Town, we are in the process of acquiring the site where the sewage treatment plant will be located. Until the sewer system is built, the cleansing of Lake Agawam will not be complete. With that said, the village under Mayor Warren's leadership, and I tip my hat to him for this, has won grants in excess of five million dollars which, together with significant private contributions from the Lake Agawam Conservancy, will enable us to take major steps to reduce the amount of toxic algae and improve water quality. We've also enhanced our residents' recreational resources. Deputy Mayor Arresta has developed plans to upgrade Moses Park to incorporate a fitness trail, two pickleball courts, and restroom facilities. Trustee Brown, our village Safety Liaison, has been instrumental in securing funding to provide a drone to assist in protecting our beaches from sharks, electric bikes to assist our police in patrolling the village, and a new gator for beach surveillance. The Village's Boards have also done an excellent job in fulfilling their roles, so, thanks to Planning Board Chairman, Tony Piazza, Board of Architectural Review and Historic Planning Chairman, Jeff Brodlieb, Planning Commission Chairman Marc Chiffert, and Zoning Board of Appeals Chairman, Mark Greenwald and their hard-working committee members for all they do. All this and more has been done as we keep a sharp eye on the financial bottom line with the help of Budget and Finance Committee Chairman, Len Zinnanti and his committee. There's been no village tax increase for two years and in the last fiscal year, the village realized a significant surplus. This could not have been accomplished without the excellent oversight of Village Administrator, Charlene Kagel-Betts, Thanks to our Department Head, Senior Building Inspector, Tien Ho So, Village Clerk Cathy Sweeney, DPW Superintendent, Steve Phillips, Highway Department Supervisor, Corey Swezey, Building Maintenance Supervisor, Bob Hand, Parks Department Supervisor, John Flick and Central Garage Supervisor, Ken Zeh and all of our hard-working Village Employees. Sincere thanks to them. Each Trustee and the Mayor contributed their individual efforts toward achieving these results. This board has accomplished many positive things working as a team. With that said, it is unrealistic to expect that all members of the board will agree on every issue. That is both normal and I think healthy. Debate in exchange of conflicting viewpoints can lead to better decisions, but that debate should be about rational arguments supported by truth and facts and I'm concerned, as evidenced a little bit by this meeting tonight, that this is no longer the case. This past year, we have done our best work as a team and I sincerely hope, somehow, going forward, we can figure out how to do that again. My guiding principle as a Trustee has been to use my upbringing, education, experience, faith and whatever wisdom I've acquired in my life to guide my efforts to do the right thing for the Village of Southampton. I hope you can discern, by my remarks tonight, my commitment to that purpose. Every day, I witness the love of our residents, village employees and first responders have for our village. It inspires me to continue to work with my fellow Trustees and the Mayor to make Southampton an even better place in 2023. I wish you all a happy and healthy New Year. Thank you.

Mayor Warren ~ Thanked the Fire Department and EMS Department for coming out tonight. We are very lucky to have them with us. This was a long meeting and we are looking forward to moving on and working together with everybody. The meeting tonight speaks for itself. I stand by my vote from the December meeting regarding the new Police Chief and always voted with his conscience and will continue to do so. I am willing to work with anybody and, obviously, the goal is to work for the village residents.

Motion to Adjourn to Executive Session

First Executive Session:

Motion to Adjourn to Executive Session was initiated by William Manger and seconded by Robin Brown.

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

No: None

Abstain: None

Time: 9:15PM

Second Executive Session:

Motion to Adjourn to Executive 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: 9:56PM

Return to Public Session:

First 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: 9:31PM

Second 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: 10:28PM

Resolutions, if any:

Refer to Agenda - Suggested Resolutions

Motion to Adjourn:

End Meeting Time: 10:29PM