

**MINUTES**  
**VILLAGE OF SOUTHAMPTON**  
**BOARD OF TRUSTEES**  
**Public Session I – February 14, 2019**

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, McGann, Hattrick and Allan; Village Administrator Russell Kratoville and Village Attorney, Wayne Bruyn.

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

**EMPLOYEE OF THE MONTH**

Mayor Irving acknowledged the February Employee of the Month, **Patricia Ledermann**, Deputy Village Treasurer, hired 7/25/08. Mayor Irving read a letter of recommendation from Mimi-Michel Guerra. Mayor Irving noted that he had known Pat for many years prior to working at Village Hall and there wasn't a better suited person for the job, she is honest and hard working. Mr. Kratoville stated that she has the highest integrity and puts the Village first and the Village is very fortunate to have her.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Sheila Peiffer, Hildreth Street, Southampton to see if there had been any follow-up regarding the lighting and respecting the international dark skies standard. Mayor Irving stated that the Village hadn't been very diligent regarding dark skies and would have to review the current codes and restrictions. Ms. Peiffer stated that the Village may be surprised to find that the Village is more compliant than they realize but that it would be good to be in compliance and in sync with the Town of Southampton. Trustee McGann stated that the Village had reviewed it several years ago and that the Village Business district doesn't have enough light as it is and the street lights aren't good enough so having the shops keep their lights on helped to illuminate the streets. Ms. Peiffer just thought it would be good to check into further. Trustee McGann said the Village needed to go back to the study that was done.

**BOARD PRESENTATIONS - NONE**

## **PUBLIC HEARINGS**

### **1. Proposed Local Law: Construction of an Accessory Building**

Mayor Irving made a motion to open, Trustee Yastrzemski seconded the motion and a unanimous vote followed. Village Attorney Bruyn stated that it had been adjourned from January meeting pending letters of determination from Suffolk County Planning Commission and the Village Planning Commission. Mr. Kratoville stated that nothing had been received yet.

Trustee Yastrzemski asked for additional details regarding the proposal; Mr. Bruyn reviewed the details noting that it applies to waterfront property and corner lots and a discussion followed.

Mayor Irving made a motion to adjourn the Public Hearing until the February 26, 2019 meeting; Trustee Yastrzemski seconded the motion and a unanimous vote followed.

### **2. Proposed Local Law: Wireless Facilities**

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

Village Attorney Bruyn provided an overview of the proposed legislation, stating that the current code requires special exception by the Zoning Board of Appeals for every wireless facility and gives the highest structure on every municipal property and reviewed the current process which includes going to five different agencies during the review process. In the new proposal we added exemptions were added with respect to municipal properties in particular. At the previous hearing the

Suffolk County Planning Commission sent a letter of determination noting that it was a matter of local determination. The Village has not received a letter from the Village Planning Commission.

Mayor Irving noted that telephone poles are become prime locations for repeaters and cell phone carriers and are heavily loaded with additional equipment and would be concerned that the Village would end up with similar situation.

Mr. Kratoville suggested that the Village reach out to PSEG and discuss the arrangements with cellular carriers.

Gary Goleski, Superintendent of Public Works, stated that currently the cellular carriers put up the equipment without notifying the Village and asked if this was something the Village wanted to keep track of.

Mr. Kratoville stated that the Federal statute exempts telephone and electric from gaining permission but anything that isn't electric or standard telephone should have to notify the Village. Mr. Goleski would ask that there be an understanding of the definition and then the DPW could regulate it as they do the road opening permits.

Mr. Bruyn stated that everyone other than electric and telephone should be getting a permit from the Village but it may not be monitored at this point. He noted that some of the questions that he had received was what the impact would be on franchise agreements and to review to make sure we are in compliance with the latest FCC regulations.

Mayor Irving made a motion to adjourn the Public Hearing until the February 26, 2019 Board Meeting; Trustee Yastrzemski seconded the motion and a unanimous vote followed.

### **COMMUNICATIONS TO THE BOARD**

Southampton Little League – Request use of Downs Family Park Ball Field  
Village Administrator Kratoville read a letter of request from John Venturella, Southampton Little League President to extend the season and use the Down Park baseball fields through September.

Gary Goleski noted that the Board might want to consider other uses for the field as the baseball teams have diminished over the years.

Trustee McGann made a motion to approve the request with schedule as stated in the letter dated January 20, 2019; Trustee Hattrick seconded the motion and a unanimous vote followed.

### **SUGGESTED RESOLUTIONS**

***RESOLVED, that the reading of the minutes for the Public Session of January 22, 2019 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; Trustee Hattrick seconded the motion and a unanimous vote followed.

***RESOLVED, that the claims for the warrants dated February 14, 2019 totaling \$265,700.92 (Warrant #A-13 - General Fund), \$367,188.99 (Warrant #H-10 – Capital Reserve Fund) and the Village payrolls for the period from February 1, 2019 to***

***February 14, 2019 be audited and approved.***

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

***RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees approves the following payments from the Capital Reserve fund subject to permissive referendum:***

Mobile Fleet	\$ 8,654.81	Fire Equip. Reserve
National Auto Fleet	\$39,549.18	Fire Truck Reserve
Motorola Solutions	\$11,522.90	ire Truck Reserve

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

## **DISCUSSION ITEMS**

### **1. Southampton Rotary – Firecracker 8K Run-Walk: July 7, 2019**

***a. RESOLVED, THAT THE Board of Trustees approves the application of the Southampton Rotary for the Annual Firecracker 8-k Walk/Run on July 7<sup>th</sup> 2019 and grants the use of the railroad trestle on North Sea Road to announce the event.***

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

### **2. Lung Cancer Research Fdn. – Walk/Run/Bike Event: August 11, 2019**

***a. RESOLVED, THAT THE Board of Trustees approves the application of the Lung Cancer Research Foundation for a Walk/Run on August 11<sup>th</sup> 2019***

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

### **3. Property Tax Cap Override (Local Law)**

***a. RESOLVED THAT THE Board of Trustees schedules a public hearing on March 14, 2019 to amend Local Law in regarding overriding the Tax Cap.***

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

### **4. Tax sale certificates**

Mr. Kratoville stated that the notice of overdue property tax fees will be in the Southampton Press and that if not paid the Village would have the opportunity to purchase the tax sale certificates.

***a. RESOLVED THAT THE Board of Trustees approves that the Village hold its own tax certificates.***

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

**5. 2019 Beach Parking Permit Rates**

***a. RESOLVED, that the Village of Southampton Board of Trustees sets the fees for the 2019 Beach Parking Permits as follows:***

**Resident Permit**

- Free, (3) Permits per household. Any additional permits may be purchased at the Summer Visitor Rate

**Local Non-Village Resident**

- \$250

**Senior/Vet Local Non-Village Resident**

- \$175

**Summer Visitor**

- \$450

Trustee McGann made a motion to approve the 2019 Beach permit fees; Trustee Hattrick seconded the motion and a unanimous vote followed.

**6. Surplus Vehicles**

Mr. Kratoville after conferring with Village Attorney Bruyn stated that the Village first has to designate the vehicles as surplus and not needed for municipal purposes after which time the Board of Trustees must authorize the disposal of the vehicle as a formal process and must be disposed of as approved by the Board

Mr. Goleski stated that there are currently approximately four vehicles (Police vehicles) that are to be declared as surplus.

***a. RESOLVED THAT THE Board of Trustees hereby authorizes the Department of Public Works to sell surplus vehicles through whatever legal means possible, albeit, bid, auction or through a municipal purchasing consortium or any other legal method in accordance with Village Law.***

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

**7. Public Hearing – Residence Height Restrictions Flat Roof 3/26/2019**

**Village Attorney Bruyn reviewed the proposed legislation and a brief discussion followed.**

- a. ***RESOLVED, THAT THE Board of Trustees schedules a public hearing on March 26, 2019 on a local law amending Chapter 116-12F(2) to clarify the height of residences where a portion of the roof is flat.***

Trustee Allan made a motion to approve the resolution; Trustee Hattrick seconded the motion and a unanimous vote followed.

## **8. Drainage Project**

Gary Goleski, DPW, discussed the grant that was received for drainage on Jobs Lane from the Town through CPF. Mr. Goleski has received two bids for the work; the lesser being from South Fork Asphalt for approximately \$253,888 and would include spot paving. This would impact the traffic on Jobs Lane- South side or eastbound lane would be closed during the day and the drivers would be diverted. The process would take place sporadically over a two-week period. Trustee Yastrzemeski asked if the road would be repaved at that time. Mr. Goleski noted that National Grid will be coming in to install a new gas main coming down Jobs Lane and they would need to redo the asphalt curb to curb.

Trustee Allan asked about Meeting House Lane and questioned if that would help alleviate some of the flooding issues.

Trustee Yastrzemeski asked about the cost and Mr. Goleski noted that there could be some additional expenses as they got further into the project.

Trustee McGann made a motion to accept the bid from South Fork Asphalt to complete the work on the drainage project; Trustee Hattrick seconded the motion and a unanimous vote followed.

## **COMMENTS FROM THE BOARD:**

**Trustee Yastrzemeski** - wished everyone a Happy Valentine's Day

**Trustee Allan** - Happy Valentine's Day – just returned from vacation and brought back a little snow. The Town advised that the 2 affordable homes on Magee Street were completed and the individuals have moved in. The Southampton Pointe condos have 16 units available for affordable housing and there were over 500 applicants. Many applicants who have higher lottery numbers should remain patient as vetting continues and many are passed over as not qualifying. Ms. Allan also commented on the proposed affordable housing on County Road 39 and that our public is encouraged to be aware and provide feedback as there are discussions, particularly since there is discussion about egress through Southampton Village property.

Trustee Allan also mentioned that there was a very good meeting the previous day with the landscapers regarding the proposed legislation. They requested that the Village reach out to the homeowners to explain the rationale and to help property owners understand that their demands are creating the use of gas leaf blowers in the summer (an example was the removal of grass leaf clippings). For this to move forward there would

need to be support from both sides.

**Trustee McGann** spoke regarding the proposed housing project that would go behind the church on County. Road 39, approximately 5 acres, and they would build 60 units, plus a second building for exercise room, meeting room and accommodations for employees.

Ms. McGann noted that it would be only affordable housing and would be done by a lottery but would focus on anyone living on Long Island with some consideration being given to East End residents. There is an issue of egress which would require two additional access points in the Village, including one on Hillcrest Lane.

Trustee Yastrzemeski commented that the Hillcrest neighborhood would be severely impacted and mentioned that there had been a request by a Town Council member for the company to reduce the number of units which the company stated would not be economically feasible.

A discussion followed regarding the requirements as set forth for affordable housing opportunities and the restrictions. Mayor Irving noted that there is such a need for affordable housing but that it had to be looked at carefully as it would be next to another high density area: Southampton Care Center.

Trustee Allan asked if the proposal was turned down what could happen to the property; Village Attorney Bruyn stated that it was zoned for Residential use – R20. Mayor Irving commented that one part of the property is in the Village and it's where they would put the sewage treatment plan and would back up to the Hillcrest neighborhood.

Trustee McGann noted that the next meeting is February 28<sup>th</sup>. The Board requested that Mr. Kratoville be notified of any meeting related to the topic.

**Trustee Hatrick** wished everyone a Happy Valentine's Day.

**Mayor Irving** encouraged everyone to look at the new ambulance facility as it's being built; it was a long, difficult process but it's very exciting to see it going up now. The weather is changing, and it is staying lighter longer.

Trustee McGann and Trustee Hatrick asked about the deer hunting and Mayor Irving noted that there have been approximately 100 taken so far. He noted that it could take about 3 years for it to be very effective. One of the Mayor's concerns is that because they have been pushed out of the estate area into the Village and smaller lots and the deer will have a difficult time surviving because there is less food supply. Hopefully next year there will be more hunting and that will reduce the herd further. Overall it was a successful venture. He noted that the hunters have stayed away from municipal lots; Trustee McGann stated that it needs to be addressed because there are so many deer on

municipal lands. Mayor Irving stated that he had attended a Deer Management program.

Mayor Irving stated that he had also attended a Suffolk County conference on the Opioid Epidemic which was very informative and well attended. The matter is a very serious one and needs to be addressed by everyone.

**2<sup>nd</sup> PUBLIC COMMENT:**

Robert Simonson, Southampton Town resident, commented that the equipment from any cellular carrier should be connected to the Village so that the Village is aware immediately of any connection and makes it easier to monitor. He asked about the accessory structures and asked if the Village would consider the accessory structures being used for living space.

Trustee Allan noted that they had met with Diana Weir from the Town to discuss affordable housing and it's something the Village needs to look into. Trustee McGann stated that there are some situations where a one family house lends itself to be a two family house. She noted that we as a Village need to look into if they would allow that as there is such a strong need to year-round rentals.

Mr. Simonson spoke regarding the opioid epidemic and noted that this is a huge issue on the East End with so many people being affected.

**MOTION TO ADJOURN:**

Mayor Irving made a Motion to adjourn to Executive Session at 7:44PM for the purpose of discussing personnel matters involving Village employees. Trustee Yastrzemski seconded and a unanimous vote followed.

The Board returned to Public Session at 9:55PM and Mayor Irving suggested the following resolutions:

***RESOLVED, THAT THE Board of Trustees hereby approves the hiring of Richard Hale to Automotive Mechanic I in Central Garage at an annual salary of \$43,978.76 effective February 18, 2019.***

On the motion of Trustee Hattrick and seconded by Trustee Mc Gann, the resolution was approved; four ayes, one abstention (Yastrzemski).

***RESOLVED, THAT THE Board of Trustees hereby ratifies a Stipulation of Settlement with an employee.***

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



**MOTION TO ADJOURN:**

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

The meeting was adjourned at 10:02PM.

Russell Kratoville, Village Administrator

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