

MINUTES
VILLAGE OF SOUTHAMPTON - BOARD OF TRUSTEES
PUBLIC SESSION II – February 25, 2020

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 6:00PM.

Present were Mayor Warren, Trustees Allan, Parash, Pilaro and Yastrzemski; Village Administrator Russell Kratoville and Assistant Village Attorney Alexandra Halsey Storch

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

PUBLIC COMMENT: NONE

BOARD PRESENTATIONS:

1. Summer Squash Event - Sayed Selim

Mr. Selim and his team introduced the concept of having a squash court set up in Doscher Park for two months during the Summer and offer programs for kids and adults. The program would culminate with a Junior Tournament, College Tournament and Exhibition match. In addition, they would like to hold a cocktail party fundraiser to benefit the Clean Water initiative. A lengthy discussion followed with the Board acknowledging that it is an interesting idea and one they might support but asked the group to provide a business plan outlining the schedule, maintenance, coordination and management of the event. The Board also stated that they would need to coordinate with the Town as the Doscher property was purchased with CPF funds. Mr. Kratoville said that if the Board were to approve the event the Village should draw up a license agreement with Mr. Selim. Trustee Allan asked Mr. Selim if they could consider pickleball as well and Mr. Selim expressed interest in looking into that as well.

2. Clean Water Committee Update – Rob Coburn

Rob Coburn, Co-Chair of the Village's Clean Water Committee addressed the Board regarding the work of the Committee including a proposed plan for Lake Agawam remediation, highlights of comments sent to the DEC regarding its plans to deal with Hazardous Algal Blooms (HABS) including discussions on the creation of a sewer district; dredging and bioswales.

Mr. Coburn reviewed the Committee's proposed 2020 Lake Agawam Management Plan stating that it is a strategic framework. He noted that there is no quick fix and that anything they do may have some negative aspects but that it is a solvable situation if multiple approaches are used. He said the Committee is asking for the Board to pass a resolution to adopt the 2020 Lake Agawam Management Plan, ideally in the next month. This would not require the Board to commit to any particular aspect or expenditure but the Committee feels it is important for the Village to adopt the plan because it offers a clear statement of intent; is cornerstone for working with the Town Trustees who share ownership of the Lake and finally, it can be a critical tool for permitting and grant seeking opportunities.

A discussion followed; Trustee Allan asked if the plan could be put on the Village website as a draft plan, not yet adopted and add in the summary as well as information from the upcoming DEC report. Mr. Coburn thanked Tom Louthan who originally began drafting the plan a year prior to the committee was set up. Mr. Coburn suggested that a group of the Water Committee members and one of two of the Board of Trustees make a similar presentation to the Town Trustees. Mr. Coburn said they have also been working closely with the Planning Commission, with respect to the sewer district. The Board thanked Mr. Coburn and the Water Committee for their efforts.

DISCUSSION ITEMS:

1. Annual Purchase of FD Turnout Gear – Capital Reserve

Mr. Kratoville explained that fire department replaces part of its turnout gear and boots annually so that the department continues to meet PESH standards.

2. Movie at Agawam – Rogers Memorial Library

Julie Fitzgerald, Assistant to the Mayor, reviewed the request from the Rogers Memorial Library to show the film “Hidden Figures” in Agawam Park on a Thursday in July or August. The Board asked that Ms. Fitzgerald review the dates with the Library and choose one that works best.

3. PedalShare – Christopher Dimon

Mr. Kratoville reviewed the request and suggested that the Board establish a license agreement with the company this year. It was met with success last year and they would like to continue this year and possibly expand to additional locations.

4. Proposed Change to Financial Disclosure Forms

Ms. Halsey Storch explained that Christian Picot, Chairman of the Village’s Ethics Committee was asking the Board to consider revising the Financial Disclosure Forms that are required to be completed by employees, officers and board members. He requested that the document be amended to state that the individual has completed the form and signed under the penalty of perjury. If the Board is amenable, then they would need to set a Public Hearing and the process would continue from there. Trustee Yastrzemski asked why the Chairman of the Ethics Committee felt they needed to request this and said that he didn’t feel it was necessary. Mr. Kratoville said from a human resource standpoint the level of employee that would complete the form would be aware that if there is anything not truthful on the form, they would be subject to disciplinary action, including dismissal. Trustee Allan asked if it was consistent with what other municipalities do; Ms. Halsey Storch said she would have to check into that. Trustee Allan said she felt a Vendor Confidentiality agreement was needed. Trustee Yastrzemski and Trustee Allan said they would like to get more information from Mr. Picot before pursuing the request further.

PUBLIC HEARINGS: NONE

COMMUNICATIONS TO THE BOARD:

1. Planning Commission/Clean Water Committee –

Sewer District Update, HAB Action Plan & Lake Agawam 2020 Management Plan.

Mayor Warren said this will be put onto the Village Website on the Clean Water Committee page.

2. Lake Agawam Conservancy – In Support of HABS Action Plan and Request for Grant Coordination

The Board felt that they needed further information and details before they can respond.

3. NYSDEC – Horseshoe Crab Signs Meadow Lane

Mr. Kratoville said this is done annually and that an administrative decision can be moved forward by Gary Goleski, Superintendent of Public Works.

4. Southold Town Helicopter Advisory Committee – Invite to Fly Neighborly Kickoff: March 11, 2020

Marriott Melville. Mr. Kratoville reviewed the invitation for Board members to attend the meeting.

5. Bambi Felberbaum – Lack of Cellular Service

Trustee Allan said that there is a cell phone issue in the Village and she has received a number of complaints from members of the Business Revitalization Committee who have stated that it negatively impacts their ability to do business as they often lose connections making it difficult to process credit cards and complete orders. Trustee Allen said she and Trustee Pilaro have reached out to Verizon and would like to explore the options of adding repeaters or adding mini cell towers to help alleviate the problem. Trustee Yastrzemeski said that his experience from the past has been that the residents have always been against adding the cell towers because of the visual impact.

Chief Cummings said that there had previously been an agreement to install micro towers to be located at PD and another at Coopers Beach and that it was still a viable option and one that he and the Police Department strongly supported. Mr. Kratoville noted that the Village had passed a local law to ease the ability to install cell towers. Chief Cummings suggested that he meet with Trustees Pilaro and Allan and a Verizon representative to discuss the matter further.

SUGGESTED RESOLUTIONS:

1. ***RESOLVED, that the reading of the minutes for the Public Session of February 13, 2020 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.***

Mayor Warren made a motion to approve; Trustee Parash seconded the motion and a unanimous vote followed.

2. ***RESOLVED, that the claims for the warrants dated February 25, 2020 totaling \$466,959.58 (Warrant #12 - General Fund), \$534.00 (Warrant #9 - Capital Reserve Fund) and \$1,275.00 (Warrant #16 – Trust Fund) be audited and approved.***

Mayor Warren made a motion to approve; Trustee Parash seconded the motion Trustees Allan and Yastr and a unanimous vote followed.

3. ***RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees hereby retains Cook Maran as the Village Insurance Agent and authorizes the Village Administrator to purchase the 2020 - 2021 Commercial Insurance Policies.***

Mayor Warren made a motion to approve; Trustee Parash seconded the motion and a unanimous vote followed.

4. ***RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees hereby appoints Gina Arresta to the Budget and Finance Committee.***

Mayor Warren made a motion to approve; Trustee Parash seconded the motion; Trustee Allan recused herself and a 4-0 vote followed.

5. ***RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees approves the following dates for the two (2) Public Hearings for the Annual Estimated and Tentative Budget for the fiscal year 2019/2020: Thursday, April 9, 2020 at 6:00 pm and Tuesday, April 21, 2020 at 6:00 pm. Copies of the proposed budget will be available to the public beginning Tuesday, March 31, 2020.***

Mayor Warren made a motion to approve; Trustee Parash seconded the motion and a unanimous vote followed.

6. **RESOLVED**, that the Board of Trustees hereby approves the purchase of Turnout Gear and Boots at a cost not to exceed \$55,000.00 from Capital Reserve-Fire Equipment subject to permissive referendum.

Mayor Warren made a motion to approve; Trustee Parash seconded the motion and a unanimous vote followed.

COMMENTS FROM THE BOARD:

Trustee Yastrzemski – no comments

Trustee Allan – made mention of the following:

The first monthly Senior Lunch is coming up on Thursday, 2/27 and 40 individuals have signed up. The next luncheon will be held on Thursday, March 19th.

There is an upcoming Inaugural event being coordinated by the Business Revitalization Committee on April 2-5 with Saturday April 4th being an event-filled day with activities planned by members of the Business district and the cultural arts organizations.

Trustee Allen concluded by saying that the Village was keeping its eye on the situation with the Coronavirus and that she has reached out to the CDC who is monitoring the situation very closely and providing recommendations for taking precautionary measures.

Trustee Parash – said he has been speaking with long time Community members including Junie Wingfield, Lee Franklin, Butch Armuschevitz and many have shared stories about events that used to take place in the Village including sporting and community events and that he would would like to take this step forward and look at doing some of these events again.

Trustee Pilaro – wished everyone a Happy Mardi Gras. He noted that the Southampton Artists Association Winter had its opening at the Southampton Cultural Center and the show would be up until March 1st.

Mayor Warren commented that Trustee Pilaro has done a nice job on working with the cultural organizations.

Mayor Warren – spoke regarding the following:

The Board passed a resolution to higher Brian Egan as the Village Attorney on February 18, 2020. Mr. Egan is also an attorney for Patchogue and Port Jefferson; the Mayor said he is hoping that there will be many public hearings coming up to enact new legislation.

The Mayor said he had been at Southampton Intermediate School visiting the 8th graders who are taking part in a writing essay contest: What I Would Do If I Were Mayor; and he discussed how to run for public office and listened to some of the students' ideas.

The Mayor said with the close of February comes the close of Black History Month and thanked Georgette Grier-Key for inviting him to a presentation at Bay Street Theater.

The Mayor said he was working closely with Gary Goleski to hold an Arbor Day Celebration and have Southampton Village be a designated Tree City Village.

Mayor Warren concluded by stating that there would be a public event at the Southampton History Museum where he will be taking questions; RSVPs should be made to the Southampton History Museum.

2nd PUBLIC COMMENT - NONE

MOTION TO ADJOURN TO EXECUTIVE SESSION

Mayor Warren made the motion to adjourn to Executive Session for the purpose of discussing contractual matters; Trustee Yastrzemeski seconded the motion and a unanimous vote followed. The Board adjourned at 7:44PM.

RETURN TO PUBLIC SESSION

On a motion by Trustee Pilaro and a second by Trustee Yastrzemeski, the Board returned to open session at 9:42PM. Trustee Parrash was absent.

RESOLVED, that the Mayor puts forth the name of Courtney Dombkowski for the Board's consideration to be hired as a public safety dispatcher I off of S.C. Civil Service List No. 19EL413 in the police department, at step 1 of the Southampton Village Police Operators Association Collective Bargaining Agreement starting on March 6, 2020.

Motion made by Mayor Warren, Seconded by Trustee Allan; 4 Ayes

RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees awards the Coopers Beach Concession to Nolan Hospitality, LLC and authorizes the Mayor to sign a license agreement subject to the approval of Village counsel.

Motion made by Trustee Pilaro, Second by Mayor Warren a unanimous vote followed

MOTION TO ADJOURN

Trustee Yastrzemeski made a motion to adjourn the Public Session at 9:45PM; Trustee Pilaro seconded and motion and a unanimous vote followed.

Russell Kratoville, Village Administrator

2/25/20