

MINUTES
VILLAGE OF SOUTHAMPTON - BOARD OF TRUSTEES
PUBLIC SESSION II – MARCH 24, 2020

Due notice having been given, the Public Meeting of the Board of Trustees was held remotely via Zoom Meeting at 7:00PM.

Present online were Mayor Warren, Trustees Allan, Parash, Pilaro and Yastrzemski; Village Administrator Russell Kratoville, Village Attorney Brian Egan, Assistant Village Attorney Alexandra Halsey Storch, Police Chief Thomas Cummings, Julie Fitzgerald, Mayor's Assistant.

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

PUBLIC COMMENT: None

BOARD PRESENTATIONS: None

DISCUSSION ITEMS: None

PUBLIC HEARINGS: None

Mayor Warren began by reminding everyone that the meeting was being held remotely to comply with Social Distancing guidelines. He thanked Russell Kratoville and Julie Fitzgerald for continuing their work remotely and for setting up the remote access to enable the Board to have their meeting.

Village Attorney Brian Egan reviewed the Executive Order enacted by the Mayor on March 16th and stated that the goal is to continue to have meeting remotely.

COMMUNICATIONS TO THE BOARD:

1. Southampton Town Trustees – Joint Meeting with Village Trustees: HAB Action Plan, 4/2/2020

Village Administrator Russell Kratoville reviewed the notice of the Joint Public Hearing with the Village of Southampton and the Southampton Town Trustees and said that it was being determined if the meeting would be held remotely or at Village Hall.

2. Mayor – 2020/2021 Tentative Budget

Mayor Warren stated that he was turning over the 2020/2021 to the Board and public for review and thanked Mr. Kratoville for his hard work on the budget as well as Cathy Sweeney for her assistance.

SUGGESTED RESOLUTIONS:

- RESOLVED, that the reading of the minutes for the Public Session of March 12, 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 Pilaro seconded, and a unanimous vote followed.

2. ***RESOLVED, that the claims for the warrants dated March 24, 2020 totaling \$60,004.04 (Warrant #13 - General Fund), \$1,900.00 be audited and approved.***

Mr. Kratoville asked the Board to entertain a motion to amend the wording of the Resolution to read: ***RESOLVED, that the claims for the warrants dated March 24, 2020 totaling \$60,004.04 (Warrant #13 - General Fund, (Warrant #10 – Capital Fund), \$1900.00 be audited and approved.*** Mayor Warren made a motion to approve; Trustee Yastrzemski seconded, and a unanimous vote followed.

On the underlying resolution: Mayor Warren made a motion to approve; Trustee Yastrzemski seconded, and a unanimous vote followed.

3. ***RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees hereby approves the attached schedule of budget transfers to eliminate line item overages for the period ending March 24, 2020.***

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

4. ***RESOLVED, upon the determination by Suffolk County Civil Service, that the Board of Trustees reclassifies Michael Quick to the title of Groundskeeper I at an annual salary of \$45,298.13 effective March 27, 2020.***

Mayor Warren made a motion to approve; Trustee Parash seconded, and a roll call vote took place with the following results:

Trustee Yastrzemski: Aye; Trustee Allan: Aye; Trustee Parash: Aye; Trustee Pilaro: Aye; Mayor Warren: Aye.

COMMENTS FROM BOARD MEMBERS:

Trustee Yastrzemski thanked the Village staff for the superb job they are doing including the Department of Public Works and First Responders. He thanked the public for their patience and asked them to continue to be patient – reminding them to be polite to each other and not to hoard. He concluded by saying that the public is in good hands.

Trustee Allan commented that it is a new word and our community is in this with the rest of the world. She stated that the community owed a debt of gratitude to our hospital workers and EMS. She directed the public to the Village website which has many resources available as well as links to the CDC and Suffolk County Coronavirus updates. Ms. Allan informed the public of the Town of Southampton's new program: All Seniors Assistance Program (ASAP) designed to help our seniors during this difficult time.

Trustee Parash commented that it was a very different time and assured the public that everyone is putting their head together to come up with solutions. He stated that he was proud of the Board and that they were working hard to help the community get through this. Mr. Parash said that with the influx of second homeowners and renters, it was important to remember that this is a serious pandemic, and everyone needed to do their part and follow the guidelines. Mayor Warren thanked Trustee Parash for helping to keep the Village clean and picking up trash that was left behind on the streets.

Trustee Pilaro commented that these are different circumstances and asked everyone to follow CDC guidelines and please Stay Home, wash their hands, maintain social distancing, be respectful and pay attention. He thanked the Village employees, noting that they are working split shifts to keep the numbers down at any given time. Mr. Pilaro said that Landscaping is now on the NY State Essential Business list and extended thanks to Mark Antilety and many of the other local landscaping companies for their determination to do the right thing and for wanting to be part of the solution.

Russell Kratoville informed the public that a letter had been received from Peter Baynes at NYCOM regarding fiscal stimulus plans.

Mayor Warren thanked the Board of Trustees and said that it was encouraging to see such strong leadership at the local level. He thanked everyone for their assistance during this difficult time.

The Mayor made the following points:

- There are ongoing communications with other municipalities including conference calls with the East End Supervisors and Mayors as well as daily calls with Suffolk County to provide updates
- The surge in the virus is coming and everyone needs to maintain discipline and social distancing to help flatten the curve
- Our hospitals are increasing their capacity
- Suffolk County has been able to provide additional staff for the 311 call in line and wait time has decreased dramatically
- The Food Industry Alliance has reported that there is no disruption of the food chain
- Thank you to the local workers at

MOTION TO ADJOURN

Mayor Warren made a motion to adjourn the Public Session at 7:13PM; Trustee Yastrzemski seconded, and a unanimous vote followed.

Russell Kratoville, Village Administrator

3/24/20