

VILLAGE OF SOUTHAMPTON- BOARD OF TRUSTEES
PUBLIC SESSION 1- April 8, 2021 MINUTES

Due notice having been given, the Public Meeting of the Board of Trustees was held via videoconferencing at 6:01PM.

Present were Mayor Warren, Trustees Arresta, McLoughlin, Parash, Pilaro; Village Administrator Charlene Kagel-Betts, CPA, and Village Attorney Ken Gray.

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

The First Order of Action was Public Comment (1):

Rome Arnold - Spoke about gas powered leaf blowers and the lack of response from board members to his emails. He was supported by Trustee McLoughlin and informed by Mayor Warren that he has spoken to Paul about the situation. Trustee McLoughlin invited Rome to call him personally to discuss this further.

There is usually no public comment period during work sessions.

Employees of the Month:

Names: Matthew Czelatka, John Downing, Ed Kopas, James Nanos and Cyrus Tison

Department: Building Maintenance

Title: Building Maintenance – Village Hall Project (November 2020 – April 2021)

John Cause and the entire group was also thanked by Mayor Warren for his leadership and their hard work in the newly designed 1st floor of the village hall.

Board Presentations were as follows:

May 31, 2020 Audited Financial Statements - Satty, Levine, & Ciacco, CPAs

Frank Sluter, the partner in charge of the audit, addressed the audit stating it had a clean opinion with brief comments on the budget vs. actual expenditures, as well as budgeted income versus the actual income.

Jim Berkrot, President of the Southampton Rose Society

The board of the Rose society is thinking about clever ways in which they could involve the local business owners to beautify their storefronts, perhaps create arrangements with roses. Request the village could consider having an annual rose day in June in Southampton Village.

Mayor Warren agreed and June 12, 2021 is proposed.

Mayor Jesse Warren Presented the 2021-22 Tentative Budget, Miranda Weber, Assistant to the Mayor, assisted with a Power Point presentation. The Mayor narrated information regarding his transparent Zero based budget program which will be available to all residents on the village website with detailed data as well as illustrations charts and graphics with a new software. He stated that the village has reduced the tax rate per hundred dollars of assessed value by 25 cents that's a 1.24% decrease in our tax rate so we're moving in the right direction. Village Administrator, Charlene Kagel-Betts CPA, explained rates with a screen share and discussion. Leonard Zinnanti, of the Budget and Finance Committee commended the new transparent practices and changes of the village budget saying it does a great service to the taxpayers of this village. Mayor Warren added the importance of the upcoming plans for the sewer and funding for the sewer district.

Tony Manning spoke about the Hampton Designer Show House for September - October.

- Every year we get a different house, we bring in decorators who decorate the rooms, it's open to the public, we charge a fee, and that's how we raise money for the hospital.
- It usually runs for 6 weeks, its open every day from 11-5:00pm, we average 100-150 ppl a day staggered over the 6 hours. They usually come 2-3 to a car, so there is usually no issues with parking.
- We have been offered the site of the home at Wooley Street and Hampton Road and we would like to propose doing this from September into October.

Attorney Ken Gray advised Mayor Warren, to make a motion to support the Hampton Designers Show House Foundation Inc and the proposed show of support from the village board house at 155 Hampton road subject to confirmation and weather permits are required, I think that would be a show of support from the village board. Added as a walk on to resolution #24 to be voted on.

Public Comment

Evelyn Konrad spoke about a comprehensive plan that is needed and asked if it is budgeted.

Mayor Warren answered stating it will appear on the next agenda and he hopes to have the support of the board.

Kimberly Allen asked what was going to get done with the money that was intended to work on with projects such as the comprehensive master plan... as well as the Phyrus Concer house monies that were set aside...and what cuts have affected budgets like the building department. Also stated the 2021-22 Budgeted Revenues seemed too Conservative.

No response was offered at this time.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

Public Hearing #1

For the purpose of reviewing 2021-2022 Tentative Budget showing the estimated revenues and expenditures of the Village of Southampton, New York for the fiscal year beginning June 1, 2021. No comment.

Mayor Warren made a motion to Continue to April 20th 2021 the Work Session – Trustee Arresta seconded and a unanimous vote followed.

Public Hearing #2

For the purpose of considering authorizing the Village Board to adopt a budget for the fiscal year commencing June 1, 2021 which may have a real property tax levy more than the “tax levy limit” as defined by General Municipal Law § 3-c. Trustee Pilaro discusses objecting to tabling

Mayor Warren made a motion to Table the Tax Levy Limit Change; Trustee Arresta seconded, and a vote of 4 to 1 followed with Trustee Pilaro Abstaining .

Public Hearing #3

To consider a proposal to amend the Village Code, Chapter 110-43, Stopping, Standing and Parking Restrictions. More specifically, changing the parking restrictions to “15 minute parking” for a number of spaces in front of 26 Hill Street, Southampton. No comment.

Mayor Warren made a motion to CLOSE allowing 3 - 15 minute parking spots at 26 Hill St and remove existing at current location– Trustee Arresta seconded and a unanimous vote followed.

Public Hearing #4

Application of 71 Hill LLC Requesting a special permit for a transient hotel and workforce housing pursuant to section 116-5 of the Village Code for the property located at 71 & 91 Hill Street, Southampton, New York, Suffolk County Tax Map Numbers 0904-006.00-01.00-007.000 AND 0904-006.00-01.00-008.000.

Mayor Warren made a motion to Continue and leave open for written public comment only to 4/16/2021 and adjourn to April 20, 2021 to approve a special permit for transient hotel and workforce housing – Trustee Arresta seconded and a unanimous vote followed.

Public Hearing #5

To amend the Village Code, Chapter 116-37, Building permits, certificates or occupancy, fees, enforcement for demolition of existing structures.

Public Comment

- John Bennett, Attorney voiced his objection to demolition permits, and entered the meeting later for more comment.
- Deborah Bates voiced she wouldn't be overly concerned about demolition permits
- Julie Crowley voiced whenever there is a question mark... in the process...it may be something that may prevent an investor or a purchaser or an end user to come to the village.
- ARB Member, Mark McIntire explained the purpose of the ARB and disagreed with John Bennett's comments.
 - Trustee Andrew Pilaro questioned changing the number of years from 100 to 50 and if economic effects were predicted.
- Max Bass asked if a study was done to measure the effects
- Mark McIntire explained the need for a quick solution until things are reformed.
 - Trustee Joe McLoughlin voiced listening to the needs of both sides.
- Sarah Latham voiced 50 years is the cutoff point for eligibility for the national register of historic places.
 - Mayor Warren explained maybe Studio B should come in and do a study
- ARB Chair, Jeff Brodlieb explained a study was done by the company the Mayor mentioned. Another would be costly
 - Mayor Warren requested typed comments in the Zooms be avoided so the public can hear the concerns.
- Peter Dewitt agreed a study was done in 1998 and members of the ARB board did a windshield survey of the buildings and shared his screen with the results.
 - Trustee Joe McLoughlin can we have the 1998 study and possibly put it on the village website
 - Attorney Ken Gray studies should be dusted off and updated
- Max Bass voiced if we have such a surplus why don't we use it
 - Mayor Warren made a motion to Continue to the May 13, 2021 Board of Trustees Meeting; Trustee Arresta seconded, and a unanimous vote followed.

Communications to the Board were read:

Free Elite Basketball Clinic at Southampton Dog Park – Trenton Perry

Summer Baseball Camp at Downs Family Park – Andrew Smith

There were no discussion Items:

****5 Minute Recess****

Suggested Resolutions

1. RESOLVED, that the claims for the warrant dated April 8, 2021 totaling \$298,866.25 (Warrant #A- 16 General Fund) and \$212.72 (Warrant #T12- Trust Disbursements) be audited and approved.
Mayor Warren made a motion to approve; Trustee Arresta seconded, and a unanimous vote followed.
2. RESOLVED, that the reading of the minutes for the Public Session and Special Session of, 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 Arresta seconded, and a unanimous vote followed.
3. RESOLVED, the Board of Trustees hereby approves the Easement Agreement for One Pond Lane, dated April 8, 2021.
Mayor Warren made a motion to approve; Trustee Arresta seconded, and a unanimous vote followed.
4. RESOLVED, per the recommendation of the Board of Ethics, the Board of Trustees hereby accepts the resignation of Vince Scerbinski, effective immediately vacating the term ending June 30, 2022. Mayor Warren made a motion to approve; Trustee Arresta seconded, and a unanimous vote followed.
5. RESOLVED, per the recommendation of the Board of Ethics, the Board of Trustees hereby appoints Susan M. Steinhardt effective immediately to fulfill the vacant term ending June 30, 2022.
Mayor Warren made a motion to approve; Trustee Arresta seconded, and a unanimous vote followed.
6. RESOLVED, Julie Krudop is provisionally appointed to the title of Accountant Trainee at an annual salary of \$53,000 effective April 9, 2021.
Mayor Warren made a motion to approve; Trustee Arresta seconded, and a unanimous vote followed.
7. RESOLVED, the Board of Trustees hereby approves the salary increase of Miranda Weber to the amount of \$68,000 effective April 9, 2021.
Mayor Warren made a **Motion to Table**; Trustees Pilaro and Trustee Parish seconded, and a unanimous vote followed.
8. RESOLVED, the Board of Trustees hereby approves the hiring of Emily Beers as Seasonal Clerk for the Tax Receiver at an hourly rate of \$19.00 per hour, effective May 24, 2021.
Mayor Warren made a motion to approve; Trustee Parash seconded, and a unanimous vote followed.
9. RESOLVED, the Board of Trustees hereby approves Elena Williams to be accepted into Southampton Fire Department – Fire Police Company #1 as a Probationary member for one year with an effective date of April 8, 2021.
Mayor Warren made a motion to approve; Trustee McLoughlin seconded, and a unanimous vote followed.
10. RESOLVED, the Board of Trustees hereby approves Daniel Claud Sr. to be accepted into Southampton Fire Department – Fire Police Company #1 as a Probationary member for one year with an effective date of April 8, 2021.
Mayor Warren made a motion to approve; Trustee McLoughlin seconded, and a unanimous vote followed.

11. WHEREAS, the Village of Southampton (the “Village”) and Police Chief Thomas Cummings (“Chief Cummings”) are parties to an employment agreement dated May 19, 2016, which specifies that the duration of the agreement shall be June 1, 2016 through May 31, 2021 (the “Agreement”); and

WHEREAS the Agreement, dated May 19, 2016, included a 5-year term which extends beyond the elected term of any member of the Village Board that authorized the agreement, and was entered into before the term of any of the current elected members of the Village Board; and

WHEREAS, based upon the terms of the Agreement and consideration of the cost of the Agreement and the benefits contained therein, the Village does not wish to be bound by the Agreement or any of its terms beyond the expiration date of May 31, 2021; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the Village shall continue to honor the terms of the Agreement until and terminating on the expiration of the Agreement on May 31, 2021; and, be it further

RESOLVED, that the Village shall not renew, extend or be bound by the Police Chief’s employment Agreement or any of its terms beyond the expiration date of May 31, 2021, and, be it further

RESOLVED, that commencing June 1, 2021, Chief Cumming’s base salary and longevity shall remain at their current level unless increased by resolution of the Village Trustees and that the Chief’s other terms and conditions of employment shall be established by the Village Trustees and shall be consistent with applicable provisions of law and that of other non-represented management level personnel within the Village of Southampton. Mayor Warren made a motion to approve; Trustee Arresta seconded, Trustee Pilaro & Trustee Parash Opposed, and 1 Trustee McLooughin Abstained; MOTION FAILS

12. RESOLVED, the Board of Trustees approves the following payments from the Fire Department Capital Reserve accounts, subject to permissive referendum:
Mayor Warren made a motion to approve; Trustee McLoughlin seconded, and a unanimous vote followed.

Upgrade Work Station in Chief Office and Misc. Equipment per Fire Department Capital Plan		
WB Mason (3) Workstations	\$17,553.00	Fire Equipment Reserve

13. RESOLVED, the Board of Trustees approves the waiver of the ZBA Appeal/Application fee - Trustee McLoughlin is filing an appeal in his official capacity as Trustee.
Mayor Warren made a motion to approve; Trustee McLoughlin seconded, and a unanimous vote followed.

14. RESOLVED, the Board of Trustees approves a contract with Cleary Consulting to review the ZBA Application for Nelson, Pope and Voorhis as the ZBA consultant as they cannot review their own application. Mayor Warren made a motion to approve; Trustee Arresta seconded, and a unanimous vote followed.

15. RESOLVED, the Board of Trustees approves the waiver of the ZBA and Planning Board Application Fee for Pyrrhus Concert Homestead as the applicants are non-profit and working alongside the Village. Mayor Warren made a motion to approve; Trustee Arresta seconded, and a unanimous vote followed.

16. RESOLVED, the Board of Trustees approves use of Nelson, Pope and Voorhis for their engineering services, not to exceed \$50,000, regarding the Pyrrhus Concer Homestead and Visitor Center.
Mayor Warren made a motion to approve; Trustee Arresta seconded, and a unanimous vote followed.
17. RESOLVED, the Board of Trustees approves the Rogers Memorial Library to host “Movie Night” at Agawam Park on Tuesday, August 17, 2021 at 8PM.
Mayor Warren made a motion to approve; Trustee McLoughlin seconded, and a unanimous vote followed.
18. RESOLVED, the Board of Trustees approves the Southampton Village Rose Society to host “Rose Day” on June 12, 2021 at the Rogers Memorial Library and Chamber of Commerce. The events will include a small parade down Jobs Lane and flower display competition leading up to the event.
Mayor Warren made a motion to approve; Trustee Parash seconded, and a unanimous vote followed.
19. RESOLVED, the Board of Trustees approves the Southampton Youth Task Force to host a “Drive-In Movie Night” at the Downs Family Park on Saturday, April 17, 2021 and Saturday, April 24, 2021. This request will include the use of restroom facilities and a Traffic Control Officer.
Mayor Warren made a motion to approve; Trustee Arresta seconded, and a unanimous vote followed.
20. RESOLVED, the Board of Trustees approves the Southampton Chamber of Commerce to host the 12th Annual Farmer’s and Artisan Market every Sunday during the hours of 9:00am 3:00pm at Agawam Park, May 9 through November 28, 2021. Sunday, July 11, 2021 will be relocated to the southern end of the park near the Memorial to accommodate the SAA and their Annual Art in the Park event.
Mayor Warren made a motion to approve; Trustee Parash seconded, and a unanimous vote followed.
21. RESOLVED, that a Public Hearing will be held on Tuesday, April 20th, 2021, at 6:00 p.m., in Village Hall, 23 Main Street, Southampton, New York, 11968, by the Village Board of the Incorporated Village of Southampton **TO AMEND SECTION 116-2, ADD ARTICLE IX TO CHAPTER 116, AND REPEAL SECTION 116-8.1 OF THE VILLAGE CODE TO CREATE A SPECIAL PERMIT PROCESS FOR ACCESSORY APARTMENTS.**
Mayor Warren made a motion to approve; Trustee Arresta seconded, and a unanimous vote followed.
22. RESOLVED, that a Public Hearing will be held on Tuesday, April 20th, 2021, at 6:00 p.m., in Village Hall, 23 Main Street, Southampton, New York, 11968, by the Village Board of the Incorporated Village of Southampton **TO AMEND CHAPTER A122: OUTDOOR SIDEWALK DINING RULES AND REGULATIONS. PROPOSAL TO INCREASE THE APPLICATION FEE FOR OUTDOOR DINING PERMIT FROM \$200 TO \$250.**
Mayor Warren made a motion to approve; Trustee Parash seconded, and a unanimous vote followed.
- REQUEST FOR THE BOARD TO ALLOW THREE WALK-ON RESOLUTIONS TO BE ADDED TO THIS EVENINGS AGENDA:**
- Mayor Warren made a motion to approve; Trustee Parash seconded, and a unanimous vote followed.
23. RESOLVED, Whereas the village intends to prefer disciplinary charges against an employee of the village who works in the village highway department employee number 4144 pursuant to section 75 of the New

York state civil service law. Now, therefore, be it resolved that said employee is here by suspended without pay for 30 days.

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

24. RESOLVED, that the Southampton show house is approved subject to any special event permits that are required by the village.

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

25. RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees hereby appoints Tara Collins as Public Safety Dispatcher 1 at a salary of \$49,195 effective April 9 2021.

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

Comments from Board Members were as follows:

Trustee Arresta~

Our department of public works, has been very busy I hope everyone has a chance to go look at the new trees that were planted... replacing the trees that were that were dying, but also they have begun work on the fountain refinishing ... so it's going to be looking great this summer! Work continues at Moses Park... certain areas that need to be filled in with some soil and more to come there as well. Electrical looks great not only inside as we mentioned before, thank you to all those that were mentioned earlier, from the building department. It's beautiful inside, but if you look outside the window boxes are up and it's all dressed up for spring there so it's very nice to apply the troll and see you looking so nice. Thanks Charlene and to the trustees and the Department heads working so hard on this budget this year for the transparency of it, and also for helping us lower the taxes for all the residents of the Southampton Village.

Trustee McLoughlin~People are out walking around and utilizing our beautiful parks and biking and fourth and even some activity at the beaches, I just want to take this time to thank Vince ScerBinski for his work on the ethics board, he previously served on the Planning board for over a decade in the 90s and early 2000 so I want to thank him for his service and you know he will be missed. I also want to welcome our new dispatcher. She will bring a lot of knowledge.

Trustee Parash~

Thank you to Vince for your dedication and welcome Tara happy spring it's good to see people and I believe they're smiling under their masks walking around. Vaccinations are going well. I got my first last week. Cooper's Beach is just about finished, Gary was good enough to send me some pictures, I want to thank Gary. I want to thank Andrew and Kimberly for working on that so we get some good reception down there for any type of emergencies, it was something that took some time but it's come out right and it's going to blend again pretty well. I will be sending around to the board in the next couple of days, the ocean prep plan that I received from people interested in running it so you will be getting an email from that and i'll be welcoming anytime comments. They're excited and they've already got some inquiries. I want to thank some of the members of the DPW who assistant the town with the piping plover, we are working together with the town which I want to thank those Members.

Trustee Pilaro~

I want to thank you Vince for your for your work, welcome Susan welcome Tara and Julie, a couple others who are starting work here, And thank you for the ambulance department, would like to thank central garage for keeping one of the rigs going we've had a couple of maintenance issues with that recently, so thank you to them.

Mayor Warren~

Welcome Susan Steinhardt for joining our ethics board, want to thank again Vince for his his hard work helping to create our ethics code. Welcome Tara Collins, we had a good interview with her and we're very excited to have you on board got a lot of work to do this summer. Thank you Deputy Mayor for your work on the Windward Way park we're going to be cleaning up those fences doing some plantings, enhancing the basketball court, power washing the the park, so thank you Deputy Mayor, for your hard work there, and also wanted to thank the parks department for their efforts. Spring is here, and so they are working very hard, right now, everyone is at full capacity at the moment we're a little short staffed just wanted to thank our parks department good job everybody there. And then wanted to announce that we have a very big project going on, which will be starting next week with the New York State Department of environmental conservation, we have a pilot program/effort to reduce the harmful algae blooms; first ever in the State of New York. We will be installing multiple Microsonic devices. Those will be will be designed to disrupt the harmful algae blooms they also have additional telemetric buoys which will complement the one that we have, so we can actually track what's going on and also compared to our telemetric buoy and in addition we're going to be applying multiple coats of hydrogen peroxide h2o too which breaks down into water. And this again is the first time in the State of New York that these two methods will be used together. To our residents who are still here watching, you may be seeing motorboats kayaks and canoes in the lake. It is a big project, we said we're going to clean it and we're going to do it. I wanted to thank our board for the the resolution to pay for one of the programs. Conservancy is going to pay for another one of those and the DEC is going to be providing and paying for the Microsonic devices and then, finally, I just wanted to congratulate our two new Members to our fire department, particularly ELENA Williams. Elena welcome and congratulations.

MOTION TO ADJOURN

On a motion by Mayor Warren; and a second by Mark Parash, the Board unanimously voted to adjourn at 10:20PM