

**MINUTES**  
**VILLAGE OF SOUTHAMPTON**  
**BOARD OF TRUSTEES**  
**Public Session I – June 13, 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 McGann, Hattrick and Allan; Village Administrator Russell Kratoville. Trustee Yastrzemski was absent.

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

**EMPLOYEE OF THE MONTH**

Mayor Irving acknowledged the June Employee of the Month, **Brian Doroska**, Maintenance Mechanic III, Highway Department, hired 8/14/17. Mayor Irving read a letter from Mr. Doroska's supervisor, Paul Murphy, who acknowledged his hard work, particularly in striping the roads to get the parking areas set for the summer season. Mayor Irving congratulated Mr. Doroska on the fine job that he'd done and thanked him for his work on behalf of the Village.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

Evelyn Konrad, 18 South Rosko Drive, approached the Board to speak and then asked to hold her comments until after the Board Presentation.

**BOARD PRESENTATIONS**

**Moses Lane Park – Steve Nieroda, Araiys Design**

Mr. Nieroda reviewed the proposed plan for the Moses Lane Park which was acquired by the Town of Southampton for the Village with Community Preservation Funds.

Mr. Nieroda stated that the plan included a Trail system comprised of two walking loops; a larger loop which is about ½ mile and a smaller loop which is about ¼ mile. The original plan called for 3 tennis courts however since the Village has received numerous requests for pickle ball courts; the plan has been adjusted to allow for overlays on the tennis courts which would allow for 2 pickle ball courts for each tennis court. Additionally the plan calls for 2 Bocce Ball courts.

The overall budget for the plan shown is approximately \$500,000 and Mr. Nieroda stated that they are looking into funding sources to assist with the cost. Village

Administrator Russell Kratoville asked how difficult it would be to do the project in stages. Mr. Nieroda said that if the funding is available it would make sense to do the courts all at once but if that wasn't possible, they could do the courts one at a time. Trustee Hattrick asked about the surface for the tennis court and Trustee McGann asked about the orientation of the courts – Mr. Nieroda said North/South was the best.

Trustee McGann asked to clarify that the entrance to the park was offset from the street entrance to the neighborhood. Gary Goleski, Superintendent of Public Works, replied that they were asked to offset the entrance by the neighborhood and the Village decided to have it be offset by approximately 20 feet to the west. Mr. Goleski stated that he had spoken with Jennifer Mesiano, the Village's grant writer and that there is a 50% matching grant that the Village will apply for which could provide a \$250,000 grant and the Village would shoulder the other \$250,000. He explained that the walking trail is about 10-12 feet wide and is approximately  $\frac{3}{4}$  done and will be top dressed in the next few weeks.

Trustee Hattrick asked how much parking was available; Mr. Nieroda said it was planned for 39 spaces.

Trustee Allan said that some neighbors had approached her regarding the noise and voiced concern that pickle ball is noisier than tennis. Mr. Nieroda said that there will be a buffer installed which will block the sound. The Board asked Araiys Design to determine what the decibel reduction would be for the tennis and pickle ball courts with and without the buffers in place. Trustee Allan asked about the ongoing maintenance costs – Mr. Goleski stated the meadow would be mowed regularly and the Village would need to use battery pack blowers.

Mr. Nieroda commented that currently there are no restrooms planned. Trustee McGann commented that it needed to be considered as it would become an issue. Mr. Nieroda said that amenities could be added to the north side of the park area. Trustee Allan asked about installing an I/A septic system.

Mr. Kratoville stated that courts are usually only reserved for an hour so restrooms may not be necessary for the first phase of the project. Mr. Goleski said that the Village could put in port-a-sans units to start and then revisit the issue at a later date.

Mayor Irving commented that the plan as discussed provides a great use for the space.

Evelyn Konrad, 16 South Rosko Drive, addressed the Board; saying that she had been watching this project from the beginning and that credit had to be given to two local women who had played such an important role in making this happen. She commended the Board for their efforts in creating this new park.

## **PUBLIC HEARINGS – NONE**

## **COMMUNICATIONS TO THE BOARD**

Town of Southampton – Public Hearing to Amend Term of Appointment and Size of ARB

Mr. Kratoville reviewed the Public Hearing which will be held on July 11, 2019, explaining that the proposed resolution increases the number of ARB members from 5 to 7 and increases the term from one year to four years.

## **SUGGESTED RESOLUTIONS**

***RESOLVED, that the reading of the minutes for the Public Session of May 21, 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 Hattrick made a motion to approve; Trustee McGann seconded the motion and a unanimous vote followed.

***RESOLVED, that the claims for the warrants dated June 13, 2019 totaling \$476,118.84 (Warrant #1 - General Fund (2018-19)), \$437,052.94 (Warrant #2 – General Fund), \$212,085.19 (Warrant #1 -Capital Reserve Fund) \$15,871.68 (Warrant #2 – Trust Fund) and the Village payrolls for the periods ended May 23, 2019 and June 6, 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 hereby approves the attached schedule of budget transfers to eliminate overages for the period May 23, 2019 through June 13, 2019 for the fiscal year ending May 31, 2019.***

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 purchase and installation of a roof top HVAC unit for the Southampton Cultural Center not to exceed \$10,000.00 from the Capital Reserve – Facilities fund subject to permissive referendum.***

Mayor Irving made a motion to approve; Trustee Hattrick seconded the motion and a Roll Call vote followed with these results:

Trustee Allan: Aye; Mayor Irving: Aye; Trustee McGann: Aye; Trustee Hattrick: Aye; Trustee Yastrzemski – absent.

***RESOLVED, that the Organizational Meeting of the Village of Southampton be scheduled for Monday, July 1, 2019 in the Boardroom of Village Hall. The Village Administrator will administer the Oath of Office to the Village Mayor and two (2) Trustees on the steps of Village Hall (weather permitting) at 2:00 PM. The Organizational Meeting will commence following the Oath of Office.***

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

***RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees hereby approves the inter-fund transfer from the General Fund to Capital Reserve for the FYE May 31, 2019.***

Mayor Irving made a motion to approve; Trustee Allan seconded the motion and a unanimous vote followed. Village Administrator Kratoville reviewed the details of the transfer and the balances in the Funds.

***RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees does hereby elect to provide, pursuant to Chapter 674 of the Laws of 2003, the age 55 retirement without benefit reduction of Section 375-i or 375-j of the Retirement and Social Security Law, as presently or hereafter amended; and***

***BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the effective date of such shall be the 1st day of July 2019.***

Mayor Irving made a motion to approve; Trustee Hattrick seconded the motion and a unanimous vote followed. Village Administrator Kratoville reviewed the resolution stating that it had come about during contract negotiations with the Police Department.

***RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees hereby promotes Christopher Talbot to Senior Building Inspector effective June 13, 2019.***

Mayor Irving made a motion to approve; Trustee Allan seconded the motion and a unanimous vote followed. Village Administrator Kratoville explained that Mr. Talbot had successfully passed the Senior Building Inspector exam and that based on Civil Service this was now the appropriate title for his position.

***RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees hereby approves four credits of municipal training attended by ARB Chairwoman Stevenson on May 15, 2019 to be rolled forward to the Village fiscal year 2020.***

Trustee Hattrick made a motion to approve; Mayor Irving seconded the motion and a Board of Trustees – Public Session I – June 13, 2019

unanimous vote followed.

## **DISCUSSION ITEMS**

### **1. Memorial Walk – Hispanic American Assoc: July 14, 2019**

Cesar Malaga, President of the Hispanic American Association, addressed the Board and explained that they wanted to do a memorial walk for Carol Whitby.

Julie will reach out to Chief Cummings to review the route and resources

Trustee Hattrick made a motion to approve the Walk/Run on Sunday, July 14<sup>th</sup> from 12:30-2:30pm subject to conditions that the Police Department may recommend.

Trustee Allan seconded the motion and a unanimous vote followed.

### **2. Helipad Parking Area Restrictions**

Mayor Irving stated that the piping plover situation has become an issue at the “Picnic Area” and that he and Gary Goleski are looking at ways to help alleviate the situation and make arrangements for 4x4 permit holders to have access to the beach without having to drive on as that will not be allowed by the Town Trustees and the National Fish and Wildlife Service. They discussed the possibility of allowing 4x4 permit holders who do not have Village parking permits to park in the lot opposite the helicopter pad.

Mr. Bruyn stated that currently the parking lot is only for Village permit holders and because of these conditions the Village may want to open that area up to Village 4x4 permit holders.

Mr. Goleski said that the Town Trustees have stated that the beach area may be closed for the month of July and into the first week of August; he said that the lot has 64 parking spaces. He said he has also been exploring the possibility of setting up a shuttle service to help people access the beach.

Mayor Irving noted that there is a cost factor associated with this and Mr. Kratoville suggested that the Village speak with the Town Trustees to see if they would help with those costs.

### **3. Hamptons’ Marathon – Fee: September 28, 2019**

The Board asked Julie Fitzgerald to request the 2018 P&L from the Hamptons Marathon before they were comfortable providing a reduced fee for the Police and Emergency Services.

### **4. Hope for Depression – Sidewalk Display: July 26 – Aug. 4, 2019**

Village Administrator Kratoville reviewed a letter of request from Hope for Depression to have sidewalk displays in support of their event at participating stores.

Mr. Bruyn suggested that the Village ask them to provide a COI for the sidewalk displays, Mr. Kratoville will make that request.

Mayor Irving made a motion to approve the request, Trustee Hattrick seconded the motion and a unanimous vote followed.

## **5. Southampton School District – Homecoming Requests: October 14 – 18, 2019**

Julie Fitzgerald reviewed the requests from Southampton High School to hold their Homecoming Pep Rally on October 14<sup>th</sup> and borrow the Village’s showmobile for that night and the Homecoming Parade on Friday, October 15 for which the route would go through the Village at Pond Lane, Jobs Lane and Main Street. Ms. Fitzgerald stated that she had shared that information with the Police Department and they were supportive of the plan. The Board asked her to request a Certificate of Insurance from the School naming the Village of Southampton as additional insured.

Mayor Irving made a motion to approve the requests from Southampton High School; Trustee McGann seconded the motion and a unanimous vote followed.

## **6. Audio Visual Bid – Southampton Cultural Center**

### **a. Design Audio Visual: \$102,476.00**

Village Administrator Kratoville reviewed the project for Southampton Cultural Center, noting that they had received a grant to help cover the costs.

Mayor Irving made a motion to approve the purchase and installation of Audio Visual Equipment for the Southampton Cultural Center from Design Audio Visual in the amount of \$102,476.00. Trustee Hattrick seconded the motion and a unanimous vote followed.

## **7. Public Hearing – Release of Balloons**

Village Attorney Bruyn reviewed the matter and noted that he and Trustee Allan had been reviewing the situation and how other municipalities were dealing with the issue. He stated that the State of California had taken the matter on and that this proposed legislation will provoke a number of comments and discussion.

Gary Goleski commented that the Village DPW has been routinely picking up large amounts of balloons from the beaches.

Trustee Allan asked that the Village notify the balloon vendors locally so that they could be made aware of the matter.

Mayor Irving made a motion to schedule a Public Hearing on a Local Law Amending the Village Code to add a new Chapter 40 (Balloons) Regulating the Release of Balloons, for Thursday, July 11, 2019 at 6pm. Trustee Allan seconded the motion and a unanimous vote followed.

## **8. Public Hearing – Landscaping on Flag Lots and Tennis Courts**

Mr. Bruyn noted that this was a proposal generated by the Building Department that he and Trustee Allan had been reviewing with Christopher Talbot, Senior Building Inspector. This proposed law would be an amendment to the Zoning Code to require landscaping and screening of tennis courts and flagpole lots as per specifications on the Building Inspector.

Trustee McGann made a motion to schedule a Public Hearing on a Local Law Amending Chapter 116-9A(11)(f) and Chapter 116-11F(6) on Thursday, July 11, 2019 at 6PM. Trustee Allan seconded the motion and a unanimous vote followed.

## **9. Sound Actuarial – GASB 75 Proposal**

Village Administrator Kratoville reviewed a proposal from Sound Actuarial to perform the Village's GASB 75 audit for fiscal year ending 2019. They have completed the audit in prior years with good results.

Trustee McGann made a motion to authorize the Mayor to enter into an agreement with Sound Actuarial; Trustee Hattrick seconded the motion and a unanimous vote followed.

## **10. Altice Contractual Payment**

Village Administrator Kratoville reviewed a letter from Altice granting the Village a \$10,000 technology grant as part of their contract negotiation and agreement with the Village. He noted that the grant would provide for Altice to be listed as a sponsor of SouthamptonFest. The Board discussed what the funds could be used for; Ms. Fitzgerald suggested that they could be used to help underwrite the cost of the new website which will promote the Village and also SouthamptonFest.

## **11. Broader Horizons/Summer Interns**

Village Administrator Kratoville reviewed the Broader Horizons summer internship program run by the Southampton Youth Bureau and asked the Board to consider having the Village work together to bring interns on. The Board asked Mr. Kratoville to explore the matter further.

## **12. Surplus Jet Ski**

Mayor Irving stated that the thought was that the purchase of this used jet ski from the Town of East Hampton would provide backup to the Village's Volunteer Ocean Rescue Department. It would be located by Coopers Beach. Mayor Irving said he would be happy to investigate it further.

## **COMMENTS FROM THE BOARD:**

**Trustee Yastrzemski** – absent

Mr. Kratoville stated that Trustee Yastrzemski was at an awards dinner for his children.

**Trustee Allan** – commented that the Village had met with the Town Trustees about doing more real time analysis of Lake Agawam through the use of telemetry buoys. Mayor Irving discussed the importance of the analysis which will take into account the various layers of the lake. She also noted that they had met with a consultant brought in through Rob Coburn (ARB Committee) to look at other means of monitoring. Ms. Allan said the DEC came and tested the waters and the Village was free of any blue green algae indicating that all the leaching basins that the Village has put in may be helping to keep the algae away. Mayor Irving noted that this was all part of the Village's larger plan to improve water quality.

Ms. Allan also noted that Edwina von Gal of the Perfect Earth Project will be presenting to the Board on August 8<sup>th</sup> regarding the importance of toxin free lawns and landscapes.

Ms. Allan also commented that she had met with Diana Weir, Director of Housing and Community Development for the Town of Southampton who again suggested that people register on the Town's workforce housing; she noted that there had been 15 workforce housing units available at Southampton Pointe on County Road 39 and the Town was in the process of filling them.

**Trustee McGann** – stated that Southampton History Museum is holding it's 120<sup>th</sup> Birthday Party on Saturday, June 15 beginning at 2PM on the lawn at the Rogers Mansion and invited everyone to attend.

**Trustee Hattrick** commented that the Village has produced its share of super stars over the years and noted that Howard McElroy who had been a Village Clerk had passed away. He also talked about the passing of Carol Whitby of Southampton Tire on North Sea Road, who did so much for the Village and for the Latin American community.

**Mayor Irving** - offered condolences to the Lynch family on the passing of Ruth Gilmartin Lynch who passed away on June 6 at the age of 104. Ms. Fitzgerald commented that she had led a remarkable life and left behind an amazing legacy.

Mayor Irving commented on the sewer district study by H2M several years ago and said that the Village will work with them to look at the study again and update it to take into account new technology including cluster systems. He also said that there appears to be much greater support of the project from the Village residents than there had been in the past.

Trustee Allan said that technology has evolved; funding is more available now and it wasn't as available at the time and the price had been \$34million back in 2014.

Mayor Irving stated that the Village Administrator had received word from Concerned for Living who were overseeing the proposed affordable housing project on County Board of Trustees – Public Session I – June 13, 2019

Road 39 and that they had cancelled their presentation to the Board of Trustees, scheduled for June 25<sup>th</sup>. He stated that the Village Administrator remained in contact with the Town of Southampton regarding the project.

Trustee McGann said that she is not supportive of the project because it's open to all of New York State rather than it just being on a local level for work force housing. She is also concerned regarding its impact on the Hillcrest neighborhood.

Finally, Mayor Irving reminded the public that Election Day is Friday, June 21<sup>st</sup>. He commented that it was important for everyone to get out and vote and said that all of the Board have committed so much time to the Village. Mr. Kratoville reminded the public that voting was 9am-9pm at Levitas Center.

**2<sup>nd</sup> PUBLIC COMMENT: NONE**

**MOTION TO ADJOURN:**

Mayor Irving made a motion to adjourn the Public Meeting; Trustee Allan seconded the motion and a unanimous vote followed. The meeting was adjourned at 8:46PM.

Russell Kratoville, Village Administrator

6/13/19