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Board of Trustees

MINUTES

June 22, 2021 - 6:00 PM

Call to Order:

Meeting Called to Order by Mayor Warren

Time: 6:00PM

Present:

Mayor Jesse Warren, Trustee Gina Arresta, Trustee Pilaro, Trustee Parash, Trustee McLoughlin, Village Administrator Charlene Kagel-Betts, Village Attorney Kenneth Gray, Village Deputy Clerk Cathy Sweeney, Assistant to the Mayor Miranda Weber and Audio/Visual Coordinator Katherine Styler

Pledge of Allegiance: Mayor Warren

Led by Mayor Jesse Warren

Board Presentations:

Treasurer's Report presented by Charlene Kagel-Betts -

- Review of 5/31/21 Year End Results - Revenues \$33.6Mil (Building Permit Revenue rebounded \$1.7 Mil)- Expenditures are projected to end up \$32.5 Mil.
- Tax Collections are coming in strong \$16.4 Mil collected to date - many residents using the new online tax payment program.
- Demo new software with Civic Engage - permits online as a possibility for next summer.
- Capital Budget revised - to be issued in July
- Beach Revenue is up significantly and continuing to monitor revenue.

1. Treasurer's Report - Charlene Kagel-Betts, Village Administrator

Finance Operations as of May 31,2021:

- **Revenues:** Adopted Budget - \$32,465,063; Received \$: 33,600,521
- **Expenditures** Adopted Budget \$32,465,063- Expensed and Encumbered- \$30,964,082
- **Year End Projected Results:**
 1. Revenue Projected - \$33.6 Mil
 2. Appropriations Projected - \$32.1 Mil
 3. Projected Operating Results: **\$1.5 Million**

Finance Operations FYE May 31, 2022:

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- **Tax Collections to Date:**

1. 2021-2022 Tax Levy - \$ 25,458,328
2. Tax Collections to Date - \$16,454,656

Other Items:

- Civic Clerk – Engage implementations
- Capital Budget –Receiving revised requests – Board discussion at 7/8/21 BOT meeting.

Public Hearing:

1. Public Hearing #1 - Continuation -AMEND THE VILLAGE CODE, CHAPTER 110, Section 110-43. Schedule H: Speed Regulations. More specifically, impose a 25 mph speed limit on Halsey, Pelham and Prospect Streets and Somerset Avenue..

Motion to open the Public Hearing was initiated by Jesse Warren and seconded by Gina Arresta.

Yes: Jesse Warren, Gina Arresta, Joseph McLoughlin, Mark Parash, Andrew Pilaro

No: None

Abstain: None

No Public Comment

Motion to Adjourn Public Meeting to 7/8/2021 was initiated by Jesse Warren and seconded by Gina Arresta.

Yes: Jesse Warren, Gina Arresta, Joseph McLoughlin, Mark Parash, Andrew Pilaro

No: None

Abstain: None

2. Public Hearing # 2 Continuation - To AMEND THE VILLAGE CODE, CHAPTER 110, Section 110-43. CHAPTER 3 to ADD a new ARTICLE V – Terms of Office for Village Mayor and Village Trustee. More specifically, limiting the holding of office to 8 consecutive years.

Motion to Open the Public Hearing was initiated by Jesse Warren and seconded by Gina Arresta.

Yes: Jesse Warren, Gina Arresta, Joseph McLoughlin, Mark Parash, Andrew Pilaro

No: None

Abstain: None

Discussion:

Village Attorney Ken Gray provided clarification of four two-year terms. Mayor Warren recommended additional public input regarding the possibility of aligning the terms along with the Town of Southampton.

No Public Comment.

Motion to Adjourn to 7/8/2021 was initiated by Jesse Warren and seconded by Gina Arresta.

Yes: Jesse Warren, Gina Arresta, Joseph McLoughlin, Mark Parash, Andrew Pilaro

No: None

Abstain: None

3. Public Hearing # 3 - Continuation AMEND THE VILLAGE CODE, CHAPTER 110 Section 110-37. Schedule F: Stop Intersections. More specifically, to install Stop Signs on Meeting House Lane at the intersection of Pine Street (Eastbound & Westbound).

Motion to Open a Public Hearing initiated by Jesse Warren and seconded by Gina Arresta.

Yes: Jesse Warren, Gina Arresta, Joseph McLoughlin, Mark Parash, Andrew Pilaro

No: None

Abstain: None

Discussion:

Mayor Warren is looking forward to help augment our study of overall speeding and stop signs which have changed due to the influx of new residents.

Trustee Pilaro recommended to ensure the Local Laws be re-noticed and discussed after the Traffic Study is completed. Remit to afford the opportunity for residents to review the study.

No Public Comment.

Motion to adjourn Public Hearing until 7/8/2021 initiated by Jesse Warren and seconded by Gina Arresta.

Yes: Jesse Warren, Gina Arresta, Joseph McLoughlin, Mark Parash, Andrew Pilaro

No: None

Abstain: None

Communications to the Board:

No Communications to the Board have been received.

Discussion Items:

1. Coopers Beach Permit Sales - Update on Nonresident Permit limits

Charlene Kagel-Betts has described the limits in place as of May 25, 2021 regarding the beach permits. The recommendation is to uplift the recent restrictions to authorize folks to purchase additional permits as several families have the need for more than one permit for multiple drivers within one household.

Trustee Parash would recommend to uplift the restrictions and capture the revenue while the demand is high. Trustee Pilaro concurs with Trustee Parash and in addition, the supply and demand deems suitable considering the increase from \$450 to \$500 for summer permits.

Trustee Arresta is concerned about the parking space limitations and has expressed the resident concerns.

Charlene Kagel-Betts has presented the board with staff feedback.

The Board of Trustees Advised the Limit on Local Non-Resident Passes can be increased from 1 to 2 per household, discretion to household.

Suggested Resolutions:

1. RESOLVED, that the claims for the warrant dated June 22, 2021 totaling \$498,083.35 (Warrant #A-2 AND A-3 - General Fund), \$72,737.21 (Warrant #H-1 Capital Fund) and \$22,968.35 (Warrant #T-2 - Trust Fund) be audited and approved.

Motion to Approve (Aye) was initiated by Jesse Warren and seconded by Gina Arresta.

Yes: Jesse Warren, Gina Arresta, Joseph McLoughlin, Mark Parash, Andrew Pilaro

No: None

Abstain: None

2. RESOLVED, that the reading of the minutes for the Public Sessions of June 10, 2021 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.

Motion to Approve (Aye) was initiated by Jesse Warren and seconded by Gina Arresta.

Yes: Jesse Warren, Gina Arresta, Joseph McLoughlin, Mark Parash, Andrew Pilaro

No: None

Abstain: None

3. RESOLVED, the Board of Trustees accepts the Resignation of Southampton Village Fire Department Hook and Ladder Company members Rachel Hulse (badge # 386) and Lily Gallo (badge #397) effective May 4, 2021

Motion to Approve (Aye) was initiated by Jesse Warren and seconded by Joseph McLoughlin.

Yes: Jesse Warren, Gina Arresta, Joseph McLoughlin, Mark Parash, Andrew Pilaro

No: None

Abstain: None

4. RESOLVED, That the Board of Trustees approve the Juneteenth Organization to use Agawam Park for the 1st Annual Southampton Multi-Cultural Festival Saturday July 31, 2021 from 10AM to 6PM, featuring live entertainment.

Motion to Approve (Aye) was initiated by Jesse Warren and seconded by Andrew Pilaro.

Yes: Jesse Warren, Gina Arresta, Joseph McLoughlin, Mark Parash, Andrew Pilaro

No: None

Abstain: None

5. RESOLVED, At the request of SV Ambulance Chief Cheyne Finocchiaro, the Board of Trustees approves the attached rate schedule for part time employees for 2021.

Motion to Approve (Aye) was initiated by Jesse Warren and seconded by Andrew Pilaro.

Yes: Jesse Warren, Gina Arresta, Joseph McLoughlin, Mark Parash, Andrew Pilaro

No: None

Abstain: None

Discussion:

Trustee Pilaro provided clarity and advised this was already incorporated into the budget.

Mayor Warren extended his gratitude to the entire EMS Department Team and their hard work, additionally to Trustee Pilaro as their Liaison. Thank you everybody.

6. RESOLVED, The Board of Trustees approve the attached Budget Amendment #311 for Fiscal Year May 31, 2021 for various budget line shortfalls total transfer \$79,746.00

Motion to Approve (Aye) was initiated by Jesse Warren and seconded by Gina Arresta.

Yes: Jesse Warren, Gina Arresta, Joseph McLoughlin, Mark Parash, Andrew Pilaro

No: None

Abstain: None

7. RESOLVED, The Board of Trustees approve the use of Agawam Park for a Benefit Concert (Earth, Wind and Fire Tribute Band) by the Southampton Housing Authority for the benefit of ASCEND Homes and Community on August 27th from 6:30-10PM

Motion to Approve (Aye) was initiated by Jesse Warren and seconded by Mark Parash.

Yes: Jesse Warren, Gina Arresta, Joseph McLoughlin, Mark Parash, Andrew Pilaro

No: None

Abstain: None

8. RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees approves a donation to be made to the Commissioner of Veterans Events in the amount of \$2,000 for the Fourth of July Parade to be held on July 5, 2021 at 10:00am to be paid from account A7550.4 - Celebrations.

Motion to Approve (Aye) was initiated by Jesse Warren and seconded by Mark Parash.

Yes: Jesse Warren, Gina Arresta, Joseph McLoughlin, Mark Parash, Andrew Pilaro

No: None

Abstain: None

Mayoral Appointments:

No Mayoral Appointments this evening.

Comments from Board Members:

Trustee Arresta-

Working with the DPW, awaiting a call back on the charging stations that so many residents are looking forward to throughout the village.

Waiting for PSEG to finish up the electrical lines in order to install the charging stations.

WWI Monument status: There is a bad break in the roof, getting estimates to fix monument in Agawam Park.

Very excited the village staff is working diligently and preparing for the Fourth of July Parade.

Men's Room will be completed by July 4, 2021 at Dune Beach.

The Village Staff is working everyday on maintenance, lawn mowing and everything else that goes along to keep our village as pretty as it is.

Also, the LED street lights have been installed on Powell Avenue, village is moving green, it's a good thing.

I look forward to working with Trustee elect Roy Stevenson and Trustee elect Robin Brown.

Trustee McLoughlin-

Not much to report from Fire and Police.

We had the opening of the African American Museum on North Sea Road on Friday, June 18th, it was a great turnout. It was a long effort by several individuals, we worked hard over the decade to accomplish the goal of opening a museum where the old barbershop was located.

Thank Trustees Pilaro and Parash for their guidance, tenure and, albeit a short time, I want to say thank you!

Best of luck to Trustee elect Roy Stevenson and Trustee elect Robin Brown.

Trustee Parash-

Very excited for Kristine Brennan and Matt Weeks for establishing the Junior Lifeguarding Course.

Thirty kids signed up and looking forward to getting the future lifeguards in the village.

I am grateful and met many great people, I learned a lot. challenging at times, I walked away knowing that being part of this village in this aspect gave me a great insight about government and when it goes right, it

really can be effective. I wish Roy and Robin the best.

This place is very special and happy to be a part of this community.

One last thing: I started my term with a joke and will end with another.

I go home and my son and my daughter go, "Dad, what happened?", I said, "I lost." and they both said, "Yay! We get our Dad back!"

Thank you for your service to the Village was extended by Mayor Warren.

Trustee Pilaro-

First and foremost, in my final meeting as Village Trustee, I want to thank everyone who I've worked with over the last two years.

Some of the most memorable moments of my time here working with the fellow trustees: To achieve the Cooper's Beach rating of #2, establish the cell phone pergola, pass surfing legislation, create the Southampton in the Streets, implement the health measures to keep our community members and staff members safe during the pandemic. Still, there is more work to be done: The Southampton Arts Center, the aforementioned traffic study, the verizon cell tower for Village Hall and most importantly, the encumbering of five-hundred thousand dollars for the rebuilding of the Pyrrhus Concer Homestead.

Thank you to the residents that I have gotten to know over the last two years. Worked through some issues: gas-powered leaf blowers, and many more.

Thank you to the village employees, it has been an honor to work on your behalf and better yet, there have been some true friendships that have come from my time.

Thank you Charlotte, my wife, I know these last two years haven't been easy with the time commitment this position requires, you have been steadfast of your support to the village & the two campaigns we ran.

On another note, I would like to clear the air about a few things that happened during this election, we are all adults here and some of the behavior I was unfortunate enough to witness did not align with our roles as ladies and gentlemen. I hope in the future, differences can be resolved and we can treat each other with a mutual respect deserved again even though I am no longer a trustee. I will always be a loyal and active member of this community. I ran a clean and honest campaign, not hateful in any way. I did not slander anyone else and comported myself as a gentleman of honor and good conscience. I hope that you all intend to do the same as new village trustees. I hope that you will rethink your treatment of the Police, Fire and EMS Services for all the people who work so hard to make our village a wonderful place to call home. I am sad to say that politics and personal goals seem to have been put before the needs of our community at times. Only you can change this and I will be observing from the sidelines to make sure you do it in a place where everyone agrees with you. What you say, it takes moral character and strength to stand up to those around you for the good of the community. I will be watching intently to see if you all have the moral fiber to ask the uncomfortable questions. I hope that you do. Thank you so much for your service.

Mayor Warren-

Appreciate your comments from the board and appreciate the efforts of the outgoing board members.

I am happy to hear the story from Trustee Parash and thanks for sharing your story about your children. Thank you for your service-Ocean Rescue and Junior Lifeguarding. Your significant help with the outdoor dining and helped to get us back to meetings in person. You served in a variety of roles, not just overseeing the Justice Court, but, also in the Highway Department, it was a time we definitely needed your help and leadership there.

At the beginning, we had the surfing issue where you helped with the Surf Committee and helped get that steered correctly. Thank you very much for your service to the Village. I know how much the village means to you and how much you care about it, that's certainly one thing I think all of us agree that we all care and love the village. We are passionate about it and I hope that when you go back to actually doing things like working with your family and seeing the more often, I hope that you might be willing to come back and help us in some capacity because we certainly will need your help especially, your perspective as well. Thank you again for your service to the village.

Extending gratitude to the Village Election Officials, Charlene Kagel-Betts and Cathy Sweeney. They took on

the task of election Officials and running the Village Election and the immense amount of time to manage. The process took a great amount of energy, time and we greatly appreciate your leadership and management of the Village Election. Additionally, thank you to the Election Inspectors for your service.

To our community, the last 16-17 months were just marked by a lot of hardship in the country and it definitely was a tough time for a lot of people. We're finally getting back to actually seeing friends and family and having the opportunity to just smile without a mask on so many people. We're looking forward to getting back to somewhat of a sense of normal, working better together with everybody so that's how I'd like to close. Thank you everyone in the village and looking forward to a better and brighter future both here in Southampton and nationwide because I think we're headed in the right direction.

Thank you to everyone.

Motion to Adjourn to Executive Session for the purpose of discussing contractual, litigation and specific Village personnel matters.

Motion to Adjourn to Executive Session was initiated by Jesse Warren and seconded by Gina Arresta.

Yes: Jesse Warren, Gina Arresta, Joseph McLoughlin, Mark Parash, Andrew Pilaro

No: None

Abstain: None

Time 6:40 PM

1. To Discuss Personnel Matters

Return to Public Session: NO ACTION WAS TAKEN IN EXECUTIVE SESSION Motion to Return to Public Session Mayor Jesse Warren, Seconded Trustee Andrew Pilaro. 5

Motion to Return to Public Session was initiated by Jesse Warren and seconded by Mark Parash.

Yes: Jesse Warren, Gina Arresta, Joseph McLoughlin, Mark Parash, Andrew Pilaro

No: None

Abstain: None

Time: 7:04 PM

NO ACTION WAS TAKEN IN EXECUTIVE SESSION

Resolutions, if any:

Following Executive Session, no resolutions were added.

Motion to Adjourn:

Motion to Adjourn was initiated by Jesse Warren and seconded by Mark Parash.

Yes: Jesse Warren, Gina Arresta, Joseph McLoughlin, Mark Parash, Andrew Pilaro

No: None

Abstain: None

Time: 7:05PM