



# Village of Southampton

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## **BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING - MINUTES**

August 22, 2023 - 6:00 PM

### **Call to Order:**

Start Meeting Time: 6.01PM

### **Present:**

Mayor William Manger, Trustee Gina Arresta, Trustee Robin Brown, Trustee Roy Stevenson, Trustee Leonard Zinnanti, Village Administrator Charlene Kagel-Betts, Village Attorney Andrew Preston, Village Clerk Cathy Sweeney, & A/V Coordinator Sage Certain

### **Pledge of Allegiance:**

Led by Mayor Manger

### **Public Comment:**

1. The Village of Southampton's Board of Trustees Meeting will be taking place as a Hybrid In-Person/ZOOM Meeting.  
The meeting will be held at Southampton Village Hall located at 23 Main Street, Southampton, NY, live-streamed and a transcript will be provided at a later date.  
Join the meeting via ZOOM:  
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89730446459>  
View the meeting via YouTube:  
<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCwDidTdhkHXbspR0hkoxH4g>  
There is no Public Comment during work sessions.

### **Board Presentations:**

1. Preliminary proposal for Preservation of open space and expansion of Agawam Park, creation of Southampton Gardens, replacement of the lake section of Pond Lane with a water-cleaning, vegetative buffer, bicycle path and nature trail, installation of algae removal technology to clean up Lake Agawam and increased public access along the lake shoreline.  
~ Presented by Lake Agawam Conservancy, Nelson, Pope and Voorhis, and Peter Marino Architect

### **Communications to the Board:**

1. Correspondence from Henry A. Ittleson, Laurie Carson, Jessica Mezzacappa, Teresa Melhado, Robert Buxton and many other concerned citizens.

### **Discussion Items:**

### **Mayoral Appointments:**

1. RESOLVED, Mayor Manger appoints and requests a motion for the Board of Trustees to approve the following appointment extension to December 31, 2023, COUNSEL to the ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS in Leventhal Mullaney & Blinkoff, LLP.

Motion to Approve (Aye) was initiated by William Manger and seconded by Gina Arresta.

Yes: William Manger, Gina Arresta, Robin Brown, Roy Stevenson, Leonard Zinnanti

No: None

Abstain: None

2. RESOLVED, Mayor Manger appoints and requests a motion for the Board of Trustees to approve the following appointment:  
ORDINANCE ENFORCEMENT OFFICER - Charles Pelaez, at a salary of \$90,000, effective September 8, 2023.

Motion to Approve (Aye) was initiated by William Manger and seconded by Gina Arresta.

Yes: William Manger, Gina Arresta, Robin Brown, Roy Stevenson, Leonard Zinnanti

No: None

Abstain: None

3. RESOLVED, Mayor Manger appoints and requests a motion for the Board of Trustees to approve the following appointment:  
POLICE OFFICER - John Casabianca, at a salary of \$65,644.06, effective September 8, 2023.

Motion to Approve (Aye) was initiated by William Manger and seconded by Gina Arresta.

Yes: William Manger, Gina Arresta, Robin Brown, Roy Stevenson, Leonard Zinnanti

No: None

Abstain: None

### **Suggested Resolutions:**

1. RESOLVED, the claims for the warrant dated August 21, 2023 totaling \$131,785.74 (Warrant #A-7 - General Fund), \$72,369.66 (Warrant #H-3 - Capital Fund) and \$1,700.00 (Warrant #T-5 - CS Trust Fund) are audited and approved.

Motion to Approve (Aye) was initiated by William Manger and seconded by Gina Arresta.

Yes: William Manger, Gina Arresta, Robin Brown, Roy Stevenson, Leonard Zinnanti

No: None

Abstain: None

2. RESOLVED, the Board of Trustees (Board) of the Incorporated Village of Southampton (Village) authorizes the Village Clerk to Publish a Notice of Public Hearing to be held on Thursday, September 14, 2023 @ 6:00pm as a Hybrid In-Person/ZOOM Meeting regarding Local Law 14-2023, the proposal to amend Chapter 116, Zoning, specifically, Sections 116-9A(3), 116-9A(10)(a) and 116-9A(11)(a).

Motion to Approve (Aye) was initiated by William Manger and seconded by Gina Arresta.

Yes: William Manger, Gina Arresta, Robin Brown, Roy Stevenson, Leonard Zinnanti

No: None

Abstain: None

3. RESOLVED, in connection with a contemplated amendment to Village of Southampton Village Code Sections 116-9A(3), 116-9(A)(10)(a) and 116-9A(11)(a) which relates to accessory structures on waterfront lots, the Village Planner be directed to refer the matter to the Suffolk County Planning Commission, seek lead agency status and notify interested agencies of the Board's intent to seek lead agency status for the purposes of the New York State Environmental Quality Review Act.

Motion to Approve (Aye) was initiated by William Manger and seconded by Gina Arresta.

Yes: William Manger, Gina Arresta, Robin Brown, Roy Stevenson, Leonard Zinnanti

No: None

Abstain: None

4. RESOLVED, where the Village of Southampton notices a public hearing on a modification of Chapter 116 of the Village Code or other triggering event at the discretion of the Village Planner, the Village Planner is authorized to refer that matter to the Suffolk County Planning Commission, seek lead agency status and notify interested agencies of the Village's intent to seek lead agency status for purposes of the New York State Environmental Quality Review Act.

Motion to Approve (Aye) was initiated by William Manger and seconded by Gina Arresta.

Yes: William Manger, Gina Arresta, Robin Brown, Roy Stevenson, Leonard Zinnanti

No: None

Abstain: None

5. RESOLVED, the Board of Trustees accepts the rebate from United Communications Corporation in the amount of \$500.00 and directs the Finance Department to make the following budget amendment:  
Increase: A.2770 Miscellaneous Revenue in the amount of \$500.00.  
Increase: A.3410.2 Fire Department Equipment in the amount of \$500.00.

Motion to Approve (Aye) was initiated by William Manger and seconded by Roy Stevenson.

Yes: William Manger, Gina Arresta, Robin Brown, Roy Stevenson, Leonard Zinnanti

No: None

Abstain: None

6. RESOLVED, the Board of Trustees authorizes the following vehicles/equipment to be deemed surplus at the recommendation of our DPW Superintendent.

Police Department:

2008 Chevrolet Tahoe - VIN 1GNFK030X8R234385 - 65,820 Miles (Former PD Unit 173)

Parks Department:

2006 Ford F450 Flatbed - VIN 1FDXF47P56EA70477 - 22,441 Miles

Highway Department:

2005(?) John Deere Gator XPX 4x4 - VIN M0HP4GX016612 - 1,144 Hours

1995 CAT 914 Payloader - VIN9WM00202 - 9,641 Hours

2004 John Deere 5420 Tractor - VIN LV5420P446711 - 4,441 Hours

2004 Ford F250 Pickup - VIN 1FTNF21L04ED72956 - 104,012 Miles

Building Maintenance:

2006 Ford Explorer - VIN 1FMEU73E36UB62745

Motion to Approve (Aye) was initiated by William Manger and seconded by Gina Arresta.

Yes: William Manger, Gina Arresta, Robin Brown, Roy Stevenson, Leonard Zinnanti

No: None

Abstain: None

7. RESOLVED, the Board of Trustees approves the hiring of the Coopers Beach Attendant at a rate of \$16.00 per hour, effective, August 11, 2023:

James Garvin

Tanner Marro

Motion to Approve (Aye) was initiated by William Manger and seconded by Robin Brown.

Yes: William Manger, Gina Arresta, Robin Brown, Roy Stevenson, Leonard Zinnanti

No: None

Abstain: None

8. RESOLVED, the Board of Trustees approves the termination request received from SHFD Administrator Dennis Chuppe regarding Fire Police Co. 1 member, Elena Williams, effective August 22, 2023.

Motion to Approve (Aye) was initiated by William Manger and seconded by Roy Stevenson.

Yes: William Manger, Gina Arresta, Robin Brown, Roy Stevenson, Leonard Zinnanti

No: None

Abstain: None

9. RESOLVED, the Board of Trustees approves the hiring of the Coopers Beach Lifeguard at a rate of \$25.00 per hour, effective, August 25, 2023:

Brendan Regan

Motion to Approve (Aye) was initiated by William Manger and seconded by Robin Brown.

Yes: William Manger, Gina Arresta, Robin Brown, Roy Stevenson, Leonard Zinnanti

No: None

Abstain: None

10. RESOLVED, the Board of Trustees authorizes the Village Attorney and Village Assessor to enter into a stipulation to settle an Article 7, tax lien litigation between the Village and Tupey LLC related to property located at 4 Davids Court in the amount of \$48,381 related to tax years 2013-2022 as identified in a

proposed stipulation negotiated between the Village Assessor and Counsel for Tupey, LLC.

Motion to Approve (Aye) was initiated by William Manger and seconded by Gina Arresta.

Yes: William Manger, Gina Arresta, Robin Brown, Roy Stevenson, Leonard Zinnanti

No: None

Abstain: None

11. RESOLVED, the Board of Trustees authorizes the Village Attorney and Village Assessor to enter into a stipulation to settle an Article 7, tax lien litigation between the Village and Westlawn LLC related to property at 107 Great Plains Road in the amount of \$114,300.04 related to tax years 2015-2023 as identified in a proposed stipulation negotiated between the Village Assessor and Counsel for Westlawn, LLC.

Motion to Approve (Aye) was initiated by William Manger and seconded by Gina Arresta.

Yes: William Manger, Gina Arresta, Robin Brown, Roy Stevenson, Leonard Zinnanti

No: None

Abstain: None

12. RESOLVED, the Board of Trustees authorizes the Village Clerk to publish a bid on behalf of the Superintendent of Public Works for the purchase of a used Wheeled Excavator.

Motion to Approve (Aye) was initiated by William Manger and seconded by Gina Arresta.

Yes: William Manger, Gina Arresta, Robin Brown, Roy Stevenson, Leonard Zinnanti

No: None

Abstain: None

Trsutee Arresta- The reason for this purchase is to help address the flooding problem in the village. The excavator will specifically help with cleaning out the overgrown sumps, which have not been able to absorb the rain water that has been coming down so quickly. With this purchase, we will be able to keep this work in house.

13. RESOLVED, Mayor Manger appoints and requests a motion for the Board of Trustees to approve Bee Ready Fishbein & Donovan, LLP to continue as special counsel effective September 7, 2023 for a period of sixty (60) days.

Motion to Approve (Aye) was initiated by William Manger and seconded by Leonard Zinnanti.

Yes: William Manger, Gina Arresta, Robin Brown, Roy Stevenson, Leonard Zinnanti

No: None

Abstain: None

### **Comments from Board Members:**

Trustee Arresta - Side walk repair is continuing in various areas that need attention. A meeting with Verizon today went very well. We are looking into getting additional antennas for the village to help with our cell phone problems. There will be a kickoff meeting with Johnson Controls at our next meeting. We will start planning and getting the work done on our route to going green. Thank you and have a good evening.

Trustee Brown - A special thank you to Steve Phillips and our Deputy Mayor for giving attention to the extreme flooding on Hillcrest Ave. The residents of Hillcrest are thankful. Southamptonfest will be at the end of September from the 30th to the 1st. We will be kicking off our "Safety To The Street" with our first "Coffee with a Cop". Thank you.

Trustee Stevenson - It was a pleasure to bring my grandson to the Fire Department's Chicken and BBQ Dinner on Saturday. It was an outstanding event. The team spirit, comraderie and gathering of all the people who donate their time and effort to keep us safe was inspiring.

Trustee Zinnanti - I had the pleasure of taking a tour of the Fire Department. Toured the facilities, saw the equipment and got an understating of their operations, under the leadership of Manny, Rick and Polis. Also, trying to coordinate their needs with respect to communications and the Ambulance needs with the Planning Commission. They have accepted our suggestion that they work on that kind of service for the village. Congratulated Charles Pelaez as the Ordinance Enforcement Officer, its important to help the village enforce the laws and improve the quality of life for our residents.

Mayor Manger - The village will benefit greatly with the addition of another Code Enforcement Officer. He will join Angel to fill in additional services in the village. It will now be run out of the Building Department. Hoping this increase will greatly improve the quality of life issues within the village. Regarding the recent flooding, I wanted to thank Trustee Arresta and the Department of Public Works for all they have done to try and alleviate and mitigate some of the flooding. New storm drains will be going in at several locations that have been identified. We are hoping to get some grant money for additional storm water abatement. Thank you for coming out tonight to hear the Presentation regarding the potential park on Pond Lane. I encourage residents to come out and join us to speak at our Board Meeting on Thursday, September 14, 2023 during Public Comment.

### **Motion to Adjourn to Executive Session**

Motion to Adjourn to Executive Session was initiated by William Manger and seconded by Robin Brown.

Yes: William Manger, Gina Arresta, Robin Brown, Roy Stevenson, Leonard Zinnanti

No: None

Abstain: None

Time: 7:31PM

### **Return to Public Session:**

Motion to Return to Public Session was initiated by William Manger and seconded by Gina Arresta.

Yes: William Manger, Gina Arresta, Robin Brown, Roy Stevenson, Leonard Zinnanti

No: None

Abstain: None

Time: 8:56PM

### **Resolutions, if any:**

No Resolutions noted.

### **Motion to Adjourn:**

Motion to Adjourn was initiated by William Manger and seconded by Gina Arresta.

Yes: William Manger, Gina Arresta, Robin Brown, Roy Stevenson, Leonard Zinnanti

No: None

Abstain: None

End Meeting Time: 8:57PM