

MINUTES
VILLAGE OF SOUTHAMPTON
BOARD OF TRUSTEES
Public Session I – April 11, 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 March Employee of the Month, **Vicki Beers**, Senior Office Assistance in the Village Clerk's Department, hired 9/25/2017. Mayor Irving read a letter from two of Ms. Beers co-workers and thanked her for her work and diligence. The Mayor commented that Ms. Beers is a great worker and Mr. Kratoville noted that she is also handling the human resources and training sessions and is able to step in to help out in other areas.

PUBLIC COMMENT - NONE

Orson Cummings, 57 Walnut Street, thanked the Board for their work on the Leaf Blower legislation.

BOARD PRESENTATIONS - NONE

PUBLIC HEARINGS

Proposed Local Law: To Clarify the Height of Residences where a Portion of the Roof is Flat

Mayor Irving made a motion to open the Public Hearing, Trustee Hattrick seconded the motion and a unanimous vote followed.

Village Attorney Bruyn reviewed the matter; Village Administrator Kratoville noted that the Village had received a letter from Suffolk County Planning Commission stating that it was a matter of local determination. Mr. Kratoville entered into record a letter received from Tarbet & Lester on behalf of their clients, the Southampton Association, and a letter from Glynis Berry of a/b Design also in support of the legislation.

Madeline Venjohn, Esq., spoke on behalf of the Southampton Association referred to the letter that was submitted and addressed the energy ratings, noting that Southampton Village's energy ratings are much lower than Southampton Town and East Hampton Town.

Mr. Bruyn suggested that the Board consider looking at what East Hampton is doing in regard to the flat roof issue before a final proposal is considered.

Susan Stevenson, Toylesome Lane, spoke as a private resident, and commented that the technology for solar panels, geothermal, etc. are all in development and will continue to advance and therefore offer new opportunities in coming years.

Trustee McGann stated that she felt the Board needed to hear from the Building Department and suggested waiting for their recommendations.

Mayor Irving made a motion to adjourn the public hearing for all purposes until May 9, 2019; Trustee McGann seconded and a unanimous vote followed.

2019/2020 Proposed Budget

Mayor Irving made a motion to open the Public Hearing; Trustee Allan seconded the motion and a unanimous vote followed.

Mr. Kratoville reviewed the proposed budget and complimented the supervisors and department heads for their work and diligence. The total budget represents a 2.5% increase on total spend, but only a .97% increase for the tax base, coming in well below the 2% tax cap.

Of note is that there is no appropriated fund balance; also, this is the first time in 4 years that the Village hasn't used the full amount of the tax levy.

Mayor Irving complimented all the departments and Mr. Kratoville for their work. Mr. Kratoville noted that the budget does include salary for an additional building inspector as well as seasonal employees to help with the Police Department and Code Enforcement.

Jay Diesing asked about the benefits and questioned if they included Police or were separated out and expressed concern over how to control those costs going forward.

Mayor Irving commented that the Police contract is still in negotiation and includes an enhanced retirement program.

Mr. Kratoville concluded by stating that the goal is to maintain the level of services but keep the costs down for the public.

Mayor Irving made a motion to keep the Public Hearing open for all purposes until April 23, 2019; Trustee McGann seconded the motion and a unanimous vote followed.

COMMUNICATIONS TO THE BOARD – NONE

SUGGESTED RESOLUTIONS

RESOLVED, that the reading of the minutes for the Public Session II of March 26, 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 Allan seconded the motion and a unanimous vote followed.

RESOLVED, that the claims for the warrants dated April 11, 2019 totaling \$392,513.85 (Warrant # 15 - General Fund) and \$398,147.77 (Warrant # 12 – Capital Reserve Fund) and the Village payrolls for the period from March 15, 2019 to April 11, 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 March 27, 2019 through April 11, 2019.

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

Trustee McGann noted that the tennis court at Johnny's Lane needed to be resurfaced and the playground will be resurfaced with the same material as is used in the Agawam Park playground, as mandated by the Village's insurance company. She also noted that the park in that neighborhood was for the public use.

RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees approve the hiring of Joseph W. Prokop Esq., 175 Route 25A, East Setauket, NY 11733, to represent the Village at the Village General election on Friday, June 21, 2019 from 9:00 am to 9:00 pm at the Levitas Center, Pond Lane, Southampton at a rate of \$200 per hour.

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

RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees hereby authorizes the Village Administrator to publish a bid for Audio Equipment for the Southampton Cultural Center.

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

Mr. Kratoville noted that the Cultural Center has been awarded a grant and the equipment will be reimbursed although the timeline is tight.

RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees hereby approves Kurt Grodski as a probationary member of Agawam Engine Co. effective April 11, 2019.

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

RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees hereby adopts Local Law# 4 of 2019 adding a new Chapter 73 entitled Landscapers requiring an annual registration.

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

Village Attorney Bruyn stated that the public hearing was closed at the last meeting after several hearings. He noted that the law would not come into effect until 2020.

A roll call vote took place with the following results: Trustee Allan: Aye, Mayor Irving: Aye, Trustee McGann: Aye, Trustee Hattrick: Aye; Trustee Yastrzemski was absent.

RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees hereby adopts Local Law 5 of 2019 amending Chapter 78 (Nuisances) to identify nuisances from unnecessary noise from construction, property maintenance and landscaping, and gas-powered leaf blowers.

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

Mr. Bruyn stated that this was the result of several informational meetings as well as several public hearings and the local law presented reflects comments received from those meetings. He noted there were no exemptions from any beach or tennis clubs as well as municipal employees.

Trustee McGann questioned the hours permitted and how it would affect the homeowners. Mr. Bruyn noted if it was the homeowner was doing the work themselves, they would be exempt from the time constraints.

A roll call vote took place with the following results: Trustee Allan: Aye, Mayor Irving: Aye, Trustee McGann: Aye, Trustee Hattrick: Aye; Trustee Yastrzemski was absent.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

1. Southampton PBA – Annual Easter Egg Hunt: April 19, 2019

Julie Fitzgerald reviewed the request from the PBA, stating it was an annual event and very well attended.

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

2. Rogers Memorial Library – Pop-Up Library Events: June 28; July 26; August 23, 2019.

Trustee Allan made a motion to authorize the Rogers Memorial Library to hold three pop-up events as they did in the past year; Mayor Irving seconded the motion and a unanimous vote followed.

3. Notice of Bid for 2019 Summer Surf School.

Mr. Kratoville commented that he would be placing an ad in the Southampton Press for bids for a 2019 Summer Surf School and noted that he had received some concerns from residents regarding the school. Mayor Irving commented that the reason it had been approved in the past was to try to control surfing camps and that without the control there had been surf schools set up all over the beaches as opposed to one approved location and restricted time.

Trustee McGann made a motion to authorize the Village Administrator to place an ad in the Southampton Press to accept bids for the Surf School. Mayor Irving seconded the motion and a unanimous vote followed.

COMMENTS FROM THE BOARD:

Trustee Yastrzemski – Absent

Trustee Allan – commented that Dr. Gobler had spoken recently regarding the state of our waterways last week. The good news is that they're finding ways to clean up our waters, but the bad news is that climate change is negatively impacting the waters which also affects farmers. Ms. Allan commented that the Village has good news in that we installed the first commercial I/A system down in Agawam Park and secured 3 acres on Pond Lane, opposite Lake Agawam with CPF funds. She thanked the Town Board, John Halsey, Joseph McLoughlin, Melanie Cerillo and the Southampton Town Community Preservation Fund for their assistance in securing the property.

Ms. Allan stated that at the next Board meeting there will be a presentation on I/A septic systems regarding the benefits and funding opportunities. She also stated that the new leaf blower legislation will help the environment and thanked the many landscapers who were supportive and assisted with the legislation.

Trustee McGann – None

Trustee Hattrick asked if there had been any news on the affordable housing project on County Road 39; Mr. Kratoville stated that there hadn't been any further notice from the Town of Southampton.

Mayor Irving encouraged everyone to attend the Easter Egg Hunt. He also thanked the landscapers for their input and support of the registration and nuisance laws.

Mayor Irving addressed the work being done on Jobs Lane and informed the public that the start date of the project had been delayed because Village was waiting for the grant funds. The Mayor commented that this was the fourth phase of the project with the other three phases being: Bowden Square, Culver Street, Pond Lane and now Meeting House and Jobs Lane. The Mayor indicated that he would like to address Windmill Lane next which also has runoff to Lake Agawam. He commented that he felt that to be most successful it will take a public/private partnership.

Mayor Irving then gave an update from Gary Goleski, Superintendent of DPW, on the Jobs Lane road work. He noted that the timing and disruption to the businesses was a huge issue but that all the work being done will be very beneficial to the public.

2nd PUBLIC COMMENT:

Susan Stevenson, Toylsome Lane, stated she was very concerned about the Surf School, and that last year there were a lot of issues and the parking lot at Little Plains was very crowded and the hours for classes were not adhered to. She also stated there was no enforcement of the contract and not fair to the public. She also commented on the use of microphones for outside events and referenced a fitness program at Southampton Arts Center on Sunday morning; where the instructor was very loud and the noise travelled.

Mr. Kratoville commented that enforcement would be better addressed in reference to the Surf School.

Mark Parash, 106 Ann's Lane, questioned the park on Johnny's Lane and asked if the Village could check the latches on the gates as they need work. He reiterated that it is a public park but questioned if there were any restrictions or permits needed for use.

MOTION TO ADJOURN:

Mayor Irving made a Motion to adjourn to Executive Session at 7:46PM for the purpose of discussing personnel matters involving Village employees. Trustee McGann seconded and a unanimous vote followed.

Trustee Hattrick made a motion to return to Public Session at 9:10PM; Trustee McGann seconded and a unanimous vote followed.

MOTION TO ADJOURN:

Trustee Hattrick made a motion to adjourn the Public Meeting; Trustee McGann seconded the motion and a unanimous vote followed. The meeting was adjourned at 9:12PM.