

Board of Trustees
Public Session Agenda

January 21, 2020

6:00 P.M.

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 6:00PM.

Present were Mayor Warren, Trustees Allan, Parash and Pilaro; Village Administrator Russell Kratoville and Assistant Village Attorney Alexandra Halsey Storch. Trustee Yastrzemski was absent.

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

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Frances Genovese, 209 Bishops Lane, addressed the Board as a private citizen regarding a Foil request that was received by the Village and in which she was named. She asked what the Village's process was for handling FOIL requests and how the Village planned on handling the issue going forward.

The following residents signed up to speak at Public Comment and then offered their allotted time to Ms. Genovese:

Regina Greeven, 275 Ox Pasture Road
Valerie Hart, 218 Corrigan Street

BOARD PRESENTATIONS:

1. Drawdown East End – Darr Reilly: Co-Founder

Ms. Reilly thanked the Board for their support at the Drawdown East End event at Southampton Arts Center, noting that 24 exhibitors and 650 people attended. Ms. Reilly informed the Board that Drawdown East End is doing 12 additional projects at the Rogers Memorial Library over the next month. Ms. Reilly asked if the Village Board would approve a contribution to Drawdown to help cover the costs of their programs; and also said that you like to create a website and would be grateful if the Village would consider helping with those expenses as well.

Mayor Warren asked what else the Village could do to help in addition to monetary support. Trustee Allan said that there are a number of great Drawdown ideas that could be instituted but the Village needs to prioritize with other items on the Village list.

Ms. Reilly discussed Drawdown further and said it would be great to work with the Lake Agawam Conservancy as well.

The Mayor said that the Lake Agawam Conservancy had held a landscaper training the previous Friday which had great attendance.

DISCUSSION ITEMS:

1. RACE OF HOPE – HOPE FOR DEPRESSION: AUGUST 2, 2020

Julie Fitzgerald reviewed the request of Hope for Depression to hold their annual Race for Hope on Sunday, August 2, 2020 which will follow the same route as 2019.

Mayor Warren proposed the following Resolution #11:

RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees hereby authorizes the approval for the Hope for Depression to hold the Race of Hope: August 2, 2020 as outlined in their January 13, 2020 letter of request.

Trustee Parash seconded the motion and a unanimous vote followed.

2. AMEND LOCAL LAW – LANDSCAPER REGISTRATION

Mr. Kratoville reviewed the Local Law #4 of 2019 regarding the implementation of a Village requirement for Landscaper Registration that was scheduled to take effect on January 1, 2020. He said that this new Board had asked to review the matter further and postponed the effective date for landscaper registration until March 1, 2020.

Trustee Allan said currently the Village is under the jurisdiction of Suffolk County which has a more expensive fee and more details to complete in the registration process. She noted that many landscapers have asked if the Village could accept the Southampton Town license instead which would make it easier and less costly for them.

Trustee Parash said the license is important to get but he would be interested in seeing if there is a way to combine the Southampton Town and Suffolk County as the County provides a license for spray and chemical treatments. Ms. Halsey Storch said she would review the matter further and see if both licenses could be accepted.

Mayor Warren then made a motion to approve the following Resolution #12:

RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees schedules a public hearing on February 13, 2020 on a local law amending Chapter 73 entitled Landscapers, requiring an annual registration.

Trustee Parash seconded the motion and a unanimous vote followed.

PUBLIC HEARINGS: NONE

COMMUNICATIONS TO THE BOARD:

1. Town of Southampton – NPH Requiring Digital Submission of Particular Applications

Mr. Kratoville read a letter from Southampton Town providing a notice to the Village regarding amending various provisions of their Town Code which would require digital submission of particular applications.

SUGGESTED RESOLUTIONS:

1. ***RESOLVED, that the reading of the minutes for the Public Sessions of November 26, 2019 and January 9, 2020 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 Pilaro seconded the motion and all were unanimous

2. ***RESOLVED, that the claims for the warrants dated January 21, 2020 totaling \$508,695.46 (Warrant #11 - General Fund), \$134,850.51 (Warrant #8 - Capital Reserve Fund), \$931.78 (Warrant #3 – CS Trust Fund) and the Village payrolls for the period from January 9, 2020 to January 16, 2020 be audited and approved.***

Mayor Warren made a motion to approve; Trustee Pilaro seconded the motion and all were unanimous.

Mayor Warren asked for specifics regarding the number of hours billed by Village planners Nelson Pope & Voorhies.

3. ***RESOLVED, that, at the request of the Southampton Village Police Benevolent Association, the Village Board hereby directs payroll to increase union dues deduction an additional ten dollars, inclusive of the Chief of Police, effective the pay period ending January 30, 2020.***

Mayor Warren made a motion to approve; Trustee Pilaro seconded the motion and all were unanimous.

4. ***RESOLVED, that the Mayor hereby accepts the retirement of Alan Czelatka, Maintenance Mechanic IV, effective February 1, 2020 and that payroll be authorized to effectuate the contractual payment of accrued time.***

Mayor Warren made a motion to approve; Trustee Pilaro seconded the motion and all were unanimous

5. ***RESOLVED, that the Mayor hereby accepts the retirement of Eileen Musarra, Deputy Village Clerk/Registrar, effective January 31, 2020 and that payroll be authorized to effectuate the contractual payment of accrued time.***

Trustee Pilaro made a motion to approve; Mayor Warren seconded the motion, and all were unanimous

6. ***RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees hereby approves a 12-month traffic maintenance contract renewal with Johnson Electrical Construction Corp. for traffic signal maintenance at a cost of \$1,420.00 per month and \$450.00 bi-annual re-lamping and inspection.***

Mayor Warren made a motion to approve; Trustee Allan seconded the motion, and all were unanimous

7. **RESOLVED, that the Village Board of Trustees hereby proclaims the following Village equipment be deemed surplus and authorizes the DPW Superintendent to auction through Auctions International:**

*Muller Cement Mixer
Giant Vac 6600TD Tow-behind Leaf Vacuum
Bandit 280XP Tow-behind Brush Chipper
2008 F-250 Extended Cab Pickup Truck*

Mayor Warren made a motion to approve; Trustee Pilaro seconded the motion and all were unanimous

8. **RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees sets rates for Terry Tramantano-Falquero Court Reporting Services:**

<i>Standard AM and PM Calendar</i>	<i>\$250.00</i>
<i>Hearing or Jury Trials</i>	<i>\$300.00</i>
<i>Overtime</i>	<i>\$250.00</i>
<i>Transcripts (10 page or less)</i>	<i>\$ 55.00</i>
<i>Transcripts (additional pages)</i>	<i>\$ 5.50 per page</i>
<i>Transcripts (expedited: one week)</i>	<i>\$ 8.50 per page</i>
<i>Transcripts (overnight)</i>	<i>\$ 11.25 per page</i>
<i>Cancelled Court Dates (< 48 hrs.)</i>	<i>\$100.00</i>

Trustee Pilaro made a motion to approve; Trustee Parash seconded the motion and all were unanimous

9. **RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees appoints John Halsey to the Water Quality Committee.**

Mayor Warren made a motion to approve; Trustee Allan seconded the motion, and all were unanimous

10. **RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees accepts donations to the Southampton Village Police Department:**

<i>Herbert Allen</i>	<i>\$5,000.00</i>
<i>Our Lady of Poland Church</i>	<i>\$ 100.00</i>

Mayor Warren made a motion to approve; Trustee Pilaro seconded the motion and all were unanimous.

COMMENTS FROM BOARD MEMBERS:

Trustee Yastrzemski – Absent

Trustee Allan extended birthday wishes to resident John Holden who had just turned 99.

Trustee Parash said he and the Mayor met with the Chief of Police and representatives from Ocean Rescue and they are preparing so they will be ready for the 2020 season.

Trustee Pilaro said he'd attended a very good Arts District meeting today. He commented that Southampton Arts Center is working with many of the realtors to create the effect of art in the window that the proposed window legislation would do. SAC is hoping to

expand their upcoming Takeover Exhibition into storefront windows and said those interested in participating should reach out to SAC's Executive Director Tom Dunn.

Mayor Warren thanked the Village's Volunteer Ocean Rescue Committee and said the goal is to have a significant group for the Village. The Mayor also said there would be another meeting with the DEC on Friday and thanked Trustee Allan for her work on that effort; Trustee Allan said it was a community effort and noted that Rob Coburn of the Village's Clean Water Committee was also in attendance at the meeting. Mayor Warren concluded by saying that he had attended a celebration for Martin Luther King Jr. at Rogers Memorial Library on Monday, January 20th.

2ND PUBLIC COMMENT:

Christine Witker, Cameron Street, said the Drawdown East End program is excellent and it would be great to have something in Agawam Park during the Summer and suggested a screening of the film 2040 and suggested that the group might enter a float in the July 4th Parade. Ms. Witker said she would prefer to see family landscapers that have been here for decades not be penalized by high fines and have to go to Suffolk County for licenses if they're just mowing lawns and maintaining hedges.

Rob Coburn – 345 Hill Street, said he liked the idea of incorporating environmental and sustainability practices with landscaper license registration and said Suffolk County provides that training but asked if Southamptton Town offers the same.

Frances Genovese – 132 Bishops Lane, said that the property behind her house is inundated with deer and asked why Mr. Tessitore's deer blinds were removed. Mr. Kratoville said that the Village code does not allow for hunting on Village property.

Michael Irving, Prospect Street, said that it is in the Village Code that hunting on any Village-owned public property is prohibited.

MOTION TO ADJOURN TO EXECUTIVE SESSION

Mayor Warren made a motion to adjourn to Executive Session for the purpose of discussing specific Village contractual matters at 6:55PM, Trustee Allan seconded the motion and a unanimous vote followed.

RETURN TO PUBLIC SESSION

Mayor Warren made a motion to return to Public Session at 8:52PM; Trustee Pilaro seconded the motion and a unanimous vote followed.

MOTION TO ADJOURN:

Trustee Parash made a motion to adjourn the Public Meeting at 8:55PM; Trustee Pilaro seconded the motion and a unanimous vote followed.

Russell Kratoville, Village Administrator

1/21/2020