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Board of Trustees

MINUTES

February 21, 2023 - 6:00 PM

Call to Order: The Executive Session will begin at 4:30pm, followed by Work Session starting at 6:00pm.
Executive Session Start Meeting Time: 4:38 PM
Executive Session End Time : 5:55PM

Work Session Start Meeting Time : 6:02 PM

Present:

Mayor Jesse Warren, Trustee Gina Arresta, Trustee Robin Brown, Trustee William Manger, Trustee Roy Stevenson, Village Administrator Charlene Kagel-Betts, Village Attorney Andrew Preston, Village Clerk Cathy Sweeney, Assistant to the Mayor Patrick Derenze & A/V Coordinator Sage Certain

Pledge of Allegiance:

Led by Mayor Warren

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. Archive Social ~ Presented by Daniel Whitacre

Communications to the Board:

Discussion Items:

Suggested Resolutions:

1. RESOLVED, the claims for the warrant dated February 21, 2023 totaling \$233,883.56 (Warrant #A-21-General Fund) and \$248,291.00 (Warrant #H-11 - Capital Fund) are audited and approved.

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

Yes: Jesse Warren, Gina Arresta, Robin Brown, Roy Stevenson, William Manger

No: None

Abstain: None

2. RESOLVED, the reading of the minutes for the Public Sessions of January 12th and 24th, 2023 and February 9th, 2023 are dispensed, the minutes are accepted as filed by the Village Clerk and the actions taken at the meeting are hereby ratified and approved.

Motion to Table was initiated by Jesse Warren and seconded by Gina Arresta.

Yes: Jesse Warren, Gina Arresta, Robin Brown, Roy Stevenson, William Manger

No: None

Abstain: None

3. 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, April 13, 2023 @ 6:00pm as a Hybrid In-Person/ZOOM Meeting regarding Local Law 8-2023, the proposal to amend Chapter 116, Zoning, specifically, Sections 116-9A(3), 116-9(A)(10)(a) and 116-9A(11)(a). (waterfront law)

Motion to Approve (Aye) was initiated by Jesse Warren and seconded by William Manger.

Yes: Jesse Warren, Gina Arresta, Robin Brown, Roy Stevenson, William Manger

No: None

Abstain: None

4. 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, April 13, 2023 @ 6:00pm as a Hybrid In-Person/ZOOM Meeting regarding Local Law 9-2023, the proposal to amend Chapter A119-4, Expiration of permit; extensions; conformance with specifications; display. (Building Department Renewal Fees)

Motion to Approve (Aye) was initiated by Jesse Warren and seconded by William Manger.

Yes: Jesse Warren, Gina Arresta, Robin Brown, Roy Stevenson, William Manger

No: None

Abstain: None

5. 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, April 13, 2023 @ 6:00pm as a Hybrid In-Person/ZOOM Meeting regarding Local Law 10-2023, the proposal to amend Section 43 of Chapter 110, Schedule L: Stopping, Standing and Parking Restrictions.

Motion to Approve (Aye) was initiated by Jesse Warren and seconded by William Manger.

Yes: Jesse Warren, Gina Arresta, Robin Brown, Roy Stevenson, William Manger

No: None

Abstain: None

6. RESOLVED, in connection with a contemplated Arts and Culture Overlay district within Southampton Village Center along portions of Hill Street, Jobs Lane, Windmill Lane, and Pond Lane, the intention of

which is to ensure that the zoning code is supportive of arts and cultural uses, galleries, and art stores, community-oriented spaces and offices, and artist studios and residences, Counsel and/or the Village Planner and/or the Village's Planning Consultant, BFJ Planning 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 Jesse Warren and seconded by William Manger.

Yes: Jesse Warren, Gina Arresta, Robin Brown, Roy Stevenson, William Manger

No: None

Abstain: None

7. WHEREAS, eligible voting residents of the Village of Southampton previously approved a referendum to establish a defined benefit Length of Service Award Program ("LOSAP") for active volunteer firefighters of the Southampton Village Fire Department in accordance with Article 11-A of the New York State General Municipal Law (GML); and

WHEREAS, the Village of Southampton is the LOSAP Sponsor and Program Administrator; and

WHEREAS, GML § 216 authorizes the Village of Southampton, as LOSAP Sponsor, to amend the LOSAP; and

WHEREAS, an active volunteer firefighter member currently earns a \$30 monthly Service Award benefit for each year of Service Credit with an Entitlement Age being 65 years of age; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Trustees desires to amend the LOSAP to increase the amount of years a volunteer firefighter may receive a \$30 monthly Service Award benefit from 30 years of service to 40 years of service (the maximum number of years a volunteer firefighter can receive the Service Award benefit); and

WHEREAS, the 2024 Estimated Contribution will be increased from \$215,000 to \$335,000; and

WHEREAS, the amendment to this program will not apply to fire service rendered by a participant during one or more of the five calendar years immediately preceding the effective date of this resolution; and

WHEREAS, this amendment is consistent with the intent of the LOSAP to recruit, retain and reward volunteer firefighters.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Village of Southampton Board of Trustees, as authorized by Article 11-A of the GML, approves an amendment to the LOSAP to increase the number of years a volunteer firefighter may receive a \$30 monthly Service Award from 30 years of service to 40 years of service, effective January 1, 2024; and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED that this Resolution is subject to a mandatory referendum of qualified voters of the Village of Southampton, and said referendum shall be held on June 16, 2023, between the hours of 9:00am to 9:00 pm at Southampton Cultural Center, 25 Pond Lane, Southampton, New York; and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED that the proposition placed before the qualified voters will read as follows: "Shall the Village of Southampton increase the defined benefit Length of Service Award Program (LOSAP) established for active volunteer firefighters by increasing the number of years a volunteer firefighter may receive a \$30 monthly Service Award from 30 years of service to 40 years of service, effective January 1, 2024?"; and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED that LOSAP shall continue to be administered by the Village of Southampton and

that all other provisions of LOSAP shall remain the same.

Motion to Approve (Aye) was initiated by Jesse Warren and seconded by Roy Stevenson.

Yes: Jesse Warren, Gina Arresta, Robin Brown, Roy Stevenson, William Manger

No: None

Abstain: None

8. RESOLVED, the Board of Trustees approves the request from Christine Brennan and Brendan Regan to host the 3rd season of the Village Lifesaving Programs: Southampton Village Junior Lifesaving Program and Adult Ocean Safety Course to be held at Coopers Beach for the 2023 Summer Season.

Motion to Table was initiated by Roy Stevenson and seconded by Robin Brown.

Yes: Jesse Warren, Gina Arresta, Robin Brown, Roy Stevenson, William Manger

No: None

Abstain: None

9. RESOLVED, the Board of Trustees would like to thank Sarah Latham for her service as Vice Chairman to the Board of Architectural Review and Historic Preservation, serving from October 10, 2019 to December 12, 2022.

Motion to Approve (Aye) was initiated by Jesse Warren and seconded by William Manger.

Yes: Jesse Warren, Gina Arresta, Robin Brown, Roy Stevenson, William Manger

No: None

Abstain: None

10. RESOLVED, at the recommendation of the Ambulance Chief, Kyle McGuinness, the Board of Trustees approves the increase for Southampton Village Ambulance part-time EMT's from \$27 to \$34 per hour, effective February 24, 2023.

Motion to Approve (Aye) was initiated by Jesse Warren and seconded by Roy Stevenson.

Yes: Jesse Warren, Gina Arresta, Robin Brown, Roy Stevenson, William Manger

No: None

Abstain: None

11. RESOLVED, the Board of Trustees approves Christopher Brenner as a probationary member of Southampton Hose Co. 1, effective February 21, 2023.

Motion to Approve (Aye) was initiated by Jesse Warren and seconded by Roy Stevenson.

Yes: Jesse Warren, Gina Arresta, Robin Brown, Roy Stevenson, William Manger

No: None

Abstain: None

12. RESOLVED, the Board of Trustees approves the hiring upon recommendation of Acting Chief Hurteau, John Sganga as a part-time Police Officer at \$26.00 hourly, not to exceed 20 hours per week, effective March 9, 2023.

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

Yes: Jesse Warren, Gina Arresta, Robin Brown, Roy Stevenson, William Manger

No: None

Abstain: None

Mayoral Appointments:

1. RESOLVED, per §107-3 of the Village Code, the Mayor appoints Peter Grealish to a two-year term and John Neknez to a one-year term to the Village Tree Commission.

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

Yes: Jesse Warren, Gina Arresta, Robin Brown, Roy Stevenson, William Manger

No: None

Abstain: None

Comments from Board Members:

Trustee Arresta ~ Thank you to Sarah Latham for serving on ARB, she served well. The short time I worked with her, I learned a lot. She is very knowledgeable about the history and architects of the village. Thank you Sarah for your wonderful service. The budget talks are proceeding very, very well. We have been working diligently with the Village Administrator, Charlene and Julie, our staff Accountant. We hope to be able to present that budget shortly. The DPW has been working on various projects and planning for the upcoming season, which is coming up very quickly. There will be a notice of a public hearing on March 2nd about the traffic study that we have been talking about since August. The public meeting is going to be on March 21st. That is still a work in progress. We have been working on signage and how to roll out the recommendations from the traffic study. Right now, it's really about the signage and how to inform the public of the changes in the streets in the western part of the village. Have a pleasant evening everyone.

Trustee Brown ~ Good evening everyone. I wanted to take the time to thank Father Patrick, from St Johns Episcopal Church for hosting our Senior Citizens on February 14th for Tea. It was lovely. We enjoyed the film and I would like to thank everyone. A special shout out to Ms. Judy Johnson for all the work she has done for the village over the years. It is greatly appreciated. Thank You.

Trustee Manger ~ I heard the tea was very well attended and everyone enjoyed seeing Casablanca. I understand there was participation from the audience and a lot of very good food. Sounds like it was a great success on Valentine's Day. Trustee Arresta and I conducted Tax Grievance Day on behalf of the village today. We had four people show up. We worked diligently with Danielle Burns and Bill McCoy here from the village, working collectively on taxes and assessments. Thank you to the individuals who came in to talk about their taxes with us. That's all for this week. Thank you very much.

Trustee Stevenson ~ The budget process has been ongoing. Hammering out the details of the budget given the difficult economic times we are in, where the prices of everything have gone up substantially, has been challenging. I want to thank Ambulance Chief Kyle McGuinness and Fire Chief Manny Escobar for all of the hard work they have done on their budget. It takes a lot of time putting the numbers together and going through things. Many of the budget items are not controllable. There are not too many discretionary items for the chiefs to cut their budget down. They have done a very good job working with Charlene and Julie to make changes. Thanks to them for their hard work, and that's all I have for now. Thank you.

Mayor Warren ~ First I want to mention that we are making great progress with the budget. Thank you first and foremost to Charlene, our Treasurer, for her help with the budget, as well as Julie, who has done an outstanding job, really stepping up in a big way. I also wanted to thank all the Trustee Liaisons for each respective department, as well as the Budget and Finance Committee, and the Deputy Mayor who is on the

Finance Committee. Everyone is working very hard and working collaboratively on this and we are making good progress. We hope to have a good budget presentation in the upcoming month or two. I also want to thank Danielle Burns. It has been a lot as we get ready for the budget. There have been some changes to the taxable values, so I want to thank her, Bill and the Building Department for their work to make sure that the building and new construction that is taking place is noted and that calculation is one of them. We have been working with the New York Planning Foundation for awards for the Master Plan. Thank you Patrick for this. Patrick has been working with BFJ and the village is applying to receive the completion of the Master Plan. We did a great job on the report, as well as the community, who provided valuable input. We will be applying for recognition by the New York Planning Foundation and we will see what happens. It would be very exciting.

Trustee Stevenson, thanks for bringing up the EMT's . We want to make sure we can pay everyone as well or better than any other municipality. They do a phenomenal job and deserve every dollar they make and more. We have received notice that Southampton Village has been recognized as a Tree City USA . This is something that the Planning Commission has been working on for some time. Christian Picot has been a big help with this, so this is great news! Also, I wanted to thank the Deputy Mayor who helped with our Annual Arbor Day celebration last year, which was a requirement for Tree City USA.

Motion to Adjourn to Executive Session

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

Yes: Jesse Warren, Gina Arresta, Robin Brown, Roy Stevenson, William Manger

No: None

Abstain: None

Time: 6:44 PM

Return to Public Session:

Motion to Return to Public Session was initiated by Jesse Warren and seconded by Gina Arresta.

Yes: Jesse Warren, Gina Arresta, Robin Brown, Roy Stevenson, William Manger

No: None

Abstain: None

Time: 7:22 PM

Resolutions, if any:

No Resolutions noted at Executive Session.

Motion to Adjourn:

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

Yes: Jesse Warren, Gina Arresta, Robin Brown, Roy Stevenson, William Manger

No: None

Abstain: None

Meeting End Time: 7:22 PM