

MINUTES
VILLAGE OF SOUTHAMPTON
BOARD OF TRUSTEES
Public Session II – April 23, 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 Yastrzemeski, McGann, Hattrick and Allan; Village Administrator Russell Kratoville.

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

PUBLIC COMMENT

Morgan H. Grace, Jr. – stated that he was part of the Summer Colony and doesn't vote in the Village, but stressed the importance of keeping Agawam Lake clean and referenced Hackensack, NJ, who had a similar situation. He asked the Board to look at their Case Study and to see if they could incorporate any of the study.

BOARD PRESENTATIONS -

1. I/A Systems and Benefits – Justin Jobin (Suffolk County Dept. of Health)

Provided background on the County's role and their Reclaim Our Water initiative; which outlines the need for I/A systems to help with water quality and the environment. He noted that there were six I/A systems that were approved by Suffolk County as part of this program. He also shared information on the Septic Improvement Program and the details of the grant that homeowners may be eligible for. He noted that the County has fixed rate pricing and contracts are reviewed carefully to ensure that the pricing is quoted appropriately.

Trustee Yastrzemeski asked how many people in Southampton qualify for the grants and asked what the additional costs and annual costs might be. Mr. Jobin said that Southampton is the most active Town in the County with 86 grant certificates having been issued. He stated that engineering costs for design run approximately \$2500 and is not covered by the grant program so would be an added cost to the homeowner. He also noted that the average annual costs are approximately \$300, but could go up to \$600/year for larger homes. He reviewed the grant eligibility criteria and informed the public that all of the information can be found on the website: reclaimourwater.info

Trustee Yastrzemeski asked if he saw any innovations and new alternatives coming up and Mr. Jobin replied that yes they are seeing a great number of innovations.

Trustee Allan thanked Mr. Jobin for attending and asked him to address the concern that many of the systems don't operate as well in homes that are not in use year-round. Mr. Jobin said that studies are showing that there is no real difference between year-round and seasonal properties. Ms. Allan asked about the homes around the lake and whether it was difficult to access those properties to install the new systems and if a lot of the piping had to be rerouted and plumbing changed. Mr. Jobin said it could be a bit more difficult to access those properties. John Parry of South Fork Septic responded that the plumbing can be a very high cost depending on the placement of the septic system and the Board of Health requirements. Mr. Jobin said that the County has dedicated staff and engineers for this project and they would go out to the home to inspect the environment.

Trustee Allan also asked about the cluster system which would be of interest to the Village and potentially for the Business District. Mr. Jobin said that cluster systems are great but there are a lot of other agreements and easements that might need to be in place. The best place for cluster systems are in downtown areas that don't have a sewer system.

Mayor Irving stated that the Village is very conducive to cluster systems because of the back parking lot areas. Mayor Irving asked John Parry about the difficulty of the installation process of the I/A systems. Mr. Parry said that they were actually much easier to install than traditional systems and can be done in a day and a half to 2 days and then get inspected, so in the end it can be 3 days.

Bruce Bochman, resident, asked Mr. Parry what the size of the house is that takes the shorter period of time to install. Mr. Parry stated on average that would be for a 3-4 bedroom house, and a larger property might take 3-4 days.

Gary Goleski, Superintendent of Public Works, asked about the irrigation capability of the system that Mr. Jobin had referred to. Mr. Jobin explained how the systems work. Mr. Goleski asked if there were opportunities for municipalities to apply for funding and Mr. Jobin said that the County was looking into it.

2. Lake Agawam Buffer Plan – Lake Agawam Conservation Association

Melissa Dedovich of Peconic Environmental Associates, stated that she has been working with a group of concerned residents along Lake Agawam regarding a buffer plan for the southern portion along Gin Lane. She introduced Dr. Christopher Gobler as a new member of their team who is now working with the group and has been donating his time to help in this area. She introduced Dr. Gobler who then presented his findings on Lake Agawam and water quality. He reiterated that he would not be compensated for his work and had wanted to look at the proposed plan and see how it could be made better. He spoke of issues including nitrogen, septic and water runoff and also referenced fish kills including one that had just taken place at Lake Agawam over the weekend.

He noted that with his recommendation, the buffer plan had been enhanced to allow for material that would provide better absorption of nutrients. The plan would be a public/private partnership with individuals on both sides of the Lake who would be helping to fund the project. He stated that this project would not fix all the issues of Lake Agawam but would be part of a wedge approach to address the issues of the Lake.

Trustee Yastrzemski asked where Dr. Gobler would like to go with the project – would he recommend that buffers be added or changed for all homes along the Lake? Dr. Gobler said that every shoreline should have a healthy buffer, but that this project can take the lead on multiple fronts and serve as a demonstration that everyone should have some type of buffer.

Mayor Irving referred to the recent rain storm and stated that he had asked the Gary Goleski and Steve Phillips of DPW to look at the homes along the lake and see if there had been any placards out to indicate that pesticides had been used. They found 19 homes along the lake that had such placards posted from companies that had applied pesticides to the property – and that these pesticides had been applied just days before the storm with the deluge of rain and subsequent fish kill that Dr. Gobler had referred to in his presentation.

Trustee McGann referred to a prior discussion on the proposed plan and talked about many aspects including use of fertilizers and buffers and mentioned that there had also been discussion about cleaning the bottom of the Lake and asked for Dr. Gobler's thoughts on the matter. Dr. Gobler commented that it's not an easy process and involves dredging which would be very costly and difficult to achieve. He reiterated that the planting program alone would not solve all the problems with the Lake and shouldn't be considered the final action but would certainly help the situation.

Trustee Yastrzemski asked if there was some type of goal or benchmark that Dr. Gobler would like to see the Village get to. Dr. Gobler said ideally to remove the blue green algae and toxins, eliminate fishkill and get to the point of a clean lake, enjoyed for fishing and swimming, but noted he'd have to look at the reports again before he could comment further.

Trustee Yastrzemski stated that there is also the issue of some homeowners around the Lake who have continued to use pesticides but have also signed the petition in favor of having the buffer installed.

Trustee McGann said that she'd like to know if the Village add legislation that would require lakefront homeowners to install buffer planting and prevent them from using chemicals and pesticides.

Melissa Dedovich said that she's been working on these projects for over 25 years and said that the Village and Town each have restrictions in place as does the DEC that homeowners have to adhere to.

Trustee Allan asked if other Villages or hamlets put out time limit to residents that work had to be done to improve the water quality, eg buffer zones.

Morgan Grace Jr. suggested that Dr. Gobler do a study in reverse and look at those lake areas that have been successful in keeping their waters clear and see how they done that.

Gary Goleski stated that the Village's DPW has installed about 100 catch basins and has done its best to eliminate the use of pesticides and switch to organic fertilizers and suggested that the Village, Town, Trustees and County get together to look at the Lake and discuss dredging opportunities. He asked if all the municipalities can work together to come up with a plan and see what it would cost and how it could be done.

Mayor Irving, Trustee Yastrzemski and Trustee McGann all agreed that it might be a good idea to start the conversation.

Mackie Finnerty asked Dr. Gobler what the percentage in reduction of nitrogen might be if the plan were to be adopted. Dr. Gobler stated he couldn't give an exact percentage without further study.

She asked Dr. Gobler what the top one or two things would be that he would do if money were no object. Dr. Gobler said that addressing the septic effluent with installation of sewer district is important as is dredging the Lake.

Mackie Finnerty stated that the 2 presentations were very disturbing and that the Village should have the right to demand that new construction or renovation must install an I/A septic system. Mayor Irving and Trustee Allan stated that the Village already has this law in place. Ms. Finnerty suggested that the Village send out letters to homeowners to educate them about the use of pesticides and their effect on the Lake, etc.

Mayor Irving thanked Dr. Gobler for the presentation.

Vince McGann, thanked the Mayor and the Board for all the steps they've already taken and commended them for their efforts. He pointed out 2 things: toxicity to animals and said that water is our driving force for the economic structure and we have to have safe water. He commented that the drain pipe had opened up from the Lake into the ocean and that people were in effect surfing in toxic waters. He stated that the members of the Bathing Corporation and those that use the ocean would have issues if the drain opened and discharged toxic water into the ocean and reiterated that there needs to be a plan to address the water issues.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

2019/2020 Proposed Budget

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

Mr. Kratoville reviewed the proposed budget and said that the total budget was just over \$31million with a tax rate increase of .97%. The total budget comes in well below the 2% tax cap. He noted that there is no appropriated fund balance; the year over year increase on discretionary spending was \$0 overall and feels that it is a strong and healthy budget.

Trustee Allan said that she had conversations with Mr. Kratoville and noted that the Village had little to no snow days and snow removal required in 2018/2019 and questioned that the current budget was reflective of having additional snow days if needed. She referenced the Police budget for holidays and vacations, noting that it increased by over 47%. Mr. Kratoville said that he is trying to budget more on what the actual contractual costs were and took them into account in building the budget. She referenced the nearly \$400,000 reduction in the Workers Compensation line and Mr. Kratoville noted that two years previously Steve Funsch, the then Village Administrator, had contracted with a different company that had good, strong safety programs and we were able to save money. Trustee Allan also asked if we had accounted for the rise in fuel prices as they are expected to increase. Mr. Kratoville stated that the budget would account for that and suggested that the Village look into adopting a no-idling policy.

Mayor Irving commented that as they are still reviewing the Police contract it might be wise to leave the Public Hearing open. Mr. Kratoville stated that depending on where the contract lands there may need to be an internal budget amendment. He also noted that if the Board didn't approve the budget by April 30, the tentative budget – which is the budget currently under review – actually becomes the budget.

Trustee Hattrick then made a motion to close the Public Hearing; Mayor Irving seconded the motion and a unanimous vote followed.

Mayor Irving made a motion to approve the Public Hearing, Trustee McGann seconded. Roll Call: Trustee Yastrzemski: Aye, Trustee Allan: Aye; Mayor Irving: Aye, Trustee McGann: Aye; Trustee Hattrick: Aye.

COMMUNICATIONS TO THE BOARD

Southampton Association – Support for Lake Agawam Buffer Restoration

Mr. Kratoville noted that the Village had received a letter requesting support for the Lake Agawam Buffer Restoration Plan. Mayor Irving stated all Board members needed to review the plan.

SUGGESTED RESOLUTIONS

RESOLVED, that the reading of the minutes for the Public Session of April 11, 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 Allan made a motion to approve; Trustee Hattrick seconded the motion and a unanimous vote followed. Trustee Yastrzemski abstained as he was absent at 4/11/19 meeting.

RESOLVED, that the claims for the warrants dated April 23, 2019 totaling \$712,570.34 (Warrant # 15 - General Fund), and \$121.85 (Warrant # 18 -Trust Fund) 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 approves the appointing of the following individuals as Election Inspectors for the Village Election on June 21, 2019 effective April 23, 2019:

<i>Gina Arresta (Chairperson)</i>	<i>9 am – 9pm.</i>	<i>\$25/hr</i>
<i>Diane Fisher</i>	<i>9 am – 9pm</i>	<i>\$25/hr</i>
<i>Georgette Chapek</i>	<i>9 am – 9pm</i>	<i>\$20/hr</i>
<i>Mariette Pinkus</i>	<i>9 am – 9pm</i>	<i>\$20/hr</i>
<i>Rachel Foster</i>	<i>9 am – 9pm</i>	<i>\$20/hr</i>
<i>Betty Nichols</i>	<i>9 am – 9pm</i>	<i>\$20/hr</i>
<i>Jenny Filingeri</i>	<i>9 am – 9pm</i>	<i>\$25/hr</i>

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

WHEREAS, that the Board of Trustees has adopted a budget for the fiscal year beginning June 1, 2019 that does not require a real property tax levy in excess of the amount otherwise prescribed in General Municipal Law Sec 3-c, and

WHEREAS, the Village had adopted Local Law #3 of 2019 authorizing a tax levy in excess of the limit established in General Municipal Law Sec 3-c, so,

THEREFORE, be it resolved that the Board of Trustees hereby repeals LL #3 of 2019 as provided in section 4 of such law.

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

RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees hereby approves that a valid beach parking permit must be displayed in or on any motor vehicle parked or standing in or upon the parking facility at Coopers Beach during weekends and holidays from May 25, 2019 through June 16, 2019 and on a daily basis commencing June 24, 2019 through and including September 2, 2019.

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

RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees hereby approves the hiring of Emily Beers as Seasonal Clerk for the Tax Receiver at an hourly rate of \$17 effective June 3, 2019.

Trustee McGann made a motion to approve; Mayor Irving seconded the motion and a unanimous vote followed. Trustee McGann asked how long Ms. Beers would be working as Seasonal Clerk; Mr. Kratoville noted that it was for a six-week period.

RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees hereby approves the hiring of Nicholas Johnson as Part-Time Laborer for the Parks Dept. at an hourly rate of \$15 effective April 26, 2019.

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

RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees hereby approves the Southampton Village Volunteer Ambulance 2018 Length of Service Award Program List which has been reviewed and certified by Chief Epley.

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

RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees hereby approves the Southampton Village Fire Department 2018 Length of Service Award Program List which has been reviewed and certified by Chief Stevens.

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

RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees, upon the recommendations of the Southampton Village Fire Chief and the supervisor of Village Garage, hereby deems Pierce aerial fire truck, serial number 4P1CT02G9RA00077, as surplus.

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

Trustee Yastrzemski stated that the new fire truck has been ordered and this vehicle would be de-commissioned. It has been discovered that there is a buyer for this vehicle currently and therefore the Department would be comfortable being short one vehicle for the time period until the new truck is available and could use mutual aid if needed before then. Trustee Yastrzemski stated that this arrangement had been approved and suggested by the Chief of the Fire Department.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

1. Southampton Artists Association. – Art in the Park: July 13-14, 2019

Julie Fitzgerald, Mayor's Assistant, reviewed the request by Southampton Artists Association, noting that this was an annual event. Trustee Hattrick made a motion to approve the request; Trustee McGann seconded the motion and a unanimous vote followed.

2. Southampton School District – Use of Village U.S. Flag

Village Administrator Kratoville reviewed the request from Southampton School District and noted this was an annual request. Mayor Irving made a motion to approve the request; Trustee Yastrzemski seconded the motion and a unanimous vote followed.

3. Southampton Hospital – Free Sunscreen Program at Coopers Beach

Julie Fitzgerald, Mayor's Assistant, reviewed the request by Creative Marketing Concepts to install a sunscreen dispenser at Coopers Beach as part of a program they are doing with the Town of Southampton and Stony Brook Southampton Hospital. The Board asked Ms. Fitzgerald to go back to the company and request they provide the Village with an indemnification form and Certificate of Insurance and resubmit at the May 9th meeting.

4. Peconic Bay Antique Auto. Club – Tour of the South Fork: October 26, 2019

Julie Fitzgerald, Mayor's Assistant, reviewed the request from the Peconic Bay Region of the Antique Automobile Club to use Downs Family Park for the starting and ending point for an event on 10/26/19 from 9am-4pm. The cars would also traverse through the Village and take photos at Coopers Beach overlook. The Board asked Ms. Fitzgerald to have them provide the standard Indemnity form and Certificate of Insurance and resubmit at the May 9th meeting.

COMMENTS FROM THE BOARD:

Trustee Yastrzemski – offered condolences to the family of Edward Corrigan Sr. who passed away and noted that he had served over 70 years with the Southampton Fire Department; his son and grandson are members of the Fire Department and are a large

part of the community. He also extended condolences to his Fire Department family.

Mayor Irving provided the details of the funeral services and said that it was a tremendous loss to the Village.

Trustee Allan notified the public of a special presentation for Seniors on May 1st at the Southampton History Museum with speakers providing information on services in the area. Watch items: reminder of robocalls from the IRS are not legitimate, the IRS doesn't call. An additional reminder that the newly enacted legislation on gas leaf blowers takes effect on May 20th and the public should be aware of the effects. NY State has the highest percentage of deaths by fire so please change batteries in fire alarms.

Trustee McGann commented that on June 15th the Southampton History Museum will have its 125th birthday party and all are invited to attend. Ms. McGann also stated that the presentations and informed shared at the meeting were very interesting and informative.

Trustee Hattrick – no comment

Mayor Irving commented on the importance of the Lake Agawam Buffer restoration plan and the value in having the support of the residents.

Trustee McGann stated that the concern with the plan had been the height of the plants and that still hasn't been addressed. She said that now there is an opportunity to do something environmentally wonderful and at the same time maintain the view for the public. She suggested that the Village's consultants could design a plan that is equally as beneficial to the Lake but still allows the residents and visitors to have a view of it. Trustee McGann stated that the Village should have maintained the area and kept the phragmites cut down so the view was always maintained.

Mayor Irving asked that each of the Board members look at the details of the proposed planting and the material that has been suggested.

Trustee Allan said that she had come 180 degrees from her original thoughts on the project and feels it is more important to protect the Lake. She also noted that this plan would remove the concrete in the area by where the phragmites are. She stated that she like the plan and had heard from a third party – Tony Piazza of Piazza Horticulture – and he was in favor of the plan.

Mayor Irving said the Board needed to review the plan and get comfortable with it before they voted. He stated that if approved the group would embark on the plan right away.

Mr. Kratoville stated that Village Attorney Bruyn had to review it and make sure that all procurement rules were being adhered to as it's Village property.

2nd PUBLIC COMMENT: NONE

MOTION TO ADJOURN:

Mayor Irving made a Motion to adjourn to Executive Session at 9:12PM for the purpose of discussing personnel matters involving Village employees. Trustee Hattrick seconded and a unanimous vote followed.

Trustee Hattrick made a motion to return to Public Session at 11:01PM; Trustee McGann seconded and a unanimous vote followed.

RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees approves the appointing of the following individuals as seasonal employees for the Police Department, starting May 15, 2019:

Part-Time/Seasonal Police Officers at \$26.00 Hourly

<i>Gregg Keghlian</i>	<i>Joshua Zaino</i>
<i>Matthew Stetler</i>	<i>Heather Fricchione</i>
<i>Thomas Cummings Jr.</i>	<i>Brandon Dubrow</i>
<i>Valin Gates</i>	<i>Keri Goree</i>

Part-Time Court Officer at \$26.00 Hourly

George T. Ronan

Part-Time Traffic Control Specialist at \$16.00 Hourly

<i>Darren Hagenbruch</i>	<i>Joseph Riccardi</i>
<i>Rovitt Morales</i>	<i>Kurt Grodski</i>
<i>Devin Holzman</i>	<i>Robert Murphy</i>
<i>Victor Esposito</i>	<i>Kyle Kochanskyj</i>
<i>Dakoda Smith</i>	

On the motion of Mayor Irving and seconded by Trustee McGann, the resolution was unanimously approved.

RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees approves the appointing of Matthew Weeks as Beach Manager for the 2019 Season (May 25 – Sept. 3) at a salary of \$21,000.00.

On the motion of Trustee Allan and seconded by Trustee Hattrick, the resolution was unanimously approved.

MOTION TO ADJOURN:

Mayor Irving made a motion to adjourn the Public Meeting; Trustee Hattrick seconded the motion and a unanimous vote followed. The meeting adjourned at 11:10PM.