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BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING - MINUTES

July 25, 2023 - 6:00 PM

Call to Order:

Start Meeting Time: 6:03 PM

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, Asst. to the Mayor, Barbara Sakovich & 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. Monthly Treasurer Report ~ Presented by Charlene Kagel-Betts, CPA ~ Village Administrator/Treasurer
2. Cooper's Beach Safety Update ~ Trustee Brown

Public Hearing:

1. Local Law XX-2023, the proposal to amend Southampton Village Code Section 110-43

Motion to Open the Public Hearing 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

Motion to Close the Public Hearing 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. Proposed 2023-2024 Capital Budget

Motion to Open the Public Hearing 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

Motion to Close the Public Hearing 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

Communications to the Board:

1. Correspondence from Bimla Picot
2. Correspondence from Oz Pearlman

Discussion Items:

Mayoral Appointments:

1. Mayor Manger respectfully requests a motion to approve the following Committee and Department designations for a term ending on June 30, 2024:

COMMITTEE LIAISONS

Budget and Finance - Trustee Gina Arresta and Trustee Leonard Zinnanti (added Trustee Zinnanti)
Sewer District Task Force - Mayor William Manger and Trustee Leonard Zinnanti (replaced Trustee Roy Stevenson)

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 member to the respective Committee:

BUSINESS REVITALIZATION COMMITTEE

Eldon Scott

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

3. RESOLVED, the Mayor appoints and requests a motion for the Board of Trustees to approve SARAH ELLEN SIMPSON be appointed to the position of Village Attorney, pursuant to Village Code Section 3-3 at an annual salary of \$155,000, with an effective date of appointment of August 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

4. RESOLVED, Mayor Manger requests and the Board of Trustees approves an extension of the term of appointment of Bee Ready Fishbein Hatter & Donovan, LLP as Village Attorney through August 7, 2023.

Motion to 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, Mayor Manger appoints and requests a motion for the Board of Trustees to approve Bee Ready Fishbein Hatter & Donovan, LLP as special counsel effective, August 8, 2023 for a period of 30 days.

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

6. RESOLVED, Mayor Manger appoints and requests a motion for the Board of Trustees to approve MICHAEL CAUSE to be appointed to the position of Tree Trimmer I of the Highway Department, at a salary of \$66,144.15, effective Friday, July 28, 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 July 25, 2023 totaling \$640,543.91 (Warrant #A-5 - General Fund), \$3,840.00 (Warrant #H-2 - Capital Fund) and \$4,725.00 (Warrant #A-6 - Payables 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) approves Local Law XX-2023, the proposal to amend Southampton Village Code Section 110-43.

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, the Board of Trustees (Board) of the Incorporated Village of Southampton (Village) hereby adopts the Preliminary 2023-2024 Capital Budget, as amended by the attached changes, as the Adopted 2023-2024 Capital Budget.

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, 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, August 10, 2023 @ 6:00pm as a Hybrid In-Person/ZOOM Meeting regarding Local Law XX-2023, the proposal to amend Chapter 116, Zoning, specifically, Sections 116-9A(3), 116-9(A)(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

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, August 10, 2023 @ 6:00pm as a Hybrid In-Person/ZOOM Meeting regarding Local Law XX-2023, the proposal to amend Chapters 58 (“Fire Prevention Board”) and 80 (“Park and Beach Regulations”), specifically, Sections 58-3(A)(40), 58-3(O), and 80-13.

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

6. RESOLVED, the Board of Trustees approves the proposal submitted by Aecom for the task of work associated with the Lake Agawam Algae Skimmer Project. Work to be done includes surveys, design and permitting. The total cost is \$172,778.00 to be paid from Water Quality Capital Reserve or reimbursed by grant funding sources.

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 proposal submitted by LKMA - L.K. McLean Associates, P.C. regarding Engineering and Construction Costs for Drainage Improvements at the SVPD Headquarters. This proposal cost is \$6,800, funded by A.3120.44 - Police - Contractual Services.

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

8. RESOLVED, the Board of Trustees accepts the resignation of Police Officer Edward Reid, effective August 1, 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

9. RESOLVED, the Board of Trustees approves a rate increase for part-time Village Prosecutor Richard Fernan, Esq., to \$205 per hour, effective July 14, 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

10. RESOLVED, the Board of Trustees approves a rate increase for Court Reporters to \$350 per session, effective July 26, 2023.

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

11. RESOLVED, the Board of Trustees approves the Annual SouthamptonFest to be held Friday, October 6, 2023 - Sunday, October 8, 2023 is AMENDED as:
RESOLVED, the Board of Trustees approves the Annual SouthamptonFest to be held Friday, September 29, 2023 - Sunday, October 1, 2023.

Motion to Approve (Aye) was initiated by Robin Brown 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 approves the "save the date" for the Southampton Artists Association to host its 22nd Annual Outdoor Art in the Park Event in Agawam Park during the weekend of July 20, 2024 - July 21, 2024 from 8:00am - 7:00pm, to include the set-up date of Friday, July 19, 2024 from 4:00pm - 7:00pm. DPW and Building Maintenance will be notified to ensure the sprinkler system is deactivated during the event.

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

13. RESOLVED, the Board of Trustees approves the "save the date" for The Ellen Hermanson Foundation to host its 29th Annual Ellen's Run on August 18, 2024 from 6:00am - 11:00am, to start and finish at the Southampton Intermediate School.

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

14. 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, August 10, 2023 @ 6:00pm as a Hybrid In-Person/ZOOM Meeting regarding Local Law XX-2023, the proposal to amend Chapter 110-37, more specifically known as Schedule F, Stop Intersections.

Comments from Board Members:

Trustee Arresta ~ Welcomed Michael Cause on board. Thanked Charlene and Julie for their hard work on the capital budget. Ideally, the operating budget and the capital budget should be adopted at the same time. This year it was delayed, but hopefully next year we will adopt them at the same time. All the department heads were involved and, of course, Len Zinnanti, as Chair of the budget and Finance Committee, was a big help. Mentioned that as a result of the big storm recently, the DPW has to focus on some drainage problems throughout the village. They are also finishing up on a new sidewalk by the train station and are busy maintaining the lawn cutting, the flower beds and all of the beaches.

Trustee Brown ~ Thanked the team at Coopers for being so diligent and keeping things safe. Thanked the Police Department, partnering with a team of our Lifeguards at the beach along with Ocean Rescue for a safety meeting with the Chief and various agencies. Thanked the Fire Department for donating a safety vehicle to Coopers. Also, it was mentioned that over the weekend young people were learning to be junior Lifeguards, and there appeared to be a really great turnout. Thanked the team for teaching our young people to be safe. A special shout out was given to the Seasoned Citizen Society. They had their first outing to hear some Jazz and a meeting to discuss future events.

Trustee Stevenson - Welcomed the new Village Attorney. He mentioned that the Mayor was enthusiastic about hiring her as he wanted the help to work on the code amendments that are necessary to ensure that the Master Plan that he was instrumental in drafting has the code enforcement to make it a reality. Thanked Andrew Preston for his council and guidance over the last couple years, to the village during a difficult and contentious period.

Trustee Zinnanti ~ He is very proud and happy to have chaired the Budget and Finance Committee and worked with Charlene and her staff, helping to create the assumptions that help create the operating budget surplus and that fiscal accountability for the village tax payers. Thanked the Mayor for assigning him to be liaison to the budget and finance committee as well as the sewer district task force. He noted that the capital budget which was delayed has now been adopted with a sound fiscal foundation. It was also mentioned that the hiring of full time in house council was a budget and finance recommendation to help contain legal costs, allow more flexibility and legal questions from the Board of Trustees. These prudent measures to control expenses will directly and favorably benefit the village residents.

Mayor Manger ~ Introduced the new Mayor's assistant, Barbara Sakovich. Spoke about the recent rain storm, and how the Police Headquarters was flooded. He mentioned that the DPW team did a great job lowering the water level and making sure the police vehicles were moved to avoid significant damage to them. Mayor

Manger read a list from Second Assistant Chief Rick Fowler regarding a total of 32 calls they responded to during the storm. This included 13 residential flooding conditions with electrical hazards, 12 vehicles that were trapped, many with occupants that needed rescue, including two dogs. 3 automatic fire alarms, 2 gas land carbon monoxide leaks, and a barbeque grill fire and a traffic assist. A command post was set up at the Hampton Rd Fire House to help Dispatch coordinate the calls coming in. Rick concluded by stating that we have an amazing department and the volunteers that showed up deserve all the credit for executing a successful operation. Mayor Manger also added his gratitude for what they did to protect the village. He also thanked Andrew Preston for all he did as the village attorney. All of his efforts were appreciated and the board all enjoyed working with him.

Motion to Adjourn to Executive Session

Motion to Adjourn to Executive 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: 7:43PM

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: 8:55 PM

Resolutions, if any:

No Resolutions Added.

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: 8:55 PM