

MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING HELD ON FEBRUARY 26, 2020 AT 1180 AVENUE OF THE AMERICAS, 8TH FLOOR, NEW YORK, WITH REMOTE OBSERVATION VIA AN AUDIO/VIDEO CONNECTION TO THE INTERNET.

Mayor Zaccaro called the Public Hearing and Board of Trustees meeting to order at 5:00 p.m. at 1180 Avenue of the Americas, New York, and the following were in attendance:

John A. Zaccaro Jr, Mayor
Hillary Richard, Deputy Mayor
Frank Wolf, Trustee
Hugh O'Brien, Trustee
Nat Oppenheimer, Trustee
Scott Rosenblum, Counselor to the Board
Joseph W. Prokop, Village Attorney
Mario Posillico, Administrator & Clerk
Donna Lyudmer, Village Treasurer
Meagan Leppicello, Deputy Village Clerk Treasurer (via video conference)
And 0 other attendees
And 0 attendees observed through internet connection

ADJOURN INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION

Trustee O'Brien made a motion at 5:00 p.m. that the Board adjourn into Executive Session to discuss information relating to current and future investigation and/or prosecution of offenses in the Village, litigation strategy in pending or future litigation, and personnel matters as described in Public Officers Law Section 105(f). The motion was seconded by Trustee Wolf and on call it was approved according to the following vote:

Motion: Trustee O'Brien
Seconded: Trustee Wolf
In Favor: Trustee Wolf, Trustee O'Brien, Trustee Richard, Trustee Oppenheimer
Abstain: None
Against: None

Trustee Oppenheimer recused himself from Executive Session from 5:53 pm to 5:58 pm

RE-ADJOURNMENT INTO PUBLIC SESSION

Trustee Oppenheimer made a motion to re-adjourn into public session at 5:59 p.m. The motion was seconded by Trustee O'Brien and on call it was approved according to the following vote:

Motion: Trustee Oppenheimer
Seconded: Trustee O'Brien
In Favor: Trustee Wolf, Trustee O'Brien, Trustee Richard, Trustee Oppenheimer
Abstain: None
Against: None

Mayor Zaccaro called the Public Hearing and Board of Trustees meeting back to order at 1180 Avenue of the Americas, New York at 6:03 p.m. and the following were in attendance:

John A. Zaccaro Jr, Mayor

Hillary Richard, Deputy Mayor
Frank Wolf, Trustee
Hugh O'Brien, Trustee
Nat Oppenheimer, Trustee
Scott Rosenblum, Counselor to the Board
Joseph W. Prokop, Village Attorney
Mario Posillico, Administrator & Clerk
Donna Lyudmer, Village Treasurer
And 13 other attendees
And 13 attendees observed through internet connection

PUBLIC HEARING: LOCAL LAW #1 OF 2020 – CHAPTER 48– TAX CAP WAIVER

Village Administrator Posillico stated that the purpose of the proposed local law is to allow the Village to opt out of the New York State-mandated maximum tax levy increase for local governments. New York State adopted legislation that limited the annual increase in the tax levy that a local government can assess. In the case of Saltaire, that will likely be set just above 1% for the next fiscal year starting June 1, 2020. The Mayor stated that although the tentative budget is still being developed and it is unknown if a tax increase will be required, there were assessment improvements in the range of the tax cap, and therefore the adoption of this local law provides the flexibility for the Board to meet the budget requirements and any future unforeseen circumstances. Comments and questions were received from the members of the Board and those in attendance, and after all having a chance to be heard, Trustee Wolf made a motion to adjourn the public hearing at 6:11 p.m. The motion was seconded by Trustee Richard and on call the motion was carried according to the following vote:

Motion: Trustee Wolf
Seconded: Trustee Richard
In Favor: Trustee Wolf, Trustee O'Brien, Trustee Richard, Trustee Oppenheimer
Abstain: None
Against: None

The Trustees Meeting was called back into order by Mayor Zaccaro

ADOPTION OF LOCAL LAW #1 OF 2020 – CHAPTER 48: TAX CAP WAIVER

Trustee Richard made a motion to adopt the proposed revisions to various sections of §48 of the Village Code, in the form presented at the earlier public hearing, to be adopted as Local Law #1 of 2020. The motion was seconded by Trustee Oppenheimer and the motion was carried according to the following vote:

Motion: Trustee Richard
Seconded: Trustee Oppenheimer
In Favor: Trustee Wolf, Trustee O'Brien, Trustee Richard, Trustee Oppenheimer
Abstain: None
Against: None

CAPITAL PROJECT OVERVIEW

Mayor Zaccaro provided a brief overview and status report of the following capital projects:

- Beach Condition/Status: Mayor Zaccaro stated that many south-shore Long Island beaches, including Fire Island in general and Saltaire specifically, suffered severe beach erosion due to off-season storm activity. Suffolk County has requested emergency fill replacement under the FIMI emergency project, but with the national scarcity of dredges and those working on Fire Island being moved to Florida, projects with approved contracts are having trouble getting completed. He stated that the Village continues to stay engaged with the FIMI project to push the removal of the Ocean Beach jetties, and with FIMP to push the Clam Pond Cove project.
- Lighthouse Promenade: Mayor Zaccaro stated that despite the contractor's progress being hampered by numerous beach-closures due to erosion, both the water main and boardwalk are complete to Atlantic Walk. The contractor will begin the next section to Surf Walk in March, and depending upon their production, they will either stop at Surf Walk for the season or continue on to completion before the start of the summer.
- Proposed Pennant Walk South of Bay Prom: Village Administrator Posillico reported that the Village continues to confer with the DEC regarding options to meet their requirements of having a 50% clear opening in the decking, which would allow for a smaller offset mitigation for the disturbance to the wetlands.
- 14 Bay Prom: As had been discussed at the previous meeting, Trustees O'Brien and Wolf presented an alternative to the previously-bid 14 Bay Prom design. The alternative plan consisted of placing the Court function in other existing buildings (either the Village Hall or Firehouse), and putting the other 3 functions (Public Safety, Medical Clinic, and Post Office) in a 14 Bay Prom building that would be less than 1,000 square feet, which would be accomplished either through a renovation of the existing building or the construction of a new building. Mayor Zaccaro thanked them for their presentation, and discussion ensued amongst the Board and the audience about the requirements and merits of a renovation as compared to new construction, as well as the bid-design as compared to a smaller footprint. Mayor Zaccaro stated that given the potential change in scope of the project being discussed, he felt it appropriate to bring the discussion to the larger audiences of the summer meetings and asked those with alternate concepts to continue to develop them in greater detail for presentation and discussion at those meetings.

AUTHORIZATION OF CAMP FEE INCREASE

Village Administrator Posillico stated that the public dissemination of the Camp registration forms precedes the adoption of the Village budget, and therefore it is necessary to approve the camp rates prior to budget adoption. He stated that, in light of the cost structure of the camp, there is a need to gradually increase fees, and he presented a fee schedule that increased rates to keep up with cost increases. He also recommended that the early registration and longer-stays discounts remain in effect for the benefit of all registrants. After discussion and all having a chance to be heard, Trustee O'Brien made a motion to authorize the camp fee schedule as recommended and presented by the Village Administrator for the 2020 Saltaire Camp. The motion was seconded by Trustee Richard, and the motion was carried according to the following vote:

Motion: Trustee O'Brien

Seconded: Trustee Richard

In Favor: Trustee Wolf, Trustee O'Brien, Trustee Richard, Trustee Oppenheimer

Abstain: None

Against: None

APPOINTMENT OF INSPECTORS OF ELECTION

Trustee Richard made a motion to appoint the following Saltaire residents as Inspectors of Election for the 2020 Saltaire election:

Nancy Henriksen	Chairperson
Liv Hempel	Inspector
Roseanne Larson	Inspector
Georgine Posillico	Inspector

The motion was seconded by Trustee Wolf, and on call it was approved according to the following vote:

Motion: Trustee Richard

Seconded: Trustee Wolf

In Favor: Trustee Wolf, Trustee O'Brien, Trustee Richard, Trustee Oppenheimer

Abstain: None

Against: None

RESOLUTION ACCEPTING THE SERVICES OF A NONMEMBER FIREFIGHTER WHO IS A MEMBER IN GOOD STANDING OF ANOTHER VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANY PURSUANT TO NEW YORK STATE GENERAL MUNICIPAL LAW §209i AND §25-17C OF THE SALTAIRE VILLAGE CODE

Trustee Wolf made the following motion:

WHEREAS the Saltaire Volunteer Fire Company services the territory of the Village of Saltaire with fire, EMS, and ambulance-rescue and related services by agreement with the Village of Saltaire and areas outside the Village of Saltaire by agreement with Suffolk County and other volunteer fire departments; and

WHEREAS §209i of the New York State General Municipal Law allows a volunteer firefighter who is in good standing in a volunteer fire department located outside of the Village of Saltaire and who is regularly in or near the Village of Saltaire or its protection districts, to offer their volunteer fire or EMS services to the Saltaire Volunteer Fire Company on an ongoing basis when that firefighter is in or near the Village of Saltaire or its protection districts; and

WHEREAS §26-17 of the Saltaire Village Code authorizes the Chief of the Saltaire Volunteer Fire Company to accept the services of nonmember volunteer firefighters who are in or near the Village on an ongoing basis; and

WHEREAS Chief Josh Raeben has accepted the volunteer services of Karen Spollen and Grady O'Halleran, nonmembers of the Saltaire Volunteer Fire Company who are members in good standing of another volunteer fire company located outside of the Village of Saltaire; it is hereby

RESOLVED that the Board of Trustees of the Village of Saltaire hereby authorizes and accepts the volunteer services of Karen Spollen and Grady O'Halleran to provide fire and EMS ambulance and rescue services for which they are qualified, as long as they continue as members in good standing of another volunteer fire company and while the Chief of the Saltaire Volunteer Fire Company shall continue to accept those services, and to verify that they will be indemnified and have all the protections as a full member of the Saltaire Volunteer Fire Company whenever training for or responding to an emergency.

The motion was seconded by Trustee Richard, and on call it was approved according to the following vote:

Motion: Trustee Wolf
Seconded: Trustee Richard
In Favor: Trustee Wolf, Trustee O'Brien, Trustee Richard, Trustee Oppenheimer
Abstain: None
Against: None

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Draft copies of the minutes of the meeting of January 22, 2020 had previously been presented to the Board and posted in draft form on the Village website. Following discussion, Trustee Oppenheimer made a motion to adopt the minutes as presented with minor non-substantive corrections. The motion was seconded by Trustee O'Brien and on call it was carried according to the following action:

Motion: Trustee Oppenheimer
Seconded: Trustee O'Brien
In Favor: Trustee Wolf, Trustee O'Brien, Trustee Richard, Trustee Oppenheimer
Abstain: None
Against: None

14 BAY PROMENADE PROPOSED NEW BUILDING

Mayor Zaccaro stated that given the recent discussions about potential design changes that will be discussed with the public over the course of the summer, as well as the continued value-engineering work ongoing with the existing design, the bids received on December 2, 2019 will no longer be valid or relevant by the time that a final design decision is made, and that therefore the bids for all four phases of the project should be rejected and bid securities returned.

After discussion, and all having a chance to be heard, Trustee Richard made a motion to authorize the Village Administrator to reject all bids for 14 Bay Promenade that were opened on December 2, 2020.

The motion was seconded by Trustee Wolf, and the motion was carried according to the following action:

Motion: Trustee Richard
Seconded: Trustee Wolf
In Favor: Trustee Wolf, Trustee O'Brien, Trustee Richard, Trustee Oppenheimer
Abstain: None
Against: None

CARTAGE CONTRACT UPDATE & REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS

Mayor Zaccaro stated that despite the Board's authorization to extend Wetherall Carting's contract until December 31, 2020, Barry Wetherall has informed the Board that due to personal reasons he will not be able to accept the full extension as he originally indicated, and that he will only be able to provide cartage services through April 30, 2020. Mayor Zaccaro stated that he respects Mr. Wetherall's decision and thanked him for his half-century of high-quality and reliable service. He stated that the Board will plan a more village-wide thank you and farewell to Barry over the summer, but more urgently the Board must very quickly address how the Village will fill the void created by Mr. Wetherall's earlier-than-anticipated departure.

The Village Attorney stated that in light of the fact that Wetherall Carting will cease concession operations on-or-about April 30, 2020 the Board will need to conduct a Request for Proposal process to find a new concessionaire. After discussion and all having a chance to be heard, Trustee Oppenheimer made a motion to authorize the Village Administrator to solicit proposals as soon as practical for Cartage Concession services pursuant to a Request for Proposal process that substantially reflects the requirements of the current concession contract, subject to final review of the Village Attorney before publication.

The motion was seconded by Trustee O'Brien and on call it was approved according to the following vote:

Motion: Trustee Oppenheimer

Seconded: Trustee O'Brien

In Favor: Trustee Wolf, Trustee O'Brien, Trustee Richard, Trustee Oppenheimer

Abstain: None

Against: None

PRESENTATION OF 2020/21 TENTATIVE BUDGET

The Village Administrator and Village Treasurer presented the 2020/2021 Tentative Budget to the Board of Trustees. Those in attendance were advised that the Board would present the 2020/21 budget in more detail at a public hearing to be held at the Board Meeting scheduled for March 26, 2020.

ABSTRACT AUDIT

Mayor Zaccaro stated that the following Abstracts, having been distributed to all in attendance and posted on the Village website, were presented for approval by the Village Administrator and the Village Treasurer:

Capital Fund Checking No. 8B in the amount of	\$106,135.49
General Fund Checking No. 9A in the amount of	\$288,887.05
Capital Fund Checking No. 9A in the amount of	\$199,831.92

After discussion and opportunity for questions, Trustee Oppenheimer made a motion that the above-listed abstracts be approved as presented and that the Mayor be authorized to execute the warrants. The motion was seconded by Trustee O'Brien, and on call it carried according to the following vote:

Motion: Trustee Oppenheimer

Seconded: Trustee O'Brien

In Favor: Trustee Wolf, Trustee O'Brien, Trustee Richard, Trustee Oppenheimer

Abstain: None

Against: None

CLOSE OF MEETING AND SCHEDULE OF NEXT MEETING(S)

After all having had a chance to be heard, and there being no further business before the Board, Trustee O'Brien made a motion at 9:30 p.m. to close the meeting and to hold the next Board of Trustees meetings according to the following schedule:

- 5:00 p.m. on March 11, 2020, at 32 Old Slip, 10th Floor, New York (Budget Workshop)
- 5:00 p.m. on March 26, 2020, at 1180 Avenue of the Americas, 8th Floor, New York
- 5:00 p.m. on April 30, 2020, at 1180 Avenue of the Americas, 8th Floor, New York

The motion was seconded by Trustee Richard and on call it was approved according to the following vote:

Motion: Trustee O'Brien

Seconded: Trustee Richard

In Favor: Trustee Wolf, Trustee O'Brien, Trustee Oppenheimer

Abstain: None

Against: None