

MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING OF JULY 25, 2020 HELD WITHOUT A PUBLIC MEETING SPACE DUE TO THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC AND PURSUANT TO THE GUIDANCE OF GOVERNOR CUOMO'S EXECUTIVE ORDER TO ALLOW PUBLIC HEARINGS AND MEETINGS TO BE CONDUCTED EXCLUSIVELY VIA VIDEO AND/OR TELECONFERENCE, WHICH WAS ACHIEVED FOR THIS MEETING WITH REMOTE ATTENDANCE, PARTICIPATION AND OBSERVATION VIA AN AUDIO/VIDEO CONNECTION TO THE INTERNET, AND TRANSCRIPTION.

Mayor Zaccaro called the Board of Trustees meeting to order at 9:00 a.m., and the following were in attendance via video or phone connection:

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 0 attendees observed through internet connection

ADJOURN INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION

Trustee Richard made a motion at 9:01 a.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 Richard
Seconded: Trustee Wolf
In Favor: Trustee Wolf, Trustee O'Brien, Trustee Richard, Trustee Oppenheimer
Abstain: None
Against: None

Meagan Leppicello, Deputy Village Clerk Treasurer arrived remotely into Executive Session at 9:01 a.m.

RE-ADJOURNMENT INTO PUBLIC SESSION

Trustee Wolf made a motion to re-adjourn into public session at 9:56 a.m. The motion was seconded by Trustee O'Brien and on call it was approved according to the following vote:

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

Mayor Zaccaro called the meeting to order at 10:03 am 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
And 35 attendees observed through internet connection

COVID UPDATE BY MAYOR ZACCARO

Mayor Zaccaro provided a status report on the current state of preparedness of the Village Administration to manage the full summer level of population in the Village, as well as a department-by-department overview of the planning process to create standard operating procedures for both employee safety and provision of resident services, and that overview was supported by the respective Trustees in charge of those areas. He stated that the Board authorized an outside contractor to provide fogging and sanitizing of public buildings and commonly used exterior locations. He mentioned that in coordination with the MAC and the COVID Safety Officer, the Board has been working on a Decision Matrix for how to react to symptoms and positive test results for staff, officials and residents, including quarantine requirements and contact tracing.

Mayor Zaccaro followed by stating that most health officials agree that the two most important COVID 19 mitigation measures are public use of face coverings and restricted social gatherings; and to the latter point, Suffolk County Police Department has issued a warning that it will be looking for and issuing criminal violation notices for large gatherings at both commercial establishments and private residences on Fire Island. Mayor Zaccaro urged all Saltaire residents to not host or attend large private gatherings in Saltaire or in any of the other communities, and stressed diligence and patience so the entire community can be as safe as possible. He then reported that he and others in the Village Administration would be meeting with the Ferry Company to address the number of ferry options and passenger loads on boats departing from and arriving to Saltaire.

Lastly, Mayor Zaccaro led a discussion about the Saltaire Softball League's request to restart official league play beginning at the end of July through a championship game on Labor Day weekend. Representatives of the softball league were present and discussed their proposal including the safety measures they would employ for screening, monitoring and play. Members of the Medical Advisory Committee were also present and provided background for the discussion in terms of the size and demographics of the player pool. After all having a chance to be heard, Mayor Zaccaro stated that he would continue to work with the league in hopes that together they can come up with a plan that all can agree establishes a satisfactory baseline of safety as well as competitive fairness within the parameters of the history of the league.

OPENING OF THE SALTAIRE PLAYGROUND

Mayor Zaccaro stated that heretofore, and in the interest of maximum safety, the Board has only opened the swing set for public use in the playground area because of the multiple touchable surfaces

on the jungle gym that would be impossible to disinfect after every use. He further stated that recent health guidance has found that fomite contact is much less of a transfer risk than originally thought and that exterior surfaces and areas are less risky than interior surfaces and areas, and that many parents have contacted the Board to open the jungle gym to allow parents who are comfortable with that risk be allowed to use the equipment.

After discussion, and all having a chance to be heard, Trustee O'Brien made the following motion:

WHEREAS heretofore, the Board in the interest of public safety, had closed the jungle gym in the Saltaire playground area because of the multiple touchable services that would be impossible to disinfect after every use; and

WHEREAS, recent health guidance has found that fomite contact is much less of a transfer risk than originally thought and that exterior surfaces and areas are less risky than interior surfaces and areas, and that many parents have contacted the Board to open the jungle gym to allow parents who are comfortable with that risk be allowed to use the equipment; and

WHEREAS, New York State has authorized local governments to open playgrounds at their discretion; therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the jungle gym be opened for public use under the conditions of the Standard Operating Guidelines (SOGs) that had been previously distributed, and only after the underside of the equipment is closed off and the approved signage has been posted outlining the SOGs and the waiver and assumption of risk by the user.

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

AUTHORIZATION TO EXTEND THE SEASONAL OPERATION OF THE POST OFFICE

Mayor Zaccaro stated the Board has been discussing the off-season operations of Village services in the event that a larger percentage than usual of the summer population decide to reside in Saltaire longer than normal into the off-season. Discussion ensued about how each department would be impacted, and there was a consensus to monitor the population trends as the off-season approached and to react accordingly when there was great clarity. Trustee Wolf stated that the Post Office was one service that would need a longer planning timeframe in that the Village would need to get approval from the United States Postal Service to extend the season. After discussion about the parameters of the extended operation, Trustee O'Brien made a motion to authorize the Village Administrator to make a formal request of the United States Postal Service to extend the operation of the Saltaire Post Office through September 30, 2020, and if approved, to be authorized to spend up to \$5,000 in additional salary to properly staff the Saltaire Post Office for the extended period.

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

APPROVAL OF PERMIT TO FILM ON VILLAGE PROPERTY

Village Administrator Posillico stated that Fire Island Ferries has requested permission to utilize the Saltaire Marina in Bay Shore to film a segment of a documentary about ferries. After discussion and all having a chance to be heard, Trustee O'Brien made a motion to authorize the Village Administrator to issue a filming permit to Fire Island Ferries or the production company for the purposes of filming a documentary at the Saltaire Terminal during the month of September 2020 pursuant to the requirements of Village Code Section 38-21.

The motion was seconded by Trustee Oppenheimer, and the motion was carried 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

AUTHORIZATION FOR PUBLIC HEARING ON LOCAL LAW TO REGULATE ELECTRIC BICYCLES

Mayor Zaccaro stated that there has been a noticeable proliferation of electric bikes within the Village of Saltaire, and that their presence and use particularly during the summer season pose a danger to the quiet enjoyment of the village walkways by residents and guests. Village Attorney Prokop had previously distributed a draft local law for review by the Board, and Mayor Zaccaro asked all Trustees to submit their comments to the Village Attorney for further editing. After discussion, and all having a chance to be heard, Trustee O'Brien made a motion to hold a public hearing scheduled for the same date as the next scheduled Board of Trustees meeting to consider an amendment of Chapter 10 of the Village Code to regulate electric bikes.

The motion was seconded by Trustee Wolf, and the motion was carried 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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Draft copies of the minutes of the meeting of June 27, 2020 had previously been presented to the Board and posted in draft form on the Village website. Following discussion, Trustee Richard made a motion to adopt the minutes as presented with minor non-substantive corrections. The motion was seconded by Trustee Oppenheimer and on call it was carried according to the following action:

Motion: Trustee Richard

Seconded: Trustee Oppenheimer

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

Abstain: None

Against: None

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:

General Fund Checking No. 2A in the amount of \$226,452.32

After discussion and opportunity for questions, Trustee Wolf 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 Wolf

Seconded: Trustee O'Brien

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

Abstain: None

Against: None

ADJOURN INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION

Trustee Wolf made a motion 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, personnel matters as described in Public Officers Law Section 105(f), and the purchase or sale of real property. The motion was seconded by Trustee O'Brien and on call it was approved at 12:39 p.m. according to the following vote:

Motion: Trustee Wolf

Seconded: Trustee O'Brien

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

Abstain: None

Against: None

Trustee Richard and Village Treasurer Lyudmer left the meeting before the end of Executive Session.

RE-ADJOURNMENT INTO PUBLIC SESSION

Trustee Oppenheimer made a motion to re-adjourn into public session at 1:10 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 Oppenheimer
Abstain: None
Against: None

The public meeting was called back into session by Mayor Zaccaro at 1:10 p.m. and the following were in attendance:

John A. Zaccaro Jr, 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
And 0 other attendees
And 0 attendees observed through internet connection

CLOSE OF MEETING

After all having had a chance to be heard and there being no further business before the Board, Trustee Oppenheimer made a motion to close the meeting and to hold the next Board of Trustees meeting according to the following schedule:

- To be determined by the Board at a later date
[Clerk's Note: The next Board Meeting was subsequently scheduled for August 22, 2020 at 9:00 a.m., without a central location and by remote connection only.]

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 Oppenheimer
Abstain: None
Against: None