

MINUTES OF THE PUBLIC HEARING AND BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING HELD ON APRIL 13, 2021 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, RECORDING AND TRANSCRIPTION.

Mayor Zaccaro called the Board of Trustees meeting to order at 5:00 p.m., and the following were in attendance via video or phone connection:

John A. Zaccaro Jr, Mayor
Frank Wolf, Trustee
Hugh O'Brien, Trustee
Nat Oppenheimer, Trustee
Alex Chefetz, Trustee
Joseph W. Prokop, Village Attorney
Mario Posillico, Administrator & Clerk
Donna Lyudmer, Village Treasurer
Meagan Leppicello, Deputy Village Clerk/Treasurer
And 0 attendees observed through internet connection

ADJOURN INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION

Trustee O'Brien made a motion at 5:01 p.m. that the Board adjourn into Executive Session to discuss information relating to litigation strategy in pending or future litigation. 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 Oppenheimer, Trustee Chefetz

Abstain: None

Against: None

Counselor to the Board Scott Rosenblum joined the Executive Session at 5:01 p.m.

RE-ADJOURNMENT INTO PUBLIC SESSION

Trustee Oppenheimer made a motion at 5:40 p.m. to close the Executive Session and to re-adjourn into public session at 6:00 p.m. The motion was seconded by Trustee Chefetz and on call it was approved according to the following vote:

Motion: Trustee Oppenheimer

Seconded: Trustee Chefetz

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

Abstain: None

Against: None

Mayor Zaccaro called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. and the following were in attendance:

John A. Zaccaro Jr, Mayor
Frank Wolf, Trustee
Hugh O'Brien, Trustee
Nat Oppenheimer, Trustee
Alex Chefetz, Trustee
Joseph W. Prokop, Village Attorney
Mario Posillico, Administrator & Clerk
Donna Lyudmer, Village Treasurer
Meagan Leppicello, Deputy Village Clerk/Treasurer
And up to approximately 49 attendees observed through internet connection

PUBLIC HEARING OF THE 2020/21 TENTATIVE BUDGET

The most recent version 2021/22 tentative budget had been posted and available for viewing or download on the Village website. Village Administrator Posillico provided an overview of the projected results of the 2020/21 fiscal year, and stated that the General Reserves, inclusive of all operational deficits and all unfunded capital project expenditures, are projected to stand at approximately \$2,450,000 at the conclusion of the fiscal year on May 31, 2021. He then provided an overview of the 2021/22 tentative budget, which as presented carried a 0% tax rate increase and was projected to result in a budget deficit of approximately \$51,000 to be funded from reserves. Village Administrator Posillico then further detailed some areas of the budgeted revenues and appropriations, and after further discussion amongst the members of the Board and those in attendance, and after all having had a chance to be heard, Trustee Wolf made a motion at 6:50 p.m. to close the Public Hearing on the 2021/22 tentative budget. The motion was seconded by Trustee Oppenheimer, and the motion was carried according to the following vote:

Motion: Trustee Wolf

Seconded: Trustee Oppenheimer

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

Abstain: None

Against: None

The Board of Trustees Meeting was called back into order by Mayor Zaccaro at 6:51 p.m.

CONSIDERATION AND ADOPTION OF 2021/22 BUDGET

Discussion ensued about minor changes being considered for inclusion in the adopted budget, including the addition of \$2,650 for required employee training, and to include the contractual fee for the Saltaire Camp's use of the Saltaire Yacht Club big room with an equivalent offset in Camp revenues justified by not having to cancel any programming due to inclement weather, thereby avoiding refunds. Discussion also ensued about including a tax increase in the range of 2% to essentially eliminate the projected deficit and to adopt a balanced budget. After discussion, and all having a chance to be heard, Trustee Oppenheimer made the following motion:

WHEREAS, the tentative budget for the fiscal year 2021-2022 has been duly presented to the Board by the Village Administrator, and a duly advertised public hearing has been held thereon, and

WHEREAS, the final assessment role for the Village of Saltaire for the fiscal year 2021-2022 has been duly filed with the Village Clerk,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, pursuant to the Village Law §5-508(4), that the said presented and modified tentative budget reflecting the modifications previously discussed and with a tax rate of \$57.30 per thousand of assessed value, be and hereby is adopted as the budget of the Village of Saltaire, New York, for the fiscal year 2021-2022, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, pursuant to §1420 of the Real Property Tax Law, that the Board of Trustees levy Real Estate Tax in the amount of \$2,462,260 against all properties listed in the 2021-2022 assessment roll of the Village of Saltaire, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Mayor be authorized to execute the Warrant for Collection of Taxes pursuant to §1246 of the Real Property Tax Law, and authorize the Village Treasurer to pay the annual salaries or pro-rated part thereof on a semi-monthly basis for the full-time employees of the Village of Saltaire as reflected in the budget, and to pay the seasonal and hourly employees to be hired and authorized by the Village Administrator to fill the needs anticipated and reflected in the budget on a semi-monthly basis.

The motion was seconded by Trustee O'Brien, and the motion was carried according to the following vote:

Motion: Trustee Oppenheimer

Seconded: Trustee O'Brien

In Favor: Mayor Zaccaro, Trustee O'Brien, Trustee Oppenheimer,

Against: Trustee Chefetz

Abstain: Trustee Wolf

COVID UPDATE

Mayor Zaccaro then provided a status report on the current statistics of the pandemic in New York State and Suffolk County, and outlined the Village's general planning for the upcoming summer season, trying to account for the level of COVID risk that currently exists while remaining flexible in the hope that the situation improves.

CAPITAL PROJECT UPDATE

Mayor Zaccaro reported on the status of the following capital projects:

- Reconstruction of Bayberry Walk: The Town of Islip recently completed the elevation and reconstruction of the interconnecting concrete walkway between Saltaire and Fair Harbor, which had long been a source of flooding and bike accidents.
- Gabion Baskets along Lighthouse Prom: The project to install stone-filled baskets along the shoulders of Lighthouse Prom to stabilize the walk against flooding and the shoulders against rutting is complete. The project will be fully funded by FEMA and this phase completes the 3-year Lighthouse Prom Reconstruction Project .
- The Fire Island Stabilization Project completed its third and final stage of the FIMI beach re-nourishment project this past off-season. This phase includes the relocation of the Ocean Beach Well, the completion of which is a precondition of the removal of the Ocean Beach jetties, which is the final component of the original FIMI project. Once this is completed, the littoral drift of sand will move uninterrupted from inlet to inlet and optimize the protective features of the entire west end of Fire Island.
- The larger and longer-term Fire Island to Montauk Point (FIMP) reformulation project is moving along and is now in the legal phase of execution of the necessary contractual

agreements amongst the many jurisdictions involved in the project. The Clam Pond Cove restoration project is included in the first phase of the FIMP, and the Village is an active participant to facilitate its commencement, possibly as soon as the 2021-22 off-season.

- Reconstruction of 14 Bay Prom: The Mayor stated that the project will be discussed at the next Board meeting in greater detail in order to adequately outline the options, challenges and opportunities for the recommencement of the project.

APPROVAL OF NEW MEMBERS OF THE SALTAIRE VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANY

Trustee Oppenheimer reported the Saltaire Volunteer Fire Company has notified the Village that it has accepted the following persons as of the respective dates into membership of the Fire Company.

Nick Breuning	5/9/2020
Anthony Smith	5/9/2020
Chris Posillico	8/8/2020
Jon Shepland	9/12/2020
Dale Dolan-Zalaznick	10/10/2020
Zack Elliot	10/10/2020
Maureen Tetleman	1/9/2021
Ali Beqaj	2/12/2021
Emma Beqaj	2/12/2021

Trustee Oppenheimer made a motion to approve the above slate of new members into the Saltaire Volunteer Fire Company. The motion was seconded by Trustee O'Brien, and the motion was carried according to the following vote:

Motion: Trustee Oppenheimer

Seconded: Trustee O'Brien

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

Abstain: None

Against: None

Trustee Oppenheimer thanked the leadership of the Fire Company for being so proactive and successful in adding new members to its ranks over the last few years.

SURPLUS EQUIPMENT

Administrator Posillico reported that the Saltaire Volunteer Fire Company has advised the Village that it has identified certain equipment as being surplus to its needs. He also stated that since the Village has no alternate uses for the equipment, or room to house it, that it is therefore also surplus to the Village's needs.

Trustee Wolf made a motion to adopt the following resolution:

WHEREAS, the Village of Saltaire owns and is in possession of the following equipment:

- Vehicle Mounted Low Band Radio Equipment

WHEREAS, the aforementioned equipment is surplus to the Village's municipal needs and the Village is desirous of selling property that is surplus to its needs;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Village hereby declares the aforementioned equipment no longer of use to the Village for municipal purposes and declared as surplus to the Village's municipal needs, and it is further;

RESOLVED that the Village Administrator is authorized to sell the surplus and may utilize any reasonable method to realize the fair-market value for the property, or to donate or otherwise dispose of any portion that cannot be sold in whole or in part.

The motion was seconded by Trustee O'Brien and the motion was carried according to the following:

Motion: Trustee Wolf

Seconded: Trustee O'Brien

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

Abstain: None

Against: None

CLOSE OUT OF VARIOUS CAPITAL PROJECTS

Trustee Chefetz made the following motion:

WHEREAS the Board of Trustees of the Village of Saltaire had created a capital project for a Village Hall Restoration Project and issued long-term bond obligations in the amount of \$944,888 and received federal grant awards of \$2,055,149.94 to fund part of the final cost-to-date of \$3,203,148.10, and to date used \$203,110.16 from general fund reserves to fund the balance of the capital project; and

WHEREAS the Board of Trustees of the Village of Saltaire had created a capital project for a Bay Promenade Water Main Upgrade Project and received federal grant awards of \$240,625.00 to fund part of the final cost-to-date of \$299,860.25, and to date used \$59,235.25 from general fund reserves to fund the balance of the capital project; therefore

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Trustees hereby closes out the Village Hall Restoration Project, and authorizes the necessary accounting entries be made to effect said closeout and to transfer \$203,110.16 from the General Fund to the Capital Fund to eliminate the capital fund balance deficit; and further

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Trustees hereby closes out the Bay Promenade Water Main Upgrade Project and authorizes the necessary accounting entries be made to effect said closeout and to transfer \$59,235.25 from the General Fund to the Capital Fund to eliminate the capital fund balance deficit.

The motion was seconded by Trustee O'Brien and the motion was carried according to the following:

Motion: Trustee Chefetz

Seconded: Trustee O'Brien

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

Abstain: None

Against: None

AUTHORIZATION TO INSTALL DUNE OVERPASS STAIRCASE

Village Administrator Posillico reported that he has notified and received no objection from Suffolk County regarding the Village's intent to install a staircase as an alternate route to the fully accessible ramp to the beach at Pacific Walk. He stated that since the overpass was part of the Army Corps' FIMI beach restoration project, Suffolk County as the local sponsor of the project has authority over the maintenance aspects of all components of the project. He further stated all of the adjacent homeowners have been notified numerous times and have not objected. He further stated that he estimates the material cost of the staircase should not exceed \$7,500.

After discussion and all having a chance to be heard. Trustee Chefetz made a motion to authorize the Village Administrator to pursue the completion of the installation of the staircase at the entrance of the beach at Pacific Walk for a total material cost not to exceed \$7,500, as soon as practical. The motion was seconded by Trustee Oppenheimer and on call it was approved according to the following vote:

Motion: Trustee Chefetz

Seconded: Trustee Oppenheimer

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

Abstain: None

Against: None

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Draft copies of the minutes of the Trustee meetings of February 25, 2021, March 11, 2021 and March 24, 2021 had previously been presented to the Board and posted in draft form on the Village website. Following discussion, Trustee O'Brien made a motion to adopt the minutes as presented with minor non-substantive corrections. The motion was seconded by Trustee Wolf and on call it was carried according to the following action:

Motion: Trustee O'Brien

Seconded: Trustee Wolf

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

Abstain: None

Against: None

AUDIT AND APPROVAL OF ABSTRACTS

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

General Fund Checking No. 10A in the amount of	\$204,845.16
General Fund Checking No. 11A in the amount of	\$94,466.32
Capital Fund Checking No. 10A in the amount of	\$85,383.60
General Fund Checking No. 11A in the amount of	\$12,779.55
Trust & Agency Checking No. 9A in the amount of	\$4,000.00

After discussion and opportunity for questions, Trustee Chefetz 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 Wolf, and on call it carried according to the following vote:

Motion: Trustee Chefetz

Seconded: Trustee Wolf

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

Abstain: None

Against: None

CLOSE OF MEETING

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 7:55 p.m. to close the meeting and to hold the next Board of Trustees meeting according to the following schedule:

- May 31, 2021 at 9:00 a.m., without a central location and by remote connection only.

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

Motion: Trustee O'Brien

Second: Trustee Wolf

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

Abstain: None

Against: None