

MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING HELD ON MAY 31, 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 9:00 a.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  
Scott Rosenblum, Counselor to the Board  
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 9:01 a.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 Oppenheimer and on call it was approved according to the following vote:

Motion: Trustee O'Brien

Seconded: Trustee Oppenheimer

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

Abstain: None

Against: None

Village Attorney Joseph Prokop joined the Executive Session at 9:02 a.m.

#### RE-ADJOURNMENT INTO PUBLIC SESSION

Trustee Wolf made a motion at 9:55 a.m. to close the Executive Session and to re-adjourn into public session at 10:00 a.m. The motion was seconded by Trustee Chefetz and on call it was approved according to the following vote:

Motion: Trustee Wolf

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 10:02 a.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  
Scott Rosenblum, Counselor to the Board  
Mario Posillico, Administrator & Clerk  
Donna Lyudmer, Village Treasurer  
Meagan Leppicello, Deputy Village Clerk/Treasurer  
And up to approximately 39 attendees observed through internet connection

#### MOMENT OF SILENCE

Mayor Zaccaro led those in attendance in a moment of silence in observance of Memorial Day for all of those service men and women who served in the military, especially those who have paid the ultimate sacrifice, as well those who are currently serving today in defense of and service to the United States and the freedoms that all citizens enjoy; and for the recently deceased residents of the Village of Saltaire. He also noted that Milton Pike, the oldest known resident of Saltaire, recently celebrated his 100<sup>th</sup> birthday. Mayor Zaccaro congratulated him on the milestone and wished him many more years of prosperity.

#### COVID UPDATE

Mayor Zaccaro provided the current statistics of the pandemic in New York State and Suffolk County. He stated that although the current state of the pandemic remain fluid throughout the world, there has been steady improvement with the local metrics in Suffolk County. There has been a general relaxation of gathering-limits and mask-wearing. He stated that the Board has approved a revised set of COVID guidelines and procedures that generally reflect the CDC and State guidelines for New York and urged all residents to follow the Saltaire guidelines for the protection of the most vulnerable in the community. Mayor Zaccaro thanked the members of the Board, the Medical Advisory Committee, Village staff and the many volunteers who contributed to the development and implementation of the evolving COVID guidelines over the past 18 months.

#### NOTIFICATION OF ELECTED OFFICIALS AND SWEARING INTO OFFICE

The Village Clerk announced the election results of the 2021 Village election and notified Hugh O'Brien and Nat Oppenheimer of their elections to the office of Trustee, each for a two-year term. Each was notified of the requirement of filing an oath of office with the Village Clerk within 30 days, and both did so in person immediately following the close of the meeting.

#### CAPITAL PROJECT UPDATE

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

- Gabion Baskets along Lighthouse Prom: Stone-filled baskets have been installed along the shoulders of Lighthouse Prom to stabilize the walk against flooding and the shoulders against rutting. The project will be fully funded by FEMA and this phase completes the 3-year Lighthouse Prom Reconstruction Project .
- Back-up Generator: The installation of a new back-up generator to power Well #2 in a power-outage emergency is complete. The project was fully funded by the Fire Island Reconstruction Program underwritten by the Governor's Office of Storm Recovery.

- Ball Field Shade Project: The shade over the bleachers will be installed in June, and Mayor Zaccaro thanked Trustee Oppenheimer for taking the lead on the project and the SCA for their generous contribution to fund a major portion of its cost.
- Reconstruction of 14 Bay Prom: Mayor Zaccaro presented a brief history of the development of the design plans that were ultimately bid out in December of 2019. Those plans came back with a total bid cost of approximately \$2,100,000. Mayor Zaccaro further stated that there are opportunities to lower the cost of the project as designed through a value engineering process to identify more cost-efficient methods and materials. Trustee Oppenheimer then presented an alternative design for consideration, a primary design feature of which provided for exterior entrances to all building uses as opposed to the interior entrances of the bid-design. Discussion ensued first amongst the Board members and then the public about the relative merits of both designs, as well as the impact on costs due to the current hyperinflated state of the building material and labor markets, and the relative benefits and risks of commencing construction of the project this upcoming off-season as opposed to a later date.

**AUTHORIZATION TO EXECUTE A CONTRACT WITH THE SALTAIRE VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANY AND THE KISMET FIRE DISTRICT FOR RESCUE PROTECTION SERVICES**

Trustee O'Brien made the following motion:

WHEREAS, the Village of Saltaire and the Saltaire Volunteer Fire Company have a current contract with the Kismet Fire District for the provision of rescue protection services; and

WHEREAS, all parties are desirous of amending the contract for a certain term and for a certain increased fee; and

WHEREAS, all Board members have received the draft contract extension language,

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that, the Board of Trustees agrees to the draft contract presented at the meeting as the new contract with the Saltaire Volunteer Fire Company and the Kismet Fire District pursuant to the terms and conditions therein, and further

BE IT RESOLVED that, the Mayor of the Village of Saltaire is authorized to execute the proposed contract extension in consultation with the Village Attorney for final language approval, including such non-substantive contract revisions that he may deem necessary to execute the final contract.

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 Oppenheimer, Trustee Chefetz

Abstain: None

Against: None

**REASSESSMENT DISCUSSION**

Mayor Zaccaro stated that the full assessment roll of the Village of Saltaire with corresponding imputed full market valuation and Village tax amounts has been posted and made available to all residents through a link on the Village website. He stated that the last Village-wide reassessment was conducted in 1974, and that it may be time to consider another such reassessment to address any inequities that may exist within the current tax assessment roll. Discussion ensued first amongst the Board members and then the public about the possible methods of reassessment, as well as about the relative merits of undertaking such a process. Mayor Zaccaro stated that discussion and investigation into the options of reassessment would be ongoing until a decision is made whether to proceed to a reassessment or to remain at status quo.

#### SETTING THE DATE FOR THE ANNUAL ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING

Trustee O'Brien made the following motion:

WHEREAS the Mayor and Board of Trustees of the Incorporated Village of Saltaire are empowered to set the date of the 2021 organizational meeting of the Village of Saltaire;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the 2021 Organizational Meeting of the Village of Saltaire shall be held AT the next regularly schedule Board of Trustees Meeting.

[Clerk's Note; The Board subsequently set a meeting date of June 27, 2021 at 8:00 a.m., without a central location and by remote connection only.]

The motion was seconded by Trustee Chefetz and the motion was carried according to the following:

Motion: Trustee O'Brien

Seconded: Trustee Chefetz

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

Abstain: None

Against: None

#### UNDERTAKING RESOLUTION

Trustee Wolf made a motion that the Board of Trustees, confirming the long-standing practice of the Village of Saltaire regarding the filing requirements for elected officials, resolve that the newly elected officials of the Village of Saltaire shall not be required to file an undertaking as a requisite for assuming duly elected office.

The motion was seconded by Trustee Chefetz and the motion was carried according to the following:

Motion: Trustee Wolf

Seconded: Trustee Chefetz

In Favor: Trustee Wolf, Trustee Chefetz, Mayor Zaccaro

Abstain: Trustee O'Brien, Trustee Oppenheimer

Against: None

#### AUTHORIZATION TO EXECUTE A CONTRACT WITH THE SALTAIRE VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANY FOR THE PROVISION OF FIRE AND RESCUE SERVICES

Trustee Oppenheimer made the following motion:

WHEREAS, the Village of Saltaire and the Saltaire Volunteer Fire Company (SVFC) have a current contract for the provision of fire and rescue protection services within the SVFC's district(s) which expires June 30, 2021 and

WHEREAS, both parties are desirous of executing a new contract for a certain term and for a certain increased fee; and

WHEREAS, all Board members have received the draft contract extension language,

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Trustees agrees to the draft contract presented at the meeting for a new contract between the Saltaire Volunteer Fire Company and the Village of Saltaire pursuant to the terms and conditions therein, and further

BE IT RESOLVED that the Mayor of the Village of Saltaire is authorized to execute the proposed contract extension with the Saltaire Volunteer Fire Company, in consultation with the Village Attorney for final language approval, including such non-substantive contract revisions that he may deem necessary to execute the final contract.

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

Motion: Trustee Oppenheimer

Seconded: Trustee Wolf

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

Abstain: None

Against: None

#### ACCEPTANCE OF DONATION OF RADIOS

Trustee Oppenheimer made the following motion:

WHEREAS, the Mastic Beach Fire Company has surplus UHF radio equipment which it has offered to the Village of Saltaire as a donation for use by the Saltaire Lifeguard Department, and

WHEREAS, the Village of Saltaire has a need for the radio equipment, for the improvement of its Lifeguard operations,

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Trustees accepts the donation of radio equipment from the Mastic Beach 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

## APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Draft copies of the minutes of the Trustee meeting of April 13, 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 Chefetz and on call it was carried according to the following action:

Motion: Trustee O'Brien

Seconded: Trustee Chefetz

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. 11B in the amount of \$9,036.84

General Fund Checking No. 12A in the amount of \$89,773.43

Capital Fund Checking No. 12A in the amount of \$291,653.88

Trust & Agency Checking No. 12A in the amount of \$2,000.00

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 Oppenheimer, and on call it carried 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

## 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 at 12:55 p.m. to close the meeting and to hold the next Board of Trustees meeting according to the following schedule:

- To be determined subsequent to the close of the meeting  
[Clerk's Note; The Board subsequently set a meeting date of June 27, 2021 at 8:00 a.m., without a central location and by remote connection only.]

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

Motion: Trustee Oppenheimer

Second: Trustee Chefetz

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

Abstain: None

Against: None