

MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING HELD ON SEPTEMBER 14, 2023 AT 1180 SIXTH AVENUE, NEW YORK, NEW YORK, WITH A REMOTE ATTENDANCE OPTION VIA AN AUDIO/VIDEO CONNECTION TO THE INTERNET.

Deputy Mayor Wolf called the Board of Trustees meeting to order at 6:00 p.m., announced that due to an indisposition Mayor O'Brien was in attendance through a remote connection, and then turned the meeting over to Mayor O'Brien. The following were in attendance:

Hugh O'Brien, Mayor (Attending Remotely)  
Frank Wolf, Deputy Mayor, Trustee  
Nat Oppenheimer, Trustee  
Susan Skerritt, Trustee  
Anna Kovner, Trustee  
Joseph Prokop, Village Attorney  
Mario Posillico, Administrator & Clerk  
Donna Lyudmer, Village Treasurer  
And at times up to 0 persons attended in person and 2 other attendees observed through internet connection

**ADJOURN INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Trustee Wolf made a motion at 6:01 p.m. that the Board adjourn into Executive Session to discuss one or more of the following: 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). The motion was seconded by Trustee Oppenheimer and on call it was approved according to the following vote:

Motion: Trustee Wolf  
Seconded: Trustee Oppenheimer  
In Favor: Mayor O'Brien, Trustee Wolf, Trustee Oppenheimer, Trustee Skerritt, Trustee Kovner  
Against: None  
Abstain: None

Advisor to the Board Scott Rosenblum arrived at the Executive Session at 6:03 p.m.

**RE-ADJOURNMENT INTO PUBLIC SESSION**

Trustee Wolf made a motion at 7:02 p.m. to close the Executive Session and to re-adjourn into public session. The motion was seconded by Trustee Oppenheimer and on call it was approved according to the following vote:

Motion: Trustee Wolf  
Seconded: Trustee Oppenheimer  
In Favor: Mayor O'Brien, Trustee Wolf, Trustee Oppenheimer, Trustee Skerritt, Trustee Kovner  
Against: None  
Abstain: None

Mayor O'Brien called the Public Meeting to order at 7:05 p.m. and the following were in attendance:

Hugh O'Brien, Mayor (Attending Remotely)  
Frank Wolf, Deputy Mayor, Trustee

Nat Oppenheimer, Trustee  
Susan Skerritt, Trustee  
Anna Kovner, Trustee  
Scott Rosenblum, Advisor to the Board  
Joseph Prokop, Village Attorney  
Mario Posillico, Administrator & Clerk  
Donna Lyudmer, Village Treasurer  
And at times up to approximately 2 persons attended in-person and at times up to 8 other attendees observed through internet connection

#### ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING

Mayor O'Brien reported that due to the shorter than normal time interval between the August and September meetings, the full set of Organizational Meeting resolutions was not fully prepared and ready for adoption at this meeting; and that instead of adopting the resolutions in piecemeal fashion, he recommended that the Organizational Meeting be reset to the October meeting. After discussion and all having a chance to be heard, Trustee Oppenheimer made a motion to reset the Organizational Meeting until the first Board meeting to be held in October. The motion was seconded by Trustee Kovner and on call it was approved according to the following vote:

Motion: Trustee Oppenheimer

Seconded: Trustee Kovner

In Favor: Mayor O'Brien, Trustee Wolf, Trustee Oppenheimer, Trustee Skerritt, Trustee Kovner

Against: None

Abstain: None

#### AUTHORIZATION TO REQUEST AND EXECUTE CONTRACT EXTENSION WITH SUFFOLK COUNTY POLICE

Mayor O'Brien reported that Village's contract with the Suffolk County Police Department (SCPD) will expire on December 31, 2023. He stated that the contract with the Suffolk County Police has proven to be beneficial to the Village of Saltaire and the Suffolk County Police, and that it is in the best interest of the Village for the contract to be extended. The SCPD has also informed the Village that the SCPD wishes to extend or renew the current agreement pursuant to the basic terms of the current agreement. After discussion, and all having a chance to be heard, Trustee Wolf made a motion to adopt the following resolution as presented:

WHEREAS, the County maintains and operates the Suffolk County Police Department (SCPD), and the monies necessary to operate the SCPD come, in part, from a uniform tax upon real estate within the County Police District subject to taxation, which funds are allocated to an account referred to as the "Police District Fund" or "115 account," and, in part, by another tax upon real estate located within the County subject to taxation, which funds are allocated to an account referred to as the "General Fund" or "001 account," and the latter funds are expressly reserved to pay expenses of specific functions of the SCPD which serve the entire County; and

WHEREAS, the Village is entitled, without separate charges, to the use of SCPD boats; and the resources and services which are provided under the "001 account", which shall include, but not be limited to, the Suffolk County Aviation Section, Major Crimes Bureau, Special Services Bureau, Office of Homeland Security, Medical Evaluation, Recruitment and Community Outreach, Communications Bureau, and all other services and resources provided under the "001 account"; and

WHEREAS, while the Village of Saltaire is not a part of or within the Suffolk County Police District, nevertheless the Village of Saltaire, its residents, guests and visitors may require assistance and response from, and the use of the resources and services of, the SCPD that are funded from the 115 account; and

WHEREAS, the Suffolk County Police Commissioner and the Board of Trustees of the Village of Saltaire have deemed that the public interest is best served when SCPD services and resources funded by the 115 account are made available to the Village on a fee-for-services basis, and mutually desire to equitably set forth the means to calculate the costs for the SCPD to provide those services and for the Village of Saltaire to reimburse the County for those costs; and

WHEREAS, the Suffolk County Charter Section C13-7 authorizes the provision of police services to a town or village which is not a party of the County Police District pursuant to contract;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Village of Saltaire is authorized to request the renewal, for a similar term and provisions, of the existing agreement between the Village of Saltaire and the Suffolk County Police Department, and the Mayor of the Village of Saltaire thereafter is authorized to execute a contract based on the existing agreement with Suffolk County which shall control the delivery and obligation of “115 account” police services provided by the SCPD to the Village of Saltaire, and the obligation of the Village of Saltaire to pay for those services rendered, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT, the Mayor of the Village of Saltaire, upon consultation with the Village Attorney is authorized to make any contract revisions that he deems necessary to execute the final contract with the County of Suffolk.

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

Motion: Trustee Wolf

Seconded: Trustee Oppenheimer

In Favor: Mayor O’Brien, Trustee Wolf, Trustee Oppenheimer, Trustee Skerritt, Trustee Kovner

Against: None

Abstain: None

## CONTRACT MATTERS

Administrator Posillico reported that current contracts with Fire Island Ferries for both passenger and freight services as well as the contract with Fire Island Terminal for parking services each have termination dates of December 31, 2024. He also reported that each of those contracts have exclusive options for the Village to unilaterally extend the contracts for an additional three-year period until December 31, 2027, which options must be exercised by December 31, 2023. Discussion ensued about the service provided by those three contracts, focusing primarily on the passenger ferry service, and after all having a chance to be heard, Mayor O’Brien stated that this item will again be on the October agenda where hopefully a decision can be made on those extensions and perhaps some service and other improvements that can be included with those extensions.

Administrator Posillico also reported that the concession contract with the Saltaire Market was set to expire on November 30, 2023. Trustee Skerritt provided a brief overview of the ongoing discussions with the current operator for the operational and financial terms for a possible contract for a term of

four years with a four-year option to extend. After discussion and all having a chance to be heard, Mayor O'Brien stated that this item will again be on the October agenda where hopefully a decision can be made on the renewal contract.

#### APPROVAL OF PAID MEDIC SERVICES FOR THE 2024 SEASON

Mayor O'Brien stated that the Saltaire Volunteer Fire Company (SVFC) has requested that the Board approve a paid medic program to provide Advanced Life Support (ALS) or Basic Life Support (BLS) service, based on availability, from Memorial Day weekend through Columbus Day weekend for 2024. He stated that their request is being made ahead of the normal budgeting process because of the anticipated long lead time necessary to find staffing in a tight labor market for this service, as well as the general need to plan for all aspects of fire and rescue service well ahead of the extended summer season. Mayor O'Brien and Trustee Wolf both stated that the need for paid medics for responses to rescue calls in the shoulder seasons has become more apparent due to the trending higher populations combined with the scarcity of volunteer EMTs in residence at those times of year. The SVFC also requested that the established weekly rate of \$1,200 be maintained in order to be competitive in an increasingly tight labor market for these services. Village Administrator Posillico stated that the requested timeframe at the stated compensation rate would result in a budgeted salary cost of approximately \$23,000.00, plus associated payroll costs. After discussion, and all having a chance to be heard, Trustee Wolf made a motion to authorize the Village Administrator to commit and/or expend \$23,000.00, plus associated payroll costs, which shall be included in the final 2024/25 budget and to arrange for procurement of ALS or EMT providers (depending on availability) at a weekly rate of \$1,200.00 per person from Memorial Day weekend through the Columbus Day weekend for the 2024 season, and for the Board to allocate housing as part of the pending organizational resolution on 2024 housing allocation.

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: Mayor O'Brien, Trustee Wolf, Trustee Oppenheimer, Trustee Skerritt, Trustee Kovner

Abstain: None

Against: None

#### CAPITAL PROJECT UPDATE

Administrator Posillico and Trustee Oppenheimer provided a brief overview of the capital projects that will be undertaken in the offseason, including the renovation of the Art Shed, the reconstruction of 14 Bay Prom, and the new Playground/Park project. Regarding the Playground/Park project, Administrator Posillico stated that he hoped to have enough information regarding both regulatory compliance and donation contribution from the SCA at the October meeting for the Board to be able to make a decision to authorize the contracts for both the procurement and installation of the playground equipment.

#### AUTHORIZATION FOR A FIRE DRILL ON 14 BAY PROMENADE

Administrator Posillico reported that the SVFC has requested that it be permitted to conduct a live drill (without fires) on 14 Bay Promenade prior to its demolition, which will provide valuable training for its members. After discussion, and all having a chance to be heard, Trustee Skerritt made a motion

to authorize the Village and the SVFC to utilize 14 Bay Promenade for training purposes before demolition if the construction schedule allows.

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

Motion: Trustee Skerritt

Seconded: Trustee Kovner

In Favor: Mayor O'Brien, Trustee Wolf, Trustee Oppenheimer, Trustee Skerritt, Trustee Kovner

Abstain: None

Against: None

#### **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Draft copies of the minutes of the Board of Trustees meeting of August 26, 2023 had previously been presented to the Board and posted in draft form on the Village website. Following discussion, Trustee Wolf made a motion to adopt the minutes as presented with the minor non-substantive corrections discussed. The motion was seconded by Trustee Kovner and on call it was carried according to the following action:

Motion: Trustee Wolf

Seconded: Trustee Kovner

In Favor: Mayor O'Brien, Trustee Wolf, Trustee Oppenheimer, Trustee Skerritt, Trustee Kovner

Against: None

Abstain: None

#### **AUDIT AND APPROVAL OF ABSTRACTS**

Mayor O'Brien 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:

Capital Fund Checking No. 4A in the amount of	\$150.00
General Fund Checking No. 4A in the amount of	\$79,579.17

After discussion and opportunity for questions, Trustee Skerritt made a motion that the above-listed abstract(s) be approved as presented and that the Mayor be authorized to execute the warrant(s). The motion was seconded by Trustee Kovner, and on call it carried according to the following vote:

Motion: Trustee Skerritt

Seconded: Trustee Kovner

In Favor: Mayor O'Brien, Trustee Wolf, Trustee Oppenheimer, Trustee Skerritt, Trustee Kovner

Abstain: None

Against: None

The Board was also presented with a summary of Camp Refunds that were approved by the Camp Director pursuant to policy, which were being made by a combination or credit card and check returns, totaling approximately \$10,000.00

#### **ADJOURN INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Trustee Skerritt made a motion at 8:27 p.m. that the Board adjourn into Executive Session to discuss one or more of the following: 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 Wolf and on call it was approved according to the following vote:

Motion: Trustee Skerritt

Seconded: Trustee Wolf

In Favor: Mayor O'Brien, Trustee Wolf, Trustee Oppenheimer, Trustee Skerritt, Trustee Kovner

Against: None

Abstain: None

#### RE-ADJOURNMENT INTO PUBLIC SESSION

Trustee Wolf made a motion at 9:14 p.m. to close the Executive Session and to re-adjourn into public session. The motion was seconded by Trustee Skerritt and on call it was approved according to the following vote:

Motion: Trustee Wolf

Seconded: Trustee Skerritt

In Favor: Mayor O'Brien, Trustee Wolf, Trustee Oppenheimer, Trustee Skerritt, Trustee Kovner

Against: None

Abstain: None

Mayor O'Brien called the Public Meeting to order at 9:14 p.m. and the following were in attendance:

Hugh O'Brien, Mayor (Attending Remotely)

Frank Wolf, Deputy Mayor, Trustee

Nat Oppenheimer, Trustee

Susan Skerritt, Trustee

Anna Kovner, Trustee

Scott Rosenblum, Advisor to the Board

Joseph Prokop, Village Attorney

Mario Posillico, Administrator & Clerk

Donna Lyudmer, Village Treasurer

And 0 persons attended in-person and 0 other attendees observed through internet connection

#### CLOSE OF MEETING

Trustee Kovner made a motion at 9:15 p.m. to close the meeting and to hold the next Board of Trustees meetings according to the following schedule:

- October 24, 2023 1180 Sixth Avenue, New York, New York with the public portion to start at 7:00 p.m., with remote connection, which will include any Public Hearings.
- November 11, 2023 at 103 or 105 Broadway, Saltaire, New York with the public portion to start with a time to be determined based on the ferry schedule in effect at the time, with remote connection, which will include any Public Hearings.

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

Motion: Trustee Kovner

Second: Trustee Oppenheimer

In Favor: Mayor O'Brien, Trustee Wolf, Trustee Oppenheimer, Trustee Skerritt, Trustee Kovner

Against: None

Abstain: None