



INCORPORATED VILLAGE OF OCEAN BEACH

Minutes of the Meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Incorporated Village of Ocean Beach, Suffolk County, New York held on April 10, 2021 at the Village Office, 315 Cottage Walk, Ocean Beach, New York. Meeting is being conducted in accordance with Executive Order 202.1, as extended - via Video/Teleconference.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: Mayor Mallott moved to go into Executive Session at 9:10AM via Webex from the Village Office, for the purpose of discussing personnel, contracts and pending litigation.

The motion was seconded by Trustee Blake upon call the following voted:

Deputy Mayor Blake	Voted Aye
Trustee Hargraves	Voted Aye
Trustee Norris	Voted Aye
Trustee Power	Voted Aye
Mayor Mallott	Voted Aye

No motions or resolutions were acted upon in Executive Session. Executive Session was closed at 11:02 AM by Mayor Mallott. The motion was seconded by Trustee Hargraves, upon call the following voted:

Deputy Mayor Blake	Voted Aye
Trustee Hargraves	Voted Aye
Trustee Norris	Voted Aye
Trustee Power	Voted Aye
Mayor Mallott	Voted Aye

GENERAL SESSION: At 11:12 AM, Mayor Mallott moved to open General Session. Trustee Norris seconded this motion. Upon call, the following voted:

Deputy Mayor Blake	Voted Aye
Trustee Hargraves	Voted Aye
Trustee Norris	Voted Aye
Trustee Power	Voted Aye
Mayor Mallott	Voted Aye

Following the pledge to the Flag and Roll Call at 11:13 AM:

There were present:	Mayor:	James S. Mallott
	Trustees:	Matthew M. Blake, via video/telephone
		Dawn L. Hargraves, via video/telephone
		Christopher F. Norris, via video/telephone
		Brian J. Power, via video/telephone
	Village Counsel:	Kenneth A. Gray, via video/telephone
	Village Clerk/Treasurer:	Steven W. Brautigam

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING HELD ON MARCH 20, 2021: Resolution No. 2021-027:

Mayor Mallott moved as follows:

BE IT RESOLVED that the Minutes of the Board of Trustees Meeting held on March 20, 2021 are accepted as presented

Trustee Norris seconded the motion. Upon call, the following voted:

Deputy Mayor Blake	Voted Aye
Trustee Hargraves	Abstain
Trustee Norris	Voted Aye
Trustee Power	Voted Aye
Mayor Mallott	Voted Aye

APPROVAL OF BILLS AND CLAIM VOUCHERS: Resolution No. 2021-028: Deputy Mayor Blake moved as follows:

BE IT RESOLVED that bills and claim vouchers, already paid be approved as submitted and as follows:

General Fund, in the amount of \$168,189.77, for Gross Payroll from 03/10/21 through 04/06/21

General Fund, in the amount of \$72,090.31 check numbers A25768 through A25791, and

Water Fund, in the amount of \$876.00, check numbers F3446 through F3448, and

Sewer Fund, in the amount of \$2,227.61, check numbers G6431 through G6433, and

Bond payment principal & interest:

General Fund, in the amount of \$120,000.00 for principal

General Fund, in the amount of \$18,350.00 for interest

Sewer Fund, in the amount of \$35,000.00 for principal

Sewer Fund, in the amount of \$5,450.00 for interest

Total Principal \$155,000.00

Total Interest \$23,800.00

Trustee Hargraves seconded the motion. Upon call, the following voted:

Deputy Mayor Blake Voted Aye

Trustee Hargraves Voted Aye

Trustee Norris Voted Aye

Trustee Power Voted Aye

Mayor Mallott Voted Aye

MAYOR'S REPORT

1. Welcome it's a sunny day on Fire Island.
2. The bulkhead by the tennis courts is almost done and will be done by 4/30. Phase II will begin in the Fall and will include the deck by the Ferry Terminal
3. The New Well outflow pipe is installed, I don't think we'll be doing any more as we don't want to dig up Main Street.
4. Bayberry & Cottage crossovers are being done this year and that'll be all for this year. The DEC has plans for Ocean Breeze.
5. The Village office will be opened on Saturday's beginning April 24th. Ferry tickets are being picked up on Tuesday from the Ferry Company.
6. Kevin and his crew are busy cleaning up the town etc., we will re-install the plaque by the Ferry Terminal after cleaning it and make sure it will not obstruct the view.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT: Submitted by Kevin Schelling

Wastewater:

Sewer plant is fully operational.

Emergency Systems and Generator systems operational fuel supplies full.

Planted inspected by Suffolk County Health Dept. - passed

Chemicals and fuel supplies are full

Sewer line repair on Surf & Wilmot 3 feet of pipe repaired and sand removed from line.

Two properties on Ocean Road installed new sewer connections to alleviate homeowner problems

Sewer restrictions being addressed as needed.

Water:

Wells #2, 3 and 4 are operational

All Emergency Systems and Generator system operational with full fuel tank

Chemicals and fuel supplies are full

Major water leak repaired on business district water line.

Buildings:

Community house cleaned and ready for summer operation

Bathroom facilities in Community House will open 24/7 on April 15th.

Green and ballfield seeded and fertilized.

Modifications to green done as needed.

Village resident marina to open on April 15th

Streets:

Bayberry Walk beach overpass renovations complete.

Cottage Walk beach overpass being renovated.

Trimming of ballfield done as needed

Garbage receptacles being put out as needed.

Cleaning of sand continues

Marina:

Bubbler system stored for season

Village Resident Marina opens on April 15th.

Projects:

Lifeguard jet ski and quad both serviced and tune up for summer.

OCEAN BEACH VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT REPORT: Chief Levine spoke

Did you say cement work is done? or Will there be more done by the Police Station? Mayor Mallott; we are not going to do it because it won't help us in the summer and we have way too much traffic and freight right now. I don't want a mess on Main Street for the next month. We may try to finish a little piece of cement by the Dana Wallace and the Blue Waters but we are not digging up Main Street in May. Ian: Thank you the Fire Department was concerned about that. Just a few quick things, the Fire Dept is ready for service. The vehicles have been serviced. Our monthly meeting is tomorrow postponed from Easter. Anyone under 55 can sign up and join for a career in the Fire Dept. or EMS. Our radio program system after three years is about 90 – 95% complete. We put in about \$500,000 worth of improvements 90% funded by State, Federal and Town of Islip and we will be 100% compliant with guidelines by the deadline. Mayor Mallott; we have come to an agreement with Town of Islip for our fire protection contract. It's a one year contract with a 3% increase from Jan. 2021 – Dec. 2021. We are starting negotiations for a five-year contract moving forward. Ian: We will be working with the Village coming up with a five-year plan.

OCEAN BEACH POLICE REPORT: Chief Hesse spoke.

Ok we are at the beginning of the new season. I think it's going to be very busy. I have my department training next week and preparations. Next weekend I will be doubling up staff on the weekends only. I am having a meeting with Maria Silsdorf to discuss options to make myself more accessible to the public maybe bi-weekly. I have some other ideas I will discuss with her. We are ready to rock and roll and ready for the season. Trustee Norris: as far as population are we above average? Chief Hesse; Yes we are definitely above average. We had a lot of turnover this year over 50 new homeowners. According to the real estate brokers, there is very little product to rent out. Be ready I think we are going to be busy this year. So, yes we are above average

ADDITIONS AND/OR DELETIONS TO THE AGENDA: Resolution No. 2021-029: Trustee Norris moved to table as follows:

1. Table Item # 9: RATIFICATION & APPROVAL OF PERSONNEL
2. State Environmental Quality Review Act (SEQRA)

Trustee Blake seconded the motion. Upon call, the following voted:

Deputy Mayor Blake	Voted Aye
Trustee Hargraves	Voted Aye
Trustee Norris	Voted Aye
Trustee Power	Voted Aye
Mayor Mallott	Voted Nay

BUDGET MODIFICATIONS: Resolution No. 2021-030: Deputy Mayor Blake moved as follows:

20-21 BUDGET MODIFICATIONS		
GENERAL FUND		
<u>To:</u>	<u>Description:</u>	<u>Amount:</u>
A0.1110.101	Prosecutor	\$ 3,600.00
A0.1110.425	Telephone	\$ 1,800.00
A0.1420.495	Ferry & Parking	\$ 705.00
A0.1440.449	Professional Services	\$ 14,000.00
A0.1621.431	Windswept Expenses	\$ 2,000.00
A0.1910.PRO	Property insurance	\$ 260.00
A0.1925.485	Computer Support	\$ 500.00
A0.3120.104	Seasonal Officers	\$ 80,000.00
A0.3120.111	Overtime – F/T Officers	\$ 1,000.00
A0.3410.200	Equipment	\$ 15,000.00
A0.3410.425	Telephone	\$ 1,000.00
A0.3410.441	Equipment Maintenance	\$ 5,000.00
A0.3410.442	Truck Maintenance	\$ 25,000.00
A0.3410.462	Ferry Ticket Books	\$ 1,000.00
A0.3410.493	Training & Education	\$ 1,600.00
A0.3620.101	Building Inspector	\$ 10,000.00
A0.3620.495	Ferry & Parking	\$ 1,400.00
A0.5182.421	St. Lighting Electricity	\$ 1,000.00
A0.7989.495	Ferry & Parking	\$ 600.00
A0.8010.482	ZBA-Court Reporting	\$ 50.00
A0.8745.483	Dune Maintenance	\$ 200.00
	<u>TOTAL:</u>	<u>\$ 165,715.00</u>

From:	GENERAL FUND	Amount:
A0.1110.415	Postage	\$ 800.00
A0.1110.482	Contractual/Reporting Service	\$ 500.00
A0.1110.495	Ferry & Parking	\$ 1,000.00
A0.1420.442	Contractual/Legal	\$ 14,705.00
A0.1621.432	Ferry Terminal Expenses	\$ 2,000.00
A0.1621.441	Building Maintenance & Repair	\$ 56,600.00
A0.1910.LIAB	Liability Insurance	\$ 260.00
A0.1925.488	Website Maintenance	\$ 500.00
A0.1990.499	Contingency	\$ 52,100.00
A0.3120.104	Officer F/T	\$ 1,000.00
A0.3410.411	Office Supplies	\$ 2,000.00
A0.3410.440	Boat Maintenance	\$ 5,500.00
A0.3410.445	Fire Dept Software	\$ 1,000.00
A0.3410.446	Fire Dept Improvements	\$ 4,500.00
A0.3410.495	FD Legal Fees	\$ 1,000.00
A0.3410.497	Physicals/Vaccinations	\$ 4,000.00
A0.3410.499	Responder Exp	\$ 5,000.00
A0.3410.505	Fire Chief's Truck	\$ 5,000.00
A0.3620.103	Building Dept Clerk	\$ 4,000.00
A0.3620.425	Telephone	\$ 1,000.00
A0.3620.472	Conferences	\$ 1,400.00
A0.5182.452	Energy/Pole Rental	\$ 1,000.00
A0.7989.461	Plumbing Repair	\$ 600.00
A0.8010.493	ZBA Training	\$ 50.00
A0.8745.487	Beach Scraping	\$ 200.00
	TOTAL:	\$ 165,715.00
To:	WATER FUND	Amount:
F0.8340.200	Equipment	\$ 5,000.00
F0.8340.442	Vehicle Maintenance	\$ 1,000.00
F0.8340.461	Plumbing Supplies	\$ 500.00
F0.8340.495	FIFI Parking	\$ 20.00
F0.9720.700	EFC Interest	\$ 1.00
	TOTAL:	\$ 6,521.00
From:	WATER FUND	Amount:
F0.8340.468	Software	\$ 4,000.00
F0.8340.493	Training & Education	\$ 2,521.00
	TOTAL:	\$ 6,521.00
To:	SEWER FUND	Amount:
	TOTAL:	\$ 0.00
From:	SEWER FUND	Amount:
	TOTAL:	\$ 0.00

Trustee Norris seconded the motion. Upon call, the following voted:

Deputy Mayor Blake	Voted Aye
Trustee Hargraves	Voted Aye
Trustee Norris	Voted Aye
Trustee Power	Voted Aye
Mayor Mallott	Voted Aye

AUTHORIZATION AND APPROVAL OF MUNISTAT MUNICIPAL ADVISOR SERVICES AGREEMENT: Resolution No.

2021-031: Mayor Mallott moved as follows:

WHEREAS, Munistat is a Municipal Advisory firm specializing in municipal finance and municipal government related matters; and

WHEREAS, the Village desires to engage Munistat to provide certain services relative to the issuance of certain obligations as set forth in Appendix A (“Work Orders”) a copy of which is on file at the village office,

Now, it is hereby

RESOLVED, the Board of Trustee approves the agreement and the Clerk/Treasurer is hereby authorized and directed to execute the documents necessary to effectuate this resolution

Trustee Blake seconded the motion. Upon call, the following voted:

Deputy Mayor Blake	Voted Aye
Trustee Hargraves	Voted Aye
Trustee Norris	Voted Aye
Trustee Power	Voted Aye
Mayor Mallott	Voted Aye

AUTHORIZATION & APPROVAL TO ADVERTISE FOR AND/OR DISPOSE OF SURPLUS MULE: : Resolution No. 2021-

032: Mayor Mallott moved as follows:

WHEREAS, the Incorporated Village of Ocean Beach owns the following mule:

2013 Kawasaki - Vin No. JK1AFDG13DB508749

WHEREAS, the Ocean Beach Fire Department Chief has determined that this vehicle has no present or future use to the Village and has a minimum value of \$2,000 with proper paperwork, and

Now, therefore, it is hereby

RESOLVED that the Village Clerk/Treasurer is authorized to advertise and receive sealed bids for said vehicle and includes delivery to Bay Shore, minimum bid to start at \$2,000 each (check must be included with sealed bid), at the Village Office beginning on Thursday, May 13th, 2021 at 2PM; and

RESOLVED that the purchaser must remove the Ocean Beach Village logo before use; and

It is further RESOLVED, if the Clerk/Treasurer is not in receipt of any bids by Thursday, May 20th, 2021 at 3:00 PM, he is authorized to execute and process such documents that are necessary for the disposal of said equipment consistent with this resolution.

Trustee Norris seconded the motion. Upon call, the following voted:

Deputy Mayor Blake	Voted Aye
Trustee Hargraves	Voted Aye
Trustee Norris	Voted Aye
Trustee Power	Voted Aye
Mayor Mallott	Voted Aye

PUBLIC HEARING #1:

OPENING TIME: 11:28 AM

CLOSING TIME: 12:07 PM

Public Hearing Notes: Mayor Mallott; As you can see we’ve furnished everyone with the budget, it’s a zero increase. I think all the Trustees are on board with it. I’m ready for questions. Dr. Waz; I noticed that there’s \$73k increase in property taxes and \$35k increase with recreational fees and rentals will be up. I notice the business and license fees are down 10k from the norm and 25k from the year before. We are hurting too in the residential district people have businesses and so forth. I am proposing to have rental fee decreased by 50% to help residents. I’ve done research and found that the Mayor and Trustees and salaries are exorbitant. Saltaire has zero for Mayor and Trustees. Ocean Beach is paying 8 tenths of one percent, which is considered to be excessive for our size. If we roll back the Mayor to \$16,000 and Trustees to \$4,000, we can save \$100,000 to be put back into our community. Are you on board with that Trustee Blake? Trustee Blake; Thank you for your comments, I would have to take a look at your analysis. The adjustments were made years ago to the trustee salaries and I objected to it. I think the lion’s share of the work here and there’s a volunteering aspect to our job and that spirit should be upheld. That said, materially the job has changed not only to a tremendous event such as Sandy but there’s more complexity today than when I joined. Dr. Waz; We have plenty of people in the Village that are competent that will do the job for nothing. Trustee Blake; We have regular elections and I’ve always said if you want to do the job, you should absolutely step up and do it. I believe we have an electoral process for that.

Maria Silsdorf; Good morning everybody. I wanted to acknowledge and thank you for a budget with a zero increase. Craig Sherman and I have gone over the budget in great detail and have presented a list of 15 questions. I can certainly share this if you want me to. How do you want me to handle this Ken? Ken Gray; Maria you can read the questions and the responses. Under executive Mayor was 63k now 66k. response: Increase due to medical costs. Clerk/Treasurer \$172k going up to \$177,

3% increase. Response: all full time employees got a 3% increase. There's a Clerical increase of 110k? Is a position being added? Response: yes, we need to start training for a transition. Buildings Maintenance Repairs is up \$50k. Response; being driven by DOT project. Buildings maintenance contract is up 15K. Response; we now have new maintenance contracts for our generators and fire alarms. Insurance: Federal Flood increased by 25k (9%) Property ins. up 50k (37%) Response: being driven by federal increases and a \$50k reserve is being establish for future increases. Fire Protect Equip is up \$65k. Response: being driven for radio upgrade. Employee benefits up 6%. Response: due to increase. Water Fund debt reserve is up \$48k what is the new expense: Response: Water tower paint. Sewer fund debt reserve is \$61k up \$20k; Response: we are going into 9 million dollars of sewer debt we need to save. Recreation fees: tennis fees planned down, why? Response: second court may not be available (wagons/OBYG). Marina rentals being planned down \$25k, why not adding homeowner slips? Mayor Mallott; Water tower needs to be painted it's over \$1 million to paint it over the next 2 or 3 years. Last painted in 2012 before Sandy. We have it inspected all the time and there's a lot of maintenance, cleaning etc. Steve Brautigam: a new water tower would be \$6 million. Mayor Mallott; All the insurances are going up. We are budgeting for a new position in the Village office, the staff is getting old and tired. We are looking for someone to take us into the roaring 20's, we are starting to budget and look for people. We thought we had it filled but it fell through. I don't know if we'll fill the position for that amount of money there but it's a starting point. We are going into \$9 million dollars of debt for the sewer. We don't want to do a double digit tax increase so we are adding to our special project list and start saving for projects moving forward.

Judy Steinman; thank you for keeping the budget level. I have a couple of questions A1028 revenue, who pays that? Steve Brautigam; the commercial district pays for that. They pay for the item above it also. Next question A2401, interest earnings, have we had a lot of unprofitable investment? Steve Brautigam; The village is limited to what we can invest in. Previously we were getting great returns unfortunately we can't shop around and by Disney or Tesla, we are very limited. Interest rates are not the same they went down. Judy Steinman: so are you saying you are not able to invest with what you did before? Trustee Blake: Basically, we are allowed cash management, we are not able to take certain risk. On the risk spectrum we have to be conservative. The conduit that produced a decent return, we are still with. When you look at the return profile, it went down. The reason why, is we are on a national level intervening in markets with the central bank and also fiscal policy. The governments' role in markets hasn't been like this since WWII, the rate structure has plummeted and when you're buying low risk assets you're earning zero and in some instances you're earning negative returns. This is part of the justification as to why the number have come down. Judy Steinman; So you are saying the rate environment has changed drastically. Trustee Blake; the rates are zero. Judy Steinman; my next question has to do A1325.100/clerical. Maria Silsdorf; I believe I answered that question: Judy Steinman; It's a large increase in one year. I understand if you're replacing staff, that would not justify such a large increase. Mayor Mallott: There's a transition period that needs to be handled carefully before we make a change. Judy Steinman: I don't understand why that would necessitate such a high increase. Mayor Mallott: Thank you for your concern Judy.

Steve Einig. What's the mayor's total package salary with benefits? Steve Brautigam: The salary is listed in the budget then all the Trustees get single medical or they can take cash. Steve Einig: I know what is it plus benefits & the car, what is the total? Steve Brautigam: I don't know off the top of my head, they get a salary and they get medical benefits. We may give them ferry tickets, the mayor does have a truck, which is a Village vehicle. They get parking passes also. Steve Einig; Dr. Waz mentioned earlier in comparison to other villages throughout the state. I tried looking this up a couple of times comparing to other villages, when you compare by population and budget I couldn't even find a close second to the salary we currently produce. Maybe I missed something. Is there any other municipalities with our size and budget where we have comparable salaries? Steve Brautigam: that's hard to compare that. Steve Einig; Is there even one? Steve Brautigam: it's apples and oranges when you're talking what a mayor does. This mayor is full time. I don't even know of another village that has a full-time mayor. Steve Einig: I'm not just talking about the mayor, I'm talking about your salary too and other salaries, for our size and our budget. Steve Brautigam; Again you're not doing apples and oranges. Steve Einig: I'm asking if there's a single one. I didn't see one. I served as a trustee before and I believe the job got a little bit harder but not 20 times harder. I don't see that increase. As a homeowner I know it's easy to raise taxes and fees and I applaud the fact that the taxes haven't gone up this year but comparatively speaking they've been going up a lot. There's going to come a point when we can't keep taxing and we have to consider rearranging the positions and salaries. My only point is I can only compare to other villages and hard facts. Size of village, amount of work and population. I don't even see a close second anywhere in the state of New York. Maybe I missed something but I don't see any others. Steve Brautigam: there is not one village in NYS that has ever completed 30 million worth of capital improvements in this time period, there are none. You are not doing apples and oranges. Steve Einig: I'm not talking about the federal money we've gotten to rebuild infrastructure. I'm talking about the size of the village and size of the population and the salaries we pay out. The salary has increased to over the years to \$50k - \$60k and today I'm not even sure of what the mayor's salary is. As far as your salary, it's very high salary based on our size. Steve Brautigam; Workload, workload, workload. Trustee Norris; duly noted. Matt Blake; I think it's always important to be focused on growth. We are dealing with a couple of issues here. If we take a step back and apply a historical lens here. Coming out of Sandy we were almost completely out of business. With respect to your comment as far as tax increases. We were very forthright that the taxes were going to go up and be very high, we were in the double digits at one point. We stuck to that pledge. Simultaneously our property values have gone up. The amount of confidence that's projected through those property values is at an all time high. Third piece, I don't have an answer for but we need to address. Fundamentally to run this village based on 4 people as Trustees devoting the amount of time we devote, plus a mayor. We are going to need somebody here and operating this place as a

business 24/7, 365 days a year. I don't believe, my personal view, the traditional mayoral role that others have held historically, we can't frame the future not even the present in those terms. This is something we need to contend with and that person needs to be compensated. I don't have an answer for that but I'm coming back to you with the harsh reality. Steve Einig; We used to have a Village Administrator who used, that is a full-time job and the mayor and trustees were oversight. That goes across the board everywhere. An Administrator is charged with the running of the village, we used to have someone. I think we should have a full time qualified person whose job it is to run the village on a day to day basis and you should be oversight. I think we have an excellent police department, we have people who run the office, whether or not the titles and job descriptions line up perfectly that's for you guys to decided but we are supposed to do that in a way that it's economically viable for the Village and not just keep raising salaries. Mayor Mallott; Steve and I are splitting that job as Administrator right at this moment in time. We are here every single day for every single project. There's nothing going on in this town that we don't know about, that we're not spoken to about. That's what I do. And that's probably 50 percent of Steve's job to his village administration. And getting these projects started, the planning, the meetings that go into every one of those projects, once you get a shovel in the ground, as far as I'm concerned, the work is over. Once you start moving dirt around, the project is moving and the planning is done. And we're into a project here now that's we have twelve and a half million dollars. We're moving into part of that project, which is probably close to six dollars million project. We've been working on it for six years. We're just about ready to present the plan to the public is still going to be another two years of planning going in on this. And it's to drain draining the villages of water before we can start putting in new sewer lines and projects that we've worked on. Steve, it takes so many hours and it needs somebody who's been here, somebody who knows the history, somebody who knows the names of the streets, somebody who knows how to get on and off the beach, somebody to talk to the ferry company, you know, and this is what you're going to be looking for in the future Trustee Norris. But if you look at the salary burden on solitaires administrator. You add in the additional role of treasurer to that value, I think that the dual functionality is Steve and Jim with that apples to apples would be pretty, pretty on par.

David Lipsky So thank you for the low budget increase, the no budget increase, but my question is, with all of the engineering work that's going on and plan for the future and has been done in the past, let's say, with Cameron and the long term waterfront revitalization project, seems like the engineering services budget is low. And I was hoping that you could explain what those services, which totaled thousands of dollars for engineering and thirty thousand dollars. Trustee Norris; Hey, David. Chris, the engineering feat for the capital project are not in the line items in that budget. It's in the capital alone. And so it is very adequately represented in that funding or that appropriations. I get your point. If you look at it proportionally, those line items seem to seem low. Right. But it's within the capital line items. David Lipsky But what about specifically for Cameron and the LWRP, that was a 50,000 dollar or so contract. Maria Silsdorf; Sorry, I'm sorry, can I just add one more thing? Sure. I'm sorry, I just I've been following the conversations about the village administrator in the village manager and the fact that Jimmy and Steve do that. And I think everyone knows that my point of view for a long time has been that, you know, the mayor and the board typically would govern and the village administrator or manager would manage. And those should and could be separate functions. And it sounds like that might be where we're headed, which I appreciate. But I would hope that we're not planning on running kind of both cylinders at the same time where we have Steve and Jimmy managing. And we have a village manager, so I just think we need to pick a lane and then go down that lane and that may mean, you know, salary adjustments for incumbents if we're bringing in another high powered, high salaried person. So just pick a lane. Mayor Mallott; Yes. It's something that we're aware of and something that we're looking at. There's going to be a transition, as I said, and. You know, we're aware of that fact.

Brian O'Handley; Thanks, good morning thanks for everyone's contribution to the meeting. I was just curious about the water meters. Are they going to be starting to get read now? What is going on with the water meters. Mayor Mallott; We're still trying to install them. OK, well, we're coming to the end of the installation and then those meters now is starting to be to be read and calibrated with the computer system that we have in the office. Hopefully this summer will be looking at water use, water usage through those meters and into the computer. And we'll get a better grip on how we're using our water. Every time we install a new meter, we can see on the computer exactly what the house is using. We've discovered many, many, many leaks. So we're going to that's it comes right up onto the computer. If there's, you know, you using 10,000 gallons of water a day, we know there is something wrong. And that may sound like a lot of water, but we've had a lot of those leaks. So it's going to take us about a year or so to figure out how we're going here. And then we'll start to look at a rate schedule. We'll get some professional advice on it right on schedule, go through one of our engineering companies and then we'll come probably maybe a year, year and a half. We'll probably say, a year, we'll get enough data to analyze this and then we'll come back to the community with rates for water. The water meters will be brought online and everybody will be fine. Maria Silsdorf; Are the lists on the village Web site of who has not yet had their meter installed. Are those lists updated? Mayor Mallott; Now that they are a work in progress between the village office and the plumbers? All the time? They're changing constantly. And I think we're getting we're getting closer and we have, I'm sure, 500 installed already. There's a few glitches in the system. We will say there's some, but we're getting on top of it and we'll let you know when everything is installed. Maria Silsdorf: if there's anything the OBA can do, let me know. Brian: So my meter has been installed now, are you currently getting data collecting data on the flow of water going into my property? Yes. And do I have and do I have access to it for my own sake so I can just get an idea of how much I'm using so I can start planning my future accordingly. Maria Silsdorf: You can sign up on the Village website to your own information. Stacy Erdheim. I live next door to 503 Bayberry. The chain link fence, will it be replaced with a solid fence to block out construction debris? Mayor Mallott: Let me talk to the contractor about that, OK

#1 PUBLIC HEARING FOR THE 2021/2022 TENTATIVE & FINAL BUDGET: Resolution No. 2021-033: Mayor Mallott moved as follows:

WHEREAS, the Village opened the public hearing to consider the passing of the 2021/2022 Tentative Budget and took public comments on Saturday, April 10, 2021; and

WHEREAS, the Village additionally set a public hearing for the adoption of the 2021/2022 Final Budget for Saturday, April 24, 2021; and

Now, therefore, it is hereby

RESOLVED that the public hearing will be continued to Saturday, April 24, 2021 at 11:30AM for the purpose of adopting the 2021/2022 Final Budget.

Trustee Norris seconded the motion. Upon call, the following voted:

Deputy Mayor Blake	Voted Aye
Trustee Hargraves	Voted Aye
Trustee Norris	Voted Aye
Trustee Power	Voted Aye
Mayor Mallott	Voted Aye

PUBLIC HEARING #2:

OPENING TIME: 12:08 PM

CLOSING TIME: 12:10 PM

Public Hearing Notes: Ken Gray; Well, what it is, is this is a public hearing. So that's the property at 503 Bayberry can be used pursuant to village code Section 164-18 subsection A & H as a public utility as a municipal building for use. So this is where the new well #5 is going in. Any public comments? Judy Steinman: I think I had spoken to I remember to whom I spoke about noise mitigation from the pumps. You're very close to a residence there. And I wonder what you're planning to do to limit the spread to the adjacent property. Mayor Mallott; The engineers were very aware of that fact, and the engineering, we're assured, is considerate of that fact. Trustee Norris; Judy, the sound attenuation within the engineering as it stands right now, and that not only for the fans, but it's also for the generator.

#2. PUBLIC HEARING FOR SPECIAL USE OF VILLAGE PROPERTIES 503 BAYBERRY WALK – NEW WELL #5: Resolution No. 2021-034: Mayor Mallott moved as follows:

WHEREAS, the Village has received funding to install a new well at 503 Bayberry Walk, Ocean Beach; and,

WHEREAS, the Village has held a public hearing to consider the issuance of a Special Permit, pursuant to Village Code, Section 164-18(A) and (H), for the use of the property as a Village-owned and operated well and/or public utility;

Now, therefore, it is hereby

RESOLVED that the Board of Trustees hereby approves the Special Permit pursuant to Section 164-18(A) and (H).

Trustee Norris seconded the motion. Upon call, the following voted:

Deputy Mayor Blake	Voted Aye
Trustee Hargraves	Voted Aye
Trustee Norris	Voted Aye
Trustee Power	Voted Aye
Mayor Mallott	Voted Aye

STATE ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY REVIEW ACT (SEQRA): Resolution No. 2021-035: Mayor Mallott moved as follows:

WHEREAS, the Village hereby declares that all action items on this Agenda are Type II, pursuant to SEQRA, and, therefore, no further environmental review is required; and,

Now, therefore, it is hereby

RESOLVED that the Board of Trustees hereby approves the SEQRA declaration on all action items on this Agenda.

Trustee Norris seconded the motion. Upon call, the following voted:

Deputy Mayor Blake	Voted Aye
Trustee Hargraves	Voted Aye
Trustee Norris	Voted Aye
Trustee Power	Voted Aye
Mayor Mallott	Voted Aye


HEARING OF THE CITIZENS: 12:11

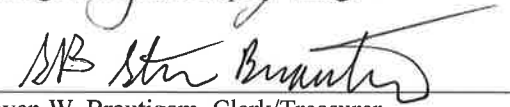
Sue Panzer: Hi. You can hear me. Hi, everybody. Yes, I just want to see if you guys can look into some kind of local emergency alert system as simple as a text that people could opt into was when the water was turned off a week or so ago. We didn't know. We looked on Facebook. There was no notice and it would be great. I know there's Nixle, but I opted out because I didn't want to hear about everything going on in Bay Shore. But if there could be a simple way, people just provide their cell phone numbers, say they want to be alerted in case of an emergency. Something that's happening to be sent out and we would know what's going on. Mayor Mallott; That was a dire emergency that we were in. It didn't go on for too long, we hope that doesn't happen again. But I think with you know, we're more in tune with fixing the problem than sending out a message. There was no warning for anything like that. It was it was an emergency. So you know, we do the best we can with the tools that are right out at our hands at that time.. Sue Panzer: I know and I understand, Jimmy, but we didn't know how long it would be. We didn't know what happened. And if there was just somebody that has a text list, they send one quick note or an email list. It can be just a message that could be sent. I know in our building in the city, we get alerts. Trustee Hargraves; there is something we can do for Ocean Beach, we will look into it.

Maria Silsdorf; I know that the ferry contract negotiations were supposed to have started several months ago and were delayed, understandably, due to covid, could you just comment on when and how that's expected to get going? Mayor Mallott; we will get to it that in the next couple of months. We need to see how we are going to come through this summer. I don't know what the passenger ridership will be yet. Last year was not a good time to negotiate. We expect to have a good summer but I'd like to have an inkling of what we are dealing with first. The contract ran out this year and anything we do will be retroactive. Maria Silsdorf: I know the past go round, you had a very, I think a very qualified, robust negotiating team and I expect you'll take the same approach this time. And I think Matt Blake was instrumental, but I think you also had some representatives, you know, from homeowners, from businesses. And I would just hope that you take the same approach this year. Mayor Mallott: we absolutely will.

ADJOURNMENT: Mayor Mallott moved to close the meeting at 12:15AM. Trustee Blake seconded this motion. Upon call, the following voted:

Deputy Mayor Blake	Voted Aye
Trustee Hargraves	Voted Aye
Trustee Norris	Voted Aye
Trustee Power	Voted Aye
Mayor Mallott	Voted Aye


 Jonneigh M. Adrion, Deputy Village Clerk


 Steven W. Brautigam, Clerk/Treasurer