



**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 24, 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 9:09AM 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 11:01 AM by Mayor Mallott. 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

**GENERAL SESSION:** At 11:10 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 11:10 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 APRIL 10, 2021; Resolution No. 2021-036:**

Deputy Mayor Blake moved as follows:

BE IT RESOLVED that the Minutes of the Board of Trustees Meeting held on April 10, 2021 are accepted as presented

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

APPROVAL OF BILLS AND CLAIM VOUCHERS: Resolution No. 2021-037: 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 \$93,252.22, for Gross Payroll from 04/07/21 through 04/20/21

BE IT RESOLVED that bills and claim vouchers to be paid, are submitted to be approved for payment as follows  
General Fund, in the amount of \$ 154,466.49, starting with check number A25792, and  
Water Fund, in the amount of \$ 13,213.24, starting with check number F3449, and  
Sewer Fund, in the amount of \$ 20,642.68, starting with check number G6434, and  
Sewer Capital Fund, in the amount of \$ 1,051.15, starting with check number 1221, and  
Bay Front Project, in the amount of \$ 578,367.51, starting with check number 2006, and  
Transfer from General Fund to Capital Fund \$ 575,092.51

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

It has come to my attention that the audit for 2019-2020 on the website was not posted in its entirety. It happened by accident and I take full responsibility for that and I apologize, it will not happen again. The full audit is now on the website. We’re not going to be passing the budget today. There’s been some questions that the board needs to clarify and we’re going to do that clarification this week and we’ll have a continuance of the public hearing until Friday, April 30<sup>th</sup>, at 3:00 p.m. Hopefully I’ve answered all the questions that the board needs and we’ll go forward with my budget just in time to get the tax bills out. We will take questions on the budget. The questions that are holding it up have to deal with our own personnel, something we won’t be discussing. Those reasons are why the budget is not done yet. I hope that explains enough to everybody.

The DOT project Phase one will be done next week. Phase two, which will be the north freight dock will be started in the fall. The new well, construction on Bayberry is pretty much halted now because we’ve got a lot of traffic in town and they wanted to dig up Main Street, which is not going to happen until the Fall. As far as the budget as you know, we will not see a tax increase this year. We’re looking at no smoking in the village at all. That should take care of two or three problems that seem to be arising. There’s the EFC Phase one project, which is the stormwater runoff for downtown, I’m working on a little presentation that I’ll be giving by video and we’ll put it out on the on the website on YouTube so everybody can see what we’re attempting to do here in the next couple of years. The Village office as of today will be open on Saturdays from 10:00 to 1:00 o’clock. You can pick up your ferry ticket books. For tax bills, we will we do without penalty until July 22nd, 2021. That’s 21 days longer than the normal. Last year we did the same thing. So your taxes are due without penalty up to July 22<sup>nd</sup>.

We have a lot of work going on here in the village you know, it’s that time of year. What has happened in the past year or so is, that because of covid nobody has been taking their vacations. We usually we pay for people, we buy their vacation time from them through a budget line item accruals. This year we looked at who had taken who hadn’t taken vacation. So, I kind of pushed our employees to take vacation rather than have to pay for it. But it’s kind of backfired a little because everybody’s got vacation time, that they take. So, I’m understaffed here. With that being said, it’s not that we’re not going to answer your questions and it’s not that we’re not going to answer the telephone. So, if you contact the village office during office hours, someone will take your call. Please don’t call anybody at home. Please don’t text anybody personally, even text me at any time or call me at any time. But the office staff, you know, they run off their feet and when they get out of here at 3:30, they’re off till they come back to work the next morning. So, I would appreciate that.

The mask question I know it was pointed out to me and I saw in the NY Times this week that, you know, face masks outside are pretty unnecessary now, we’re being told. But until I get an official notification from the governor that face masks outside is not required, we will continue the mandate. The face mask will be worn in the village at all times. OK, the ferry is going to obviously keep making you wear your face masks on the ferry. Once we get that word from the state, then we’ll take the mandate down and hopefully start to work towards a more normal life. That’s all I got.

SUPERINTENDENT’S REPORT:

Wastewater: Sewer plant is fully operational.  
Emergency Systems and Generator systems operational fuel supplies full.  
Chemicals and fuel supplies are full  
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  
Two water leaks addressed.

- Buildings:** Apartment Building 504 Bayberry – new doors being installed, summertime water heater operational, deck boards replaced  
Community House water on and public restrooms are open for season.  
Village ballfield and Village green being maintained.
- Streets:** Sand removal starting  
Modifications for street drainage in front of Klins store and Scoops ice cream shop.  
Cleaned up trash on north ferry terminal  
More garbage receptacles being put out as needed.  
Cottage Walk reconditioning is complete.
- Marina:** Resident marina is open for season  
Water is on  
Transient Marina opens on April 28<sup>th</sup>, when construction is complete  
Repairs to docking area and water piping.

**OCEAN BEACH VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT REPORT:** Chief Levine spoke

And just a real quick report for you guys. As of right now, we have three firefighters who are set to start their firefighter, one training. They're very excited about that. We have one member of the department who graduates from EMT school and about two or three weeks, he just did his final in class and now he has his state requirements. His practical test is this weekend coming up. And then his written test is like two weeks after that. The blood drive, as of right now, we are having the blood drive the Saturday of Memorial Day weekend, we will have links set up through the Ocean Beach Association on the Web page and the bulletin board and stuff, just letting people know how to sign up so they can sign up to give blood. There is a big blood shortage this year because of everything that's going on. So please, if you're going to be out here Memorial Day weekend and would like to give blood, please do so. And just the last thing we are talking stages right now with North well about doing vaccines on Fire Island, the three clinics on Fire Island will have one day each clinic or hour. Days that we're possibly talking about are going to be either the week before Memorial Day weekend or the week of Memorial Day weekend under no circumstances and suggesting that you wait to take your vaccine here, I think they say on TV the best shot that you could take is the soonest when you can take. So, get a shot as soon as you can. And just last week, we'll send out details on how you're going to sign up for the shots also. And then the last thing is, if anybody is under the age of 55 and we learn, we'd like to learn how to be an EMT or a firefighter. It's that time of year. Again, please send me a letter requesting an application to join the Ocean Beach Fire Department, and we will get one to you as soon as possible. That's all I have, unless you guys have some questions for me.

**OCEAN BEACH POLICE REPORT:** Chief Hesse spoke.

All right. What's going on? Hello, everyone it's a beautiful day today. We have a lot going on internally. Let me say that in the last month, we lost seven police officers to other jobs. So, we're in a little bit of a bind here. They didn't run a police academy for us this year because the covid, which usually backfills some of the officers. At this time are in the process of doing interviews, looking for experienced police officers at this point. We had a couple of interviews this week. We already hired one looks promising and we just did all our training this past Saturday, had all the police officers, current police officers and dispatchers. And we did an annual training we had to make up for last year. Also, I had Maria Silsdorf come in and say a few words to the guys. And I've got to say, it went over very well. It was very promising. She's been a good friend to us this year. She usually criticized the hell out of us. But, you know, it's all right. I got your back. Maria and we have been working very close, I got to say, and it's been great! We got some more plans moving forward, which I'm going to let her talk about if she wants to. We are getting ready for the summer, it's going to be busy this year, as the mayor says. So, we're battenning down the hatches and getting ready. As of this weekend, I started doubling up the boys and girls. We have some bars that are already open for the season on the weekends. So, we're prepping and still getting ready to go. I have Andy Becher's son washing all my windows today. So, the building looks good and that's all I got. Anybody have any questions? Let me know.

**ADDITIONS AND/OR DELETIONS TO THE AGENDA: Resolution No. 2021-038:** Mayor Mallott moved as follows:

1. Delete: Item #9 – Ratification & Approval of Personnel
2. Add: State Environmental Quality Review Act (SEQRA)

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

Maria Silsdorf: Ken can you explain a little more about SEQRA? Ken Gray: Sure. It's New York State Environmental Quality Review Act and basically the state requires you to make an affirmative declaration as to any action that a board is taking on whether or not it has any impact to the environment and whether or not you took any steps to address those impacts or potential impacts. So, what the state does in the in the law, they divide things into either Type I actions or Type II actions, type two actions. Maria Silsdorf: Can you give a description of one on the other? Ken Gray: Sure, a Type I action? An example would be something that affects over one hundred acres of property in which you are re-zoning it so that you can have a 20 story office building, underground parking garage, something that is

significant and so in type in my general. So, the state rules and regulations, there's a list of about 15 or 16 specific items that would be deemed Type I, which mandates and requires you to do a long form environmental analysis. And any associated studies with a Type II actions are things that are minimis, things that the state has already determined do not require the hard look of a type one action. An example of that would be the granting of an area variance for a residential property or the installation of a stop sign at a particular intersection or approving a collective bargaining agreement with your union. These things have already been determined by the state to be Type II actions and therefore the state has already determined that no further environmental review is required. So, if you hear somebody say, oh, that's a Type II action, it means it's the minimis and you don't need to do an environmental review of that proposed item. Now, what happens if it's not on list one or on list two this is what's known as an unlisted action. If it's an unlisted action, you then have to take a look at it. You have to do an initial review for environmental purposes. And depending upon what your initial review determines, you then may be required to go a little bit deeper and do a hard look at the item. So, Type I, they are things that you seriously have to look at and address. All of the environmental issues tied to the state says don't worry about it. And anything that's in between an unlisted matter, you then individually have to take a look at and then determine on your own whether or not you need to take a harder look at it.

David Lipsky: The Village filed that it was a Type II action for the proposed storm, water and sewer repair action and I'm wondering how that got through without any environmental review, there's some discretion of the board to make its own determination as lead agency as to whether there are environmental potential environmental impacts. Steve Brautigam: Yeah, this is a state board. Again, I have the copy of the SEQRA application here for you to review. I thought you asked if this is handled by the engineers. It's a long form. All of the local government agencies will mail the letter to see if they wanted to take the lead agency. There were none. So, it was you know, I guess there's long forms and short forms. I'm not going to go into all the details, but it's an 18 page document here for you review at any time, OK? And if we've done properly, it was accepted by the EFC. So, if you want to see it, you're welcome to. David Lipsky: Any harm with it on the website? It's no confidential. So please. Thank you.

**APPROVAL TO ACCEPT 2021 FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT AGREEMENTS WITH TOWN OF ISLIP: Resolution No. 2021-039:** Mayor Mallott moved as follows:

WHEREAS, the Village of Ocean Beach Fire Department maintains a fully-equipped fire department with all the necessary ambulance and emergency medical services to maintain and operate the same; and

WHEREAS, Counsel has prepared an Agreement between the Village of Ocean Beach and Town of Islip for the supply of Ambulance & Emergency Medical Service for the following Fire Protection Districts under the Town of Islip: Atlantique, Atlantique Marina, Fire Island and Seaview, for a period of one (1) year commencing as of January 1, 2021 and ending December 31, 2021.

The total sums for each year are as follows:

<u>Calendar Year:</u>	<u>Amount to be paid:</u>
2021	\$598,739

Now, therefore, it is hereby

RESOLVED that the Village Board of Trustees hereby approves and ratifies the new Agreement for the year 2021, a copy of which is on file in the Village Office, with the Town of Islip, subject to approval of the OBF, D,

It is further RESOLVED that the Mayor is authorized to execute said agreement and forward to the OBF, D for approval and execution.

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

**ACCEPT & APPROVAL OF FIRE ISLAND WATER TAXI, LLC RIDER "B" TO LEASE: Resolution No. 2021-040:** Mayor Mallott moved as follows:

WHEREAS, the Village has an existing Lease Agreement with Fire Island Water Tax, LLC and proposes the following modifications for Rider "B" to said lease:

- FIRST: It is agreed that the lease agreement, dated June 30, 2004, and Rider "A", dated July 12, 2010, by and between that parties are further modified as set forth in this Rider "B". In the event any conflict exists between the provisions of the Lease and/or Rider "A" and the provisions of this Rider "B", that the provisions of this Rider "B" shall control.
- SECOND: Tenant shall pay rent of Forty-Six Thousand (\$46,000.00) upon the execution of this Rider for the non-exclusive use of the dock space, as more fully set forth in the lease, for the term herein provided (June 1, 2021 to May 31, 2022).
- THIRD: In addition to the annual rent referenced above, Tenant shall provide and the Village shall be entitled to ten (10) round-trip water taxi rides between Bay Shore and Ocean Beach at no cost/no charge to the Village during the term of this lease (June 1, 2021 to May 31, 2022). The Village shall make best efforts to give advance notice to Tenant when the Village decides to utilize these no cost/no charge water taxi rides.

Now, therefore, it is hereby  
RESOLVED that the Village of Ocean Beach Board of Trustees accepts and approves said agreement; and,  
It is further RESOLVED that the Board of Trustees hereby authorizes the Village Mayor to execute the necessary  
documentation to effectuate the intent 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

**BUDGET HEARING #1**

**OPEN TIME: 11:31 AM**

**CLOSING TIME: 11:42AM**

Public Hearing Notes: Maria Silsdorf: Yeah. So first of all, I want to say thank you again for the zero tax increase. Very much appreciated. And I also want to just thank Jimmy for acknowledging that the audit wasn't complete and that has now been posted in its entirety. So, thank you for both of those things. I did have a question and I'm maybe not connecting the dots correctly here, but George mentioned that he has had seven officers leave for other jobs. Are wages an issue in the fact that we're losing people? And is that something that could be and should be addressed in the next budget? Mayor Mallott: It is an issue, we're on the low end of the range here. Other towns and villages are paying, you know, almost, I would say 20 percent more than we're paying. We are aware of the fire and we will be addressing that in the next budget. Maria: That's great. Thank you. So that should maybe not help this year, but certainly help in future years for recruiting and recruiting and retention. I hope. Mayor: Are you going to volunteer to be a cop next year, Maria? Maria: Do you want me to be do you want me to be a cop next year? Mayor: I think you'd make a great couple. I think you're a great guy. Maria: I'm just glad I'm over the age for fire and EMT way over the age. Mayor: Well, I just want to thank you for the work that you're doing with George and the police department to understand, you know, what I go through and the process, too. I know you've got a good education in the last few months. You spoke to the recruits last weekend. You upstaged me. Maria: I'm sorry about your loss. Thank you.

Brenda Farrell: Can you hear me? Yes. Good morning. Good afternoon, everyone. My name is Brenda Farrell. I'm a homeowner here in Ocean Beach. I'm looking up the 2021-2022 and I hear you're saying this is a zero percent increase in the tax, but are all the homes being reassessed for their market value? Steve Brautigam: No, this is Steve Brautigam again, I'll answer that the market value is determined by the state and it changes every year. And this particular year the average house went up thirty-one thousand three hundred thirty-six dollars. This community for the last four years has gone up, according to the state, the market value by leaps and bounds. It does not affect your tax rate. So, it's a market value what you sell it for. Brenda Farrell: Ok, I own homes in many different counties in every county does that different. So, I just wanted to clarify. And then I had a question in regards to the auditing fees, is that go out to bid every year? Steve Brautigam: The audit, the auditing fees are split between two companies and we don't put it out. No. Brenda: Is there a reason why it's not bided out? Steve: Legally, we are not required to. It is recommended, but we're happy with the auditors that we have and we may the Bboard may decide in the near future to switch them around. I did try to get quotes about two years ago just to see how the market feels. But being where we are and how small we are, they refused to give us a quote. It was too expensive, but we'll look into it again. Brenda: Ok, well, I am a chief financial officer for a not-for-profit organization. My revenues are close to three hundred million dollars and my audit fees are pretty close to what the village of Ocean Beach is paying. Steve: So, let me explain the auditors fee I believe it's like \$35,000. Steve; The difference is an auditor who does an audit but helps and reviews of books prior to the audit and makes the entries, the FEMA accounting was impossible and my staff and including myself was unable to do it. and we hired this firm, Cullen & Danowski. I'm sure you've heard of them now. They changed their name a couple of years ago and their fees are going down because FEMA's staff has since, you know, shrunk on our balance sheet here. But we still use them. It's a check and balance for the mayor and a board on top of the audit, and I feel safe with it. So, there are two different companies included that.

Steve Einig: Just two things. I just want to see if I'm reading this correctly. When I total up all of the phone use for all of the telephones, for all the departments, that number seems to be somewhere hovering in the forty thousand dollar range. Is that correct? Steve Bruatigam: Yes, there are a bunch of sensors for the water and sewer department. We have to have phone lines for that. The police department too. I'm sorry, the fire department also has, you know, emergency phones that are in Windswept. We have a line in the Community House and the things that we have a line in the village office everywhere. These are you know the reason Steve Einig: I'm asking the question is because I know that I mean, this was an issue way back when and we addressed it and we lowered the phone cost a lot. And nowadays, especially with the move to Fayose and cell phones, I mean, most offices that I know, phone bills have been going down. This just seems, you know, like when I see the marina at fifty-five hundred dollars and things like that, I just wonder, is that because we have a lot of lines or is it because of individual cell phones that are had and it just seems like a big number. And if you've already internally. Mayor: We can't disconnect these lines in the winter. Example for year-round, there's no discussion on that change.

Steve Einig: Listen, I'm not I'm only questioning whether the overall number is the way I read it and whether or not you can adjust it if you have. OK. The only other question I have is and I had mentioned this last time and I just again, I want to see if I'm reading right. In a lot of our budget items, things are split up in different places. And Steve I mean, not to pick on you, but I'm just going to ask when you look at your salary in the administration, which is, you know, the one seventy-seven, in order to know accurately really what you're getting, I then would have to go to the other two places, the Water Services for another 16 and change and then another clerk, treasurer. So, you got two more 17. So, you really have to add thirty-four thousand to the 177 to accurately know what your salary is. Steve Brautigam: Yeah that's correct, there are several others that are split. Steve Einig: I am even evaluating things like, you know, when I look at the fire department budget and I look at income and revenue to do it accurately. I also have to add that things like, you know, like the insurance that doesn't fall into the into that category fire department, it's somewhere else. And I just want it to be able to make sure that, you know what I'm adding and subtracting and seeing the bottom line and doing it accurately. So that is correct. The way I see that. Steve Brautigam: That right. That's correct. Steve Einig: OK, thank you very much.

**PUBLIC HEARING TO APPROVE & ADOPT INC. VILLAGE OF OCEAN BEACH 2021-2022 FINAL BUDGET: Resolution No. 2021-041:** Mayor Mallott moved as follows:

WHEREAS, the Village of Ocean Beach held duly noticed public hearings on April 10, 2021 and April 24, 2021 concerning the 2021–2022 Village Budget; and,

WHEREAS, the Village of Ocean Beach additionally set a public hearing for the adoption of the 2021/2022 Final Budget for Friday, April 30, 2021; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Trustees requests and encourages the public to submit comments & questions via mail & e-mail [info@villageofoceanbeach.org](mailto:info@villageofoceanbeach.org) for each hearing;

Now, therefore, it is hereby

RESOLVED that the public hearing will be continued to Friday, April 30, 2021 at 3:00PM 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**

**OPEN TIME: 11:43AM**

**CLOSING TIME: 11:50am**

Public Hearing Notes: Ken Gray: Second public hearing we have is a special permit application #297 Paul Mohring and Derek Price concerning Sunny Daze. This is a store at 633 Bay Walk. Do we have a motion to open? Is there anybody on the call representing this establishment? Sunny Daze. Not seeing anyone. This matter went before the Planning Board, and Architectural Review Board, Mr. Speranza, you want to call? Joe Speranza: I'm here. Ken Gray: Hey, Mr. Speranza, is there anything that you'd like to add to the conversation concerning the hearing that went before the planning board? Joe Speranza: Nothing more than what is in the minutes, the summary minutes and the verbatim minutes which the trustees have. Ken Gray: Ok, so, the public knows my understanding this is a special needs permit or a change of ownership of a clothing apparel retail shop. 633 Bay Walk in Ocean Beach. Correct. And formerly occupied by the Athletic Turtle. Ok, great. So that's the one in the corner right there, correct. Right on the diagonally on the corner opposite the Mermaid Market. That's very good. All right. And it's my understanding is that there was no proposed alterations to the interior of the of the space. Correct. And my understanding is the Planning Board and the Architectural Review Board made a recommendation to approve the application, which was then subject to a selection of a signage which would comply with the village code, that a particular sign had been selected as submitted and recommended to be installed. Is that correct? That's correct. OK, is there again, I'm going to ask, was there anybody from the applicant on the call who is available to speak to anybody representing Sunny Daze, the new store? Somebody, anybody? All right, does anybody from the public have any questions or comments concerning this application? Maria Silsdorf: I do have a question, why are we having a public hearing without the applicant, this seems kind of odd. Ken Gray: I can't speak to that. I don't know why the applicant is not present. Maria: So why not delay the meeting until they the public hearings so they can participate? Ken, is it necessary to have the applicant? We're talking about it. Ken Gray; The applicant is not required to be here unless the Board had specific questions they want an answer to. If they're not satisfied with what they have in front of them, they can certainly and direct the person to be at another meeting. We just heard from the village office that the applicant is actually trying to join the meeting now. Maria: Oh, good. Ken Gray: So, I guess we'll sit tight for a couple of minutes. I have a recent addition, a user that the applicant for Sunny Daze on the line. Paul Mohring: Yes, I am. Ken Gray: Ok, terrific, how are you? I'm sorry, is this Paul?

Paul: This is Paul. Yes. How are you today? Ken Gray; We've opened the public hearing concerning your application. I've described it as a change in ownership and change in the name of the clothing apparel retail shop at 633 Bay Walk. Which is correct, which was identified as the corner store that used to be the Athletic Turtle. Paul; That's correct, yes. Ken Gray: Ok, do you have anything you want

to add to the conversation about your business? Paul: I mean, only if anyone has any questions for me, you know, if anyone has any questions, I'll be happy to answer anything as far as that's pretty straight, straight and cut and dry. I'm just really taking over this space and continue on what was there beforehand. Just a different name, you know, and some different styles of clothing store. Similar merchandise to what the Outfitters had, which is what I think was most recently there. I would say every vendor that I'm using is something that the other stores don't have, except we are all going to all have the Fire Island Gear because everyone does. But as far as maybe brand names like Rip Curl and so on, whatever another store has, I'm not going to carry. I have completely different brands. I researched everything that they carry and I'm going to carry different items. So, it's a bit different. But yes, we'll all have the Fire Island apparel, of course. Appreciate that research. You're welcome. Paul, if I remember correctly during the planning board meeting, did you indicate that you operate another store on Fire Island? I have multiple businesses located in Ocean Bay Park. I have the Island Pantry, which is a grocery, and we have in that grocery, as you know, we have everything. So, we have a boutique section of our grocery store that is all apparel and sunglasses and flip flops. We already have that section of our grocery store. I'm also in the restaurant bar business in Ocean Bay Park and also a bike shop for those I don't know who you are. Schooner? Right. Correct. Yes. Thank you, Paul. Thank you. You're welcome. Anybody else from the public have any comments or questions? All right. Do any of the trustees or the mayor have any comments or questions? I think we're good. And good luck. Very good, OK. I really appreciate that. Thank you.

**DECISION SPA#297, PAUL MOHRING & DEREK PRICE, SUNNY DAZE –633 BAY WALK, OCEAN BEACH, NY: Resolution No. 2021-042:**

The following recommendation is made to the Board of Trustees for Special Permit Application SPA#297, as submitted, as per motion made by Chairman Speranza, seconded by Member Silverberg.

WHEREAS the Village has received Special Permit Application #297, submitted by Paul Mohring & Derek Price, Sunny Daze, 633 Bay Walk, Ocean Beach, NY, as the new owner, and,

WHEREAS, the Village Planning Board / Architectural Review Board has reviewed said application and has received testimony from the applicant at a published public hearing held on March 31, 2021, and

The Village Planning Board / Architectural Review Board hereby make a recommendation to the Village Board of Trustees to “Approve” this application, subject to the following conditions:

1. Sign alternate no. 3, as submitted, by applicant, shall be installed
2. There shall be no exterior improvements, except the sign described in condition no. 1, above

Now, therefore, the Planning Board / Architectural Review Board recommends to the Board of Trustees Approval of said application.

This Special Permit, if granted by the Board of Trustees, shall bind with all prior special permits issued for this property which shall remain in full force and effect.

Now, therefore, it is hereby

RESOLVED that the Village Board of Trustees hereby approves SPA #297.

Trustee Power 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

**APPROVAL OF MAYOR’S REQUEST TO THE GOVERNOR FOR 21 DAY TAX EXTENSION: Resolution No. 2021-043:**

Mayor Mallott moved as follows:

WHEREAS, the Governor issued Executive Order No. 202 on March 7, 2020 declaring a disaster emergency in the State of New York; and

WHEREAS, the pandemic has had an unwelcomed financial impact on some of our residents; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor has sent a letter to the New York State Governor requesting a twenty-one (21) day tax extension with no penalty;

Now, therefore, it is hereby

RESOLVED that the Board of Trustees approves the request for a 21 day tax extension period with no penalty.

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

**SET PUBLIC HEARING FOR PUBLIC SMOKING BAN: Resolution No. 2021-044:** Mayor Mallott moved as follows:

WHEREAS, the Incorporated Village of Ocean Beach wishes to set a public hearing and to amend local law Chapter 123 of the Village Code, entitled "Peace and Good Order" and to insert Article II, entitled "Regulation of Smoking in Certain Public Areas",

Now, therefore, it is hereby

RESOLVED that the Board of Trustees sets a Public Hearing for Saturday, May 15, 2021 at 11:30 AM for the adoption of Local Law No. 03 of 2021, of the Code of the Village of Ocean Beach

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. 2021-045:** Mayor Mallott moved as follows:

WHEREAS, the Village hereby declares that all action items on this Agenda dated April 24, 2021 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: 11:52**

Ken Gray; If I can answer the question concerning the masks. The masks were put in place by Executive Order of the governor, and you need as a municipality if you wanted to do anything above and beyond what the governor put in his executive order, they had to submit it and get approval by the governor's office. Actually, technically, the Department of Health, Mayor Mallott: went ahead and did that. And he renews that the Executive Order, which had to be approved by the governor's office, and that is in place and continues to be in place. I think if we attempted to masks imposed by governor. He renews Mayorial Executive Order if we get attempted to do a local law we would be in violation of the governors executive order. Above and beyond that, we would be in violation of the governor's executive order. They were very specific on how to move forward with that.

Dr. Waz; So, are you sure on that? Because I've made a few phone calls around from the governor's office and to Islip and to the County of Suffolk. And they all told me that was up that locality to make the law. And the only reason a law I feel is important is that if there is the law, an adult law that has a penalty to it and teenagers violate an adult law, they can be at least detained at the police station and have their parents come down their parents and be given a ticket. So, it helps police. A group of people that chief says that he has he can't do anything about it. And it's also safety. Ken Gray: One, I don't I don't think chief has said that there's nothing he can do that that you can't do. In fact, his team has issued tickets for violating not wearing a mask. Let me let me check here, this is Chief Hesse, I can't write a parent for their kid not wanting to take it. That's not the way tickets, right? The boys go to an individual, not the parents. Right. Trustee Norris: just if I could interject, I think this board supports the direction to follow the office of the governor. You know, clearly we look to that office, as, you know, guidelines. And I think this board is aligned with those directions that Mayor Mallott; the mandate is still in effect until we're told it's not required anymore and then the mandate will come on.

Maria; yes, if I might, it's Maria again. OK, I wanted to thank George for providing some much needed information on bike registration. And hopefully this will be the summer that we stop the serious theft of bikes that people find funny and amusing. But it is not if it's your bike. So, George and his department do register bikes not only for Ocean Beach, but I'm really proud to tell you that for neighboring communities as well. If a bike is stolen in Ocean Beach, it's theft. If it's stolen outside of Ocean Beach, the police will do what they can to help get it back for an Ocean Beach resident. But the crime has to happen in their jurisdiction. But so we posted it on Facebook and we'll publish it in our next newsletter. I do encourage and we do encourage everybody to register their bikes. I did it last year and it takes just a few minutes. Trustee Norris; I want to thank Steve Jobs for coming up with a really good tracking device, which will be on every one of my bicycles moving forward. But don't steal from my yard anymore. Maria; Steve Jobs is Steve. Steve Jobs is dead. Trustee Norris; That's how that's how talented the man is. Maria; Apple did come up, what's it called? The air tag. And I know Marco Arment



said that this was coming. And I don't know, I wish we could get a bulk rate for the village, because that would be really cool. But I'm going to get them as well. Absolutely. So, we can share information on that as well. Chris, good point.


Maria Silsdorf; I have a question and then I have another comment. Have we confirmed that our centennial event will be on Friday, June 18th? Is that a hard date? Mayor Mallott; If you say so. Dawn, I'm deferring to you. Yes, just because I know Gail Stamler wants to publish June 18th. OK, Because you need to schedule a summer meeting and Gail wants to do a flea market and so we were just waiting on that event to be final. So, thank you, Jimmy and Dawn, June 18<sup>th</sup> it is. Mayor: It's all Dawn and you guys not me. Maria; Yeah, well we have a committee working on and I think everyone's enjoying the work. So happy to do it. On behalf of both the OBA and the downtown committee. We still have pretty serious concerns regarding the logistics of the ferry terminal, which is new and beautiful, but perhaps not functioning as best as it could. Last year we got a reprieve because, quite frankly, there was very little, you know, movement on and off the island. But we still don't have figured out how to optimize baggage staging, loading, unloading and wagon retrieval. And I don't know whether, Jimmy, you want the DRC to take that on or want the board to take it on. But I think we need to figure that out before we start our season here in earnest. Mayor Mallott; Well, you know, last year was an anomaly. It was barely used, you know, a lot of people stay here, if it had been a normal year, we would have had an overflow into the tennis court. Because we didn't have that overflow into the tennis court and people were barely using their weapons, we increased our revenue in the two tennis courts to a substantial amount. You know, these were things that we didn't anticipate going into covid. But that's the truth of the matter. We do have a plan for that whole area that's going to include the drainage for the whole of the downtown area. We do expect to expand the Wagon Park so that there's plenty of room for wagons and you won't have to hang them. There will be at ground level because that plan is still in the drawing. I do have a couple of renderings, like I'm going to try to make a little video so everybody can see it and explain where we think we're going with this. I think that the we should have shovels in the ground in September 2022 for this drainage system. The village is also saving money because a lot of this won't be covered under any grants or project grants. A lot of it will be done in-house, but we're saving money for that, even though there was a zero increase in the budget this year. It's something that we're working on. As you can see, we just got the bulk finished there and on the tennis court, so that's safe and it's a bigger dent there. You know, it's just a long project and there'll be a lot more room and a lot more area down there to use the wagons and passengers and everything else when we're finished with this drainage system and tennis court. Maria; So I now that Mayor; right now there's no plan to improve it. I guess we can, as I've always said, we can buy 300 wagons and put little tags on them now that we can get from Steve Jobs. Everybody could use those wagons. But apart from that, I don't know what to do. Everybody insists on having the biggest wagon they possibly can and everybody insists on putting their wagons as close to the door as they can get it. I don't see any solution of this. I don't have any solutions if anybody does have any ideas on how to rectify the situation. Be happy to hear. Trustee Norris; We going back to working with the DRC. There are a number of sketches that we proposed and if I may, if we can just recirculate them, maybe with Kevin in mind, also see if there's any synergies or efficiencies we could use with the cue lines that we delineated within those recommendations, not necessarily during the temporary wagon park that we proposed initially, but at least to revisit some of the key line opportunities. We can sit with Kevin yourself and maybe some of the ferry folks, wealthy George. And it's worth it's worth taking another look at Maria. Is that what was in your mind? Maria; Yes, that's exactly what was in my mind, I think Jimmy's clearly has his head around what the master plan is, and that's a much bigger endeavor than what I'm talking about. But I think we can look to make some quick changes this summer that would at least ease the stress of the operation. So, Chris, if we can circulate those plans and maybe, you know, you and Brian on the DRC with a couple of us, along with George and Kevin, and of course, Jimmy could just get together for an hour, stand there and maybe try to come up and brainstorm. I think it would be time well spent. Trustee Norris; Well recirculates. And George, I know you're on the line. Just take another look at some of the suggestions on the cue flow, if there might be some good opportunities there. And then, Chris, just to Joe Speranza, I will find those sketches and redistribute them. Maria; Ok, great. And then maybe if we could just find in our next weekend to get together, we could address this. Thank you very much.

David Simpson. Can I just ask one question on the wagon park issue? Given that we, I think, will probably be over capacity again this summer. And it really is a terrible situation trying to get wagons in and out of there. Is there a plan to reduce the first tennis court, as was done in prior summers as a spillover area? Mayor; I guess I guess that's our only option, but I'm sure it will be discussed at the meeting that we're going to have next week, if that's going to be. We can talk about. David; Thanks.

David Simpson; one more second, that big construction project next to the police station across the street. I don't know if that's been discussed or not. Can someone update us on what's going on there and when that will be complete? Mayor Mallott; We're expecting cement this week to cover that and probably in a week or 10 days out of be the traffic again, there's going to be no more work in that area. Trustee Norris; David. Just to be clear, that's affiliated with the Army Corps. well project. They had hoped to get further along with that project and they fell short and we were fearful that it would run into the season. So that's why we're just putting concrete back and we'll revisit that project in the fall.

ADJOURNMENT: Mayor Mallott moved to close the meeting at 12:05 PM. 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

  
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