



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 June 13, 2020 at the Village Office, 315 Cottage Walk, Ocean Beach, New York. Meeting is being conducted in accordance with Executive Order 202.1 via Video/Teleconference.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: Mayor Mallott moved to go into Executive Session at 9:00AM in person at Windswept, for the purpose of discussing personnel, contracts and pending litigation.

The motion was seconded by Trustee Norris 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 10:10 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 10:15 AM, Mayor Mallott moved to open General Session. 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

Following the pledge to the Flag and Roll Call at 10:22 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
	Village Clerk/Treasurer:	Steven W. Brautigam

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING HELD ON MAY 16, 2020: Resolution No. 2020-046:

Mayor Mallott moved as follows:

BE IT RESOLVED that the Minutes of the Board of Trustees Meeting held on May 16, 2020 are accepted as presented

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

APPROVAL OF BILLS AND CLAIM VOUCHERS: Resolution No. 2020-047: Mayor Mallott 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 \$324,649.40, for Gross Payroll from 05/06/20 through 06/02/20
General Fund, in the amount of \$72,749.12, check numbers A24938 through A24985, and
Water Fund, in the amount of \$9,590.07, check numbers F3298 through F3304, and
Sewer Fund, in the amount of \$21,170.36, check numbers G6289 through G6298, and
Sewer Capital Fund, in the amount of \$59,373.81, check numbers 1211 through 1213

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 \$ 162,184.01, starting with check number A24986, and
Water Fund, in the amount of \$ 4,384.48, starting with check number F3305, and
Sewer Fund, in the amount of \$ 596.74, starting with check number G6299, and
Bay Front Project, in the amount of \$ 1,680.00, starting with check number 2001,

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

MAYOR’S REPORT

1. Good morning everybody. We have 140 ferry books left. We are going to open up again for purchase 4 additional books and let you know how that goes.
2. New ferry schedule starting on Monday the 15th through June 21ST. We are going to meet with ferry company this week and they are going to increase the schedule. They are cognizant that we need more ferries. We will be looking at the ferry count and have that conversation.
3. LWRP will be on the website sometime next week. We need public input.
4. Beach is fully open. We ask you wear face masks all the time. It was getting very difficult for the police to enforce and led to some altercations and we are trying to avoid that. They are required when 6’ social distancing is not possible. We’ve ask the police to politely remind people.
5. When you go to the beach wear your mask but when you feel you have proper social distance you can take it off. If you feel safe you can have it off.
6. We have moved to outside dining for the restaurants, there are a few that are taking advantage of village property. Last night Castaway broke the ice. Jon did a great job with that. At 9:00 pm they have to clean it up and it looked last night it looked great. The Albatross will take advantage of that next week. Everyone else is staying within their footprint and we have some pretty strict guidelines which will be enforced moving forward.
7. We have new signage up at the Ferry terminals and in and around tow.
8. The office is open every day, the staff is staggering their schedules. The office is open on Saturday’s 10:00 am – 1:00 pm
9. Lifeguards are here on the weekends, Makai is here in charge of them, the restrooms are open while on duty.

SUPERINTENDENT’S REPORT:

Water: Wells #2, 3 and 4 are operational
Three new water services installed (one for a fire sprinkler system)
Generator system operational
Chemicals are fully stocked

Wastewater: Plant is fully operational.
Sand and carbon filters online
Sewer restrictions being addressed
Chemicals fully stocked
Generator systems operational

Buildings: All properties being maintained (green, ballfield, playground, etc.)
Restrooms at Ferry Terminal are open.
Restrooms at the ocean on Cottage are activated and closed until lifeguards are operational.

Streets: Banners, flowers and streetlights repaired and functioning.
Continued signage installations

Tree trimming has been done where needed
Bench restoration continuing around the village
New bench setup and fence put around Green

Marina: Marina is open and fully operational
Both tennis courts are operational

Miscellaneous: Boat ramps are installed behind Windswept.
One bulk trash pick-up complete, please call the office for future pick-ups

OCEAN BEACH VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT REPORT: Chief Levine spoke

We are geared up and going through vehicle maintenance. We have some restrictions due to COVID. We've been busy responding to alarms. You cannot get off the beach if you are sick with COVID, so please don't come here if you are sick. If you come here and get sick, plan on staying here through it. If you haven't changed your batteries in your smoke detectors, please do it now.

Mayor, the Chief and I have been on the phone with Northwell, they are trying to come up with a plan for Fire Island. That's an ongoing discussion.

OCEAN BEACH POLICE REPORT: Chief Hesse spoke:

LIFEGUARD REPORT:

0 ocean saves

0 medical incidents

Staff is in good spirits and healthy. Happy to be working again. Weekend lifeguarding only at the moment, without the bay beach being open. Bay beach opening TBD by village officials/ head guard. Full time guarding will start Monday June 22. Weekday maintenance continues sporadically as crew is available (Snow fence and lifeguard headquarters maintenance). Crowds have been less than normal on weekends due to COVID 19 but there are still patrons and bathers. Any questions comments or concerns call or text me.

ADDITIONS AND/OR DELETIONS TO THE AGENDA: NONE

AUTHORIZATION & APPROVAL TO ADVERTISE FOR AND/OR DISPOSE OF SURPLUS FIRE DEPT. BOAT: Resolution No. 2020-048: Mayor Mallott moved as follows:

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

1996 Zodiac Fire Boat HIN: XDC63134E696 with twin 90hp Mercury outboards;

WHEREAS, the Ocean Beach Fire Department Chief has determined that this boat has no present or future use to the Village and has a minimum value of \$3,500 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 Marina, minimum bid to start at \$3,500 each (check must be included with sealed bid), at the Village Office on July 1st, 2020 beginning 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 Wednesday, July 1st, 2020 at 2:00 PM, he is authorized to execute and process such documents that are necessary for the disposal of said equipment consistent with this resolution.

Trustee 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

REVOCABLE LICENSE AGREEMENTS: Resolution No. 2020-049: Trustee Norris moved as follows:

WHEREAS, due to the COVID-19 pandemic, NYS has been in a State of Emergency declared by the Governor; and,

WHEREAS, NYS has a procedure in place for municipalities to grant permission to premises licensed by the State Liquor Authority (SLA) to operate on municipal property, known as "Municipal Extensions"; and,

Whereas, the Village has also received requests from a number of businesses to temporarily reconfigure the dining spaces of their establishments; and,

WHEREAS, the Village finds that supporting the local businesses is in the best interest of the Village,

Now, therefore, it is hereby

RESOLVED that the Village of Ocean Beach hereby approves the following Temporary Revocable License Agreements:

- Bella Vista Pizza d/b/a Town Pizza
- Sullott Restaurant Corp d/b/a Albatross
- CJ's Fire Island, Inc. d/b/a CJ's
- Rachel's of Fire Island, LLC
- Bocce Beach
- Maguire's
- Castaway Bar & Grill

It is further RESOLVED that the Mayor is authorized to process and execute any additional such License Agreements that may be requested.

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	Abstain

HEARING OF THE CITIZENS:

When do the outdoor licenses expire? They expire when the pandemic is over or if the Village chooses to withdraw sooner.

Homeowner: Wants to ask a question if the lifeguards will be on the bay side? Mayor: Bay beach is not open yet, they are under a different guideline than ocean beaches. Suffolk County has not issued an update yet.

Homeowner: It's not clear if the mask wearing is going to be enforced by the police. It appears people aren't wearing them about 25% of the time. Mayor; We asked the police dept. to politely ask people to wear masks. Homeowner: This is a serious situation, I don't think it should be a polite situation, it should be enforced this is a serious situation. Mayor we are working within the guidelines.

Homeowner: We can supersede this. Mayor: We do think it's important that's why we have required masks. Homeowner: Last night in front of Maguire's the people were shoulder to shoulder with no masks, the police responded this is the new America. I don't see any protection coming from the police force.

Homeowner: Dr. Simpson, I've mentioned to Mayor and the Board that I'm on a COVID task force. I personally can say there is no question masks are the single most effective way to prevent transmission. The Governor has stated publicly, his directive was to politely remind people. Most people have agreed to do it. A significant amount of people that do not, there was a group of teenagers that were not wearing masks and I reminded them to wear masks, some cooperated.

Homeowner: I suggest the Mayor and Board make the smoking ban permanent. Maria, the smoking last year did not apply to the entire village, it should be everywhere. Mayor; it's a legal question that's being addressed now.

Homeowner: The police are not wearing masks at the terminal it doesn't send a good message. Mayor: I'll speak to the police.

Homeowner: No mask no ride, that's the policy.

Homeowner; Are masks required in the stores? Mayor; Yes they are

Homeowner: Who is supposed to be enforcing masks on the ferry? Ken Gray; The ferry company

Can we ask the ferry company to reinforce the masks issue? Mayor; I will make that call today to the ferry company

Homeowner: Regarding construction, is there a time in the morning when construction can begin, it seems to happen earlier and earlier.

Mayor; I'm trying to get all the construction done before the July moratorium. They have 24/7 to get this done, I'm sorry if it's inconvenient we are trying to get people into their houses, we are not taking any new building permits. It's work that is getting done in the next few weeks.

Homeowner: Are you planning on making a lot of exceptions. When people rent here people are going to run into problems. Mayor; I just said I'm trying get this done before July 4th. I would like to accommodate people so that come July I can stop all outside construction and I'd like to do that with the exception any open safety issues. The building inspector is chasing contractors to get the exterior work done. If interior work needs to get done we will handle on a case by case basis.

Homeowner: Can we do something about the number of electric golf carts and electric bikes? Mayor, the golf carts and trailers are used for construction it will cease when construction stops. We have essential service, they are the only ones permitted to use carts in the summer.

Homeowner: Is the playground open and is it being cleaned? Mayor; It is open and taken care of. We advise the parents to be there with the kids, I think it's their job to make sure they clean the kids hands.

Homeowner: Regarding the construction noise next to me. When you say interior work, do you mean you'll allow power tools to be used? Mayor; We will know more when the building inspector has an update. As I said before I'm trying to get that done before July

Homeowner: Police must wear masks. Mayor; Thank you

Homeowner: Because of so many people by freight and ferry boat, will you consider making masks mandatory? I was asking if you can make it mandatory in the Village. Mayor: The answer there is if you are unable to social distance you need to wear a mask and in the downtown area. It's almost impossible to do that. That's why I was asking to make mandatory just in the downtown area.

Homeowner: It's also a mixed message the state is giving. It's required but not mandatory because we are not defining what that means. Social distancing may be adequate when there's no wind or just sitting down. But when there are more people the distance should be greater. We need to define what social distancing.

Homeowner: The governor has not said it's not mandatory.

Homeowner: A man stopped and berated a woman who asked him to put a mask on and we end up having volatile situations

Homeowner: I'll reiterate masking is effective. The governor has been explicit about it, he is not leaving it to the police to enforce but is largely leaving it to the public. The police should take on a similar policy in Ocean Beach. Thank you.

Homeowner; If it doesn't work, we are talking about people's lives.

Homeowner; Everyone should email the fire island ferries about the masks. Mayor; If people think that's an effective solution then email the ferries. I will have another conversation with them

Homeowner: What about the bar crowd at Maguire's? Mayor; I don't know about, that we will look into it today. The guidelines are pretty broad but we'll look into it.

Homeowner: Please define social distancing when there are large crowds.

Homeowner: When will the playgrounds, ballfield and be open? Mayor; When we get guidance from governor.

Homeowner: Young employees are put in conflict with people

Homeowner: When will driving restrictions start? Mayor; There's a few more days of beach traffic then there are summer regulations

Homeowner: I think we all agree its ok to not wear masks but I think the amount of refuse left behind is

Homeowner: Golf carts are increasing in numbers with real estate's using them and there are definitely a number of electric bikes around without enforcement it'll get worse just like coolers and trash on the beach. Mayor; We do have a code with golf carts. Bike riding in town will be curtailed next week.

Homeowner: I agree with Aviva, sorry to disagree with the mayor there are many golf carts being used and not just contractors.

Homeowner: Residents can drive until June 26.

Homeowner: Wearing of masks is the most important issue and we know it's the best way to stop spreading.

Homeowner: Is there a reason summons cannot be given for people failing to wear masks?


Homeowner: The other issue with golf carts is they are driving very fast down residential streets. Mayor; I'll speak to the police

Homeowner: Very worried about people not wearing masks, can we enforce for in town.

Homeowner: Is the sand on the beach coming into Ocean Beach? Mayor; Not that we are aware of. The restaurants rules are spelled out very clearly on the Dept. of Health website. They have to be 6' apart from back of the chair.

ADJOURNMENT: Mayor Mallott moved to close the meeting at 11:15AM. 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



Jonneigh M. Adrion, Deputy Village Clerk



Steven W. Brautigam, Clerk/Treasurer