



**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 27, 2024 at the Boat House, 625-632 Bayberry Walk, Ocean Beach, New York and is also being conducted via Zoom.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: Mayor Mallott moved to go into Executive Session at 8:45 AM from the Village Office, for the purpose of discussing personnel, contracts, and pending litigation.

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

Trustee Arment	Voted Aye
Trustee Hargraves	Voted Aye
Trustee Levine	Voted Aye
Trustee Moritz	Voted Aye
Mayor Mallott	Voted Aye

No motions or resolutions were acted upon in Executive Session. Executive Session was closed at 11:01AM by Mayor Mallott. The motion was seconded by Trustee Arment, upon call the following voted:

Trustee Arment	Voted Aye
Trustee Hargraves	Voted Aye
Trustee Levine	Voted Aye
Trustee Moritz	Voted Aye
Mayor Mallott	Voted Aye

GENERAL SESSION: At 11:23 AM, Mayor Mallott moved to open General Session. Trustee Hargraves seconded this motion. Upon call, the following voted:

Trustee Arment	Voted Aye
Trustee Hargraves	Voted Aye
Trustee Levine	Voted Aye
Trustee Moritz	Voted Aye
Mayor Mallott	Voted Aye

Following the pledge to the Flag and Roll Call at 11:24 AM:

There were present:	Mayor:	James S. Mallott
	Trustees:	Marco Arment
		Dawn L. Hargraves
		Ian Levine
		Jennifer Moritz
	Village Counsel:	Kenneth Gray
	Village Administrator:	Joseph DiFrancisco

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING HELD ON APRIL 13, 2024: Resolution No. 2024-043: Mayor Mallott moved follows:

BE IT RESOLVED that the Minutes of the Board of Trustees Meeting held on April 13, 2024 are accepted as presented.

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

Trustee Arment	Voted Aye
Trustee Hargraves	Voted Aye
Trustee Levine	Voted Aye
Trustee Moritz	Voted Aye
Mayor Mallott	Voted Aye

APPROVAL OF BILLS AND CLAIM VOUCHERS: Resolution No. 2024-044: 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 \$103,062.64, for Gross Payroll from 04/03/24 through 04/16/24

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

Trustee Arment	Voted Aye
Trustee Hargraves	Voted Aye
Trustee Levine	Voted Aye
Trustee Moritz	Voted Aye
Mayor Mallott	Voted Aye

MAYOR'S REPORT:

**Mayor Mallott:** Uh, good morning, everyone. We're preparing for the summer, the sun's coming out and it's looking good. Um, our project is moving along very well here. It should be complete within just about a month, maybe five weeks or so. Um, they're putting the precast units into the ground now, they'll backfill them with sand and cement that's being shipped over. Um, we have marked out on paper our tennis area, which will probably be about 100ft wide. We'll see what that can do, if we can fit two tennis courts in there without too much problem. Um, they'll fix the cement that's broken over there and then pour asphalt over the top of that cement and then erect a fence around a recreation area. Um, the area, the east side of the tennis court area here hopefully will be a wagon park with wagons on the ground. No more hanging the wagons up so we're going to want to see how that shakes out this time. Of course, we are coming back here again next year to finish off the other third of the village that didn't get done. Um, and, uh, hopefully it'll be started and finished quickly because most of the mechanics will already be done. It will just be digging up the streets, putting new pipes in and resubmitting the whole area down, uh, from the west end to Denhoff, uh, walk there where it'll join in. Uh, Kevin and his guys continue to bang the village back into shape. It says a lot of work that needs to be done, but, uh, rest assured, we're working on it. I think that's all I've got for today.

ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT:

**Joe DiFrancisco:** Thank you Ken. Um, so I'm just kind of jumping onto what the mayor said about the continuation of this project going forward. I'm not sure if everybody was aware. Maybe you are aware we did receive an additional \$5 million grant from the DEC, which was a water quality improvement grant, which we can hopefully apply to the work that's being done. We haven't gotten all the parameters yet on the usage of the grant and how we're going to execute that yet, but that's in the works. Um, as part of this grant, just so everybody's aware, the village is responsible for contributing 10% towards the grant. So, the village will be on the hook for \$1 million as part of this grant. **Ken Gray:** 20%. **Joe DiFrancisco:** 20? What did I say? **Ken Gray:** 10%. **Joe DiFrancisco:** I'm sorry, 20%. Um, we are also talking to the EFC, the group that is currently funding this project, uh, about, uh, helping us fund the second half of the project. So, there's a lot of behind the scenes work going on for the second half of this project in terms of funding, how the village is going to pay for it and how or how it's going to get paid for. So just to keep everybody in the loop on that. Also, speaking about the tennis courts, I have been in talks with the Summer Club, who has again graciously assisted offered their courts to us if we cannot if there's delays in getting these courts open, if the construction gets delayed for any reason at all and the tennis courts are late getting opened, the Summer Club has offered to assist us in allowing use of their courts in the springtime, until our courts are up and running. I'd like to thank the Summer Club for that. Uh, and lastly, today we have a budget hearing, uh, final budget hearing to adopt the final budget. And before we do that, I'd like to thank Linda, our Treasurer, for all the hard work she put in to helping prepare this budget. There's a lot of work that goes into it, and I think she did a very good job doing it. So, and that's all I have. Mayor. **Trustee Hargraves:** Thank you Linda. **Mayor Mallott:** Thank you.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT: NO REPORT GIVEN

OCEAN BEACH VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT REPORT:

**Assistant Chief Brennan:** Good morning, Peter Brennan reporting for the fire department. Um, first item, our active membership stands at 48. Uh, we have one, possibly two new applicants looking to join this year. We have three probies

who are very close to finishing firefighter one. Um, Chief has formed a recruitment committee to actively engage in getting new members to join. The Ocean Beach Fire Department, the membership trend is downward, there's a decline in membership, which is not a local problem. It's a very statewide problem, national problem. So, we're going to engage in an active program to get new people to join us. Um, to date, we've had 24 callouts, which is significantly higher than last year where we only had nine callouts to date, 18 for fire and 6 for rescue. The um, Chauncey for the new truck has been delivered to Firematic they are currently building it out for us. The Chief and I are going to go and visit a facility in a week or so, check it out and see what progress is making on it, and we'll report back to you on that. So that's some good news. And, um finally, the full-time medic program is going to start on May 26th and run through October 6th. And that's it, that's all I got for you. **Mayor Mallott:** Thank you Chief. **Trustee Hargraves:** Thank you, Peter. **Assistant Chief Brennan:** Questions? **Mayor Mallott:** No questions.

**Ken Gray:** Do we have a police department report? **Mayor Mallott:** Andy, would you step in for Chief Hess, who is on vacation?

OCEAN BEACH POLICE REPORT:

**Sargeant Becher:** Good morning, Mr. Mayor. Uh, board. Uh, Chief Hess gave a report last meeting, but we are on track for our start for Memorial Day weekend. Uh, we do have a lot of returning faces that you'll see in the Police Department. Some have moved on, but one of the people that you will see will be, uh, Hank Clemens, who retired last year. But we managed to drag him back in and work with us again this summer. So, you will see Hank back on a part time basis.

**Mayor Mallott:** On a part time basis? **Sargeant Becher:** On a part time basis, yes. But, uh, but we are on track, and, uh, everything's good so far. **Mayor Mallott:** Thank you. Andy

ADDITIONS/DELETIONS TO THE AGENDA: None

STATE ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY REVIEW ACT (SEQRA): Resolution No. 2024-045: Mayor Mallott moved as follows:

WHEREAS, the Village hereby declares that all action items on this Agenda, unless otherwise indicated, 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 as Type II, unless otherwise indicated on this Agenda.

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

Trustee Arment	Voted Aye
Trustee Hargraves	Voted Aye
Trustee Levine	Voted Aye
Trustee Moritz	Voted Aye
Mayor Mallott	Voted Aye

BUDGET HEARING #1

**OPEN TIME: 11:32 – Mallott/Arment**

**CLOSING TIME: 11:34 - Arment/Mallott**

Public Hearing Notes:

**Ken Gray:** The budget hearing is now open. **Mayor Mallott:** Any comments from anybody? Any suggestions?

**Trustee Levine:** Mr. mayor, if I can, um, at our last meeting that we had on the public hearing, there wasn't really a lot of input at our meeting, but there was some discussion, uh, some stuff that was submitted to us as a board. And I just wanted to go over some of the stuff that Linda put together that the Ocean Beach Association and other members of the community put together. For us, it's in. **Mayor Mallott:** The it's entered into the minutes of the last meeting. **Trustee Levine:** Oh, we put we put it in even though. Okay. Yes. Um, okay. I mean, just one thing then if I can notice, uh, there

was a lot of conversation about the ferry book tickets, about the \$18,000 that was being charged as a fee or a processing fee for the ferry tickets, uh, next year, that will not be there. So, you'll be getting the full discount. **Mayor Mallott:** They're getting the full discount this year. **Trustee Levine:** Yeah. No, we charged, uh, \$20 on each book. Next year, we won't be. **Mayor Mallott:** I thought we were taking that out?

**Linda Morrissey:** That's the next budget. **Trustee Levine:** It's for the next budget. **Mayor Mallott:** Oh, for the next budget. **Trustee Levine:** So, the \$20 that we charged, uh, everybody as a processing fee to help subsidize the lifeguard tickets and the other village employee tickets will not be there. And we were able to find other places to get the money from. So that won't even be going on the taxes as well. So that was one of the things that you guys asked for. So, we do listen, and we do try to do what we can for the residents. Thank you, Mr. Mayor. **Ken Gray:** Okay. Any other board members have comments? Members of the public. Anybody want to be heard?

**Maria Silsdorf:** Yes, Maria Silsdorf, I was asked to ask this question on behalf of someone else, in the audit that was done a couple of years ago there was significant expense for TV services for the various apartments. The question is where is that and is that in the budget? **Linda Morrissey:** Yes. **Maria Silsdorf:** Okay. That's the question. Thank you. **Mayor Mallott:** Thank you. We'll move to close the public hearing. **Trustee Arment:** There's no hands up on zoom. **Ken Gray:** No, no hands up? **Trustee Arment:** Nope. Wow. **Trustee Levine:** That was easy. **Ken Gray:** Yeah. Motion to close the public hearing. **Trustee Arment:** So, moved. **Ken Gray:** Do we have a second? **Mayor Mallott:** Second. **Ken Gray:** All in favor? **Trustee Arment:** Aye. **Ken Gray:** Motion carries. Is there a motion to adopt the budget as submitted? **Mayor Mallott:** So moved. **Ken Gray:** Do I have a second? **Trustee Levine:** Second. **Ken Gray:** All in favor? **Trustee Levine:** Aye. **Mayor Mallott:** Aye.

**Trustee Hargraves:** I'll go first. Dawn Hargraves I am not, um, giving my approval for the budget based on, uh, positions I made clear to the board and to the Mayor. Um, with as they relate to raises for certain individuals. **Ken Gray:** So that's a no vote? **Trustee Hargraves:** That's a no vote for me. **Ken Gray:** Marco? **Trustee Arment:** Uh, for the same reasons, I also vote no. **Ken Gray:** And who's down there? Jen sorry, I couldn't see. **Trustee Moritz:** I agree. **Ken Gray:** You agree? **Trustee Moritz:** No. As well. **Ken Gray:** Okay. And Ian, you voted yes. **Trustee Levine:** I voted yes. **Ken Gray:** Yes. Okay. So three - two. The budget fails, but as by operation of law, um, this budget gets imposed. Thank you. That's what imposed. **Speaker6:** It's the budget. **Speaker2:** Even though even though it was voted down. **Maria Silsdorf:** I wasn't sure if he said imposed or opposed. Sorry. **Ken Gray:** No. I'm sorry. Imposed. Uh. **Mayor Mallott:** Let's move on, Kenny.

**APPROVE & ADOPT INC. VILLAGE OF OCEAN BEACH FINAL BUDGET 2023-2024: Resolution No. 2024-048:** Mayor Mallott moved follows:

WHEREAS, the Village of Ocean Beach held duly noticed public hearings on April 13, 2024 and April 27, 2024 concerning the 2024–2025 Village Budget; and,

WHEREAS, the Board of Trustees requested and encouraged 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 Village Board of Trustees hereby approves and adopts the Final 2024/2025 Village Budget and all schedules.

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

Trustee Arment	Voted Nay
Trustee Hargraves	Voted Nay
Trustee Levine	Voted Aye
Trustee Moritz	Voted Nay
Mayor Mallott	Voted Aye

**PUBLIC HEARING #2**  
**OPEN TIME: 11:36**

**Public Hearing Notes:**

**Ken Gray:** Okay. Um, local law number two of 2024. Uh, concerning peace and good order. My understanding is we're going to table that again. **Mayor Mallott:** We have to table that again. Kenny, I'm sure that you and Peter B are doing all the research possible so that we can come up with a solution. **Ken Gray:** Yes, we're having conversations with the Suffolk District Attorney's office and the Suffolk County County's attorney's office. Um, to see if we can, uh, craft something that would be acceptable to all involved.

**Trustee Hargraves:** And if I just may add with regard to that, that there are some jurisdictions that are outside of New York that have, uh, laws, more specifically New Jersey. So, there's a few of us that will be gathering some of that information and passing it on to our attorneys to see if we can implement, um, some of those.

**Trustee Levine:** What's going on is we all realize that we have a problem with the minors, but we there's no solutions in the State of New York that we feel would be adequate to deal with it here in Fire Island, a lot of places are putting in curfews. We don't want to put in a curfew. We don't want to say all kids have to be home by 9:00 at night or anything like that. We just want to be able to try to stop the problems that we're having and one of the things that we're looking at is, is stopping it by holding the parents responsible. We could call child welfare, you know, as one of our possibilities, but we really just want to make something that will limit the problems that we're having, the few problems that we're having and not punish everybody. So, we are working on it. We are looking all over the place. We're checking up and down the whole state to see if anybody is doing anything. Uh, it's always better to try to find somebody else that's doing it and not be the first, because the first can incur lots of expenses. If it's not perfect, there can be lawsuits and stuff. So, we are trying to get it done and we are trying. We realize that you guys all feel that we have a problem. So, we're looking into it. **Mayor Mallott:** Thank you. **Trustee Levine:** Thank you.

**Mayor Mallott:** Uh, Kenny, let's, uh. **Ken Gray:** That was a motion to table, right? **Mayor Mallott:** Yes. **Trustee Levine:** Second. **Mayor Mallott:** Are we continuing it or we'll just table it? **Trustee Hargraves:** It's already opened, I think. Wasn't it? **Ken Gray:** I don't think we opened it yet. **Mayor Mallott:** Oh, no. So, we're just going to table it. **Ken Gray:** Table it indefinitely. **Mayor Mallott:** So, we don't have to advertise for another public hearing. When we get to something. **Ken Gray:** Correct, we'll table it to the next board meeting. **Mayor Mallott:** Okay good. Thank you. **Ken Gray:** You're welcome. All in favor? **All:** Aye.

**ADOPT LOCAL LAW 02 OF 2024 AMENDING CHAPTER 123 OF VILLAGE CODE CONCERNING PEACE AND GOOD ORDER MINOR): Resolution No. 2024-049: Mayor Mallott moved to table as follows:**

**BE IT ENACTED**, by the Board of Trustees of the Village of Ocean Beach, as follows:

**Section 1.** Chapter 123, entitled "Peace and Good Order" shall hereby be amended and adopted as follows:

NEW LANGUAGE – **Underlined & Bold**

**Chapter 123: Peace and Good Order**

§ 123-11 **Definitions.**

- a. **MINOR**  
**Any person under the age of 18 years.**
- b. **PARENT**  
**Any natural or adoptive parent or legal guardian or custodian of any minor.**

§ 123-16-A **Parental responsibility.**

**It shall be unlawful for any parent as defined herein to permit any violation of this chapter by any person for whom they are responsible who has not yet passed his or her 18th birthday. Any violations may be reported to Child Protective Services.**

§ 123-19-A **Parental responsibility.**

It shall be unlawful for any parent as defined herein to permit any violation of this chapter by any person for whom they are responsible who has not yet passed his or her 18th birthday. Any violations may be reported to Child Protective Services.

**Section 2.** This local law is determined to be a TYPE II action under the NY State Environmental Quality Review Act (“SEQRA”).

**Section 3.** This local law shall take effect immediately upon filing with the Office of the Secretary of State.

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

Trustee Arment	Voted Aye
Trustee Hargraves	Voted Aye
Trustee Levine	Voted Aye
Trustee Moritz	Voted Aye
Mayor Mallott	Voted Aye

**AUTHORIZATION TO SET A PUBLIC HEARING TO AMEND CHAPTER A166 SPECIAL PERMITS**

**PROCEDURES: Resolution No. 2024-046:** Mayor Mallott moved follows:

WHEREAS, the Village of Ocean Beach reviews certain codes and makes changes from time to time by resolution; and

WHEREAS, the Village of Ocean Beach would like to introduce and have a public hearing to amend Chapter A166 Special Permit Procedures;

Now, therefore, it is hereby

RESOLVED that the Village Clerk shall schedule and publish notice of a Public Hearings for Saturday, May 18, 2024 at 11:30 am for the purpose of amending Chapter A166 Special Permit Procedures.

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

Trustee Arment	Voted Aye
Trustee Hargraves	Voted Aye
Trustee Levine	Voted Aye
Trustee Moritz	Voted Aye
Mayor Mallott	Voted Aye

**Mayor Mallott:** Thank you, this is procedural for a special permit. There's no time limit on a special permit when you apply or when you have to have that special permit in place. So, we're going to put a time limit on issuing a special permit. **Trustee Levine:** Can you give some examples of what you're talking about. **Mayor Mallott:** Uh. **Trustee Levine:** If a building, if a restaurant or something changes, ownership. **Mayor Mallott:** If anything changes. **Trustee Moritz:** If anything. Anything. **Trustee Arment:** Commercially.

**Mayor Mallott:** Commercially, it needs a special permit. The special permit goes to the new applicant. Uh, right now there's a no time limit on when that special permit is due. And we want to put a time limit on it so that nothing opens here. Nothing operates here without that special permit, which you have to go to the planning board for a recommendation. And then that recommendation becomes before the board. We just like to make it a little more efficient. So that's why we're having that, uh, public hearing.

**Ken Gray:** We did we vote on that? **Trustee Arment:** We already voted on it. **Ken Gray:** Okay, yes. Thank you. **Ken Gray:** Um, Dave Lieber, um, resigned off the VOBEC Board, and there was a recommendation to appoint Sage Block, um, to finish out his term, which ends July of 2025. **Mayor Mallot:** Correct. **Ken Gray:** So, do I have a motion? **Trustee Levine:** Motion. **Trustee Moritz:** I'd like to hear from- **Trustee Levine:** Mr. Mayor, Beth Witz is here from the. **Trustee Moritz:** Great. Okay. Yes. Thank you.

**Beth Jacobwitz:** I would like to read an email from Camille Guigliano. Um, this is about Sage Block. She's eminently qualified by education and experience. She has a bachelor's degree in environmental studies and a master's in sustainable communities. In her current job, she plans, supports, and executes community events, hearings, and workshops with state and local agencies for numerous projects. In her past position, she has written grant applications and worked on the East Side Coastal Resiliency Project, a huge project in the city that trying to mitigate flooding on the Lower East Side. In the village, it's obvious that she'd be a huge asset to Forbach, especially as we expand our projects and begin our foray into applying for relevant grants in our community. The code states that residents of Ocean Beach are eligible for appointment, but her connections with Ocean Beach and Fire Island are indisputable. Rules ought to be followed but there are always exceptions. Um. In my industry we always refer to risk benefit ratio. What is the risk here when the benefits are so obvious? I would ask that any harm to the community is outweighed by making this exception. She comes from a multigenerational Fire Island family and has grown up grown up here. Although her family recently sold their house, she spends most weekends out here at my house, and she has ties to the community through her relationship with Lou Kirsch and also many of the other families in Seaview and Ocean Beach. Because she spent such a significant amount of time out here during the season, I feel that this should not be an impediment to an appointment. VOBEC is at a stage where we need experienced hands on deck to tackle environmental issues that know no geographical boundaries. She's passionate about a Fire Island, extraordinarily qualified and eager to join VOBEC. I cannot recommend her highly enough. For all these reasons, I emphatically feel that her assets far outweigh the issue of her residency. **Mayor Mallott:** Very good, thank you.

**Trustee Arment:** If you would, can you just clarify? Um, you know, I think so at hand. Here is the issue of, you know, we have a residency requirement for members of VOBEC. But I think it's important to note that residency does not mean ownership in many ways here. And so as long as we are clear, can you, you said she stays at your house?

**Beth Jacobwitz:** Yeah, she's at my house. Um, at least half of the weekends in the summer. And she's at the Hirsch's, the other half. **Trustee Moritz:** Yeah. **Trustee Arment:** So just to be clear, like, does she **Trustee Moritz:** She's definitely involved. **Trustee Arment:** Does she intend to come here regularly? **Beth Jacobwitz:** She comes here regularly. **Trustee Arment:** That's good enough. **Beth Jacobwitz:** She participates in all the events. Like she does everything with us anyway. **Trustee Arment:** Then I'd say she's as much of a resident as many of our residents, and that counts. **Trustee Moritz:** I agree we should be, I think she will be a great attribute. **Trustee Levine:** Thank you, Beth. **Beth Jacobwitz:** Great. I mean, and especially given her youth like we need young people to get involved because it helps other young people involved. **Trustee Arment:** Fully agree. Yes, I welcome more young people coming. **Ken Gray:** Mr. Mayor you make that appointment? **Trustee Moritz:** So I'm sad to see Dave leave, but – **Ken Gray:** All in favor?

**All:** Aye. **Ken Gray:** Motion carries.

**ORGANIZATIONAL APPOINTMENT - VOBEC: Resolution No. 2024-047: Mayor Mallott moved follows:**

**ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION (TWO-YEAR TERM/ONE-YEAR TERM):**

<u>APPOINTED:</u>	<u>NAME:</u>	<u>POSITION:</u>	<u>TERM EXPIRES:</u>
4/27/2024	Sage Block	Member	7/7/2025
7/3/2023	David Lieber	Co-Chairperson	7/7/2025

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

Trustee Arment	Voted Aye
Trustee Hargraves	Voted Aye
Trustee Levine	Voted Aye
Trustee Moritz	Voted Aye
Mayor Mallott	Voted Aye

**HEARING OF THE CITIZENS:**

**Maria Silsdorf:** Good morning. All. So, um, when we were discussing the project earlier, I thought I recall that May 15th was the drop-dead date for them being done this spring. And I believe you said when your opening comments that they were going to be here for another 4 or 5 weeks. Well, so that goes past May 15<sup>th</sup>?

**Mayor Mallott:** You know, there's been a lot of bad weather. So, they make those days up on the on the end of the project and a few stoppages. And we'll work together on getting this project finished. **Maria Silsdorf:** So May 15th was not a hard date. Well, it was and it's not. **Mayor Mallott:** It depends. **Trustee Levine:** Mr. Mayor. Is it clear to say or okay to say that there were problems with the permits, that and the date that they were supposed to start the 300 days? That was a little bit late. The. **Mayor Mallott:** Uh, the start date and the.

**Maria Silsdorf:** So, I actually remember Lenny asking if there was Lenny, if there was a penalty for built into the contract, if they exceeded May 15th. So are we getting penalty dollars for them? **Mayor Mallott:** There's a clause in the contract that gives them 300 days to do the project, depending on the start date and the days that were missed. Um, at 300 days is a little further out than we. **Maria Silsdorf:** So they still have time within the 300 days? **Trustee Hargraves:** Yeah, and mainly because of the weather. **Trustee Moritz:** The weather was horrible here this winter. **Joe DiFrancisco:** Actually it a lot has to do with the permit from the DEC also. **Trustee Levine:** Correct. That was in the very beginning. **Joe DiFrancisco:** We didn't get that permit until almost October. So, they couldn't start work until that permit came in. **Maria Silsdorf:** Thanks for the explanations. Um.

**Trustee Levine:** One second, but they will have all the concrete done and they plan on having everything just confined to this area to work, starting now. Everything, everything else is done. So, it's really just going to be confined here.

**Mayor Mallott:** Over here, mostly it's mechanical over here. Now they're expecting the filters and the pumps because the cement, uh, precast are going in. This crane is here. 300 ton crane to lift one piece of equipment, probably on Wednesday into the hole. The crane will then leave, the holes will be backfilled, and the mechanics will come over. And the people that install those mechanicals will be here to set up the pumps and everything else.

**Maria Silsdorf:** So, the obvious concern would be Memorial Day weekend, which is the perfect segue for what I really want to talk to you about. So, the Ocean Beach Association, of which I'm president, spent some time, uh, talking about last year's Memorial Day weekend. And for those of you that don't remember, it was, um, the busiest weekend, uh, of this summer for the Police Department. I confirm that, um, many residents were not comfortable leaving their homes because of the crowding in town specifically. And I spoke to Joe briefly about this, but I spoke to George at length, uh, on Saturday night of Memorial Day weekend, you could not get past houses. I mean, it was literally unsafe. Uh, and he told me he's actually begun to have conversations with some businesses, but we provided you, uh, with some recommendations for what we felt would help secure this place on Memorial Day weekend. And when we originally submitted it, um, on March 12th, we said that we have, you know, a lot of lead time at this point to put these things in place. It's getting closer now. So, one of the recommendations that we had real quickly were that we thought the Fire Marshal should be on site monitoring occupancy on that weekend. Um, we thought a bag check could be considered. We thought that we should demand security on the ferries that weekend, because we know that they are inconsistent in providing security on the ferries. Police coverage should be optimized, and similar to how the Long Island Railroad and Metro North handles Santa-Con in New York City, that they should. We should ask the ferries to disallow any alcohol on the boats that weekend, and finally, that the businesses should take responsibility for ensuring safe passage of pedestrians. So, I just want to follow up and see what we're doing.

**Mayor Mallott:** George and I have had long conversations about it, about what we're going to do. And, you know, a lot of the businesses have been spoken to, uh, there'll be organized lines outside of Housers, outside of Sandbar, uh, and anywhere else that's busy trying to keep the, the streets clean. Uh, and, uh, you know, keep an eye on the occupation of, uh, of said establishments, um, and do our best as we as we usually do.

**Maria Silsdorf:** I think the ferries are key, and they have not done their best. **Mayor Mallott:** We'll talk to the ferry, we have a new ferry contract now. Uh, these things are. In the contract that there is a presence on the boat. Again, the presence on the boat is not, is not police, it's security. Uh, and security is, is you know, it's a difficult thing to do on a boat because there's just one guy on the boat. **Maria Silsdorf:** But they can have two on Memorial Day. **Mayor Mallott:** Two guys if it does, if it makes if they'll spend that money.

**Maria Silsdorf:** It's in the contract, we should hold them to it. **Mayor Mallott:** It says they will provide security. Uh, I, we can't tell a private company what to spend on security. Uh, we've been in partnership with them before as far as security goes. So that'll be a conversation we'll have to have with the ferry company in the not too distant future. **Maria Silsdorf:** Good. Thank you. **Mayor Mallott:** You're welcome.



**Lenny Aronica:** Hi, Lenny Aronica. Uh, could you just take maybe this question for the lawyer? Because I'm trying to understand the budget process. So, you had three no votes, and then you just approved the budget. So, I'm trying to understand if you could just take me through?

**Ken Gray:** Just the operation of New York State for villages. Villages have to adopt their budget by May 1st. And the way the law is written is that when there's a proposed budget, if nothing gets adopted by May 1st, it automatically gets implemented the proposed budget. The latest draft of the proposed budget automatically gets implemented. **Lenny Aronica:**

Okay, so why are we voting one week before the budget? I mean, that would be the next question. Why would we vote? But obviously if you voted three weeks or a month ago, or then you could have had another vote if you worked out something with the budget, right? Well, the three people said, no, you go back to look at the budget and say, oh, we got to adjust this or adjust that so we can get a unanimous or a majority vote. **Ken Gray:** I can't, I can't speak on the, you know, for the board. **Trustee Hargraves:** I will. **Lenny Aronica:** It doesn't look good. I would tell you it doesn't look good.

**Mayor Mallott:** It's the mayor's budget, okay. It's my budget. **Lenny Aronica:** Yeah, yeah. **Mayor Mallott:** And I share with the board we have some disagreements, and they know that it's going to pass no matter what. So that's what happened. We had a minor disagreement over very little money. **Lenny Aronica:** Okay. Um, I saw it one way. The board saw it another way. **Lenny Aronica:** Okay. All right. Well, I would encourage the board to get a final vote, maybe weeks or several weeks before so that maybe you could work out your differences. But obviously, if it's a mayor thing, then there's not much. There's it's kind of weird to take a vote and just passes anyway, that's my opinion. **Trustee Arment:** Agreed.

**Beth Berns:** Good morning Beth Berns here. In case you don't remember getting it in your postal mailboxes. These are the blue sheets for the Ocean Beach directory. Published by the Ocean Beach Association, everybody gets or uses the Ocean Beach Association directory all the time, all summer. And these are for our advertisements in the yellow Pages. We want to go to print. We want to get it out early this year I left some extra ones here, I'm also available by email. Can everybody fill it out? Businesses, person, personal. Congratulations. It would be terrific. Thank you so much. **Mayor Mallott:** That's good to see you. Thank you. **Trustee Levine:** Good to see you walking.

**Trustee Arment:** Alright on zoom Shoshanna Mccollum, go ahead. **Shoshanna McCollum:** Um, yes. Thank you. Um. Uh, the first gentleman who spoke largely answered my question, but I am wondering if a no vote by the majority of the board is largely symbolic, why are we doing this exercise? **Ken Gray:** Because it's the process, it's state law. You have public hearings, you adopt the budget. **Trustee Arment:** All right. Thanks. All right. Cathy Luby on zoom. Go ahead.

**Cathy Luby:** Hi. Thank you. Um, I'm just wondering, um, a couple of months ago, I had asked about, um, having a sitting bench at the top of cottage. And back then you said, uh, uh, you'd be looking into it. I'm wondering if there's any update. Is can this get done for this summer? **Mayor Mallott:** Um, yes, I think we can. We can put it on the list and hopefully get to it before the summer kicks in. **Cathy Luby:** Okay. Be greatly appreciated. Thank you. **Mayor Mallott:** You're welcome. **Trustee Arment:** There are no more hands. **Ken Gray:** Okay. Anybody else in public? **Mayor Mallott:** Move to close. **Ken Gray:** Motion to close. Seconded. **Trustee Arment:** Second. **Ken Gray:** All in favor? **All:** Aye. **Ken Gray:** We're adjourned. Have a good day. Thank you

**ADJOURNMENT:** Mayor Mallott moved to close the meeting at 11:54 PM. Trustee Arment seconded this motion. Upon call, the following voted:

Trustee Arment	Voted Aye
Trustee Hargraves	Voted Aye
Trustee Levine	Voted Aye
Trustee Moritz	Voted Aye
Mayor Mallott	Voted Aye

  
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Jacqueline Rulon, Deputy Clerk