



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 30, 2022 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 9:01 AM from the Village Office, 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 11:05AM by Mayor Mallott. The motion was seconded by Trustee Hargraves, upon call the following voted:

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

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

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

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

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

**Mayor Mallott opened the meeting. Good morning, would you please remain standing in memory of Jack McGough who passed away suddenly. Jack was a police officer and worked for the Village for 11 years. Thank you very much.**

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING HELD ON APRIL 16, 2022: Resolution No. 2022-040:

Mayor Mallott moved as follows:

BE IT RESOLVED that the Minutes of the Board of Trustees Meeting held on April 16, 2022 are accepted as amended

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 BILLS AND CLAIM VOUCHERS: Resolution No. 2022-041: 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 \$83,877.19, for Gross Payroll from 04/06/22 through 04/19/22

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 \$ 78,661.38, starting with check number A26822, and

Water Fund, in the amount of \$ 2,483.65, starting with check number F3613, and

Sewer Fund, in the amount of \$ 16,451.97, starting with check number G6615, and

Bay Front Project, in the amount of \$ 23,675.00, starting with check number 2025, and

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

MAYOR'S REPORT:

Good morning, everybody. I don't have too much to report from my point of view, since two weeks ago. So, we're going to go right into the Superintendents report.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT: Kevin Schelling spoke

Wastewater: Sewer plant is fully operational.

Emergency Systems and Generator systems operational.

Chemical & Fuel supplies are full

Three (3) new sewer main taps installed

Sewer Restrictions being addressed

Water: Wells #2 & #3 are operational, Well #4 the automatic system is being repaired

All Emergency Systems and Generator system operational

Chemical & Fuel supplies are full

Four (4) new Water tap services installed (for fire systems)

Well #5 test well is in. To be completed by May 15<sup>th</sup>.

Properties: Maintaining the Ballfield & Green

Made repairs to the Ballfield Fence

Buildings: Community House – Restrooms are open for season.

Jet ski and quad send off – tuned up and returned for summer

Marina: Open for the season – Water system operational

Installed Solar entrance lights

Streets: Sand removal continues

Senior cart sent off – it was repaired and is at the Police Station.

Projects: North dock at terminal is in operation and open

PSE&G drilling project complete in Ocean Beach

Mayor: Kev, a couple of questions there. First and foremost, about the well. Are we taking precautions here in the event of something going on here, a fire, we're fully prepared? Kevin; we're fully operational. Mayor; Fully operational without that well. Kevin: that's correct. No, the well can be turned on if need be but it's not automatic. Mayor; It's not automatic. So, you waiting for parts for it. Kevin; part is ordered for that Mayor; and who's doing that? Kevin; H2M is overseeing it and the company they ordered, the part was expedited. So, yes. All right. They're on top of it. Mayor; All right and everything else seems to be copacetic. I just wanted you to hear that. All right. Thanks Kev.

OCEAN BEACH VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT REPORT: Chief Levine spoke

We're ready for service. Kevin and Richie, thank you very much for the quick response. When we had the problem with the water in Ocean Beach and they were over here in a half an hour and the problem was fixed. So, if you have any questions regarding the budget let me know, I think it's a good budget for the village and I think that the fire department budget is good I'm glad we got it done, after it took many years, but we got it done and that's it. Thank you

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

Not much to report on. We're ready to go. Thursday night, we had our new Academy graduates. I got to tell you, you look up to very inspiring when you see them and they're squared away ready to go to work. So, they're coming over tomorrow for some training and we're going to put them out there. So, we're ready. I wanted to say thank you for remembering Jack. Jack was a special breed of cop. He worked in Nassau County for almost 30 years as a detective, retired. I mean, he's probably the smartest cop I ever met. I spoke to his wife yesterday morning, it was sad, he died suddenly. He was lucky, he didn't have any ailments and nothing was wrong with him. He got up from his computer, walk down the hallway and he passed away. It's a sad moment. I mean, we lost a real a gentleman, so. Thank you. Mayor Mallott; He's a good guy, Jack. All right. Mayor; Thank you Chief.

**ADDITIONS AND/OR DELETIONS TO THE AGENDA:** Resolution No. 2022-042: Mayor Mallott moved as follows:

1. Add – Item #12 – Approval to Accept Fire Island Ferries Master Schedule
2. Add – Item #13 – Set Public Hearing Adopt Local Law 03 Of 2022 - Open Meetings Law

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

**STATE ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY REVIEW ACT (SEQRA):** Resolution No. 2022-043: 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 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 MODIFICATIONS:** Resolution No. 2022-044: Mayor Mallott moved as follows:

<b>21-22 BUDGET MODIFICATIONS</b>		
<b>GENERAL FUND</b>		
<b>To:</b>	<b>Description:</b>	<b>Amount:</b>
A0.1010.495	Ferry & Parking	\$ 250.00
A0.1110.425	Telephone	\$ 800.00
A0.1210.495	Ferry & Parking	\$ 50.00
A0.1230.495	Ferry & Parking	\$ 300.00
A0.1325.414	Advertising/Public Notice	\$ 300.00
A0.3125.493	Meeting, Training	\$ 300.00
A0.1420.100	Village Attorney	\$ 30,000.00
A0.1420.495	Ferry & Parking	\$ 800.00
A0.1621.431	Windswept Expenses	\$ 6,000.00
A0.1621.432	Ferry Terminal Expenses	\$ 2,500.00
A0.1925.486	Computer Support	\$ 1,500.00
A0.1930.499	Judgement & Claims	\$ 145,000.00
A0.3120.102	Seasonal Officers	\$ 70,000.00
A0.3120.421	Electric	\$ 1,500.00
A0.3120.494	Uniforms	\$ 10,000.00
A0.3120.495	Ferry & Parking	\$ 3,150.00
A0.3410.421	Electric	\$ 1,500.00
A0.3410.423	Fuel Oil	\$ 500.00
A0.3410.425	Telephone	\$ 3,000.00
A0.3410.441	Equipment Maintenance	\$ 8,000.00
A0.3410.443	Truck Maintenance	\$ 8,000.00

A0.3410.444	Fuel For Trucks	\$ 5,000.00
A0.3410.445	Hose Testing	\$ 1,500.00
A0.3410.446	Fire Dept Improvements	\$ 400.00
A0.3410.462	Ferry Ticket Books	\$ 600.00
A0.3410.497	Physicals/Vaccinations	\$ 2,000.00
A0.3410.498	Fire/Medical Supplies	\$ 3,000.00
A0.3620.441	Supplies	\$ 200.00
A0.3620.495	Ferry & Parking	\$ 200.00
A0.5110.442	Vehicle Repairs	\$ 5,000.00
A0.5110.443	Gasoline	\$ 3,000.00
A0.5110.451	Hardware Masonry Supplies	\$ 5,000.00
A0.5182.421	St Lighting Electricity	\$ 500.00
A0.7110.200	Parks Equipment	\$ 12,000.00
A0.7140.200	Equipment Maintenance	\$ 100.00
A0.7140.411	Supplies	\$ 600.00
A0.7140.452	Medical Supplies	\$ 300.00
A0.7140.493	Training Expenses	\$ 400.00
A0.7898.200	Equip Dock Rehab	\$ 5,000.00
A0.7989.495	Ferry & Parking	\$ 1,250.00
A0.8010.475	ZBA – Advertising	\$ 200.00
A0.9050.800	Unemployment Insurance	\$ 4,000.00
A0.9055.800	Disability Insurance	\$ 200.00
A0.9901.910	Transfers to Capital Fund	\$ 48,750.00
	<b>TOTAL:</b>	<b>\$ 392,650.00</b>
<b>From:</b>	<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>Amount:</b>
A0.1010.472	Conferences	\$ 550.00
A0.1110.415	Postage	\$ 800.00
A0.5110.495	Ferry & Parking	\$ 3,000.00
A0.1325.200	Equipment	\$ 300.00
A0.1420.442	Contractual/Legal	\$ 25,000.00
A0.1440.443	Engineering Services	\$ 7,000.00
A0.1621.441	Bldg. Maint & Repair	\$ 98,250.00
A0.1910.RESR	Insurance Reserve	\$ 50,000.00
A0.1910.FLOD	Flood Insurance	\$ 75,000.00
A0.1925.485	Computer Software	\$ 1,500.00
A0.1990.499	Contingency	\$ 75,050.00
<b>From:</b>	<b>GENERAL FUND cont.</b>	<b>Amount:</b>
A0.3120.493	Training & Education	\$ 1,500.00
A0.3120.411	Office Supplies	\$ 500.00
A0.3410.200	Equipment	\$ 33,500.00
A0.3620.472	Conferences	\$ 400.00
A0.5182.452	Energy/Pole Rental	\$ 500.00
A0.7110.451	Supplies	\$ 9,000.00
A0.7140.441	Equipment Maintenance	\$ 1,400.00
A0.7989.444	Marina Repairs	\$ 1,500.00
A0.7989.461	Plumbing Repairs	\$ 1,500.00
A0.8010.493	ZBA Training	\$ 200.00
A0.9040.800	Workers Comp	\$ 4,200.00
	<b>TOTAL:</b>	<b>\$ 392,650.00</b>
<b>To:</b>	<b>WATER FUND</b>	<b>Amount:</b>
F0.8340.421	Electric/Heat	\$ 10,000.00
F0.8340.442	Vehicle Maintenance	\$ 10,000.00
F0.8340.446	Equipment Maintenance	\$ 3,000.00
F0.8340.461	Plumbing Supplies	\$ 10,000.00
F0.8340.495	FIFI Parking	\$ 1,060.00
F0.9040.800	Workers Comp	\$ 250.00
	<b>TOTAL:</b>	<b>\$ 34,310.00</b>

<b>From:</b>	<b>WATER FUND</b>	<b>Amount:</b>
F0.1990.499	Contingency	\$ 13,000.00
F0.8340.200	Equipment	\$ 19,000.00
F0.8340.466	Generator Maintenance	\$ 2,060.00
F0.9060.800	Hosp & Medical Ins	\$ 250.00
	<b>TOTAL:</b>	<b>\$ 34,310.00</b>
<b>To:</b>	<b>SEWER FUND</b>	<b>Amount:</b>
G0.8120.442	Vehicle Maintenance	\$ 10,000.00
G0.8120.446	Plant Repairs	\$ 4,000.00
G0.8120.451	Chemicals	\$ 4,000.00
G0.8120.466	Plant Supplies	\$ 500.00
G0.8120.495	FIF Ferry & Parking	\$ 800.00
	<b>TOTAL:</b>	<b>\$ 19,300.00</b>
<b>From:</b>	<b>SEWER FUND</b>	<b>Amount:</b>
G0.1990.499	Contingency	\$ 10,000.00
G0.8120.445	Motor Repair	\$ 8,000.00
G0.8120.463	Hardware/Tools	\$ 500.00
G0.8120.489	Emergency Repairs	\$ 800.00
	<b>TOTAL:</b>	<b>\$ 19,300.00</b>

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 TO ACCEPT 2022-2026 FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT AGREEMENTS WITH TOWN OF ISLIP: Resolution No. 2022-045:** 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 Protection District and Seaview, for a period of five (5) years, commencing January 1, 2022 and ending December 31, 2026, as follows:

2022 - \$616,700  
2023 - \$635,201  
2024 - \$654,257  
2025 - \$673,885  
2026 - \$694,101

Now, therefore, it is hereby

RESOLVED that the Village Board of Trustees hereby approves and ratifies the new Agreement for the years 2022 through 2026, a copy of which is on file in the Village Office, with the Town of Islip; and

It is further RESOLVED that the Mayor is authorized to execute said Agreements and forward same to the OBFD for appropriate action.

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

**Mayor Mallott:** Matt and Franklin thank you for all your help with that. We have a five year contract so, it's terrific to put that behind us for a while.

**APPROVAL TO ACCEPT FIRE ISLAND FERRIES MASTER SCHEDULE: Resolution No. 2022-046:** Mayor Mallott moved as follows:

WHEREAS, the village of Ocean Beach and Fire Island Ferries have entered into a contract to extend the contract through December 31, 2023, and

WHEREAS, it was subject to the board accepting the proposed master schedule.

Now, therefore, it is hereby

RESOLVED, that the Village Board of Trustees hereby accepts the proposed master schedule submitted by Fire Island Ferries.

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

**Mayor Mallott; Copies of the Fire Island Ferries contract will be available in the Village Office on Monday.**

**SET A PUBLIC HEARING TO ADOPT LOCAL LAW 03 OF 2022 – OPEN MEETINGS LAW: Resolution No. 2022-047:** Mayor Mallott moved as follows:

WHEREAS, the Incorporated Village of Ocean Beach wishes to set a public hearing to Adopt Local Law 03 of 2022 – Open Meetings Law, to permit the continuation of virtual meetings; and

WHEREAS, this law will allow the permanent use of videoconferencing to conduct so-called “hybrid” public meetings to facilitate the business of government.

Now, therefore, it is hereby

RESOLVED that the Board of Trustees sets the Public Hearing for Saturday, May 14, 2022 at 11:30 AM for the adoption of Local Law No. 03 of 2022.

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

#### **BUDGET HEARING #1**

**OPEN BY: Mayor/Blake**      **CLOSED BY: Mayor/Power**

**OPEN TIME: 11:26 am**      **CLOSING TIME: 11:32 am**

#### **Public Hearing Notes:**

Maria Silsdorf; Yes, it's Maria. I do. Can you hear me? Excuse me. Mayor; Yes, we can hear you. Maria; Okay. I actually have several questions and I have a comment. A specific question I have is the, I know Steve likes the number. So, is the A1440. Professional services. Just trying to understand what that is. It was at \$30,000 in the past and it's increased to \$75,000. Just trying to understand what that is.

Mayor Mallott: Attorneys fees. Maria: That's attorney. Because there's two other places where there's village attorney and another attorney. This is the third line. I'm sorry. Steve Brautigam; There's engineers in there. Land use in there occasionally. Yeah, there's. Maria: What's different this year? In the last year is what I'm specifically asking. Steve; I think the village is going to need more professional services this new year. Trustee Norris; And a preponderance of that is engineering an architectural consultancy? Steve; Yes. Yes, that's correct. Trustee Norris; And reflective to the various capital improvement projects that we have. It's best practice to bank some money towards that pot. Steve; Correct. Maria; So, it's kind of as the year progresses, we'll be determining exactly how it's spent. So I'm hearing. Trustee Blake It's an estimate on expenses. Steve; Yes. Yes, that's correct.

Maria: Okay, fair enough. The second thing I wanted to bring up is it strikes me is that the A2610 court fines generates only \$34,000 in fines. Whereas the judicial expense to the village is almost \$70,000 and we have over a million one in police and public safety expense. Now, I fully understand. I'm not trying to have a philosophical debate here, but I fully understand that the police is not intended to be a revenue generating force. However, with all of the commentary over the course of the years from many, many residents about the lack of code enforcement, I would think that there could be a more consistent approach to code enforcement, resulting in giving out fines that might generate more revenue if we were more consistent. In that approach. With that said, the second part of what I wanted to comment on is Jimmy you and I had had a conversation and it was in the recommendation that a group of us submitted to come up many times about the need for code enforcement officers. I believe that code enforcement officers. Would more than pay for themselves in the

generation of additional fines and lead to a more consistent experience in Ocean Beach for those of us that actually live there. So, between the lack of revenue generated by court fines today, the continued growing expenses on the police and judicial lines and the lack of code enforcement, I feel like this is a major topic. It could be explored, resulting in a much better experience for all of us. So, I don't know if anyone wants to comment back to me before I raise my final point.

Mayor; No, you can move on. I think we're all aware of that. Maria; Okay. I had hoped that there would be some movement on code enforcement for summer 2022. Mayor; I don't think it's something that we would schedule for now. It's another department of the village. You know, there's a lot that comes along with it. You don't just hire code enforcement officers, somebody else to oversee the code enforcement officers. Someone has to explain the code enforcement officers. There also has to be I don't know how many code enforcement officers would be necessary. You know, you're going to have a whole new department. Maria; So, in lieu in lieu of a whole new department, because I understand those concerns, although I do think they're overcomeable. But in lieu of a code enforcement department, I think there's an opportunity to leverage our police and public safety officers, as well as our fire marshal building inspector, to be more consistent on the enforcement of code. Mayor; Okay. Thanks.

Maria; Yeah. The final point I wanted to bring up is we had also discussed street sweeping. Last year, there was basically no street sweeping taking place. And I thought that that would be added in. Is that somewhere in the budget for the summer?

Mayor; If we can find the people to do it, we'll find it in the budget. Kevin. Actively searching now. Maria; Okay, that's great news. And then finally, I just wanted to thank you. I do see the \$20,000 in the budget for the teen rec program. So, thank you very much for that. Mayor; You're welcome. Mayor; Thank you.

### **PUBLIC HEARING; ACCEPT & APPROVE THE INC. VILLAGE OF OCEAN BEACH 2022/2023 FINAL**

**BUDGET: Resolution No. 2022-048;** Mayor Mallott moved as follows:

WHEREAS, the Village of Ocean Beach held duly noticed public hearings on April 16, 2022 and April 30, 2022 concerning the 2022–2023 Village Budget; and,

WHEREAS, the Board of Trustees took public comments and requested and encouraged the public to submit comments via mail and/or 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 2022/2023 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

### **HEARING OF THE CITIZENS: 11:33 AM**

Trustee Norris; Before we do that, just we were discussing about the rec program. Stephen, could you just overview. So, we've designated \$20,000 for the REC program and the determination from the board? Steve Brautigam: Yes, there's 20,000 in there and the board wants to add another \$10,000, which will happen in June. We'll do a budget mod to make it a total of \$30,000. The village attorney will draw up documents so that transaction can take place. Trustee Norris; Thank you, Stephen. Again, 30,000. Trustee Hargraves; And if I just may add to that, it's not going to be limited to a teen program. It'll be a program that's available to the entire village. Maria; So where will it be a pay for program or it will be a free program that the taxpayers are already paying for. Trustee Hargraves: That we will have to talk to OBYG about. Maria: Okay. Because I'd hate to pay twice. Patty Brahe; Can I interject? I can answer that question. It will be a hybrid of events depending on what the programming is. If it's something that involves a lot of materials. And a like an art class, there could potentially be a surcharge. But we're hoping to keep a lot of the programming to be free. Maria; Thank you, Patty. Thank you. Mayor; Thank you, Patty.

Mayor; We are at the hearing of the citizen. George Eastman; Jimmy, this is George Eastman. Can I ask a quick question on the ferry schedule? The master schedule that was adopted, did that was were you able to deal with the ferry to adjust some of the boat to train early morning questions that have been coming up for years now? Is that have there been some accommodations in the schedule for that? Mayor; The ferry company will do their best to coordinate with the Long Island Railroad. The Long Island Railroad is I probably don't have to explain it to you guys that it's 50% off and it's still 50% off in its ridership and their trains are subject to change, too. But the ferry company will do the best that they can to accommodate the with the with the railroad. We did manage to change some couple of ferries around we felt were necessary. We got an 8:00 am ferry from Bayshore. This is the June 25th to September 4th schedule. There is a there will be an 8:00 am ferry leaving Bay Shore to get everybody here at. It's 8:30 for OBYG and for our lifeguards. And there will be we changed the ferry company change to 3:10 to 3:20 to accommodate more of the same people. Trustee Hargraves; If I may just add, too, we have a 6:20am boat that will be run Monday through Friday. So, it's 6:20 am off Ocean Beach for those who need to go to work.

Mayor; All right, George. George: Got it. Thank you. Thank you.

Maria; Yeah. Jimmy, it's Maria again. Those are good changes on the ferry schedule, thanks to me. Did you want to mention something about the FINS driving project? Mayor: Yeah. Well, why don't you? You got the floor. Maria; Okay. All right. So, Jimmy and I spoke at length about this earlier today. This is going to take a little bit more than a couple of sentences, but Fire Island National Seashore has undertaken a project to basically throw out the Blue Book, which some of you may know is an extensive document detailing driving restrictions and rewrite driving regulations for Fire Island. Most of us who are close to it feel that that's unnecessary, that a few tweaks to the current driving regulations would probably satisfy what is necessary. But somehow FINS got a grant that requires them to actually rewrite the entire regulation. Those of you, most of you know that FINS fire all national seashore was established in the early sixties in order to preserve Fire Island as a roadless island. Hand in hand with that is implied that there is less cars and less traffic and less of everything related to roads than you would normally see. FINS has thrown out proposal that I'm going to talk to in a minute that would dramatically change the way driving is approached today on Fire Island, and they have restricted the public comment period to between now and May 20th. There's two public sessions. One is this Thursday, May 5th which is virtual at 6:30pm and one is this Friday May 6<sup>th</sup> in person at 5:00 pm in the Ocean Beach Community House. I think Bunny may have this flyer or some flyers available for those of you in the in-person meeting. And I'll make sure that we post them and share them. But basically what FINS is recommending they do is to remove any caps on driving permits. They're looking to basically wash their hands of overseeing and enforcing driving regulations and then putting further restrictions on driving privileges in place today for contractors and for year rounders. And finally, they're doing this largely without input from those of us who know the island and know what it's like and will be suffering the consequences of these changes. Quite frankly. Some of the things that the Fire Island Association that I sit on, along with Chris Norris representing Ocean Beach and the Ocean Beach Association, our organization that represent all of you met this week as well. And we're suggesting or recommending to FINS that they maintain caps as we know them and do not abandon caps that they prioritize year-round families with children enrolled in the school. I think everyone knows that it is critically important for the ongoing well-being and safety of Fire Island that we have a vibrant, functional year-round community. It's also beneficial, incredibly beneficial for our taxes that we maintain the old school. We also want to prioritize first responders so that we have a safety force on island during the winter. I'm not the expert on this my husband is, and we're not together. But in the past few years, there's been so few year rounders on the eastern end of the island that the Western communities are basically responding to calls on the Eastern End, which is a real burden. We also want people who've been driving for more than 25 years to be able to get a part-time permit, which means that they could actually spend their great years in a warmer climate, no less strenuous life than year-round of around. And this would open up some of the very valid full time, year round permits. We want to support the need for contractors by increasing the number of contracts and permits as well as allowing for special permits. I think everyone remembers when Jimmy very emotionally spoke about how the fact that FINS would not allow the Well contractor driving permits so the whole well project of debris was compromised. So, we feel that that's very important that we need we also want to have to maintain daytime restrictions. The FINS proposal allows driving till the week before July 4th without any restrictions. So, it is unfathomable to me that there would be driving without restrictions on, say, the Saturday and Sunday of the third or fourth week in June. So, we're recommending that. So, we're also recommending that FINS address enforcement parking requirements, Burma Road capacity and most importantly, define what a year-round is. So, I realize that's a lot of time, but I wanted everyone to understand the importance of this topic. Again, there's two meetings Thursday, virtual Friday evening in the Community House in Ocean Beach at 5:00pm. We will put out more information, but we do want to engage the Ocean Beach community in responding to FINS on this. You cannot email them. There's a very limited ways that you can comment either through email or electronically on the FINS website, and we'll make sure that everyone has that information. So, thank you for your time on that. This is really important and this could be a life changer if we're not effective in kind of quelling what they're trying to do here.

Mayor; All right. Thank you, Maria. And you bring up some very good points there, and we're very aware of what's going on. I've been working with the Year Round Residents Association on this for the last 18 months. This has been going on. We came up with a series of recommendations for a FINS to consider. They seem to have been dismissed out of hand, which is not unusual for the Fire Island National Seashore to ask for comments and then never address the problems that we come up with. I think everybody that can be should be at the Friday night meeting. Thank you. At the Community house on Friday night and voice their opinion and listen to what FINS is suggesting. As Maria said, we have a blue book that's been in in use now for probably I would say probably close to 50 years. It is it works. It could be amended and not cause a terrific disruption in life on Fire Island. But I think the last thing we need to see is, is fishing permits. You know, they're talking about recreational permits for the beach, too. I don't think we need or want to see anything like that. You know, there are some things that can be addressed in something can change that might make life more sustainable here on Fire Island, on all the Fire Island. So we'll see you all at the meeting on Friday. Maria, thank you again. I hope you feel better, by the way.

**Maria:** Thank you. I did want to mention one other thing is on Saturday, May 28th at 11:00 a.m., which is the Saturday of Memorial Day weekend, the Ocean Beach Association will be sponsoring the candidates forum. So, in case anyone doesn't know, which is hard to believe, there will be a village election in the village of Ocean Beach Friday, June 3rd. The positions are mayor one mayor, two trustees and one justice. And you can expect to hear a moderated candidates forum on Saturday, May 28th. Mayor; Okay. Thank you.

Mayor Mallott; anybody else here? Any of the citizens? Who is that masked man back there? Dr. Was. Yes, please if you would. Andrew Was; The other day, I ordered all documents related to the Ocean Beach Chamber of Commerce and the Village of Ocean Beach Settlement and I was told there was no written documents in that situation. Is that true? Mayor; Not yet. There are no written documents. Andrew Was; But there are written documents. Ken Gray; We have a draft settlement document. Andrew Was; And do have a complaint. Ken Gray; I believe I did. Andrew Was; So when will they be available? I was unaware that you foiled anything. So I'll take a look at it and I'll get back in touch with the village office.



Andrew Was; Okay. The second thing is that the Shellfish Department, the state, deemed the area from McGuire's out to the buoys east and then back south to the water tower as being certifiable. In other words, you cannot harvest any shellfish from that area. And it's also a restricted time period for a much bigger area out there. Now, what I'm concerned about with the drainage system is pumping more water into this bay that's coming off of the walkways are going to pollute even more, as evidenced by Paradise Island in Florida, where they have the same type of pumping situation and they have a terrible time with toxic algae growth in the bay. I think we should do the right thing in this project and have the commercial district raise their buildings so we can have a passive solution instead of a mechanical solution that's just going to degrade our quality of life here. This is our reason that we come out here, not to jump into a polluted bay. And what we're doing is just facilitating it. The drainage system itself, the pumping system is an overkill for four inches of rain that happens three months out of the year, which can be mitigated by gutters and also mitigate it by small sump pumps. So, we're going to spend all this money to pollute the bay further, not have a passive solution to something that we should have and cost the residents saddled with them. We're probably \$600 or \$700 a month a year for the next 30 years. I mean, to me, it doesn't make any sense. And I know how you people come to a resolution that it makes sense. We're not here to have to support totally the commercial district. The residents are not here to funnel our money into the commercial district for their well being, thank you. Mayor; Thank you. Anybody else. Hearing non, I make a motion to close the hearing.

ADJOURNMENT: Mayor Mallott moved to close the meeting at 11:46 AM. 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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