



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 July 16, 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 9:02 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 Arment	Voted Aye
Mayor Mallott	Voted Aye

No motions or resolutions were acted upon in Executive Session. Executive Session was closed at 11:13AM by Mayor Mallott. The motion was seconded by Trustee Arment, upon call the following voted:

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

GENERAL SESSION: At 11:24 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 Arment	Voted Aye
Mayor Mallott	Voted Aye

Following the pledge to the Flag and Roll Call at 11:25 AM:

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

Welcome applause for our new Trustee Marco Arment.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING HELD ON JUNE 18, 2022: Resolution No. 2022-066:

Mayor Mallott moved as follows:

BE IT RESOLVED that the Minutes of the Board of Trustees Meeting held on June 18, 2022 are accepted as amended

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

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

APPROVAL OF BILLS AND CLAIM VOUCHERS: Resolution No. 2022-067: Trustee 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 \$386,927.21, for Gross Payroll from 06/15/22 through 07/12/22

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 \$ 339,053.04, starting with check number A27008, and

Water Fund, in the amount of \$ 28,170.57, starting with check number F3639, and

Sewer Fund, in the amount of \$ 19,804.97, starting with check number G6639, and

Bay Front Project, in the amount of \$ 15,045.08, starting with check number 2028, and

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

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

MAYOR'S REPORT:

Good morning everybody, thank you for coming! Kevin will you go ahead and give your report until I can find mine. Sharks we have in the water. As everybody knows, we have a couple of occasions here. One of our lifeguards was. I'm not sure if he was attacked by a shark or had an incident with a shark, he has a couple of little puncture wounds and scratch on his ankle. He's fully recovered and back at work. There was another incident last week when somebody in Seaview off of G street, he did get bit by something. Something that left a bad mark on him. We put out a notice on our website.







July 14, 2022

**** OFFICIAL STATEMENT ****

PLEASE BE ADVISED OUR LIFEGUARDS HAVE REPORTS OF SHARK INCIDENTS & SEALIFE ACTIVITY IN THE OCEAN AREAS OFF OF OCEAN BEACH AND BEYOND

THE VILLAGE IS TAKING ALL POSSIBLE PRECAUTIONS TO ENSURE THE SAFETY AND WELL BEING OF OUR VISITORS. BEACHES ARE SUBJECT TO CLOSURE

PLEASE FOLLOW THE INSTRUCTIONS BELOW:

-  **THERE IS NO SWIMMING WHEN LIFEGUARDS ARE NOT ON DUTY – IT IS UNSAFE!**
-  **STAY IN WAIST DEEP WATERS ONLY**
-  **FOLLOW ALL LIFEGUARD INSTRUCTIONS**
-  **PAY ATTENTION TO YOUR SURROUNDINGS WHILE BATHING**

WE APPRECIATE YOUR COOPERATION!

Okay, we have a jet ski. You know what why don't you come up here Jill and give your report. We've had numerous meeting this week with Chief Hesse, Chief Levine, Chief Weinstein, myself and others. Why don't you speak about it Jill

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT: Kevin Schelling spoke

- Wastewater: Sewer plant is fully operational.
 Emergency Systems and Generator systems operational.
 Chemical & Fuel supplies are full
 Sewer stops & restrictions being addressed
 Nine feet of sewer line replace on Ocean/Wilmot line
- Water: Wells #2, #3 & #4 are operational
 All Emergency Systems and Generator system operational
 Chemical supplies & Fuel supplies full

- Properties: Installed new fuel tank & pump at firehouse
 Maintaining the Ballfield & Green
 Trimmed back overgrowth & cleaned Midway
 Put up all signage
 Patching of streets/sidewalks around Village
 Modified 3 benches
 Painted the Historical Society
 Built new storage boxes for lifeguards built
- Streets: Two bulk pick-ups complete, next one is Wednesday July 20th. *Reminder we are supposed to pick up small items not furniture. Mayor: Large stuff you should call a carter
 Garbage is every Wednesday & Sunday nights, the only exception is Monday of Labor Day
- Past Events: July 4th parade, Ballfield picnic & two dock concerts all complete
- Upcoming Events: Two more dock concerts, OB Community Fund Dance August 6th, Art Show August 13th & 14th

Mayor Mallott: We don't have a stenographer today, so if anyone that would like to make a comment, could you please come up to the microphone identify themselves, please have their address and speak.

David Lipsky: Last couple of meetings, several residents complained about the metallic taste of the drinking water. It's gotten better but not eliminated. I was wondering here's the explanation. Why that was happening. Kevin; all over fire island there's a high iron content it exceeds the limits of anywhere else on Long Island. We add a chemical for the Aquamag to turn that down. And that's just the taste of the water. I mean, there's nothing we can do unless we filter the iron out of the water. David; I think the issue was that it was a significant increase of taste over the normal us, is there a problem? There is no immediate analysis right now. Kevin; There's no problems. We're alternating between two wells right now with a third is for emergency use. So hopefully the water I haven't heard any complaints recently, but the two wells running at this time. Mayor; we checked by the health department all the time for the water quality. Everybody should have seen the water quality report it went out May 31st. and you can read that that's where we are at. Kevin: Just so everybody know, iron is not a health hazard it's actually pretty good for women. We meet all qualifications.

OCEAN BEACH LIFEGUARD REPORT: Chief Jill Weinstein spoke.

Hi everyone! So, we've been working hard on some extra precautions considering the most recent shark incidents. So far this week, we've started three times a day, with daily surveillance with the drone and Andy Becher is helping us with that. So far, we haven't reported seeing anything other than bunker outside the sandbar, which is a good sign. In addition to that, we are working on getting a new jet ski our current jet ski is out of service. The new jet ski should be here in about 15 days, fully equipped with gear. We also ordered new radios to help us with communication between ourselves and other beaches. And we're also working on some additional staff for these issues.

Mayor Mallott: As Jill said, we've ordered a new jet ski. The old one that is up there, it's an old Honda and they don't make parts of that anymore. We're trying to jerry rig it so that it works this week. We've ordered new binoculars, so we'll have more eyes on the water at all times. We have one drone working up there today, which is owned by one of our police officers and Andy is going to be using that drone to do his best to keep his eyes on the water. We are going to get another drone which will be under the jurisdiction of the lifeguard and will be used by everybody. We're going to do more patrols along the beach so that we can do the best that we can do out there. Hopefully to keep everybody safe. But of course, we're only limited to a local area same as everyone else. But it's up to you to interpret our rules and keep yourselves safe. So, we're going to have, starting today because so many people are on the beach. We're going to have a station for the police department. So, someone from the police department will be on the beach all the time. – "Applause" It's going to be all day. It's not that's that is new, we already have two people on the beach at all times but this will help.

Trustee Norris; there will be a stationed police officer on the beach to help the situation. Thank you very much. Jill Weinstein. The lifeguards are very grateful for the police support that's going into that and it has made a huge difference this summer. Mayor; there are more people than ever here on the beach. And Jill has told us. That during the week, it is it's like you used to be on the weekend and now the weekend into something that the lifeguards have never seen before with the amount of people. Our staff is maxed out. We hired everybody we could and that we thought would be sufficient for us to man the beach obviously we're being overwhelmed maybe not so many today with the sharks in the waters. But we are looking at more hires and George is going to be more visible on the beach up there. We're trying to be the best we can. We're hoping next month to have the Sandpiper Run. Do we have a date?

Trustee Hargraves: So I had a meeting with Patty Brahe and they're going to get some volunteers and actually we decided we renamed the race to the Steve Einig Sandpiper Run – "Applause" The application forms are in the Village office and on the Village Website, I think we are just waiting to a time, we have to check the tide tables which I believe will be 1:00 pm We definitely have a date – Saturday, August 27th. We're ordering the medals and the shirts and Kenny Goodman is on board. Chief Levine: If you can send the fire department an email with the details, of course.

Mayor; So obviously we've had no rain in the last few weeks. So as everybody knows, the streets are pretty crummy, to say the least. I had contacted with each one of the commercial buildings, the restaurants, the ice cream stores, anybody and told them that they must scrub a wash the streets/sidewalks – “Applause”. It'll be on an individual basis, but we need it because there's still quite a lot of people. So that's getting taken care of today and this week.

OCEAN BEACH VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT REPORT: Chief Levine spoke

Good morning everybody. The fire department held our elections of officers from the officer that I elected as Chief for the 10th year. The results are:

<u>ELECTED:</u>	<u>NAME:</u>	<u>POSITION:</u>	<u>TERM EXPIRES:</u>
7/3/2022	Ian Levine	Chief	7/2/2023
7/3/2022	George Hesse	1st Assistant Chief	7/2/2023
7/3/2022	Peter Brennan	2nd Assistant Chief	7/2/2023
7/3/2022	Glen Roesch	3 rd Assistant Chief	7/2/2023
7/3/2022	Robert Thornberg	Captain Engine #1	7/2/2023
7/3/2022	Jake Putnam	Captain Engine #4	7/2/2023
7/3/2022	Andrew Becker	Captain Engine #5	7/2/2023
7/3/2022	James Wicks	Captain Engine #7	7/2/2023
7/3/2022	Lauren Hesse	Captain Rescue Squad	7/2/2023

We had a couple of officers stepped down and I'd like to thank them for their time as officers of the fire department, Mary Liederman, Bobby Burke, Dale Wyckoff, Adam Shapiro and Franklin Silsdorf, thank you for your time. We brought on four new members Kelly Becker Smith coming in for Fire, Sam Hall for EMS, Byron Chenault and Tyler Smith as fire members. We want to thank two members who are stepping away from department. After 55 years of service, Joe Loeffler is stepping down and after 30 years of service Jake Naso-Kushner is stepping down.

About a month or three weeks ago, two members of the community stopped and was asking why the alarm was going off. Apparently we had a very busy Saturday night. We had a helicopter landing at like 3:00 in the morning for one of our local residents. It went off at 3:00 am, just so everybody knows. From 8 p.m. to 8 a.m. we try not to sound the alarm. All right. If it's a fire alarm or a helicopter, yes we need people we are going to sound the alarm but for EMS calls we try not to. For the night in question there were five calls, we had three of the calls were for people over the age of 65. One of them was for a three year old. The other one I wasn't involved with, so I don't know but they were real serious calls. All right. The last one was in the morning was one of our local residents. We got a helicopter off to the hospital. She's still not back. So that's what was going on. So that made me think a little bit about what's going on with the fire department and what's changing with fire demographics. Just so you guys know, in the last two weeks, we answered 41 calls. All right. In addition to 41 calls, we had nine helicopters in Ocean Beach. And I think we have two or three outside of Ocean Beach. All right. We had 15 calls that were between the hours of 8 p.m. and 8 am. So, you guys didn't get woken up for that. Just to give you guys an idea of what type calls we had. We had two CPR in progress calls, two with shark bites. We had 12 people that came over as unconscious. We had six allergic reactions. We had diabetic Emergency. We had one covid call. We do get a lot of real serious calls. And the demographics have change. Out of the 41 calls five of the calls were for people under the age of 17. 21 calls are for people over the age of 60. The majority of the calls happened during the day. So, we're not getting the fights and alcohol in the bars and stuff like that like we used to. The times have changed. So, basically that's where our breakdown is going. The majority of your calls are in Ocean Beach. We have responded since the season started to I think 12 or 15 to the east and 5 or 6 to the west. That's what I wanted you all to know. Thank you.

OCEAN BEACH POLICE REPORT: Chief Hesse spoke.

Good morning! Yeah. I'd like everybody to know, it's been real busy this year. Since the last meeting, we wrote 230 tickets so we have been hammering at these folks that come over and don't want to follow our rules. I think the last time I spoke to majority are for open container, urinating in public and garbage. Those are our top three. We been on the beach as much as we can. We're up there. We have good communication with Jill. So, we talk about the issues and most of you saw we made the paper last week, for writing a couple of kids that were playing Spike Ball on the beach. You know, we're enforcing. You know, it's busy here. There's no doubt. And being a police officer and a member of the fire department, I mean, my daughter also works for fire rescue and comes over here and volunteers her time and Ian who's on every call. I mean, we're stretched thin. So, anybody wants to volunteer, step up. I'll tell you what it's becoming exhausting. We're going three or four in the morning, then we're working at seven and eight. And it's a long day. So we're stretching the resources here. And as Ian said, they're not they're not the drunks, they're not the bar fights. These are our people. We had two people die on us over 4th of July weekend and we did CPR on these people and did the best that we can and they didn't make it. And that takes a toll on you, too. You know, sitting with our membership, emotionally, physically, you know, sitting there 15 minutes doing your job and doing the best that you can, it's exhausting. So, just know.

Mayor; Chief can you address the garbage? What we've been doing on Sunday and Wednesday nights about going through the streets. George: Yeah. So the guys go up and down the streets and they rather than waiting for the complaint to come in, we see the garbage that's not in pails or not properly put out. We try to make contact if you're not there, that homeowner gets a ticket. Mayor; how many tickets have your written? George; So, we've probably written about eighty tickets already this season. There's been an issue with some of the bulk refuse that's been put out. I know of a few incidents where homeowners have called for bulk refuse pick up and the pick up was forgotten. So, the stuff sits out there for a week. So, just make sure you stay on top of your garbage also. Those people can get

tickets. Mayor: and please your garbage in a garbage can with a locked lid. Otherwise, the deer just turn the pails over and it's all over. So, let's talk about some of the false alarms, you guys. Well, everything that was in court from last year has been adjudicated. I don't know the exact fine amount but it was probably thousands of dollars. It was about \$6,500 in fines and they were informed by the judge if they have to come to court this year the fines can double. So, I just spoke today to the Islip fire marshal to see what other remedies he may have and what they are doing in Saltaire for the false alarms. So, I think we will be good.

PATTY BRAHE – OBYG & OBRP

Hi! There are flyers of the free programming for the new recreation department, there is a QR code. If there is anyone that is unclear how to use it, please feel free to ask how to do that. But this is where you want to check. There's a lot of changes throughout, so be sure to check our website very, very often. This has been a really fun experience, you know, some things are working. But some things are like amazing at 7:00 when we open the doors for Team Swept, which is our pre-program from 6-10. 12 and up come and they ping-pong, they foosball. I mean, we open the doors and throngs of kids and so clearly we're filling a need. – “Applause” We still have pickle ball and I haven't played yet, but people are bringing their own things and I mean, it's just a wonderful sense of community and so that's been great that that contributes to lots of good stuff. Backgammon tournament not so much - ”laughter” So keep an eye out we have Cake Wars coming up so sponsored, by the OBA. And a lot of these fine people are judges (points to the board). So, stay tuned for that. Plus, register your team it's going to be so fun and delicious and the Sandpiper Race we're so really excited to be part of the help. Another fun thing we have is Eric Lief, a Bungalow local resident who was the 1981 camp photographer and he has photographs from that summer and we've made a beautiful photo book of those. So, if you remember the stand and the tug of war and all that stuff have we have the book for you. So, that's at OBYG.org. Another big thank you to the Community Fund for the Village of Ocean Beach, Kevin, Jonneigh, Jackie so much help, couldn't do it without you. If there's any questions I can say after meeting to answer that and thank you everybody for being so welcoming.

ADDITIONS AND/OR DELETIONS TO THE AGENDA: Resolution No. 2022-068: Mayor Mallott moved as follows:

Add Item #13 – Accept Elected Officers for the Ocean Beach Volunteer Fire Department

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

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

STATE ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY REVIEW ACT (SEQRA): Resolution No. 2022-069: 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 Blake seconded the motion. Upon call, the following voted:

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

RATIFICATION & APPROVAL OF PERSONNEL: Resolution No. 2022-070: Mayor Mallott moved as follows:

A. WHEREAS, Steven W. Brautigam, Clerk/Treasurer, at the time of hire, has provided a report to the Board of Trustees detailing and listing new hires to be paid under general funds appropriation code, Lifeguards A7140.100, not to exceed these budget line items, and has requested ratification and approval by the Board of Trustees for said new hires; and

Now it is hereby

RESOLVED that the following hires listed are hereby ratified and approved, pending completion of documentation, in order for paychecks to be released:

<u>Lifeguard</u>	<u>A7140.100</u>	<u>Start Date</u>	<u>Seasonal</u>	<u>Hours</u>	<u>Rate of Pay</u>
Clark, William		7/1/2022	Seasonal	As Needed	\$15.50/Hr.
Nimberger, Brandon		7/1/2022	Seasonal	As Needed	\$19.75/Hr.
<u>Beach Attendants</u>	<u>A7140.100</u>	<u>Start Date</u>	<u>Seasonal</u>	<u>Hours</u>	<u>Rate of Pay</u>
Dymerets, Gregroy N.		7/1/2022	Seasonal	As Needed	\$13.50/Hr.
Huber, Thomas J.		7/1/2022	Seasonal	As Needed	\$13.50/Hr.
Lempin, Gregory J.		7/1/2022	Seasonal	As Needed	\$13.50/Hr.

RATIFICATION & APPROVAL OF PERSONNEL – APPOINTMENT OF VILLAGE ADMINISTRATOR: Resolution No. 2022-071: Mayor Mallott moved as follows:

B. WHEREAS, the Village Mayor and Board of Trustees desire to fill the position of Village Administrator, and WHEREAS, the Mayor has appointed Joseph DiFrancisco to fill the position of Village Administrator, Now it is hereby

RESOLVED that the Village of Ocean Beach Board of Trustees hereby ratifies the appointment of Joseph DiFrancisco as Village Administrator with the following terms and conditions of employment:

1. Starting date of August 15, 2022
2. Annual Salary \$165,000
3. 10 days annual vacation
4. Employee to pay 10% of medical
5. Employee to be required to stay overnight in Village, as needed by the Mayor/Board of Trustees
6. Village vehicle to be made available to employee so he can respond to the Village as necessary
7. All other terms and conditions contained in the Employee Handbook no inconsistent with the above.

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

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

Jonathan Jossen; The village administrator is going to fill, what is the village administrator going to do? Mayor Mallott; The village administrator is going to take over part of Steve's job and oversee the village. Jonathan Jossen; Okay, Are you also going to, what about a village inspector? Are we going to get a new village inspector? Mayor: Building inspector?. Yeah, no. Jonathan Jossen; How come that was deleted, since we're hiring people. Why was that deleted from the original budget? The building inspector it was there and then it was deleted when you did put the budget in, why? Mayor Mallott; It was that deleted? It was deleted. The original budget had a building inspector area and now you just use code instead of a code enforcement inspector? Yes. Correct. Yes, we have one. Mayor; Our building inspector is a part time building inspector. Okay. So, there's nobody out there that will come here to beach so we can find more? Yeah. We have to go through civil service in order to get a full-time building inspector. Okay. The Civil Service list. Jonathan; So, have we been doing it? Mayor; We have not found anybody that will come to Ocean Beach for this job. So, we use a part time building inspector. But it's also part time. Where else is the Oyster Bay? About you first. Where is it? The other time of the day. The building inspector is up bit right in Oyster Bay. I think he's from Secret State and his part time. This is not part of what I in my this is part of the project. Jonathan; But I think it's very important that we go out of our way to get one.

Maria Silsdorf; I just want to better understand what the village administrator's job will be versus what Steve has been doing in the past. Will other departments report into Joe DiFrancisco?

Mayor Mallott; Eventually they will, yes. We're just trying to have a smooth transition. Joe is here, by the way, somewhere. We're going to have a transition period. Steve, you'll see on the appointments will not be reappointed as Clerk/Treasurer. He's going to be a holdover until when the transition between Joe, Steve myself, Bunny and Linda is a smooth transition. Joe will promote within when we get to that smooth transition. Steve will move out and be a consultant.

Maria; So, it's a long term vision that the building inspector would report into the administrative versus interview. Mayor: Correct. Thank you. Thank you. Mayor Mallott; This is. I'm sorry, Joe. I didn't see you there. Joe's coming on board on August 15th. He has a family vacation that he's already booked, so we want him to do all that. And get himself pumped up and ready to go. So that will be Joe and he'll start on August 15th.

Billy Bloom; Could you repeat again what Joe's salary is going to be? Mayor: \$165,000 a year. Billy; Okay. I'm willing to save the town \$50,000 a year right now. I'll do it for \$115. Sorry, Joe. Thanks. How did we arrive at that salary, which, to my ears, at least as a teacher who made \$35,000 this year. How did we arrive at that salary? Mayor Mallott; It's well, within the parameters of the job description. Okay. Thanks very much. You're welcome.

Jill Feighan; Yes. So, I guess my question. Oh, I'm sorry. Steve will stay on for approximately how long and how much more will that cost us in salary with Steve as a consultant with paying \$165 and I'm not sure what you pay Steve. Mayor Mallott; We're looking to do it within 90 days. Jill Feighan; okay. And one other question. Just because I always think this way from being an HR and working in education administration, was there a search within the village or within the village office or anything like that to publicize or you don't have to do that? Mayor Mallott; I'm not sure what the question is. Jill Feighan; So that position. Was there an internal search? Mayor Mallott; We've been advertising for it. We've been trying to get somebody for two years. Jill Feighan; I didn't know because I hadn't seen it anywhere on the website, but I was just curious. Thank you.

Mayor Mallott; Thank you. Joe has experience. Joe's got quite five or six years experience in this field. He worked for Garden City. Joe would be happy to tell you his resume going forward. Joe, come on up. Joe DiFrancisco; Thank you Mayor. Thank you Board, Thank you everybody. My name is Joe de Francisco. I am I currently live in the Village of Floral Park in Nassau County. I spent the last five years as a Deputy Village administrator for the Village Garden City. I was also the Superintendent of Public Works in Garden City, and I would look forward very much to working here in Ocean Beach and grew up in Suffolk County. I used to rent houses here in Ocean Beach in the summertime. I actually met my wife here in Ocean Beach. So, I have a very close ties to this neighborhood and I look forward to serving the mayor, I look forward to serving the board and I look forward to serving the residents and doing the best job that I possibly can to keep Ocean Beach as the jewel of Fire Island. Billy Bloom; Do you have a personal vision for our community? In other words when you take office, how would you like it to look? Joe DiFrancisco; Well, I expect it to be the best village on Fire Island. If not the best village on Long Island. Clean, safe and comfortable for residents to live and for people to visit and for businesses to thrive and succeed. Okay.

ORGANIZATIONAL APPOINTMENTS: Resolution No. 2022-072: Mayor Mallott moved as follows:

BOARD OF TRUSTEES (FOUR-YEAR/THREE-YEAR TERM):

<u>ELECTED:</u>	<u>TERM BEGINS:</u>	<u>NAME:</u>	<u>POSITION</u>	<u>TERM EXPIRES:</u>
6/3/2022	7/4/2022	James S. Mallott	Mayor	7/6/2026
6/3/2022	7/4/2022	Marco Arment	Trustee	7/6/2026
6/3/2022	7/4/2022	Dawn Hargraves	Trustee	7/6/2026

VILLAGE JUSTICE (FOUR-YEAR TERM):

<u>ELECTED:</u>	<u>TERM BEGINS:</u>	<u>NAME:</u>	<u>POSITION</u>	<u>TERM EXPIRES:</u>
6/3/2022	7/4/2022	William Wexler, Jr.	Village Justice	7/6/2026

BOARD OF ETHICS (FIVE-YEAR TERM):

<u>APPOINTED:</u>	<u>NAME:</u>	<u>POSITION</u>	<u>TERM EXPIRES:</u>
7/4/2022	Bee, Ready (pursuant to Chapter 16)	Village Counsel	7/3/2023

PLANNING BOARD (FIVE-YEAR TERM/ALTERNATE THREE-YEAR TERM):

<u>APPOINTED:</u>	<u>NAME:</u>	<u>POSITION:</u>	<u>TERM EXPIRES:</u>
7/4/2022	Charles Hynes	Member	7/5/2027
7/4/2022	David Silver	Alt. Member	7/7/2025
7/4/2022	Lisa Pace	Alt. Member	7/7/2025
7/4/2022	David Lieber	Alt. Member	7/7/2025
7/4/2022	Gina Ragusa	Alt. Member	7/7/2025
7/4/2022	Constantine Karalis	Alt. Member	7/7/2025

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

<u>APPOINTED:</u>	<u>NAME:</u>	<u>POSITION:</u>	<u>TERM EXPIRES:</u>
7/4/2022	Lisa Lowe	Member	7/1/2024
7/4/2022	Judith Steinman	Member	7/1/2024
7/4/2022	Emily Wicks	Member	7/1/2024

APPOINTMENTS AND DESIGNATIONS (FOUR-YEAR TERM):

<u>APPOINTED:</u>	<u>NAME:</u>	<u>POSITION:</u>	<u>TERM EXPIRES:</u>
7/4/2022	Robert Fuchs	Village Prosecutor	7/6/2026

APPOINTMENTS AND DESIGNATIONS (ONE-YEAR TERM):

<u>APPOINTED:</u>	<u>NAME:</u>	<u>POSITION:</u>	<u>TERM EXPIRES:</u>
7/4/2022	Joseph DiFrancisco	Village Administrator	7/3/2023
7/4/2022	Jonneigh M. Adrion	Deputy Clerk	7/3/2023
7/4/2022	Linda Morrissey	Deputy Treasurer	7/3/2023
7/4/2022	Pamela Esterman	Acting Village Justice	7/3/2023
7/4/2022	John Brooke	Assistant Prosecutor	7/3/2023
7/4/2022	Paul Petruzzelli	Village Assessor	7/3/2023

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7/4/2022	Kevin J. Schelling	Supt. of Public Works	7/3/2023
7/4/2022	Bee, Ready, Fishbein et.al.	Village Counsel	7/3/2023
7/4/2022	James Ryan, Esq.	Special Counsel	7/3/2023
		Tax Certiorari/Condemnation Matters	
7/4/2022	Jacqueline Rulon	Deputy Registrar	7/3/2023
7/4/2022	Jonneigh M. Adrion	Deputy FOIL Officer	7/3/2023

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7/4/2022	Islip Bulletin	Official Newspaper	7/3/2023
7/4/2022	Newsday (as Alternate)	Official Newspaper	7/3/2023
7/4/2022	Chase Bank	Depository	7/3/2023
7/4/2022	New York Class	Depository	7/3/2023
7/4/2022	First National Bank of Long Island	Depository	7/3/2023

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

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

Trustee Norris. Opposed. Ken Gray: Any particular one or all of them. Trustee Norris; Just to explain myself, I feel that we're at the juncture in this village to look at the Clerk and the Treasurer positions and to elevate Jonneigh and Linda to Full Clerk and Full Treasurer at this point. Full respect of a transition. Steve's not going anywhere for the short term. So, I think now is the time to make that move. That's why I am objecting to this particular resolution.

Trustee Hargraves; And if I may comment that although I didn't object and I will not change my approval, is that we expect that to happen within the next 90 days. Trustee Blake; that's ditto on my side as well.

ACCEPT & APPROVE PROPOSAL FROM H2M FOR WATER SUPPLY EMERGENCY RESPONSE PLAN (ERP) AND VULNERABILITY ASSESSMENT (VA) UPDATES: Resolution No. 2022-073: Mayor Mallott moved as follows:

WHEREAS, the Village of Ocean Beach is in receipt of a proposal from H2M Architects + Engineers to prepare the required Water Supply Emergency Response Plan (ERP) and Vulnerability Assessment (VA) Updates, required by the New York State Sanitary Code and Public Health Law, dated April 11, 2022,

Now, therefore, it is hereby

RESOLVED that the Ocean Beach Board of Trustees hereby accepts the proposal, a copy of which is on file in the Village Office, in an amount not to exceed \$11,000.00 to be paid from line item F8340.460.

It is further RESOLVED that the Village Clerk/Treasurer and Mayor are hereby authorized and directed to execute the documents necessary to effectuate this resolution.

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

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

Mayor Mallott: Kevin you'll be working with H2M on that? Kevin Schelling: Yes, they do this every couple of years and they make a book with everything in it. It's a for your eyes only but it's very important to have.

ACCEPT ELECTED OFFICERS FOR THE O. B. VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT: Resolution No. 2022-074: Mayor Mallott
moved as follows:

WHEREAS, the Village of Ocean Beach Volunteer Fire Department recently held an election on July 3, 2022, with the following results:

<u>ELECTED:</u>	<u>NAME:</u>	<u>POSITION:</u>	<u>TERM EXPIRES:</u>
7/3/2022	Ian Levine	Chief	7/1/2022
7/3/2022	George Hesse	1st Assistant Chief	7/1/2022
7/3/2022	Peter Brennan	2nd Assistant Chief	7/1/2022
7/3/2022	Glen Roesch	3rd Assistant Chief	7/1/2022
7/3/2022	Robert Thornberg	Captain Engine #1	7/1/2022
7/3/2022	Jake Putnam	Captain Engine #4	7/1/2022
7/3/2022	Andrew Becker	Captain Engine #5	7/1/2022
7/3/2022	James Wicks	Captain Engine #7	7/1/2022
7/3/2022	Lauren Hesse	Captain Rescue Squad	7/1/2022

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

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

HEARING OF THE CITIZENS: 12:07 PM

Good morning. This is Maria Silsdorf again, I wanted to just read the preamble to the last rental code change. This board finds that in recent years, an unhealthy, unsafe and dangerous practice has come about in connection with the rentals and leases of residents of dwellings. So, this group rentals premises are often sublet to uncontrollable or indeterminate numbers of people. This boards finds that overcrowding of these residents is hazardous, unsafe, unsanitary and interferes with the interest of the public and the quality of life and total community environment and does not conform with acceptable codes, laws, occupancy standards, etc. Here's the key and it's detrimental to the health, safety and general welfare of the inhabitants of the village of Ocean Beach and make changes. So, if you think back to when there were groupers here, there were people eight, ten in the house. They were here for the whole season. They left Sunday nights. They came back Friday nights. It was quiet during the week. They understood our garbage and other laws and they were noisy Friday night, Saturday night. But definitely part of the community. We've made some serious changes here, intentionally or not. We now have larger houses. We don't have too many grouper houses with predominantly weekly rentals where we have rentals. Many of the houses have pools and we have people coming here for the week who see this as resort and they want to get every last bit of fun in which you can't fault them, they're paying \$10k, \$13k, \$16,000 a week and they're busy and loud, 24/7. So, we have larger houses, we have pools, and we have weekly rentals. Those homes are clearly having a quality of life detriment on any of the adjacent houses. So, I feel like we are at a tipping point at this point. We can continue to allow instead, not sure exactly what the word is. Invest in homes here. Many of the homes being purchased are being purchased solely for the intent of weekly rentals, or we can continue to treat this, as our new sign say, as a family community, and instead people who actually want to live here and be part of the community.

You spoke earlier about how the beaches are crowded. The fire department is being taxed. Police departments being taxed. Lifeguards are being taxed. I feel like we're all being taxed. "Applause" I feel like we are at the tipping point of saturation. And if we don't make decisions now that will preserve our sense of community, we will basically be saying goodbye to the Ocean Beach as we know it. And so I feel like this is an intersection of three issues. Building code and the large houses. Short term rental, which we gave the village a whole bunch of recommendations last year, I think the most important of which was the code enforcement officer, which didn't make it into the budget. But I hope you're seriously looking at it and we need to somehow figure out how to get our hands around the 24/7 noise from pools, which are a fairly new element of life for Fire Island. So, it's really it's rentals, it's large homes and it's pools. A bunch of us, and I don't want to steal anybody's thunder, got together last night to try to see if we do have a group of like-minded homeowners here. And we certainly do. And this is something very much on the mind of long term and new homeowners, taxpayers, voters. And we want to do whatever we can to work with the board, make recommendations to preserve the way of life that we all know and love in Ocean Beach. So more to follow. But I'd like you to dust off the short-term rental recommendations from last year. That's my specific ask this morning. And let's take a look at that and see what we can do about that. So thank you.

Josh Bloom; So, I want to follow up on what Maria was saying about the large houses. And I just want the board's opinion on this. I mean, clearly, there are a bunch of people who are upset about what's going on. I mean, obviously, they don't fit in. So, there's an aesthetic quality that's changed in the village quite a bit. That hotel that's going up on Ocean Road is the prime example, but there are others. But in addition to that, these are I'm calling them hotels. Well, so when you put hotels into a residential district, it's not a residential district anymore. And I know people are moving out of communities or wherever because they just don't like what's going on. So, my question to the board is, is there any is there any reason to encourage or to allow these large houses, given that they have an environmental impact? We're seeing 200 year old trees being torn out and replaced with like weeds this high in front. Old cottages torn down where four families used to live and giant places for a bunch of weekly renters. Okay. So, I'm asking, Is there any reason and I

can't think of one, why we should not limit the absolute size of the house, independent of the number of lots it sits on. Whatever, 2,500 square feet or some reasonable number, a large amount of house that could be rented or to a family without going to these gigantic monstrous ones. And this would be a very simple change you wouldn't have to re-write the entire zoning code. The Zoning code let's just leave it alone, it's impossible to change it. Setbacks, whatever. That's difficult stuff. Just put a number down. You buy 20 lots and you get your 2,500 square foot house. And all of this goes away very quickly and the damage has been done and it can be stopped. So I just like the boards opinion on am I missing anything with that suggestion? Mayor Mallott; We've talked about Josh and we're trying to work on it. Andrea Nimberger; We've been talking about it forever and doing nothing. Josh, I would just like to ask the board members their feelings on this just. Is there something I'm missing? I'm just curious.

Mayor Mallott; The houses that are being built now are well within code? Okay, that's the square footage. But they're ten feet off the ground. Makes them look twice as big, as Josh so rightly put it the setbacks and the setbacks. Otherwise, if you reduce the setbacks, you're going to end up with a little tiny thing. Is there anything that we can do here as far as the suggestion was a fair square footage? It's something that we can look at. We're going to talk to the Chairman of the planning board, Joe Speranza, and see if the planning board has the appetite to take on looking at the plans for new houses and coming up with recommendations for the board. But it's a heavy lift we don't have a paid planning board. These people are volunteers. They do a lot of work now. And, you know, it's very hard to get done. But we will talk to Joe Speranza. We talked about it this morning amongst ourselves. We realize that these things are almost out of control, but everybody in this building is building within the parameters of the setbacks and the height restrictions. Trustee Norris; And if I could just add to that, we acknowledge the impact to the community that this very large trend is going on. Two years ago and three years ago, there was concern about very small plots having a house and we did work and it was hard work to modify the code to limit small houses, small lots all over. So, I think there's appetite on this board to now look at the larger parcels. It's true, these houses are within code. Should we look at the code to revise, revise it? I think there's appetite to do that. That said, we are looking to have conversations with the planning board to expand their view from limited to the commercial districts to the residential. That combined with a robust building department where the code that is in place is enforced to the letter, that the drawing reviews, which at this juncture I think are adequate to confirm code compliance, but then it's inspected to make sure that the physical build is the one on those plans. Good example. Is the landscape brought up? We have a code that you have to replace any landscaping that you take down in kind with indigenous plants and foliage. I'm not convinced that we will see it on a plan. If you look at my house, which I'm building, you'll see Holly, you'll see Cedar, Indigenous plants. We have to make sure that when the plants go in, they're the ones that are on the plans. So, it's a very large lift to change code. I like the thought about limiting square footage. Again, we have to talk to the chair of the planning board to see if we could expand that authority out to review. It's clearly on your mind, and I think the board has some unified approach to, pay it do attention. Am I misstating the board's.

Trustee Arment; No, I mean, just to add very briefly, Josh, I share your concern. This is part of the reason I want to make it in here is to improve things like this. And I think I don't speak for everybody, but I think the board also hears the concerns and we're working on it.

Trustee Blake; So, there is the famous law of unintended consequences. This is a big deal, what we're talking about here. First off, comparing it back to the eighties and nineties when group homes were the norm and there were a lot of problems in forums like this where noise and other considerations were challenged. Housing market dynamics have changed substantially You know as we bring together stakeholders and members of the community. Maria, I really would encourage you to have those that are here full time and also a mix of people who balance the cost of overhead, of having a home in a privileged way in a place like Ocean Beach with having to rent from time to time. So, you have a balanced view of those who do need to monetize to make ends meet and those who are not confronted with that situation or choose not to be okay. Maria Silsdorf; Don't assume we didn't. Trustee Blake; No, I'm not. I'm just encouraging you to do it. The other piece is and I think Josh, like, we need to be honest in our assessment around things like environmental impact. I live in a home on Bayberry Walk. I'm probably I don't know how many homes here for us to have our hands raised. We don't have air conditioning. Now, So, it's a minority. It's a minority. Newly built homes. So, if I were to put an air conditioner into my home. The efficiency that I would get from air conditioning that place in its current state would be a very poor environmental story. So, the new housing stock is substantially better constructed, greater efficiency and overall better homes. That's not to say that they do not pose challenges, fire prevention, other issues, but things are going up. The resiliency level of housing stock in this community is going up. All right. And that is a trend I think we need to be very careful. And I think that's a positive trend over time. We need to tweak things for sure, but it's a positive trend over time. So, we just need to be very careful as we consider limitations on people because of the law of unintended consequences. And I just wanted to say that, but echoing the board, we are very focused on this, and everything in life is about trade-offs and balance, and we'll try to strike the right balance.

Trustee Hargraves; I just want to add to that. I think there's another component to this and that's the enforcement and that was a large part of our discussion this morning is how are plastic fences being built when our code specifically says plastic fences cannot be built, so that that will be addressed immediately "Applause".

Andrea Nimberger; Kevin, I want to ask you a question, since you mentioned that the sewer lines were replaced on Wilmot recently, nine sewer lines; Kevin; No, 9 foot of sewer line. Andrea; Do you see the necessity going forward of sewer lines having to be replaced all over because people are having more bathrooms and at some point.

Kevin Schelling; Actually these new bathrooms in these new houses use a lot less water than the old houses and the old bathrooms They more efficient.

Mayor Mallott; So, the sewer lines are over 100 years old. So, you have to realize that that's a problem that we're going to be living with until we can redo every sewer line in the village, which is just a mind boggling build. Right now we're going through and replacing where we have to replace. If there's a leak or someone reporting problems, we go around and look, Kevin assesses the situation decides if we need a new sewer line here. How much sewer line do we need? It's a couple of days work for the guys that have to go in dewater. Take the old sewer line out and put the new sewer line back.

Andrea Nimberger; So, it is not putting additional stress on the sewer line or the because of people building new houses. Kevin Schelling; No it is not. An old toilet, the older toilets flushed and it was like 5 gallons of waters the new ones use a gallon and a half. These houses are more efficient. Mayor Mallott; And the plumbing is all new. Andrea Nimberger; I just want to address something that that Chris said with regard to landscaping. I'd actually thought I'd like you to use a house that was just across the street from me. It is such a beautiful house. It's massive but beautiful and they did the most outrageous landscaping because they care. I have pictures of all the houses that Chuck is building on Surf. So, some of them have been there for two years, they still have no landscaping. Why is he allowed to do whatever he wants? And partly everything else because it doesn't make sense.

Mayor Mallott; Okay. Those houses have no certificate of occupation yet. There's no CO issued on those houses. Andrea; There's people living in them. Mayor Mallott; The CO is not issued on those houses unless the building inspector signed off on them. Okay. So, the landscaping is still to come. It's usually the last thing. Andrea; There are people living in two of those houses for two years. They also owned the old engineering house. Mayor; 338 Surf got a C of C in 2017, which was before we changed the codes. Andrea; Okay, I'll send you the pictures of people that were living in all three houses next to each other and they are occupied. Mayor; And they have temporary certificates of occupation. George Hesse; The homeowners can occupy their house. Andrea; And Chuck has his house up for rent and now you're saying there's no CO. This guy is destroyed our beach and just gets to do whatever he wants. It's just amazing. Amazing.

Andrew Was; For a little bit of an impediment, to the commercialization of the residential area. We should do like a summer club does. They prevent you from renting a new build or a new purchase for two years. Now that gives a little bit of pause to people who are considering whether to come in and just commercialize the property. Right. Second of all, did the Chamber of commerce accept their settlement money. Ken Gray; Yes. Did the Chamber of Commerce \$100,000 settlement with the village, was that money accepted by the Chamber of Commerce? Ken Gray; It was mailed to them, I think, on Friday, right? Andrew; Okay. Third, I noticed that their showers on Cottage as well bathrooms. Now does that, those facilities meet the requirements for us to be able to charge people coming over for the day the day trippers. Have we met that requirement to charge? Mayor; I don't think we've ever looked at it. Andrew; Well, somebody look at that because it's always been we can't charge because we don't have the facilities, but we seem to have them; Mayor; we have to provide bathrooms, we have to provide them. We never had bathrooms before you got here Andrew; ten years ago Mayor; Not ten years ago, we had bathrooms ten years ago. I'm talking about 20 years ago when there were no bathrooms on the ocean. We were told by the Suffolk County Department of Health we had to have bathrooms on a public beach. Andrew Was; All right. So, we have bathrooms, we have showers and we have lifeguards. What other facilities do we need to be able to charge a day trippers or to use our beach? Trustee Hargraves I'm going to look at that Dr. Was. Trustee Norris; It's a national park. It's a National Park. We've run a foul of National Park Insuring us. Andrew Was; Are you sure about that? Mayor; We just took \$30 million dollars worth of FEMA money. Do you think there's any appetite to charge the same people we got that money from to use the bathrooms; Andrew Was; Let's look into let's not hypothesize about something, let's look into it.

Doug Meyer; Upper Ocean Road. I'm a full time resident. I've probably been here for about 100 years. It feels like it. But I just want to introduce myself as I am an all around bad guy. I build homes here and I build them. I build homes with pools. I am a building owner with commercial property and commercial stores there. But more than all of that, my kids grew up here, my grandkids grew up here and more than everything I am. I love this community and I'm not going anywhere. You guys mentioned about the pools and I see it's an issue when I build in other communities when I build in Islip, which is three blocks away. When I build in Islip. If I have 110 foot wide piece of property, I can't put in a pool. If I do that in Brookhaven it's the same thing. We have this law which I have taken advantage of not me, I don't have a pool. I have 150 foot lot. We have a law that we can put a pool in with a 50 foot piece of property. Now, all the pools that are in, it's too late. If we've done it and other than enforcing a noise violation or enforcing people who are just going crazy and I live in Ocean Road, so I have that issue. It's a 50 foot lot. I mean, we are squeezing so much compared to everybody else, everyone else into this little summer club. You can do that on a 120 foot piece of property. I mean, we are putting these pools in this tiny postage stamp of a piece of property. And we can stop it. We can stop it. "Applause" That being said, all the pools that I no longer build. I take donations from people who feel sorry for me. But there are also on the record rules or regulations for trees and bushes and for everything like that. They're just not enforced. I mean, they just aren't. No one can tell me they are. The houses that we build and you can ask Marco, we make sure that we don't take out every tree and every tree doesn't have to be taken out of the piece of property. I made him save this ugly holly tree that's still there and you probably still have it. Trustee Arment; I made you save half of a tree. Doug. We saved half a tree but it's a full one now. Yeah. Okay. But it's just I put a plan for houses and I don't have to do any kind of landscaping plan with the houses. I do it myself but like Andrea said, there are certain people are not going to do that. And that's not my issue. I'm not enforcement. But we can stop it. It's within our right. It's within our power to say, hey, it's 50 foot. You can't put a pool there. It does tax the property. It does tax the village in every way possible. And if we could do it, it's doable. We can't stop the ones that are there we can't do anything, but we can't stop it.

David Simpson. So, just to comment on Doug's point. Having been on the Quality of Life Committee for many years, it was quite clear that the resounding recurrent theme that residents in this community are very concerned about is that of enforcement. Having read through the village, bylaws word by word and in fact submitted my recommendations to the committee on numerous issues, including noise in town. There are laws on the books, there are written codes, and it's absolutely crystal clear to many of us that enforcement is lacking and anything that can be done to reassure us from the police, fire department, the Mayors, the Board that what is written will surely be enforced would be a huge step forward and give us a lot more confidence that the Board and the Mayor are on our side.

David Simpson; Now with that comment, just a question. This is an independent subject about the ferries and the water taxis. There's been a lot of discussion about the problems we've had with the Fire Island Ferry company. I know, Mayor, you've been very clear of your disappointment in the negotiations and their behavior, including essentially extorting from the village a decision and a conclusion that is very unfavorable to all of us. And there's been a lot of discussion about looking for alternative approaches. Now, a couple of weeks ago I was having dinner and ran into the owner of this competing company, I believe they call themselves H2O. Is that correct. And he had one of his large boats there. And I asked him, how are things going in Ocean Beach? And he informed me that they were going very poorly for him and that he indicated that the money or the tax that he was being charged to pick up passengers in Ocean Beach he considered exorbitant. He quoted a number of \$30,000 and said that was prohibitive for him to be able to do business and pick up or drop off people in Ocean Beach. To me, this seems very counterproductive in that we're looking for competition. We're looking for alternatives to this extortionist company, the Fire Island Ferries. And I think we should do everything possible to encourage competition such as from their company. So, I would just ask the board to look at this carefully. Okay. Can someone just comment on that issue about the tax? Mayor Mallott; It's in discussion. Trustee Hargraves; It's a little bit more than that Dr. Simpson, we're working on what steps we're actually going to take. We did discuss it. We have been discussing it. There's other things going on with it. I'm meeting with someone after the meeting. We're doing more than just talking about it, but as soon as we can we'll get it done.

Steve Hynes: And I'd like to see some signage that can also function as public art. I'm thinking of one particular location on Bayberry and Ocean View, and I'd like to see it express the thought that you should stay off the dunes and maybe respect nature and try to preserve it. But the idea is that it should be high enough, and I'm thinking it could attach to the retaining wall and be like 8 to 10 poles, but high enough that maybe flags and windsocks. And I was saying this to a neighbor who was saying, you know, maybe it should be ugly. And I thought, yeah, it could be ugly too. And it could even not say any message as long as it's high enough on that location where somebody vandalized the dunes so that it replaces the trees. Mayor: I don't think a sign there would have stopped that vandalization of the dune; Steve; No, but it will prevent them from getting any advantage of their crime. Mayor; We're not in the revenge business. Steve; But it would also be a sign, it would also help people respect nature.

Linda Stertz; There was something that I was concerned about today, the sidewalks. Thank you so much for addressing that because that's been something that I've been really upset about. And at the risk of sounding like Pollyanna, we've got a really bad rap. I just want to thank everybody who does service for this building. I saw this village. I watch people in my family. I have for years. I watched George, I've watched Ian and I watched all of you really work so hard. And lately it's amazing to me how many calls there are, how many times people in my family come in, you know, early in the morning, completely wiped out. How many times I watch a lifeguard go into the water and pray that they come back. I just want to deeply respect everybody that does service for this Village. And I do think some improvements for the beach it used to be terrible and last week there were a bunch of kids and bottles and garbage everywhere. And I said, kindly pick up your garbage before you leave there. They said, it's not our garbage. And I said did you choose to sit amongst all of this garbage? And before I knew it, three really nice police officers surrounded me and stood there like this until every single piece of garbage was picked up. So, I just want to say something positive, you know in all of this.

Jonathan Jossen: I appreciate everything you do, and my hat's off to you. It's a different year. There's just no doubt that the Chief is all over the beach. "Applause" Couple of things. Enforcement. Everybody's mentioning enforcement. You guys are legally responsible to make sure there's enforcement. You just are. And I've been here 35 years and there's been no enforcement. And you guys all know that. You walk into town, it's loud. You know, as far as the building inspector, you have a part time building inspector. If you really cared about what's going on. My neighbor who went up eight years ago, never put another tree in. New neighbors, new buyer came in, changed houses, didn't put any trees. So, I believe CO's are going out to prove it. We foiled them and nothing has changed. Your part time inspector hasn't filed in three years. Why not have five inspectors? Why not have five part time inspectors and go to every door and see who's living where? I mean, have ten of them. We have the money to pay somebody \$165,000. Why not? I see him walking around. Let him go inspect, I'll go inspect. I don't have a problem with big houses. Do they bring more tax money into this village? Have they been reassessed? Am I supposed to FOIL? so my house I'm 100 x 100 feet. We know what I pay. How much does the guy in Ocean Road pay? Do I have to FOIL that to find out how much more? Because we know what's really going on. And I know you know what's really going on. This is this is free money. These people are all LLC's, they went out, they took a mortgage. They borrowed money on income in the forward. Based how much they're going to rent their house for. That's a fact. Now, in three years, if the economy changes and now they're only getting \$5,000 instead of \$11 or \$12,000. All of a sudden, these people walk away. And what happens to our tax base on these 30 houses? Have we seen that in the future? Have we looked at five years? What's our plan? What is possibly happening when the economy changes? Have we looked at that? You're making a face.

Trustee Blake; I am making a face. I don't really, personally I don't know how to respond to that. I think five years out, a lot of things can change. And it's premature right now to call a deep recession. Let me use a real life situation. Okay. After Sandy, my biggest concern, what kept me up and I was very literal at that point was that people would walk away from their homes here. 70% of this town, or maybe a little bit shy, was underwater. But what happened? People invested. Thank God. Otherwise you'd be screwed. Jonathan; but we're at a different level we are at \$5 billion dollars. Trustee Blake; I understand all this. I understand where we're at. And I think the enforcement piece is a valid piece. But you just started your comment by thanking the guy who's in charge of a big chunk of the enforcement by saying he's doing a better job. We're trying to address things. There are a number of issues. But there are things going in our favor, too. And so, again, about being balanced, I think we can deal with landscape. It's disheartening to see beautiful trees that have taken hundreds of years to grow, get chopped down. If I were moving into a property, I'd pay particular attention to that tree. I try to preserve it, but that's not the mentality of others. So how do we again strike a balance between motivations? Right. I understand and we need to do a better job of enforcing it. And that is correct. Jonathan Jossen; This is why, I was here when all the before Jimmy came, we always heard the same thing about enforcement. We'll look into it. We'll see what we can do. But I'm not making this up. And nobody thinks something before we finally have some enforcement Chief is really bending over backwards. But we have no enforcement. I walked down the streets. I look at Ocean Road. I look at Surf Road. I look at everything. I see no enforcement. I can tell you there's no setback on one of the walks. There's absolutely no setback the houses are almost touching each other. Mayor: Where is that? That's a ridiculous. Stephanie Cassel; On Wilmot there two houses butting each other, I mean Surf on Surf.

Jonathan Jossen; And then there's one that's right next to Dale, I'm not making this up. You can't look at and you count your feet, I mean, I'm just saying, there's no enforcement. There's no I don't see any point. But that's the next thing, which I guess this is getting funny. My wife's been asking for a bike rack and I went to the town Supervisor and I watched the supervisor build a garbage containment system for the youth group. So why can't we have a bike rack? It took him a half hour to put that in the other day. Okay, but that's not what I'm really here for. What I'm really here for is to understand. You took in \$22,000 this year for the tennis courts. You think you took \$22,100 before the season started? I can look at all the hours that were taken right. So, you went and bought basket ball hoops. You bought them and you probably spent almost \$5,000. But, I look at the tennis courts and it's still completely overgrown. It still looks like crap. Everybody's afraid to complain because you'll padlock them. What's going on with the tennis courts? Mayor Mallott; The tennis courts will be done when we get to it, when we find the money for it. Okay. We've spent over \$30 million dollar here since the storm, \$30 million of federal money that's come into this town. We have another project that we hope to start, if not this year, because things are not going well for us but next year. So, we'll address the flooding in town. When we've addressed that, this whole area will be rebuilt. Okay. I don't know how many times I got to tell you. Jonathan; but why would somebody go and just cut the plants that are growing on the tennis court? Mayor Mallott; Because we're are overwhelmed. Jonathan; Why can't we just clean up the tennis courts? Mayor Mallott; You clean it up, you use the tennis court, you clean it up. Jonathan Jossen; Jimmy that's outrageous. Mayor Mallott; It's the same thing, if you see garbage on the street, pick it up. Jonathan Jossen; How much money you pay your boys, they do a great job, everybody's getting paid and we're talking about something that you make money from. You make \$22,100 from that tennis courts. Mayor Mallott; \$22,000 don't pay for it. So, okay, I don't have the staff. I don't have anything to do it. These guys are overwhelmed. I don't have a gardener. Jonathan; Okay, I got it. But what about part time. Mayor; I can't get anyone to come here. Trustee Blake; I'm happy to walk over there after. Jonathan; What about the building inspector so we can have some code enforcement? Trustee Hargraves; We talked about that already Mayor Mallott; Joe, are you still here?

Holly Elton; I am rising solely in my capacity as a homeowner and a 25 year resident of this village, not as many generations as some, but I've been around for a while. There is a provision in the building code that in the village code that allows you to call public hearings. I think it is very important that the trustees seriously consider calling a public hearing so that they can hear from the broad base of citizens, not just people who've attended this meeting today, but others in this village, around the issues, around zoning and building code and rental violations. It is it's not just the old-time homeowners with the small houses. It's not just the people who don't rent. There are people who rent who are unhappy about these issues. There are people who have big houses who are unhappy about these issues. And I think it would behoove the trustees and the mayor to call a public hearing on this matter, notice it up and let the whole village come and let you know how deep and broadly based these concerns are. Thank you very much.

David Lipski; I'm concerned about the process. We come to these meetings, there are 12 meetings a year. The issue of pools, noise zoning has come up for a number of years. When we did the rezoning and the change to the building code, you had made this statement that we're going to look at the issue of pools like right after we finally got done with the building code update. And that's never happened. And we come to these meetings and there's no clear agenda available to the public that specifies your objective for dealing with some of these issues in the future. There's no agenda of what you guys are discussing during the week. I'd like to hear from the village attorney whether some of those discussions should be open public discussions, since they don't necessarily deal with personnel or litigation or other things. And so, I'd like to come away from some of these meetings with a future agenda of when the pool issue might be taken up as a subject of discussion. And the second point is, if we don't have if we've gone through the civil service list and we can't find anyone who wants to take the job, my understanding, and I'm not an expert on civil service, is that if you've exhausted the list. Then you can go elsewhere. And it may also make sense if the building inspector is overwhelmed to think about getting a consultant on board to help review some of the plans and to help out and lessen the workload so that when he comes here, he can go and do the measurements on site and do some of the checks that he needs to do. And in terms of going to the planning board, which, as you've said, is a voluntary organization, it may make sense to get a consulting consultant on board to review how other communities are handling code enforcement issues, how they are dealing with zoning issues, dealing with pool issues so that we don't have to deal with volunteers, of which I think only Joe is an expert in the planning field. I don't know all of the other people, but some of the people are not planners. So, I'd like you to think about how we can be transparent on what's going to happen next to deal with some of these issues. Thank you.

Karin Bravin; I just want to address something that you said, Matt. You said that after Hurricane Sandy kept you up and that the people that and that you were so happy that people reinvested. But the people that reinvested are the people that have that are here are the people that have been here for years. So, the people that have kids and grandkids and the whole thing. And my fear with the houses and the investment homes is when the next hurricane comes, they're not going to reinvest. They're going to cut their losses and they're going to leave. And that is going to affect this. Jimmy, when you when you spoke, Mayor Mallott sorry, when you spoke at the forum, you said you came here 40 years ago and you knew you never wanted to leave. But this is, my guess is what is here now isn't what you never wanted to leave. I' not against progress or more efficient homes. But we're really losing community. We're really losing something.

Jill Feighan; A lot of what I wanted to say has been said already, which I'm not surprised about. And to me, the enforcement of the village code is the most important thing right now. But I do want to say I feel like the interests of the real estate developers and the investors are paramount to the interests of the residents. And I'm really tired of feeling like a lesser class citizen being on the bottom of the totem pole.

Edith Charlton; I have a safety issue. I did my Ocean Road from midway to the bay. There were 12 houses that did not have numbers on their house visible from the sidewalk. Who is responsible for enforcing this? This is really very, very dangerous. Who is responsible for numbers going on a house? Who is checking it out? It's in the code that you do have numbers and nobody is enforcing as they used to years ago. Yes, but no one is doing it now. Don't any of you have an answer to that?

Mayor Mallott; No, not really but we'll get on it. Leave it to me I'll make sure that it's done. Trustee Blake; There was a concerted effort by the fire department to make sure that things are clearly marked for me. I think it's a building. It's again the building inspector should be on it for sure. Trustee Norris; Your folks are up and down the block all the time. Chief Hesse; You know, it's funny. My daughter just whispered in my ear and she's like, me and Jake is supposed to go around and look at every house so I can get a report from them. Trustee Norris; Can you get a list? Could you send letters. Chief Hesse; That's what I was going to say. I could treat it like the garbage. We'll send letters out, we'll start there and it will give them a timeframe if they refuse to do it. Edith: Can you start it now? I mean, this is a safety feature we don't have. Chief Hesse; Listen, you're right. I can't tell you. I'm here 30 years working and I still can't find houses listed by number. But it happens. And then you know what you do? You get distracted and you forget about it. But you are 100% correct and we're going to get on it. Edith; I mean 12 houses on one block. Chief Hesse; It's very annoying. I'm with you on that.

ADJOURNMENT: Mayor Mallott moved to close the meeting at 1:52 PM. Trustee Blake seconded this motion. Upon call, the following voted:

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


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