



# 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 December 17, 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 Blake 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 10:58AM by Mayor Mallott. 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

**GENERAL SESSION:** At 11:26 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 Arment	Voted Aye
Mayor Mallott	Voted Aye

Following the pledge to the Flag and Roll Call at 11:27 AM:

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

Mayor Mallott: I don't think Kenny's coming because he's not feeling too good. So, I'll be running the meeting. I'd like to thank Kevin and his crew for decorating the village and running such a spectacular Christmas event last Saturday (12/10) night. All the village guys and girls helped out and it was very nice. I'd like to thank Jen Morano for her Christmas decorations in here (Boat House) that she did earlier this week and wish everybody happy holidays.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING HELD ON OCTOBER 29, 2022: Resolution No. 2022-112:** Trustee Hargraves moved as follows:

BE IT RESOLVED that the Minutes of the Board of Trustees Meeting held on October 29, 2022 are accepted as presented

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

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

APPROVAL OF BILLS AND CLAIM VOUCHERS: Resolution No. 2022-113: 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 \$387,959.55, for Gross Payroll from 10/19/22 through 12/13/22

General Fund, in the amount of \$568,965.48, check numbers A27345 through A27460, and

Water Fund, in the amount of \$55,632.61, check numbers F3682 through F3701, and

Sewer Fund, in the amount of \$111,838.55, check numbers G6683 through G6706

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 \$ 92,464.34, starting with check number A27461, and

Water Fund, in the amount of \$ 23,448.22, starting with check number F3702, and

Sewer Fund, in the amount of \$ 12,280.59, starting with check number G6707, and

Bond payment interest:

Water Fund, in the amount of \$5,921.00 for interest

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

ADDITIONS AND/OR DELETIONS TO THE AGENDA: Resolution No. 2022-114: Mayor Mallott moved as follows:

1. Add – Item #25 – Authorization & Approval to Change Board of Trustees Meeting Date
2. Add – Item #26 – Set a Public Hearing to Revise code for Special Permit Applications
3. Add – Item #27 - Ratification & Approval of Personnel: Salary Increases
4. Add – Item #28 – Accept & Approve of Total Technologies IT Agreement

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

MAYOR'S REPORT:

What do I have? Plenty of water. Unbelievable. I wish people wouldn't take pictures of this place when the whole joint is full of water. Are they calling for a helicopter? That's Kenny. Our attorney took a turn for the worse here today. So, there it sounds like they're flying them out of here. Um, as I said before, we had a great a great Christmas event run by Kevin and his guys. What else have I got for a mayor's report? I can't really think of anything right now.

ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

Well, I actually want to second what you said. I attended the tree lighting a week ago, whatever it was. And it was great. I had a great time, I brought my sons with me. I want to thank Kevin and the Fire Department they did a great job running the event. I really enjoyed it. If you don't mind, Mayor, I can address a few of the items on the agenda. Now, if you want me to speak about them or you want me to wait until we get to them. Mayor Mallott; Let's wait until we get to them.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT: Kevin Schelling spoke

Everybody knows that flooding we had in the last two weeks to sewer plant is trying to pump all that water out of this village

Wastewater:

Sewer plant is fully operational.

Emergency Systems and Generator systems operational.

Chemical & Fuel supplies are full

Ordered a new scum gutter for the settling tank, the sludge take

We removed 45,000 gallons of sludge

Two pumps were sent of for repair

Inspected by the Health Dept and passed.

Water:

Wells #2, #3 & #4 are operational

All Emergency Systems and Generator system operational

Chemical supplies & Fuel supplies full

- Properties: All facilities are winterized now, including the ballfield and community house  
 The Lifeguard building, the maintenance guys were up there and finished the upper portion and worked on the roof  
 We will be installing windows on the Lifeguard building  
 Dock was removed and replaced behind Maguires about 60 feet of it was removed and rebuilt.  
 Two memorial benches in the playground, one for John Schaffner and the other for Jimmy Fitz.  
 We put up holiday decorations and lighting out  
 Public restrooms are now ONLY open at the Ferry Terminal 24/7
- Streets: The streets were trimmed back Thanksgiving week.  
 All generators were tuned up and tested for the winter.  
 Senior carts have been put away for the winter  
 Garbage pick up for the holidays will be on Monday instead of Sunday (both weekends)  
 Had meetings for the floor project and is moving forward, the drainage project is going out to bid this week  
 Met with Suffolk County for emergency management purposes and we are all on the same page
- Past Events: Tree Lighting 12/10 – Happy Holidays everybody!

OCEAN BEACH VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT REPORT: No Report – Medical Call

OCEAN BEACH POLICE REPORT: No report – Medical Call

STATE ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY REVIEW ACT (SEQRA): Resolution No. 2022-115: 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 Arment 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 – ACCEPT RESIGNATION OF MAINTENANCE MECHANIC I: Resolution No. 2022-116: Mayor Mallott moved as follows:

A. WHEREAS, the Village is in receipt of a letter of resignation from Roland Pratt, dated and received by the Village Office on November 16, 2022;

Now, therefore, it is hereby

RESOLVED that the Village accepts, and terminates the employment of Roland Pratt, Maintenance Mechanic, effective November 30, 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

**Mayor Mallott:** The call, that was both chiefs apologizing for their absence there on a helicopter call for the village. We're sorry to lose Roland and you'll see a further on in this agenda what we're doing to try and retain our employees. It's becoming very difficult for us to keep people here when a lot more money is being offered in in other places. So, we're working on that. As you'll see further on in the agenda.

RATIFICATION & APPROVAL OF PERSONNEL – APPOINT COURT CLERK: Resolution No. 2022-117: Mayor Mallott moved as follows:

B. WHEREAS, the Inc. Village of Ocean Beach Board of Trustees, wishes to appoint Jonneigh Adrion, as a part-time Court Clerk to work in the Village Justice Court;  
Now, therefore, it is hereby

RESOLVED that the Village of Ocean Beach approves the appointment of Jonneigh Adrion, to the position of Court Clerk on a part-time basis, effective November 16, 2022, with an annual salary of \$15,000, to be paid from Line Item A1110.103.

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

**Maria Silsdorf:** Thank you. So, congratulations Bunny. The 15 - 20 hours, whatever the first time is. That's in addition to the full time job as Clerk. **Mayor Mallott:** Yes. In addition. Now she can never go home. Okay. **Maria:** She's here forever. Thank you for clarifying

ORGANIZATIONAL APPOINTMENT: Resolution No. 2022-118: Mayor Mallott moved as follows:

PLANNING BOARD/ARB (MEMBER: ALTERNATE THREE –YEAR TERM):

<u>APPOINTED:</u>	<u>NAME:</u>	<u>POSITION</u>	<u>TERM XPIRES:</u>
12/17/2022	Craig Sherman	Alternate Member	7/7/2025

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

AUTHORIZATION TO SET & ADVERTISE FOR LOCAL LAW 01 OF 2023 ADOPTION – TAX CAP OVERRIDE FOR 2023: Resolution No. 2022-119: Mayor Mallott moved as follows:

WHEREAS, New York State has imposed a Tax Cap on municipalities which limits the Village's ability to increase taxes from year to year; and

WHEREAS, the Incorporated Village of Ocean Beach wishes to set a public hearing and to explore the ability to amend the Real Property Tax Levy Limit Override (Chapter 6) of the Village Code for the purpose of allowing the Village of Ocean Beach to adopt a budget for the fiscal year commencing June 1, 2023 which may have a real property tax levy in excess of the "tax levy limit" as defined by General Municipal Law §3-c.; and,

Now, therefore, it is hereby

RESOLVED that the Board of Trustees sets a Public Hearing for January 21, 2023 at 11:30 AM for the amendment of Local Law No. 01 of 2023, of the Code of the Village of Ocean Beach to surpass and override the Tax Cap Limit; 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 Arment	Voted Aye
Mayor Mallott	Voted Aye

ESTABLISHING POLLING PLACE AND TIMES OF VILLAGE ELECTION: Resolution No. 2022-120: Mayor Mallott moved as follows:

WHEREAS, the Election Law of the State of New York requires the adoption of certain resolutions regarding the Village Election,

Now, therefore, it is hereby

RESOLVED that pursuant to Election Law §15-104(3)(b)(2); the Board of Trustees hereby establishes that for the General Village Election to be held on Friday, June 2, 2023, between the hours of 8:00AM and 9:00PM, the Polling Place for the Village Election District shall be the Ocean Beach Community House, 157-164 Cottage Walk, Ocean Beach, NY.

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

RATIFICATION & APPROVAL TO ATTEND NYCOM VILLAGE ELECTION WEBINAR WORKSHOP: Resolution No. 2022-121: Mayor Mallott moved as follows:

WHEREAS, it is the Village's desire to give encouragement to its employees in an effort to gain knowledge and improve proficiency in their village's municipal work with regard to the upcoming Village Election in 2023; and

Now, therefore, it is hereby

RESOLVED that, Jonneigh M. Adrion and Jacqueline Rulon, are authorized to participate in the NYCOM Webinar, to be held on Wednesday, November 30, 2022 from 10:00AM to 11:30AM and Wednesday, December 7, 2022 from 10:00AM to 11:30AM, for \$25 per person/per class, to be paid from line item A1325.493.

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

AUTHORIZATION & APPROVAL TO ATTEND 2023 CONTINUING CLERK EDUCATION PROGRAMS FOR TOWN AND VILLAGE CLERKS: Resolution No. 2022-122: Mayor Mallott moved as follows:

WHEREAS, it is the Inc. Village of Ocean Beach's desire to provide support to the Justice Court and its employees. In an effort to provide mandatory training of new clerks and to gain knowledge and improve proficiency for those in their village positions, and training programs are essential concerning pertinent updates and changes and to facilitate the Village in regard to municipal law, government maintenance and operations and local finance issues;

Now, therefore, it is hereby,

RESOLVED that Jacqueline Rulon, Alexa Collins and Jonneigh Adrion, are authorized to attend 2023 Continuing Clerk Education Programs for Town and Village Clerks in Schenectady, New York from January 10, 2023 to January 12, 2023, cost to include lodging and travel, to be paid from the following line items A1110.472

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

ACCEPT & APPROVE NEW YORK STATE INDUSTRIES FOR THE DISABLED, INC. DATA IMAGING AGREEMENT: Resolution No. 2022-123: Mayor Mallott moved as follows:

WHEREAS, the Village wishes to retain the services of a qualified data imaging services company to scan village documents and records in preparation for archiving; and,

WHEREAS, the Village has received a proposal dated November 15, 2022 for such services from the New York State Industries for the Disabled Inc., a copy of which on file with the Village Office;

Now, therefore, it is hereby

RESOLVED that the Village of Ocean Beach accepts and approves the proposal submitted by New York State Industries for the Disabled Inc., in the amount of \$14,850 for the imaging of 45 banker boxes of records, to be paid from line item A1320.441; and,

IT IS FURTHER RESOLVED that the Village Mayor and Village Administrator are authorized to execute the proposal and make payments consistent with the terms therein

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

**Joe DiFrancisco:** So, this item is to engage this in New York state industries for the disabled to perform scanning of village documents here in the office. It allows us to scan the documents, have them accessible electronically, and then move these documents off of the island and put it into long term storage. Frees up space in the office, makes these documents much more easily accessible because now they will all be electronic.

**RATIFICATION & APPROVAL TO ATTEND SUFFOLK COUNTY VILLAGE OFFICIALS ASSOCIATION (SCVOA) ANNUAL DINNER: Resolution No. 2022-124:** Trustee Hargraves moved as follows:

WHEREAS, the Village, in an effort for employees to gain knowledge and improve proficiency in their municipal duties, encourages and extends the opportunity to James Mallott - Mayor, Joseph Di Francisco, Village Administrator, Linda Morrissey, Village Treasurer and Jonneigh Adrion, Village Clerk to attend the Suffolk County Village Officials Association (SCVOA) Annual Dinner; and

Now, therefore, it is hereby

RESOLVED the above-stated members are authorized and approved to attend the SCVOA Annual Meeting at Villa Lombardi's on the Bay, Patchogue, NY, on December 7, 2022, from 6:00-9:00PM, at \$75.00 per person, to be charged to line items A1210.472 and A1230.472.

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

**RATIFICATION & APPROVAL TO ATTEND LONG ISLAND VILLAGE CLERKS & TREASURERS ASSOC. (LIVCTA) ANNUAL LUNCHEON: Resolution No. 2022-125:** Trustee Arment moved as follows:

WHEREAS, the Village, in an effort for employees to gain knowledge and improve proficiency in their municipal duties, encourages and extends the opportunity to Linda Morrissey – Village Treasurer and Jonneigh Adrion - Village Clerk to attend the Long Island Village Clerks & Treasurers Assoc. (LIVCTA) Annual Luncheon; and

Now, therefore, it is hereby

RESOLVED the above-stated members are authorized and approved to attend the SCVOA Annual Meeting at Melville Marriott, Melville, NY, on December 8, 2022, from 12:00PM, at \$35.00 per person, to be charged to line item A1230.472.

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

**ACCEPT & APPROVE PURCHASE OF LIFEGUARD JET SKI: Resolution No. 2022-126:** Mayor Mallott moved as follows:

WHEREAS, the Inc. Village of Ocean Beach has determined there is a need for new jet ski equipment for the Lifeguards; and

WHEREAS, the Village is in receipt of a proposal from West Sayville Boat Basin, dated August 8, 2022 provide a new jet ski, according to procurement guidelines;

Now, therefore, it is

RESOLVED that the Village accepts and approves said proposal, a copy of which is on file in the Village Office, in an amount not to exceed, \$19,569.00 to be charged to line item A7140.200; and

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

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

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

**Mayor Mallott:** This is to accept and approve the purchase of a lifeguard ski jack. It may seem a little early to be approving a lifeguard ski jump for the summer, but the way things are going now, you know, the six months wait time on everything that we try and do. So, we're going to do this now and it should give us a jet ski that we desperately need for the summer. The old one, I don't know what kind of state it's in, Kevin. They still using the old one? Is it still usable? **Kevin Schelling:** Not at the moment. We didn't get it fixed because it needs that much help. **Mayor:** So, we're going to get rid of that one. We're going to buy a new one. You know, we really need this thing now with what we went through last summer with the sharks and everything else, to be able to put somebody out there on a jet ski to scare the sharks away, hopefully, and to help with any rescues that we think will be coming forward.

ACCEPT & APPROVE TRANSFER FROM GENERAL FUND FOR PURCHASE OF LIFEGUARD JET SKI: Resolution No. 2022-127: Mayor Mallott moved as follows:

WHEREAS, the Board of Trustees has approved the purchase of a new jet ski equipment for the Lifeguards; and  
WHEREAS, the Board of Trustees authorizes a Budget Modification transfer within the General Fund to item #A7140.200, Lifeguard - Equipment;  
Now, therefore, it is  
RESOLVED that the Board of Trustees approves the transfer of funds.

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

ACCEPT & APPROVE WATER TAXI RATES: Resolution No. 2022-128: Mayor Mallott moved as follows:

WHEREAS, the Village of Ocean Beach has previously determined that the appropriate fee for a Water Taxi/Landing license should be \$800 per linear foot; and

WHEREAS, Fire Island Water Taxi utilizes 62 linear feet for their services; and

WHEREAS, the Village has determined that H2O Water Taxi requires 40 linear feet in order to maintain safety and have adequate space to operate;

Now, therefore, it is hereby

RESOLVED, the Village of Ocean Beach determines that the appropriate fee is \$800 per linear foot, for each business Fire Island Water Taxi and H2O Water Tax, at the aforementioned space 62 linear feet and 40 liner feet respectively

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

**Maria Silsdorf:** Is that a set fee? **Mayor:** It's a set fee, yes. It's a little bit of an increase in that, too. Yes. **Trustee Hargraves:** It's a reasonable increase **Mayor;** It's reasonable, what we feel is reasonable. We're not dealing just with Fire Island ferries. We're also dealing with others. We have to have we're having a level playing field. We feel that this is a good opportunity to. To put this forward. Is it forever? No, will there be increases? Yes, there will be going forward

AUTHORIZE & APPROVE LONG ISLAND LIGHTING COMPANY UNDERGROUND ELECTRICAL EASEMENT: Resolution No. 2022-129: Mayor Mallott moved as follows:

WHEREAS, LONG ISLAND LIGHTING COMPANY d/b/a LIPA a/k/a PSE&G Long Island LLC desires the acquisition of an underground utility easement necessary to complete upgrades to their services; and,

WHEREAS, said easement applies to the intersection know as Bay Walk and Surf View Walk (0500-497.00-01.00-002.000) in consideration of one (\$1.00) dollar; and

Now, therefore, it is hereby

RESOLVED that the Village of Ocean Beach Board of Trustees accepts and approves said agreement and easement; and,

It is further RESOLVED that the Village Mayor and Village Administrator, are hereby authorized to execute the documents necessary to effectuate the conditions and terms of this resolution

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

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

ACCEPT & APPROVE PRO BONO RETAINER AGREEMENT FOR VOBEC: Resolution No. 2022-130: Mayor Mallott moved as follows:

WHEREAS, the Village of Ocean Beach Environmental Commission (VOBEC), has undertaken to obtain pro bono legal assistance in preparing a model tree preservation ordinance in connection with Village of Ocean Beach code amendments; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Trustees agrees with this initiative and has received a copy of said Pro Bono Retainer Agreement dated November 15, 2022, a copy of which is on file in the Village office;

Now, therefore, it is

RESOLVED that the Village accepts and approves said agreement, which may include out of pocket expenses and authorizes Camille Guigliano to execute the documents necessary to effectuate this resolution.

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

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

AUTHORIZATION & APPROVAL TO CHANGE BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING DATE: Resolution No. 2022-131: Mayor Mallott moved as follows:

WHEREAS, the Board of Trustees desires to change the next Board of Trustees meeting date,

Now, therefore, it is hereby

RESOLVED that the January 21, 2023 meeting date has been changed to February 4, 2023.

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

SET A PUBLIC HEARING TO REVISE THE CODE FOR SPECIAL PERMIT APPLICATIONS: Resolution No. 2022-132: Mayor Mallott moved as follows:

WHEREAS, the Board of Trustees wishes to set a public hearing date to revise the code pertaining to Special Permit Applications and the adoption of Local Law 02 of 2023; and

WHEREAS, the Village wishes to set a public hearing date for Saturday, February 4, 2023; and

Now, therefore, it is hereby

RESOLVED that the Village Clerk shall schedule and publish notice of a Public Hearing for Saturday, February 4, 2023 at 11:30AM.

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

**Mayor Mallott:** In order to keep our guys current and to retain our employees. We need to give them a raise. And this comes on the recommendation of the superintendent of Public Works. And Joe and I have been discussing this the last few weeks. So, we've we want to do this quick so that we don't lose any more people and we're going to work on a further schedule to inform our guys that going forward there will be an increase is going forward. There is a goal for us to get to.



**Trustee Hargraves:** And Jim, I'm sorry, I just want to be clear from my notes. So, we have two public hearings. They're both taking place on February 4th. One is with regard to special permits and one is with regard to the tax cap. Correct

**RATIFICATION & APPROVAL OF PERSONNEL: SALARY INCREASES: Resolution No. 2022-133:** Mayor Mallott moved as follows:

WHEREAS, the Village Board of Trustees is dedicated to promoting an environment of excellence and achievement which encourages the full personal development of those it serves and of those who serve the Village, and

WHEREAS, the current full-time employees listed have met and exceeded expectations; and

WHEREAS, an equitable pay structure with competitive salaries is essential in attracting and retaining a skilled, motivated work force, thereby increasing the level of service to our community; and

Now, therefore, it is hereby

RESOLVED that the Board of Trustees approves the following listing is hereby ratified and approved:

<b>NAME</b>	<b>TITLE</b>	<b>DEPT.</b>	<b>EFF. DATE</b>	<b>RATE OF PAY</b>
<b>DPW</b>		<b>A5110/F8340/G8120.100</b>		
Luke Dimino	Maintenance Mech I		12/28/2022	\$32.70/Hr.
Garrett March	Maintenance Mech I		12/28/2022	\$34.07/Hr.
Sal Reyes	Maintenance Mech I		12/28/2022	\$35.13/Hr.
Richard Stretch	Maintenance Mech I		12/28/2022	\$32.81/Hr.
Richard Schelling	Maintenance Mech III		12/28/2022	\$4,831.50/bi-weekly

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

**Maria Silsdorf:** So, what's the annual impact? **Mayor Mallott:** Well, we've lost we have lost one of the guys. So, we're taking that money and we're spreading it amongst these guys. We need more employees. We can't bring in employees that are new employees that are getting more than the guys that we have already. So, we have to move everybody. We will. We're going to try and we're going to try we're going to go out there. We don't need somebody of his caliber that got a job somewhere else. We'll bring somebody in under these guys salaries. **Trustee Norris:** The strategy is to spread the costs that we were paying, one that just resigned amongst the staff. And it is our intent to solicit a younger, less experienced group of individuals to take that next step. **Maria:** So, I just I appreciate that and totally supportive. Joe, did you annualize what those increases cost? **Joe:** Did you have it, do you have it in front of it you. **Linda Morrissey:** I did it. Losing Roland absorbed some of it. I didn't annualize it but through the end of May, it's about an additional \$22,000 through May. **Maria:** So, that's an annual? **Linda:** No, it's five months. **Maria:** So, it's \$44,000? **Linda:** No, it'll be a little more than that.

**ACCEPT & APPROVE TOTAL TECHNOLOGY SOLUTIONS I.T. AGREEMENT: Resolution No. 2022-134:** Mayor Mallott moved as follows:

WHEREAS, the Board of Trustee authorized Total Technology Solutions to conduct a network assessment of the village's hardware and computer systems, which revealed vulnerabilities and recommended necessary upgrades; and,

WHEREAS, the Village has received a proposal for such services from Total Technology Solutions, a copy of which on file with the Village Office;

Now, therefore, it is hereby

RESOLVED that the Board of Trustees accepts and approves the proposal submitted by Total Technology Solutions, in the amount of \$13,056 for upgrades, to be paid from line item A0.1925.485 and \$4,300 monthly maintenance charge, to be paid from line item A1325.486; and,

IT IS FURTHER RESOLVED that the Mayor and Village Administrator are authorized to execute the proposal and make payments consistent with the terms therein

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

**Joe DiFrancisco:** I don't have the actual wording of the resolution, but the village wishes to engage the services of Total Technology Solutions to perform I.T. work for the village. This includes network protection, disaster recovery on site and off site, business continuity, support and along with cloud retention. I don't have a written resolution, so I'm kind of speaking extemporaneously. So, we just we would like to engage them with services effective ASAP. I think everybody's aware of what's going on with Suffolk County being hacked, the Town of Islip got hit on Thanksgiving. So, we did a couple of meetings ago. I think you might remember I brought this company in to do an evaluation of our systems. They gave us a report on that and then they came back to us with recommendations. We're starting with their initial recommendation to protect the system and come on board and do work in the village. So and so the amount is so there's. Marco agrees with us, so we get the nod of agreement from him. Let's do something now and quick before. So, the initial so the initial cost. So, the initial cost up front cost is approximately \$13,056, which will bring in business continuity, disaster recovery and backup system for the police department in the village. And then going forward, they'll be reoccurring monthly costs of approximately \$4,300, which will run until the next budget cycle another five months, and we'll revisit it when we do the budget for next year. Mayor; All right, Joe.

#### HEARING OF THE CITIZENS:

**Maria Silsdorf:** Good morning. Good afternoon. I guess I'm representing the citizens here in person. I have two questions and then a comment if I could. So, I just want to go back to the discussion about the water taxi rates. Is there a reason that we're being so restrained and reasonable, I guess. **Trustee Hargraves;** to promote the competition. **Maria:** to promote the competition of H2O to FIF? **Mayor;** To anybody else coming in. **Trustee Hargraves:** Okay, lower someone else. **Maria:** I hadn't thought of it that way, so thank you. So, are we looking to maybe even solicit a third? **Mayor:** We'll see what comes out of the woodwork. **Maria:** Okay. All right, good. **Mayor:** It's a linear footage rate that we charge. **Maria:** Do, their feet overlap like? **Mayor;** No, we're keeping 20 feet between each vendor. We think that's a safety precaution. At the same time, any new vendor coming in will have to reinforce their area of the of the finger pier here of the navy dock. Because it's a lot of pressure on that dock. **Maria;** Did we have any trouble last year with the two competing companies? **Mayor:** There was a few little items and one boat, you know, got loose and banged into another boat and there was a lot of squabbling going on. So, we're doing our best to keep get a level playing field.

**Maria;** Thank you for the clarification. I also wanted to ask, I think it was more than a year ago that the agreement was reached to give back the hotel and restaurant permit fee money, \$100,000 to the chamber. **Mayor:** Yes. **Maria:** And that they were then required to spend \$50,000 of that in village beautification. **Mayor:** Yes. **Maria:** I haven't heard. Did that ever get concluded? **Mayor:** It's still in the works. **Maria;** So was the money given to them? No? And the beautification didn't happen yet? **Mayor:** Linda, did we cut a check for them. **Linda:** I don't think so. **Jonneigh:** I sent them the check in July. **Maria:** So, they got the money, but they haven't beautified yet. Oh, okay. Well. **Mayor:** Yeah, we're working, you know, Jen will take care of that and her people will take care of that on the. **Maria:** Well. So, the board's going to approve how the \$50,000 is being spent. **Mayor:** Yeah. Yeah **Maria:** Right and that's not just Jen. Is that who you said? **Mayor:** Well, **Maria:** Jen's not deciding the \$50,000 **Mayor:** Jen she the **Maria:** is the lead of the Commerce **Mayor:** Chamber of Commerce president. **Maria:** Right. **Maria:** But so that's. I mean, that's a sizable chunk and that came out of the Board's going to be actively involved in how that money gets spent. **Mayor:** Absolutely. The board will be involved, I'm sure. **Maria;** Good. Great. And do you have a schedule for when you're going to get the proposals? **Mayor:** I haven't heard anything yet. **Maria:** Do we expect it'll be for summer 2023? **Mayor;** I hope so. **Trustee Hargraves:** And some of the things are already in the works, like the recycling, garbage pails and that kind of stuff. That's the stuff that we've been looking at already from last year, carried over to this year. **Maria:** So they've paid for that or that'll come out of the \$50,000 **Trustee Hargraves:** it would be to, to benefit the village downtown. **Maria:** It was beautification if I remember the word no. **Mayor:** Yeah, we'll see what they come up with.

**Maria:** Yeah. Okay. All right. The final thing I just wanted to say out loud was two meetings ago when you were not present, Jim, I think the meeting was added at the end of October. My dates now may not be right. Matt took the lead on the meeting, and we talked about having a more complete discussion about the New York State audit of the Treasurer's salary. I'm not sure. I don't believe a fuller conversation has been had with the public on behalf. of the Ocean Beach Association is working to, at Matt's request, put together a more complete list of, I guess, questions and comments, concerns, whatever word you might choose that that audit brought to light as well as we've been made aware of another audit that's ongoing regarding credit card usage and fees by the state Comptroller's office. So, we'll be submitting that to you. So, I just wanted to advise you we're working on that for your consideration. **Trustee Norris:** If you could submit it in such a way that it's not immediately before the next meeting, I'm sure that's in your mind. **Maria;** Well, we didn't submit it yesterday because it would have been immediately before today's meeting. **Trustee Norris;** So that is your intent? **Maria:** That is absolutely our intent. Yeah. Okay. Thank you. You're welcome. Anyone else.

**Louis Schure:** Hi, my name is Louis Schure. My family's been homeowners here for over half a century. My apologies for being late today. And thank you all for your service. My first question is, can somebody summarize, because you probably discussed this already where we are with the very company to preserve the homeowner ferry tickets and a reasonable rate, same with the seasonal parking.

**Mayor:** We have been discussing what the ferry company did to us at the last negotiations. As far as going forward. We have one more year we started. We've been talking about it. We've been looking for alternate sites, which we can't find, alternate vendors which don't seem to be anybody out there. We're kind of at the mercy of the ferry company. And, you know, there's not much we can do. The parking is not part of any ferry contract that we have. We're at their mercy with that. And the same as it were, at their mercy with the fares two.

**Louis Schure:** What about leverage that we have, for example, the large number of day trippers that come across all summer long that burden our police department, the sanitation, lifeguards. Everything. **Trustee Norris:** I don't believe there is a mechanism to which this village can apply to restrict public access to our village or to the beach. So, the general public, I don't although that seems like a the most severest leverage we might have, I don't believe legally we have standing to exercise that. **Louis Schure:** Can you charge them a fee and offset homeowner taxes or do something because it's the homeowners that have to bear the burden of all of the work associated with the large crowds that come across and mass all summer long and beyond? **Trustee Blake:** Maybe, maybe it makes sense just to take just reflect quickly on the previous contract, which the ferry company sunsetted. One of the core provisions of that previous contract was a mechanism that was tied to the amount of ridership. So, as more people came onto our & into our village, the village was compensated for that additional ridership. Unfortunately, during this last iteration of negotiations, that whole mechanism was one of the pieces that they chipped away at. So, we've been kind of disarmed or neutered with respect to doing what you're describing, which is trying to get that balance between people coming here and the costs that we assume. As homeowners, homeowners and taxpayers and. That was a provision that was thrown out the window with this past negotiation. **Louis Schure:** And why can't that negotiation be reopened for discussion? **Trustee Blake:** It certainly will be, but. **Mayor:** We would love to have that negotiation. Talk to them again. But. If they're not willing to participate in a negotiation, then we it seems that we have no recourse. We've tried everything the last time, but to no effect. I went to the state legislature, I went to the county legislature, I went to the county executive. I went everybody everywhere. We hired attorneys left, right and center to try and fight this thing. There was nothing we could do. **Louis Schure:** So theoretically, what would happen if the two parties can't meet a mutually agreement? **Mayor:** Well, you saw what happened. He canceled the ferry. He stopped running the ferry. He'll only stop running it when it suits him. But how long does that suit us? He doesn't care if he doesn't run in January, February and March even April, he's probably running. I wouldn't say at a loss, but he's not making as much money as he does in the rest of those months. **Louis Schure:** So that's true. But when season hits, that would be a huge revenue loss for them. **Mayor:** It would be a revenue loss for everybody. But again, we just got \$50 million in federal money that comes from taxpayers, the taxpayers that come here. The tourists who come here, the tax payers, the federally paid federal taxes. That's where that money came from. **Louis Schure:** So, we have one year to figure this out. So, this time next year is crunch time. **Mayor:** Exactly. **Trustee Hargraves:** We have already started speaking to them. They've reached out. We've reached back. So that that will continue. **Louis:** So, for this year, the seasonal hormonal tickets that's preserved at the same rate as last year or some kind of modest increase. **Mayor:** No **Trustee Hargraves:** There's still a discount, but not as much as it was. **Louis:** So you know what the numbers are. **Trustee Hargraves:** It's been posed to actually, I think as of December 2nd, it's on the website. They are for sale now.

**Louis:** Ok, well, I'd be willing to work with whichever people are in the process of trying to formulate a concept or concepts. I, for one would take a harder stance because I think we need to, but I appreciate how difficult this problem is. So, I have one more question to ask. As a year-round homeowner now that's on the waiting list to get a vehicle permit. Are there any activities going on to try to relax the protocols so that people like myself and all the others who are in front of the line can get a vehicle permit even to go cross once a week, twice a week? **Mayor:** As difficult as the ferry company is, the National seashore is just as difficult. They take no notice, absolutely no notice of what we what we say and what we request. **Maria:** I think there will be another comment period. **Mayor:** Oh, there's plenty of comments. There's plenty of get togethers. They don't listen. They don't care. They'll do what they want to.

**Trustee Norris:** By legislation. And we're currently or Finn's is currently reviewing the driving regulations. There is an open public period which we should publish Again, I don't know offhand, but again, by law they have to accept the public's commentary. So, we'll share that information and what that time is. I will tell you that the National Seashore, which is the governing jurisdiction, is taking a more draconian approach to allowing driving, whether it's residence or commercial. So, as Jim pointed out, we don't have perhaps people at play at FINS that understand what it means to be islanders and access on and off. But that doesn't mean we don't push back.

**Mayor:** So I would recommend you join the Year Round Residents Association and they'll keep you updated on the negotiations with the Fire Island National Seashore. **Trustee Norris:** as does Fire Island Association. And it's also posted on the National Seashore's website. **Louis:** So, one of the local contractors here told me that either new management or. Something within the national seashore will looking to actually relax the vehicle permits to the extent that they wanted all homeowners in Ocean Beach to have vehicle permits, which I think is as ridiculous as the other extreme. **Trustee Arment:** To be clear. Their current proposal is year round residence. There are basically be no more cap on the number of residential permits, but they would still be required to be year round residents. So, as soon as you establish a year round residency here, whatever that would mean for each village, their current proposal would say you could have a permit. So, it would it would you be able to get one faster, but there would be no more limit. **Mayor:** As soon as one becomes free, you would be, they're not talking about increasing the amount of permits that are allowed?

**Trustee Arment:** They are Yes. **Maria:** Year-round homeowners on the entire island. So, if there's 150 people and there's three more of those would have to wait till someone dies pretty much. **Mayor:** The same way, It's the same thing. **Maria:** So if you remove the caps then if it were legitimately 170 year round homeowners or 500, all of them could have driving permit. But not all homeowners **Trustee Hargraves:** right? You still have to meet the requirements. **Trustee Arment:** Year round residents only. **Mayor:** Certain criteria. Yeah. **Louis:** I know it sounds self-serving, but that works for me. So, is that something that's actively in process? **Trustee Arment:** That is their current proposal. If they proceed with the current schedule, that wouldn't go into effect for about another year or two, I believe at least two years, I think. So honestly, you're better off getting on the waitlist now, and probably by the time this goes into effect, you'll probably get a permit through the regular system anyway.

**Louis:** Well, but in my case, I am. But I don't I'm not looking for any favors to displace anybody who's before me. **Trustee Arment:** Good because there aren't. **Louis:** I'm speaking as a group for all of us. And again, just perceiving what they probably feel. One permission once a week to go off where if I want to see my grandchildren, I can't. It's not really because of the boats. **Mayor:** They're unreasonable. They're totally unreasonable. **Maria:** They're also not considering something like that. They're either a permit or not because they're not in there looking to get out of the compliance. Right? Correct. **Trustee Hargraves:** They want the separate communities to monitor. We had asked them to consider things like who had children enrolled in school, those kinds of things, who had medical issues that may need to get off. **Maria:** Go on. Go on the website. And on the FINS website there's a detailed document that actually describes their proposal in reasonable language. **Louis:** Okay So, this is ongoing? So, progress is being made? **Trustee Norris:** Yes, progress is relative. Yeah. **Trustee Arment:** they are positively putting forth their plan. Yes. **Louis:** Okay. If I can help in this area as well, you know where I live. **Trustee Norris:** Go online public comments. That's very helpful. **Louis:** Thank you all. **Trustee Hargraves:** Thank you Mr. Shaw. **Mayor:** Thank you. Motion to adjourn. **Trustee Arment:** Are there any Zoom members who want to say anything? You can unmute and talk now if you want. No, there's no hands up. So, hearing none, I guess motion to close. All in favor.

ADJOURNMENT: Trustee Arment moved to close the meeting at 12:21 PM. Mayor Mallott 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

  
Jonneigh M. Adrion, Deputy Village Clerk