



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 March 11, 2023 at the Boat House, 625-632 Bayberry Walk, Ocean Beach, New York and is also being conducted via Zoom.

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

The motion was seconded by Trustee 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 11:09 AM 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 11:28 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 11:29 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 Administrator:	Joseph DiFrancisco

Ken Gray: Mr. Mayor, may I take a second to say something? **Mayor:** Yes, certainly. **Ken Gray:** So, I just wanted to recognize and thank the Ocean Beach Police Department and the Ocean Beach Fire Department. Um, I had a medical situation in December, and they were excellent. Um, gave me terrific advice. And I just wanted to acknowledge and thank Chief Ian Levine, Chief George Hesse, Dale Wyckoff, Marty Liederman and a number of other individuals, too many to name, quite honestly. But they did an excellent professional job and I just want to thank them for that. So, thank you, Mayor. Trustee Norris; Welcome back Ken!

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING HELD ON FEBRUARY 4, 2023: Resolution No. 2023-021: Mayor Mallott moved follows:

BE IT RESOLVED that the Minutes of the Board of Trustees Meeting held on February 4, 2023 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. 2023-022: Mayor Mallott moved as follows:

BE IT RESOLVED that bills and claim vouchers, already paid be approved as submitted and as follows:

General Fund, in the amount of \$273,599.97, for Gross Payroll from 01/24/23 through 03/07/23

General Fund, in the amount of \$715,672.25, check numbers A27616 through A27664, and

Water Fund, in the amount of \$19,821.95, check numbers F3732 through F3740, and

Sewer Fund, in the amount of \$24,241.07, check numbers G6738 through G6745

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 \$ 111,213.36, starting with check number A27665, and

Water Fund, in the amount of \$ 15,310.94, starting with check number F3741, and

Sewer Fund, in the amount of \$ 32,299.36, starting with check number G6746

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'S REPORT:

I don't have anything on my report. I'm going to hand it off to the Administrator. Okay.

ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT: Joseph DiFrancisco spoke

So last week, the mayor, myself, Chief Hesse and Mr. Schelling attended a meeting with FINS in regards to their planned changes to beach driving permits for Fire Island, which obviously would directly affect Ocean Beach. They had similar meetings with Saltaire, with Town of Islip, Town of Brookhaven and Point of Woods. Um, the meeting seemed to create a little bit more questions and answers in regards to what their plans are. They do plan on having more meetings. They also talked about having public sessions, including one here in Ocean Beach over the next months. Um, the village us, Ocean Beach we met separately with Saltaire and Point of Woods, and in terms of sharing information, we agreed to keep sharing information moving forward. Um, so we're kind of waiting on the seashore to see what they actually propose. I know they had a public meeting a couple months ago in Patchogue. Um, this is a follow up to that. And they're pushing ahead with whatever changes that they decide that they want to make. So, you know, it's still a little soon to rush to judgment if it's going to have a negative or positive effect, we don't know.

Trustee Norris: their proposals are not written down yet. I think that the June meeting, if it does happen here, will be definitive. Right. Um, what's refreshing is a unified point of view amongst the villages, the towns and the hamlets. Um, not in opposition, but in professional questioning of what's being put on the table if what's being put on the table is codified, it's a significant change that will impact each and every one of us. So, I would strongly recommend that you keep your eye on what's happening here and voice your opinion when that period of time is presented, because by legislation they have to listen to each and every one of us. So, it was refreshing to see the unified front amongst the villages and the towns, job well done. **Joe DiFrancisco:** That's all I have, Mr. Mayor.

Louis Schure: Can somebody summarize what's being proposed, even if it's not in writing what the timeframe is. What Ocean Beach's view of that is. **Mayor Mallott:** we don't know what they're. What they're proposing. **Trustee Norris:** There is a confusing proposal from FINS that is both transitory and contradictory. So, we really do need to wait for this. And it's I know it's sort of defining the undefinable right now, but some of the things that are being bantered about by fins are significant. And we don't know if it's going to be their final proposal. So, we're waiting for that final proposal. So just a word, keep your eyes out and we'll keep communicating to you. And again, prior to this June meeting, it will be published.

Mayor Mallott: The seashore met with all the individual players and basically said the same thing to all of us. And none of us can figure out what exactly it is they did say. There was no definition. There was just more questions than answers. They don't know what they do. **Trustee Norris:** And it surrounds, you know, who manages the permit process, what is and what is not allowed to traverse on the beach. Um, enforcement challenges that they have that, you know, they're the gatekeepers so you can't abdicate. And again we're. **Mayor Mallott:** And they could advocate for no change. **Trustee Norris:** Yeah. Which is probably where we want to go. The point here is that their plan is not really solidified and even if you try and put it together so contradictory, not only from their presentation but to the GMP, the general management plan for FINS. So, they still have work to put this together. Everything we hear we don't particularly like or we don't view as practically enforceable, you can't roll it out. **Mayor Mallott:** So, this group that's in there now have no history of Fire Island. It's a whole new group that's been here for just a few years. You know, the old guard that was here, they just walked past each other through the door. There was no history. There was no look, this is the way we do things. This is the way it's traditionally been done. We do this because of that. We do that because of this. Nobody talked to each other. So, these people are flying by the seat of their pants. **Trustee Norris:** And this group is also bureaucrats, right? They're checking boxes and the boxes that they're checking are not really practically. **Mayor Mallott:** They don't want to be in the permit business. Right. But there's nobody going to take over there. Right. **Trustee Norris:** If they drive the enforcement to the individual villages just practically. Right. One of the suggestions is that Saltaire in theory, would be part of the permitting process, but that impacts every village east of Saltaire. So, how do you do that? So again, it's nebulous from what's been presented to us. It's doesn't make a lot of sense and we will communicate as that plan progresses. If it does, what the ramifications would be and our actions to either voice our objection or agree to it. **(Inaudible audience member)** There's a process. It's called the NEPA process. It has to go through a process and it has to be vetted, it has to be discussed, it has to be approved on many layers. And at each one of those layers, if it's antithetical to the way that we live down here, again, we'll have opportunities to object.

Louis Schure: So. **Jonneigh Adrion:** Mr. Schure, could you please come to the microphone if you're going to keep talking. Thank you. **Louis Schure:** Louis Schure homeowner for over half a century. Taxpayer through my family for over half a century. So, this is a personal issue for me because my wife and I have been trying to live a semi normal life out here in the absence of a vehicle permit. And given the very limited ferry schedules, it's almost impossible to have doctor's appointments, dentist appointments, any kind of business appointments in New York City. But we're trying to follow the rules as they've been prescribed, but we're hoping that there could be some solution, some sensitivity for legitimate year-round homeowners like ourselves who are deserving of a vehicle permit in a reasonable time frame. **Mayor Mallott:** We've been trying to do that. Okay. We've been trying to do it for years. We're totally ignored by FINS. Okay. So. We've heard these stories. I don't want to cut you short, Louis, but this can go on for hours and we don't have time to discuss this now. Ocean Beach has zero input about your permit. **Louis Schure:** So, I'll keep this brief, I promise. Okay, so I moved up seven slots over the last year, so I'm now number 25. At that pace in 4 or 5 more years following the present protocol of a vehicle permit. **Mayor Mallott:** We don't know who those other 25 people are. They may have no standing in this community to get another permit or other communities on Fire Island. They won't tell us who those people are. **Louis Schure:** Could we maybe discuss this offline, if there are any people here who have a direct vote. **Trustee Norris:** Grab my ear after this meeting. **Louis Schure:** Okay. Thank you all. **Mayor Mallott:** Yeah. Listen, guys. **Byron Chenault:** I'm just going to suggest if you're here year-round going to a year round residents association, a lot of the questions that you're asking are addressed open in those meetings, as well as usually quarterly communications going out to. All. **Trustee Norris:** Very good. Very good suggestion. Great organization. And they work hand in hand with Fire Island Association. And you know, there's gravity with those organizations. So have your voice be heard. But let's chat afterwards.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT: Kevin Schelling spoke

Wastewater: Sewer plant is fully operational.
Emergency Systems and Generator systems operational.
Chemical & Fuel supplies are full
Six (6) feet of pipe replace due to illegal fence installation. Fence was cut down at ground level for the length of the property.
Two (2) pumps sent off for tune-up & repair

Water: Wells #2, #3 & #4 are operational
All Emergency Systems and Generator system operational
Chemical supplies & Fuel supplies full

Properties: Replacement of the dock continues behind Maguires between Bungalow and Ocean (benches built & re-installed)
Lighting fixtures ordered for the Marina
Power washing of benches around town continues
Village office records were taken off island for scanning about 45 boxes
Village tractors got tuned up and serviced
Generator semi annual tune ups scheduled for this week
Two (2) new bottle fillers ordered for the Boat House and Community House
Village office restoration and apartments almost complete 99%

Mayor Mallott: Kevin while we're here, we want to get H2M to give us an evaluation of the water tower. Because we know we're going to have to. **Kevin Schelling:** Yes, they're going to do that, an inspection.

OCEAN BEACH VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT REPORT: Chief Levine spoke

I will give a report for you guys. First of all, welcome back, Ken. **Ken Gray:** Thank you, sir. **Chief Levine:** Um, lots of training going on, getting ready for the year 2023. Just wanted to mention and single out two members. Jonathan Scharf and Kelly Becker are two new members in our department that are joining, and they are both in their firefighter one class. So, we wish them luck and hope they get through it. Uh, two projects that we're working on that I wanted to make you guys aware of. One of them H2M project with the garage doors. We spoke about at the last meeting. Just wanted to give you an update. Uh, H2M two met with us during the week. Uh, George was there. Joe was there. Kevin was there. Um, we're trying to get this project so we can get it out to bid and an approved by you guys at the next meeting or actually at the end of April meeting. You have two meetings in April. So, at the end of April and make that a reality before the season starts if possible. Um, just something I want you guys to be aware of the Town of Islip was sent a letter regarding Cornelia Estates. The letter was sent by the Corneille Estates Association. And basically the situation in Corneille Estates is that we can't drive fire trucks on their boardwalks. So, we have a system in place with Standpipes that standpipe gets filled and then there are hose boxes throughout the community. It has come to our attention that with all the new construction and the new dunes and everything, uh, the hose boxes that were installed by Corneille about 25 years ago, 20 years ago are insufficient. Uh, one they don't reach all the properties now. And two, um they're pretty old. And because they're not owned by the village of Ocean Beach, we don't do too much testing on them. We drill on them and practice with them, but we don't have them host tested like we do all our hoses. Corneille has asked us under an emergency situation since they're not getting a response from the Town of Islip, if we could add some boxes and hoses so we have enough up there in case there's an emergency. I spoke with the Mayor and I just wanted to make everybody aware that we are going to be purchasing those under an emergency. And if we can ask Ken Gray or the village attorney's to write a letter to the Town of Islip that there is such a situation going on right now. And we can also add that in Atlantique at the marina there, about 5 or 6 years ago, there was a similar system that was supposed to be put onto the docks there. Um, they, they did it halfway through but have not completed it. The mayor and I have been talking about it and just wanted to make sure that we can include both those situations in a letter to the Town of Islip. **Ken Gray:** Sure. Chief, if you could forward to me a copy of that letter that Corneille sent to the town and then we can talk further offline as to what we're going to send over to Islip.

Chief Levine: Sounds great. Will do that. Just a couple other things that are going on are corned beef and cabbage. Dinner is tonight. I'm very excited that all you guys are staying over tonight to go to the dinner. Um, our Memorial Day weekend we always have our blood drive. Last year was a mess. One. The weather was kind of bad, too. There was no Internet on the island. So, it was kind of hard for them to get all your information, do all kinds of stuff. This year, we're going to try to do it bigger and better than ever. We are going to do it in the community house this year right after the Ocean Beach Association candidates meeting. So that'll be done that day and they will have their own hotspots and stuff that they need to be self-sufficient in case there is another problem there. And that's that's pretty much it. If you have any questions, I'll take them. If not, thank you very much. **Trustee Hargraves:** Thanks, Chief. **Mayor Mallott:** If there's no questions. Let's move on.

David Lipsky: Dave Lipsky. Just wanted to clarify where who pays for the cost of the work in Atlantique and Corneille? Is that charge to the fire district in Atlantique? **Chief Levine:** What happened? Think the ball was kind of dropped because the town of Islip approved the money. They started the project by putting in two fire, two hydrants at the two ends, but they never did the work on the boardwalk and then subsequently they leased out the property. So don't know if

they gave the ownership away or whatever the situation is. And I just think the mayor and I were talking about it the other day and we should follow up with them on that. **David Lipsky:** Yeah, but that doesn't answer the question of who pays for it. I'm fine with it going on. It's an emergency situation. But do the taxpayers within Corneille and Islip town pay for it, or does the fire district pay for it? **Mayor Mallott:** We're meeting with a couple of members of the fire department and the village attorney and trustee Blake after this meeting to discuss those the method that we're going to use here. **David Lipsky:** Okay. Thank you. **Chief Levine:** I'm available if you want me to call in. **Mayor:** Thank you.

OCEAN BEACH POLICE REPORT: Chief Hesse spoke

Good morning, everyone. Welcome back Ken. It's good to see you man. Ken Gray: Thank you, sir. Chief Hesse: You look great. On a sad note, though, a couple of weeks ago, we lost Dr. Phil Dimaggio from Ocean Road, long time resident. Um, I just want to say thanks to Marty and Dale myself and Andy Becher. We took him out of here, with due respect. Thanks, Marty. By the way. **Marty Liederman:** Thank you, Chief. **Chief Hesse:** That's a tough one, you know. Good man. Funny guy. Um, things are great. What's that? Dr. Feelgood. Things are great, we're rolling into the summer. We're prepping. I have my annual meeting, training day coming up May 6th. So, everybody will be over here for that day to go over any procedural changes, anything that we're going to do you know differently here in the village and enforcement wise and our regular standardized annual training. We just swore in a retired New York City sergeant the other day, we're going to add to our complement. At the end of the month, my daughter Megan will be graduating the police academy to add to our roles, which I'm very excited for, and that's pretty much it. And we're ready to go rocking and rolling. You know, I did want to mention I'm sorry, I'm working with Maria Silsdorf with the unsupervised kids situation that we had last year. We are, we did compile a letter that I'm going to email to all of you this week. We're going to finalize it a little bit then we're going to send to all the school districts, just hopefully getting a little bit of word out if it can prevent a few of them from coming in, at least, you know, we're making some sort of an attempt. But on top of that, we'll still be very strict in the way we handle them. Okay, great. **Trustee Hargraves:** Thank you George.

ADDITIONS/DELETIONS TO THE AGENDA: Resolution No. 2023-023: Mayor Mallott moved as follows:

1. Add Item #21 - Set Public Hearing to adopt Local Law 02 of 2023 Amending Chapter 106-6, fees for landing

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

STATE ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY REVIEW ACT (SEQRA): Resolution No. 2023-024: 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. 2023-025: Mayor Mallott moved as follows:

A. WHEREAS, Jonneigh Adrion, Village Clerk, 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, EMT/Paramedics A3410.100, 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>Name</u>	<u>Start Date</u>	<u>Status</u>	<u>1/1/23-5/14/23</u> <u>9/15-12/31/23</u>	<u>Pay Rate</u>	<u>5/15/23-</u> <u>9/14/23</u>	<u>Pay Rate</u>
EMT/Paramedics	Dept. -A3410.100		Fall/Winter/Spring Hours		Summer Hours	
Auricchio, Peter	3/11/2023	Seasonal	20 hrs. per wk.	\$75/Hr	40 hrs. per wk.	\$37.50/Hr.
Bialek, Nathaniel A.	3/11/2023	Seasonal	20 hrs. per wk.	\$75/Hr	40 hrs. per wk.	\$37.50/Hr.
Bolender, Adam	3/11/2023	Seasonal	20 hrs. per wk.	\$75/Hr	40 hrs. per wk.	\$37.50/Hr.
Brandman, Kasara	3/11/2023	Seasonal	20 hrs. per wk.	\$75/Hr	40 hrs. per wk.	\$37.50/Hr.
Cantore, Jessica L. -BASIC	3/11/2023	Seasonal	20 hrs. per wk.	\$50/Hr	40 hrs. per wk.	\$25.00/Hr.
Cherry, Patrick	3/11/2023	Seasonal	20 hrs. per wk.	\$75/Hr	40 hrs. per wk.	\$37.50/Hr.
Colyvas, Nicholas	3/11/2023	Seasonal	20 hrs. per wk.	\$75/Hr	40 hrs. per wk.	\$37.50/Hr.
Dackow, Timothy R.	3/11/2023	Seasonal	20 hrs. per wk.	\$75/Hr	40 hrs. per wk.	\$37.50/Hr.
DiGregorio, Adam	3/11/2023	Seasonal	20 hrs. per wk.	\$75/Hr	40 hrs. per wk.	\$37.50/Hr.
Falley, Scott M.	3/11/2023	Seasonal	20 hrs. per wk.	\$75/Hr	40 hrs. per wk.	\$37.50/Hr.
Gazzo, Schuyler P.	3/11/2023	Seasonal	20 hrs. per wk.	\$75/Hr	40 hrs. per wk.	\$37.50/Hr.
Hager, Jason A.	3/11/2023	Seasonal	20 hrs. per wk.	\$75/Hr	40 hrs. per wk.	\$37.50/Hr.
Halloran, Angela E.	3/11/2023	Seasonal	20 hrs. per wk.	\$75/Hr	40 hrs. per wk.	\$37.50/Hr.
Hoffman, Jason L.	3/11/2023	Seasonal	20 hrs. per wk.	\$75/Hr	40 hrs. per wk.	\$37.50/Hr.
Killoran, Jessica	3/11/2023	Seasonal	20 hrs. per wk.	\$75/Hr	40 hrs. per wk.	\$37.50/Hr.
Laidman, Keith	3/11/2023	Seasonal	20 hrs. per wk.	\$75/Hr	40 hrs. per wk.	\$37.50/Hr.
Lambert, Erin	3/11/2023	Seasonal	20 hrs. per wk.	\$75/Hr	40 hrs. per wk.	\$37.50/Hr.
Lee, Winston	3/11/2023	Seasonal	20 hrs. per wk.	\$75/Hr	40 hrs. per wk.	\$37.50/Hr.
Martin, Kristofer M.	3/11/2023	Seasonal	20 hrs. per wk.	\$75/Hr	40 hrs. per wk.	\$37.50/Hr.
Masem, Jennifer	3/11/2023	Seasonal	20 hrs. per wk.	\$75/Hr	40 hrs. per wk.	\$37.50/Hr.
McDonald, William	3/11/2023	Seasonal	20 hrs. per wk.	\$75/Hr	40 hrs. per wk.	\$37.50/Hr.
McGrath, Sean M.	3/11/2023	Seasonal	20 hrs. per wk.	\$75/Hr	40 hrs. per wk.	\$37.50/Hr.
Miller, Shawn S.	3/11/2023	Seasonal	20 hrs. per wk.	\$75/Hr	40 hrs. per wk.	\$37.50/Hr.
Nirrengarten, Ray J.	3/11/2023	Seasonal	20 hrs. per wk.	\$75/Hr	40 hrs. per wk.	\$37.50/Hr.
O'Connor, Ryan	3/11/2023	Seasonal	20 hrs. per wk.	\$75/Hr	40 hrs. per wk.	\$37.50/Hr.
Palumbo, Madison	3/11/2023	Seasonal	20 hrs. per wk.	\$75/Hr	40 hrs. per wk.	\$37.50/Hr.
Quinn, Brian P.	3/11/2023	Seasonal	20 hrs. per wk.	\$75/Hr	40 hrs. per wk.	\$37.50/Hr.
Rudolph, Richard	3/11/2023	Seasonal	20 hrs. per wk.	\$75/Hr	40 hrs. per wk.	\$37.50/Hr.
Smyth, Thomas A.	3/11/2023	Seasonal	20 hrs. per wk.	\$75/Hr	40 hrs. per wk.	\$37.50/Hr.
Wilson, Christian - CCA	3/11/2023	Seasonal	20 hrs. per wk.	\$60/Hr	40 hrs. per wk.	\$30.00/Hr.
Zabiela, Ernest S.	3/11/2023	Seasonal	20 hrs. per wk.	\$75/Hr	40 hrs. per wk.	\$37.50/Hr.

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 OF PERSONNEL – SALARY INCREASE: Resolution No. 2023-026: Mayor Mallott moved as follows:

B. 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 employee 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:

<u>NAME</u>	<u>TITLE</u>	<u>DEPT.</u>	<u>EFF. DATE</u>	<u>RATE OF PAY</u>
<u>DPW</u>		<u>A5110/F8340/G8120.100</u>		
Brian Marchand	Maintenance Mech III		12/28/2022	\$49.13 per hour

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 OF PERSONNEL – ACCEPT RESIGNATION OF CLERK: Resolution No. 2023-027: Mayor Mallott moved as follows:

C. WHEREAS, the Village of Ocean Beach is in receipt of a letter of resignation from Alexa Collins, dated and received by the Village Office on March 10, 2023;
Now, therefore, it is hereby
RESOLVED that the Village accepts, and terminates the full-time employment of Alexa Collins, Clerk, effective March 24, 2023

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

Mayor Mallott: So moved. I'm sorry to see her go, but she got a better offer. **Ken Gray:** Good luck Alexa

AUTHORIZATION & APPROVAL TO CHANGE BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING DATE: Resolution No. 2023-028: 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 April 15, 2023 meeting date has been changed to April 1, 2023.

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

SET PUBLIC HEARING FOR WATER TAXI/LIMO RATES: Resolution No. 2023-029: Mayor Mallott moved as follows:

WHEREAS, the Village of Ocean Beach sets various fee schedules from time to time by resolution; and
WHEREAS, the Village of Ocean Beach would like to have a public hearing to determine rates for Water Taxi/Limo landing fees;

Now, therefore, it is hereby

RESOLVED that the Village Clerk shall schedule and publish notice of a Public Hearings for Saturday, April 29, 2023 at 11:30 am for the purpose establish Water Taxi/Limo landing fees

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

APPOINTMENT OF ELECTION INSPECTORS: Resolution No. 2023-030: Mayor Mallott moved as follows:

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

WHEREAS, the Village of Ocean Beach authorizes the use of non-village, Suffolk County residents because there is not sufficient qualified residents to fill the positions; and

WHEREAS, the Election Inspectors shall be paid at a rate of \$20.00 per hour;

Now, therefore, it is hereby

RESOLVED that no person shall be entitled to vote at any Village election whose name does not appear on the register of qualified voters supplied by the Suffolk County Board of Elections; and

Be it further RESOLVED that the date, place and hour at which inspectors of election shall meet to prepare the register, and the general village election, shall be as follows:

1. The inspectors of election shall meet on the 31st day of May 2023, at the Village Office, between the hours of 12:00 Noon and 3:00PM to prepare the register for the Village election
2. Voting for the General Village Election shall be conducted at the Ocean Beach Community House, Cottage and Bay Walk, from 8:00AM. to 9:00PM on Friday, June 2, 2023
3. The following are appointed Inspectors of Election:
 - a. Marty Leiderman
 - b. Diane Montes
 - c. Ryann Murray
 - d. Gina Ragusa
4. The following individual is appointed as Inspector of Election Chairperson: Diane Montes

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 HIRE TAX CERTIORARI: Resolution No. 2023-031: Mayor Mallott moved as follows:

WHEREAS, the Inc. Village of Ocean Beach wishes to hire Scott Stone, Tax Certiorari, on a part-time basis; and

Now, therefore, it is hereby

RESOLVED that the Village of Ocean Beach accepts and approves the proposal submitted by Scott Stone, to act as Tax Certiorari Counsel, at the reduced/municipal rate of \$200 per hour, as needed, to be paid from line item A1325.100, effective February 17, 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

HEARING OF REAL PROPERTY ASSESSMENTS: Resolution No. 2023-032: Mayor Mallott moved as follows:

WHEREAS, the Village is in receipt of the following Grievances which have been reviewed by the Village's Assessor, Paul Petruzzelli and Tax Certiorari Counsel, Scott Stone; and

Now, therefore, it is hereby

RESOLVED, per the recommendation of both the Assessor and Tax Certiorari Counsel, the following Complaints on Assessments have been Denied or Dismissed:

Commercial:

- 1.) District: 502 Section: 1 Block: 3 Lot: 9 Item#733730
Fire Island Sandpiper, Inc.
479 Bay/Bayberry Walk, Ocean Beach
Recommendation: Denied
- 2.) District: 502 Section: 1 Block: 4 Lot: 28 Item#735010
780 Bay Walk Land Co. Inc.
778-780 Bay Walk, Ocean Beach
Recommendation: Denied

Residential:

- 1.) District: 502 Section: 1 Block: 1 Lot: 8.002 Item#737490
Arnold Mazel
339-341 Surf Road, Ocean Beach
Recommendation: Denied
- 2.) District: 502 Section: 1 Block: 1 Lot: 36.001 Item #736820
Patricia Mascolo
177-178 Wilmot Road, Ocean Beach
Recommendation: Denied
- 3.) District: 502 Section: 2 Block: 1 Lot: 54.001 Item#736410
Ellen Reiss Portnoy Trust
89-90 Ocean Road, Ocean Beach
Recommendation: Denied
- 4.) District: 502 Section: 2 Block: 4 Lot: 12.001 Item#734130
Mark DeAngelis
568-569 Bayberry Walk, Ocean Beach
Recommendation: Denied
- 5.) District: 502 Section: 1 Block: 4 Lot: 37.004 Item#734925
Carin Roth
761-762 Ocean Breeze Walk, Ocean Beach
Recommendation: Denied
- 6.) District: 502 Section: 2 Block: 3 Lot: 43.000 Item#733530
Dennis Roth
437-438 Dehnhoff Walk, Ocean Beach
Recommendation: Denied

- 7.) District: 502 Section: 1 Block: 1 Lot: 63.000 Item#736710
Luca & Elisa Loguercio
153-154 Ocean Road, Ocean Beach
Recommendation: Denied
- 8.) District: 502 Section: 1 Block: 2 Lot: 13.000 Item#736150
Shoshanna McCollum
23-24 Ocean Road, Ocean Beach
Recommendation: Denied

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

**AUTHORIZATION TO ACCEPT PICK-UP OPTION YEAR FOR REFUSE PICKUP AND DISPOSAL PROGRAM:
Resolution No. 2023-033: Mayor Mallott moved as follows:**

WHEREAS, the Village has previously approved an Agreement with Stang Carting and subsequent assignment to Brownie Carting Inc. to provide refuse pickup and disposal services, which expires March 31, 2023; and

WHEREAS, said Agreement entitles the Village to four (4) one-year options; and

WHEREAS, the Village has been satisfied with the services provided by Brownie Carting Inc. during the current contract period and has determined that it would be in the best interests of the Village to continue with such services at this time,

Now, therefore, it is hereby

RESOLVED that the Village of Ocean Beach Board of Trustees hereby opts to exercise the first one (1) year option for Option Year 2023/2024 contained in the Refuse Pick-up and Disposal Program and extend the Agreement with Brownie Carting Inc. for the period of April 1, 2023 through March 31, 2024, pursuant to the terms and conditions of the existing Agreement; and

IT IS FURTHER RESOLVED that the Village Mayor and Village Administrator are hereby authorized to enter into such agreement consistent with the terms of 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

ACCEPT & APPROVE DISPOSAL OF SURPLUS TRUCK: Resolution No. 2023-034: Mayor Mallott moved as follows:

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

2006 Ford Truck VIN#1FTSF21P77EA97029

WHEREAS, the Superintendent of Public Works has determined that this truck has no present or future use to the Village; and

WHEREAS, the Village Board of Trustees has determined that this equipment has no present or future use to the Village and has determined that this equipment has no value,

Now, therefore, it is hereby

RESOLVED that the Superintendent of Public Works is authorized to execute and process such documents that are necessary to the disposal of said truck consistent with this resolution.

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

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

SET PUBLIC HEARING DATES FOR THE 2023/2024 TENTATIVE & FINAL BUDGET: Resolution No. 2023-035: Mayor Mallott moved as follows:

WHEREAS, the Village wishes to set a public hearing date to consider the passing of the 2023/2024 Tentative Budget for Saturday, April 1, 2023; and

WHEREAS, the Village wishes to set a public hearing date for the adoption of the 2023/2024 Final Budget for Saturday, April 29, 2023; and

Now, therefore, it is hereby

RESOLVED that the Village Clerk shall schedule and publish notice of a Public Hearings for Saturday, April 1, 2023 and Saturday April 29, 2023 at 11:30AM for the purpose of considering the 2023/2024 Tentative Budget and Final Adoption

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

AUTHORIZE & APPROVE ATTENDANCE AT NY AMERICAN WATER WORKS ASSOCIATION (NYAWWA) EVENT: Resolution No. 2023-036: Mayor Mallott moved as follows:

WHEREAS, the Incorporated Village of Ocean Beach encourages employees to attend classes and seminars that will assist them with their duties and responsibilities, licenses and certifications,

Now, therefore, it is hereby

RESOLVED that Kevin Schelling, Superintendent Public Works is hereby authorized to attend the New York American Water Works Association (NYAWWA) Event April 11th – 13th, in Sarasota Springs, NY at a cost of \$654.00, additional costs to include travel expenses, to be paid from line item F8340.493.

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

SET PUBLIC HEARING FOR ADOPTION LOCAL LAW 02 OF 2023 – AMENDING CHAPTER 106-6, CONCERNING LANDING FEES: Resolution No. 2023-037: Mayor Mallott moved as follows:

WHEREAS, the Village wishes to set a public hearing date to adopt Local Law 02 of 2023 to consider the amendment of Chapter 106-6, landing fees;

Now, therefore, it is hereby

RESOLVED that the Village Clerk shall schedule and publish notice of a Public Hearings for Saturday, April 1, 2023 at 11:30AM for the purpose of considering this amendment.

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: 12:00 PM

Maria Silsdorf: Hi. Good morning. It's Maria Silsdorf. May I ask a question and make an announcement? **Mayor Mallott:** Yeah, just a minute. We just have, somebody here wants to address the board. **Trustee Norris:** Somebody is in front of you Maria. **Maria:** Okay, No worries. Thanks, Chris.

Jennifer Moritz: Hello, everyone. My name is Jennifer Moritz. If you don't know me already, I'm a member of the Matthews Morano's Restaurant, and I'm making an announcement that I'm running for Trustee. That's all I really like to do. And that's all for now. And if anyone has any questions or answers, I'm free. Okay. Thank you. **Mayor Mallott:** Thanks, Jen. **Ken Gray:** Good luck. Congratulations. Just for clarification, I believe we have two (2) Trustee positions open for this election coming up in June. It would be two (2) Trustee positions for four year terms. So anybody else?

Maria Silsdorf: Yes, I am. Thank you, Ken. First of all, welcome back, Ken. It's nice to see you. Thank you very much. You're welcome. Um, can I have a question? And I'd like to make a couple of announcements. Ken, when you were speaking about the election earlier, you stated that no one who is on the rolls would be able to vote, which is standard, but is there no longer an affidavit vote? **Ken Gray:** Villages under New York state law. Villages do not have an affidavit ballot option. **Maria Silsdorf:** Okay. **Ken Gray:** What we do. I'm sorry. So, what we do usually have available to us is if a person for some reason is not on the roll that Suffolk County provides to us, it happens from time to time. For some reason, a name falls off. We have access to call the Board of Elections on the day of the election and they can verbally verify if somebody should have been on the rolls and if they are confirmed by Suffolk County BOE that they are actually registered to vote at an Ocean Beach address, we allow that person to vote.

Maria Silsdorf: Thank you very much for that detailed clarification. That makes a lot of sense to me. Thank you. So, I would like to just remind everyone that the Ocean Beach Association winter meeting will be held this Tuesday, March 14th at 7 p.m. via Zoom. We've published the Zoom link in our newsletter and as well as on Facebook. And we'll post it a couple times again in advance of Tuesday's meeting at 7 p.m. We will have our community leaders lined up to speak to you. Holly Etlon from the Community Fund, Patti Bray from the REC program. Sophie Pollock from youth Group. Camille Giuliani from VOBEC. We also will have our Chief of police, George Hesse, and our Chief of fire, Ian Levine, and our Chief of lifeguards, Jill Weinstein, speaking to the group. Additionally, I believe I've confirmed that the mayor and all four trustees will be attending, so that's good. Um, we also invite all of our candidates to address the audience. The Ocean Beach Association has three priorities as it relates to local village elections. One is to encourage voter registration that you'll hear more about on Tuesday. One of the reasons I asked that question of Ken. The second is to encourage candidate. And it's nice to see that we have a good field for this upcoming election. And then third is to provide candidates access to our membership. So, I have already confirmed with Matt Blake and Chris Norris that they will be addressing the group on Tuesday. I've confirmed with Ian Levine that he'll be addressing the group on Tuesday, and I've confirmed with Robert Cernilli that he'll be addressing the group on Tuesday. Um, so that is this Tuesday at 7 p.m. We will have the candidates forum on Saturday, May 27th in the morning and the Community House. Um, preceding the blood drive that Chief Levine spoke about earlier. That will be a more detailed opportunity for our membership and residents of the community. It's an open session. You don't need to be an membership to attend. It's an open session. We provide the candidates with an opportunity to make an opening statement, a pretty robust question and answer, which is carefully moderated by the team, and then closing comments. And it's always very well attended and a really productive session. So that's May 27th in the morning. The election, as Ken stated, is Friday, June 2nd. I believe the hours are pretty extensive. Um, so that is pretty much what I wanted to state to the group. So, thank you for the time.

Louis Schure: First question is. Louis Schure again. Can we put a few more garbage cans around the village? I think it would help for reasons including there are dog owners, not including myself, that aren't cleaning up. And it might be that there are so few of them now compared to during the season. So, I hope the village will consider that. My next question, maybe my final one. Can anybody give us an update on the status of the negotiations with the ferry company? Is there anything new to report? **Mayor Mallott:** Nothing new to report. **Louis Schure:** Can you tell us what the timeframe is? When does the current contract run out? **Mayor Mallott:** The contract with Fire Island Ferries runs out next June. Next June. Not this June. The June after June of 24. **Louis Schure:** So, nothing is scheduled in terms of sit downs? Not at the. **Mayor Mallott:** Not at the moment. **Louis Schure:** Okay. And the board will be informing the residents if anything changes. Progress status? **Mayor Mallott:** Absolutely. **Louis Schure:** Okay. Are you encouraged any light at the end of the tunnel? **Mayor Mallott:** No, there is a light, but it may be a train coming.

Trustee Norris: Or a ferry light. **Louis Schure:** So, if that's the case, is the village putting time to considering what we're looking at? **Mayor Mallott:** We are looking at all options. We were talking about it earlier today. We're looking at all options. Our options are very small, but we live in hope. And we'll be meeting with the ferry company between now and in next June, earlier rather than later, and see where we go. **Louis Schure:** So whose court is the ball in? Is the ferry company waiting on the village? **Mayor Mallott:** The ferry company is, it's their game. Okay. We're just invited to play. **Louis Schure:** So you're waiting to hear from them? **Mayor Mallott:** No, we've been in contact with them. I think Dawn was with the ferry. **Trustee Norris:** We're in active negotiations, details of which are not appropriate to air at this point. Suffice it to say we are actively in discussion. **Louis Schure:** Okay, so the groups are talking. That's a good thing. Yes. Thank you.

Linda Elton: Hi. Good morning, everyone. Sorry for that. This is Linda Elton, 985 Surf View. I just wanted to provide an update regarding Martha Mason's celebration of life on June 25th. Kelly Becker of the Ocean Beach Fire Department has made arrangements for the service to take place in the Fire Hall. So, I know I brought this up last meeting and I wanted to just provide an update. So thank you. You know, thank you for your consideration. And everything is planned now for 6/25/2023. We're working with Martha's family and we'll be providing an update so that everybody can attend. **Mayor Mallott:** Okay. Thank you. **Linda Elton:** Thank you.

David Simpson: This might be me David Simpson. I'm not sure. Um, thank you. I might have missed this earlier concerning elections in June, will there be opportunity for absentee or remote ballot voting? **Ken Gray:** If the if the question is, will we be accepting absentee ballot applications, the answer is yes. I didn't hear the second part of the question. **David Simpson:** No, no, that was the question. Absentee ballot applications. Yeah. **Ken Gray:** Applications will be available at the village office and they are on the village website. You can download and send it into the village office. **David Simpson:** Okay. Thank you.

David Lipsky: Yes. Thank you. In considering long term, the ferry issue. I'm wondering if the board of trustees has looked at the example of Fishers Island where through an act of the state legislature, they created a ferry district. Um, took over some of the properties that were owned by the town of Southold, which has control over Fishers Island and regulated rates and things like that, including the need to get reduced rates for the residents who are parts of the fire department and emergency services because they have the same problem that we do in the winter of not having enough people to support the infrastructure within Fishers Island. And, you know, it's all of the villages have the same problem with the ferry service. And it may make some sense to consider grouping together and with the Town of Islip to create a special ferry district to address some of these problems. **Mayor Mallott:** All right. Thank you, David. We'll, uh, we'll investigate that suggestion. Thank you.

Brian O'Handley: Good morning, everyone Brian O'Handley. I have an ownership interest in waterfront here and wanted a little clarification on the landing rights hearing that is being was put on the agenda today. Could you said it was subject to certain code. Could you read that code for me? Is that possible or should I. **Ken Gray:** Well I Mean the chapter 106 is licenses and it covers. It covers water taxis, water limos and charter boats. **Brian O'Handley:** Okay So just I wanted to make sure it wouldn't impact people personally landing the aircraft at my property. **Mayor Mallott:** No. Not private property. **Brian O'Handley:** Thank you. **Ken Gray:** Mr. Mayor. I don't believe we have any other hands up. Is that correct, Marco? **Trustee Arment:** Correct. Thank you. **Mayor Mallott:** Motion to close the meeting.

ADJOURNMENT: Mayor Mallott moved to close the meeting at 12:12 PM. Trustee Norris 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, Village Clerk