



**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 June 18, 2022 at the Boat House, 625-632 Bayberry Walk, Ocean Beach, New York and is also being conducted via Zoom.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: Mayor Mallott moved to go into Executive Session at 9:02 AM from the Village Office, for the purpose of discussing personnel, contracts and pending litigation.

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

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

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

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

GENERAL SESSION: At 11:24 AM, Mayor Mallott moved to open General Session. Trustee Hargraves seconded this motion. Upon call, the following voted:

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

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

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING HELD ON MAY 14, 2022: Resolution No. 2022-057:

Mayor Mallott moved as follows:

BE IT RESOLVED that the Minutes of the Board of Trustees Meeting held on May 14, 2022 are accepted as amended

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

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

APPROVAL OF BILLS AND CLAIM VOUCHERS: Resolution No. 2022-058: 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 \$527,134.47, for Gross Payroll from 05/04/22 through 06/14/22  
General Fund, in the amount of \$609,082.28, check numbers A26900 through A26940, and  
Water Fund, in the amount of \$1,771.77, check numbers F3628 through F3630, and  
Sewer Fund, in the amount of \$5,468.57, check numbers G6628 through G6632,

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 \$ 229,248.79, starting with check number A26941, and  
Water Fund, in the amount of \$ 13,919.66, starting with check number F3631, and  
Sewer Fund, in the amount of \$ 11,595.16, starting with check number G6633, and  
Bay Front Project, in the amount of \$ 7,490.00, starting with check number 2027, and

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

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

MAYOR'S REPORT:

Everybody, thank you for coming. We have had some sad news these past couple of weeks of the passing of John Schaffner, who was a big part of our community and will be sorely missed. We've also had a couple of tragedies young Michael Loeffler passed away at 40 years old. Our condolences to him and his family and of course, the Schaffner family and one of our Trustees has had a loss in his family. We send all our condolences and all our love to all of those poor people who are left behind. What else do we have here? We had a fairly sane election. Brian Power stepped down. Marco Arment is right here, he's going to be taking Brian's place. My sidekick here (Dawn Hargraves), got re-elected. So, we're happy to see you survive that, it wasn't bad. We've had a lot worse election than we had there. We've had a little problem up on the dunes, which I'm sure the chief will talk about in a little while, somebody decided to prune the bushes up on the beach. George will give us a report on that.

Looking for more signs for electric bikes and electric scooters. George's staff has been warning people. Maria Silsdorf; Thank you for the new signs but the one at the Bay Shore terminal is very low and there's plenty of space to move it. David Lipsky; the stop signs that were on the walks has faded we need it re-done. Jonathan Jossen; There's no stop sign by the ballfield heading east. Mayor; there was a big stop sign. Mr. Jossen; There was but it's gone. Mayor: we'll ask Kevin to look into it.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT: Kevin Schelling submitted a report read by Mayor Mallott:

Wastewater: Sewer plant is fully operational.

Emergency Systems and Generator systems operational.

Chemical & Fuel supplies are full

Inspected by the Suffolk County Health Dept. - passed

Sewer stops & restrictions being addressed

Two new sewer taps installed

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

All Emergency Systems and Generator system operational

Chemical supplies & Fuel supplies full

Three new water taps installed

Properties: All buildings operations (fire and sprinkler systems)

Sprinkler systems on at the Ballfield & Green

Properties being maintained

Flag pole repaired.

New ramp installed at 504 Bayberry Walk

Banners put up and flower on poles

First bulk pick-up complete. Sign up for next pick-up July 6<sup>th</sup> (small items only)

Tennis screens installed

Maintaining wagon park

All new signage put around town and beach

Buildings: Community House – Restrooms are open for season.

Marina: Open and fully operational

Streets: Street lighting around town in operational.

Events: Memorial Day remembrance and Palms Art show completed

Future events Monday, July 4<sup>th</sup> parade (garbage pick-up is on Sunday, July 3<sup>rd</sup>) and Dock Concert- June 25<sup>th</sup>

OCEAN BEACH VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT REPORT: Chief Levine spoke

Good morning, everybody. A couple of things the fire department has a couple of projects that we're working on with the village. One is we're about to order a new fire truck. We're going to start putting that out to bid very soon. We are doing some renovations at the firehouse. Mayor; Chief, after you understand, with this new truck, we have to have professional specs for it. Okay, absolutely. Mayor; So, we'll look at your specs then we will hire an engineer that will oversee those specs and make them presentable to go out to bid. Mayor; Okay, we'll present you with a bid spec package. Mayor; I know you guys know what you're doing and I know you've designed a million fire trucks. Chief Levine; Well, it's not the guys that are doing it. It's the companies that are doing it. Okay. That's why we needed the letter, because they won't put the 10 or 12 hours into working with us and putting a package together unless we had that letter showing that we're not wasting their time. Trustee Norris; The two or three outfits out there that do fire trucks that you're soliciting specs from. Chief; We have four fire trucks. We're replacing our oldest of the three fire trucks. It is a manual. So, it will be an automatic fire truck. We don't have too many people that can drive manual. All right. So, we're going to the vendor first that built the other two fire trucks to help us with the specs. So, it will be identical to the other two trucks. So, all three trucks will be similar. All right and then we will put it out to you and then it can go out to bid. Okay. As long as you want to say where you want it to go, if you want to have your engineers look at it, that's fine. Mayor; We got you and we know, time is of the essence to do.

Chief; The second project we're working on is the fire dept. garage door that is now in your hands. I believe H2M has that paperwork and then the third project is replacing our fuel cube, which is in the works. Trustee Blake; How much does a fire truck like that cost? Chief; Probably about \$400,000, between \$350 to \$400,000. The truck that we're replacing is about over 20 years old and it's time. It's not our oldest truck that we're replacing, but our oldest truck is a manual truck, I'm sorry, it's an analog truck. It's not digital and it's a lot easier to pump. It has a lot less problems and it's our big Class A truck, which would probably cost around \$600,000 to replace. So, we're going to hold on to that one for a while because it gives us the least problems. All right. Then next, July 3rd is our annual meeting. At that time, we're going to have our elections of officers. We have four probies that are coming in, I believe two are for EMS, two are for fire. Hopefully they'll all get voted in. That's pretty much it. Oh, and you mentioned July 4th, the ball field parade and the parade. All right. Thank you, guys.

Judy Steinman; I have one. I noticed this morning the smell of rust in the water. It's not my pipe to my house because that's all new. I let the water run in the shower but it didn't help. Is it something in the system that's causing that. The other question I have is for the fire Chief Ian, have you guys thinking about low emission fire trucks, I know I've asked that question before. Or would that be too expensive but I wanted to ask again. Mayor; we'll asked our engineers. Chief; I don't know too much about that. Judy; presumably it would increase the cost. Chief; I don't know too much. It's just I don't even know how much those resources are going to increase the cost. I don't know. Chief; I don't know if a low emission truck has enough power to drive on the beach and to operate the engine at that RPM and also use all of that. Thank you. Thank you. All right. What is the cost of acquisition shared with other communities that are covered. Chief; It's part of our budget, which is, I believe, the Town of Islip participates, just like we just had a LOWSAP referendum, the tax is shared by the whole.

OCEAN BEACH POLICE REPORT: Chief Hesse spoke.

Let me start by saying to Dawn and Marco, congratulations. Very nice. I'll talk about the trees everybody's so concerned about. Myself and the mayor went up there and we did a little inspection of the trees that were cut. We had a landscaper go up there and give us an opinion also. And it appears that those trees were cut about six months ago. So, from interviewing anybody I could, that was around six months ago. It was very scarce and nobody saw anything. There's rumors and speculations of what has happened, but we have absolutely no proof of who or what or when. Right off Ocean View right there on Bayberry, if you walk on the overpass and you take a look, you'll see where the trees were cut west of the Bayberry overpass. Trustee Hargraves; Chief, we spoke this morning and actually the village is going to send a letter to the homeowners in that area, not an accusatory letter, but an informational letter that is not ok. Chief Hesse; If anybody is willing to come forward and talk to me, that would be great. But I would suspect that nobody's going to tell me exactly. They were cut. They were cut. I mean, it's obvious why they were cut, but they're cut. They were definitely topped, but they were right into the trunks of the tree. Yeah. So, this picture is this picture is online Facebook. Anybody that wants to see them is more than happy. To take a look. David Lipsky; you should notify the DEC. Chief; I already did, I thought. But when we have no information, there's nothing to go on. So, that's where we stand with that. Is that a criminal offense? Absolutely. Here in the village, it's definitely against village code, but no trespassing on the dunes and cutting foliage. DEC will definitely do something about that if we have any proof.

So, Memorial Day weekend, we need a sign up there. I think it's obvious, really. I mean, everybody in this room pretty much knows the guy that did it. No, I mean, Trustee Norris; George, looking back, obviously, it sounds like there's not a lot we can do, but you do in your best efforts. Right. But moving forward, an evaluation of our video camera up on the beach. Again. It might be an option, Chief; right? Of course, it's never looking at the right spot at the right time. But we have cameras out and it's just cameras watching. So, at any given time, if somebody does something in front of, you know, that's how I use the cameras. Anyway, when we have an incident, I go back and I find it on the camera Trustee Norris; and it's been useful before. I just want to say, on behalf of the board, we're in support of any additional money needed. Chief; That's all I'm doing is recovering everybody's freight that somebody else picked up by accident, you know. So Memorial Day weekend, it was very busy here. I mean, Friday and Saturday were pretty much a washout. Sunday, we were busy I held my entire staff on all day. I worked these guys to the bone. So, to just to keep on top of it, the amount of people that were here. Turns out we work for the ferry company. I had at least six or seven police officers manning the ferry terminal between for the seven 9:40 and the 11:00 pm ferries. They took well over 4,000 people out. That was very busy. The 7:40 alone that were not prepared for they took 1,365 people out on that scheduled boat. They only had three boats available. They had to bring a fourth boat from Kismet

and still left 100 people on the dock. Trustee Norris; Do we feel that it was overflow from other communities? Were we able to see? Chief; We did get a bunch from Ocean Bay Park. The bar planes closed at 7:00 pm and a lot of them migrated down. So, then the 9:40, we took another 1,365 out and they had four boats available for that schedule. The ferry got everyone out and then the 11:00 was approximately 900. So, we shifted proportionately. Probably yeah, I'm telling you, it was busy that day. I mean, the 2 to 3 weeks after, you know, it slows down, which is nice. And I believe after that we get through this weekend, it's going to start to be really busy. I mean the numbers show I mean, we've already had this is just from Memorial Day weekend, 87 calls for service and we've written over 105 tickets. So, we're hammering at them. And as Brian knows, we caught a bunch. a handful of underage drinkers walking down Bayberry throwing their litter as they were walking and we gathered them up and we sent them home with tickets to their parents. (Applause) So and that's what we're going to do from now on. Any of the underage drinkers that aren't accompanied by parents here, we're calling their parents, putting them on the boat and sending them home. We're not babysitters. That's not what we do. I think it was the following Monday or Tuesday, we had a huge brawl on the beach, nothing but rival factions from high schools, 70 kids. We took them all off the beach, put them all on the ferry and. Sent them home. (Applause) Awesome. So did you like do. I don't. Remember. Right. We just pretty much quelled it and got rid of them. I mean, that's all we could do. That's what we do. We didn't call everybody, but we did call on some. I think we broke it up. A little bit. Right. Andy Becher; there was no issue on the ferry. One of the officers was going off duty and was on it and there was no problem once he got on the ferry.

Chief: That's why I brought Andy. He was here that day so he could speak to that. Trustee Norris; It'd be interesting to see whether or not there's any commentary. Commentary on social media. Chief; I hope so. On the other side, hoping it gets out. Mayor; But they all took a day off, right? The whole school was cut out day type of thing. Chief; but what's funny about the whole thing is that two parents that I knew that had children in that group actually reached out to me and thanked me because they warned the one that kids don't go to the beach and get in trouble because I know the chief and they're going to either write you tickets or throw you off the beach. And that's exactly what we wound up doing. So. Yes.

David Simpson; Does anyone discuss with the ferry company whether they might have security on the ferry itself other than the dock hands? Because there are occasions when there is a lot of rowdy behavior. Last week there were kids standing on the back of the ferry. The dock hands we're trying to talk to the kids. Chief; The ferry company does contract with security, but it's up to them when they ask security to be on the boat. Chief; So, the Ocean Beach boats mostly have security Saturday's only they don't do them on Fridays. For some reason, last night would have been a good night for them to have security on the boats but that's not up to us. But that would be up to the board or somebody to talk to them. But I mean and listen, I mean, our top summonses for drinking in public, urinating in public and fake IDs. So we're dealing with the underage kids. Trustee Norris; Keep doing what you're doing. It's going to catch on. I'm hoping it does. Trustee Hargraves; It is on social media. Thank you, Chief. Homeowner; Can we give indecent exposure to the people caught urinating? Chief; Well, the urinating you could easily see, it's if they're turning around and exposing themselves, that could be a second ticket. Very hard to determine. Well, if your back is to me, I could see the stream, but I can't see your penis. So, that's where that comes from. Mayor; Not that we want to.

OCEAN BEACH LIFEGUARD REPORT: Chief Jill Weinstein spoke.

Hi, everyone. Thank you for having me here. We are starting full time, June 27<sup>th</sup> that is a Monday. So, obviously we're going to be here this Saturday and Sunday leading up to that Monday also. In observance of Juneteenth most people or many people have off on June 20<sup>th</sup>, that's this Monday. So, we're going to have one stand open at Bungalow. That's this Monday. Our junior program is starting July 13<sup>th</sup>, that's a Tuesday. We just finished installing the Mobi mat that the OBA purchased. It's off of Bayberry so, if you want to check that out today, we'll see you there. I think that's pretty much all I have. That's it.

ADDITIONS AND/OR DELETIONS TO THE AGENDA: NONE

STATE ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY REVIEW ACT (SEQRA): Resolution No. 2022-059: Mayor Mallott moved as follows:

WHEREAS, the Village hereby declares that all action items on this Agenda, unless otherwise indicated, are Type II, pursuant to SEQRA, and, therefore, no further environmental review is required; and

Now, therefore, it is hereby

RESOLVED that the Board of Trustees hereby approves the SEQRA declaration on all action items as Type II, unless otherwise indicated on this Agenda.

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

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

**PUBLIC HEARING #1**

**OPEN BY: Mayor/Blake CLOSED BY: Mallott/Norris**

**OPEN TIME: 11:49 am CLOSING TIME: 11:51 am**

**Public Hearing Notes:**

To consider Special Use Permit for Change of Business name and to remain and a bar/restaurant - § 164-32 – Uses permitted by special permit. The following recommendation is made to the Board of Trustees for Special Permit Application SPA#303, as submitted, as per motion made by Chairman Speranza, seconded by Member Silverberg.

Chairman Speranza: The Planning board vetted this application and recommends approval with no conditions. Peter Bee; And it's my understanding the architectural board as well. Chairman Speranza: yes, that is correct. All right. Thank you.

SPA #303 – JONATHAN RANDAZZO – TACO BEACH, 310-312 COTTAGE WALK, OCEAN BEACH, NEW YORK: Resolution No. 2022-060: Trustee Hargraves moved as follows:

WHEREAS the Village has received Special Permit Application #303, submitted by Jon Randazzo, Taco Beach, 310-312 Cottage Walk, Ocean Beach, NY, as the existing owner, and,

WHEREAS, the Village Planning Board / Architectural Review Board has reviewed said application and has received testimony from the applicant at a published public hearing held on May 21, 2022, and

WHEREAS, the Village Planning Board / Architectural Review Board hereby make a recommendation to the Village Board of Trustees to “Approve” Special Permit #303 application; and

WHEREAS, This Special Permit, if granted by the Board of Trustees, shall bind with all prior special permits issued for this property which shall remain in full force and effect.

Now, therefore, it is hereby

RESOLVED that the Village Board of Trustees hereby approves SPA #303

Mayor Mallott seconded the motion. Upon call, the following voted:

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

RATIFICATION & APPROVAL OF PERSONNEL: Resolution No. 2022-061: Mayor Mallott moved as follows:

WHEREAS, Steven W. Brautigam, Clerk/Treasurer, at the time of hire, has provided a report to the Board of Trustees detailing and listing new hires to be paid under general funds appropriation code, Police Officers A3120.104 and Lifeguards A7140.100, not to exceed these budget line items, and has requested ratification and approval by the Board of Trustees for said new hires; and

Now it is hereby

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

<b>Name</b>	<b>Dept.</b>	<b>Start Date</b>	<b>Seasonal</b>	<b>Hours</b>	<b>Call-in As Needed</b>	<b>Rate of Pay</b>
<b>Police Officers</b>	<b>A3120.104</b>		<b>5/14/2021 - 9/12/2021</b>		<b>9/13/2021 - 5/13/2022</b>	
Stines, Madison J.		06/01/2022	Seasonal	As Needed	Call-in As Needed	\$26.00/Hr.
O’Leary, Alec M.		06/01/2022	Seasonal	As Needed	Call-in As Needed	\$32.00/Hr.

<b>Lifeguard</b>	<b>A7140.100</b>	<b>Start Date</b>	<b>Seasonal</b>	<b>Hours</b>	<b>Rate of Pay</b>
Virga, Nicholas		6/1/2022	Seasonal	As Needed	\$20.75/Hr.
<b>Beach Attendants</b>	<b>A7140.100</b>				
		<b>Start Date</b>	<b>Seasonal</b>	<b>Hours</b>	<b>Rate of Pay</b>
Ward, Matthew R.		6/1/2022	Seasonal	As Needed	\$13.50/Hr.
Witzgall, Emily R.		6/1/2022	Seasonal	As Needed	\$15.50/Hr.

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

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

ACCEPT & APPROVE CULLEN & DANOWSKI, LLP 2021-2022 AUDIT AGREEMENT: Resolution No. 2022-062: Mayor Mallott moved as follows:

WHEREAS, the Village wishes to retain the services of a qualified accounting firm to perform accounting services; and,

WHEREAS, the Village has received a proposal for such services from the firm of Cullen & Danowski, LLP, a copy of which on file with the Clerk/Treasurer, to be paid from line item A1320.441,

Now, therefore, it is hereby

RESOLVED that the Village of Ocean Beach accepts and approves the proposal submitted by Cullen & Danowski, LLP for as needed services in the amount of \$36,500; and,

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

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

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

AUTHORIZATION TO AMEND TRANSIENT MARINA FEES: Resolution No. 2022-063: Mayor Mallott moved as follows:

WHEREAS, the Village Board of Trustees shall change, from time to time, the fees associated with various applications by the adoption of a resolution; and

WHEREAS, the Village wishes to increase fees for the Transient Marina so that they more accurately reflect the costs associated with the maintenance, repair and administration of the Marina,

Now, therefore, it is hereby

RESOLVED that the Board of Trustees shall amend the Fees for the Transient Marina as follows:

<b><u>WEEKDAY</u></b>  <b>Daily Rates:</b>  <b>Monday—Thursday</b>	9:00 AM - 5:00 PM	<b>\$35</b>	<b>\$45</b>
	5:00 PM - 11:00 PM	<b>\$40</b>	<b>\$50</b>
	11:00 PM - 9:00 AM	<b>\$70</b>	<b>\$80</b>
	9:00 AM - 11:00 PM	<b>\$70</b>	<b>\$80</b>
	9:00 AM - 9:00 AM (24 hrs)	<b>\$135</b>	<b>\$150</b>
<b><u>WEEKEND &amp; HOLIDAY</u></b>  <b>Rates:</b>  <b>Fri.—Sat.—Sun.</b>   <b><u>WEEKLY Rates:</u></b>  <b>7 days</b>	9:00 AM - 5:00 PM	<b>\$70</b>	<b>\$80</b>
	5:00 PM - 11:00 PM	<b>\$70</b>	<b>\$80</b>
	11:00 PM - 9:00 AM	<b>\$135</b>	<b>\$150</b>
	9:00 AM - 11:00 PM	<b>\$100</b>	<b>\$125</b>
	<b>LENGTH OF BOAT:</b>		
	26 FT. & Up	<b>\$600</b>	<b>\$700</b>
	15 FT.—25 FT.	<b>\$500</b>	<b>\$600</b>
	11 FT.—14 FT.	<b>\$450</b>	<b>\$500</b>
	Under 11 FT.	<b>\$325</b>	<b>\$350</b>
	<b><u>JET SKI / DINGHY</u></b>  <b>Rates:</b>	9:00 AM - 5:00 PM	<b>\$20</b>
5:00 PM - 11:00 PM		<b>\$20</b>	<b>\$30</b>
11:00 PM - 9:00 AM		<b>\$20</b>	<b>\$30</b>
9:00 AM - 9:00 AM (24 hrs.)		<b>\$50</b>	<b>\$75</b>

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

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

ACCEPT & APPROVE FIRE PROTECTION AGREEMENT WITH OCEAN BAY PARK FIRE DISTRICT: Resolution No. 2022-064:

Mayor Mallott moved as follows:

WHEREAS, the Village of Ocean Beach Fire Department maintains a fully-equipped fire department with all the necessary ambulance and emergency medical services to maintain and operate the same; and

WHEREAS, Counsel has prepared an Agreement between the Village of Ocean Beach and Ocean Bay Park Fire District for the supply of Ambulance & Emergency Medical Service in said District, for a period of three (3) years commencing as of January 1, 2022 and ending December 31, 2024, with a 3% yearly increase. For the year 2022, the sum of Sixty Nine Thousand Six Hundred and Sixty-Two (\$69,662.00) Dollars. For the year 2023 the sum of Seventy-One Thousand Seven Hundred and Fifty Two Dollars (\$71,752.00) and for the Year 2024, the sum of Seventy-Three Thousand Nine Hundred and Four Dollars (\$73,904.00). All payments are to be made each year in two (2) installments, the first being on or before the 1<sup>st</sup> day of March, 2022, and the second on or before the 1<sup>st</sup> day of July, 2022,

Now, therefore, it is hereby

RESOLVED that the Village Board of Trustees hereby approves and ratifies the new Agreement for the years 2022 - 2024, a copy of which is on file in the Village Office, with the Ocean Bay Park Fire District, subject to approval by the Ocean Beach Fire Dept.; and

It is further RESOLVED that the Mayor is authorized to execute said agreement and forward to the Ocean Beach Fire Department for approval and execution.

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

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

ACCEPT & APPROVE PKF O'CONNOR DAVIES 2021-2022 AUDIT AGREEMENT: Resolution No. 2022-065: Mayor Mallott moved as follows:

WHEREAS, the Village wishes to retain the services of a qualified accounting firm to perform accounting services; and,

WHEREAS, the Village has received a proposal for such services from the firm of PKF O'Connor Davies, a copy of which on file with the Clerk/Treasurer, to be paid from line item A1320.441,

Now, therefore, it is hereby

RESOLVED that the Village of Ocean Beach accepts and approves the proposal submitted by PKF O'Connor Davies, LLP for as needed services; and,

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

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

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

## HEARING OF THE CITIZENS: 11:55 AM

Mayor Mallott; just a moment. Trustee Hargraves; This is Brian's last meeting, and I obviously am very happy for Brian and very sad at the same time. Brian has a way of doing what, I refer to as, the Brian Power recap for me during every executive session. So, I'm certainly going to miss that, as well as Brian and I always sit directly across from each other at the table and we have these conversations, full blown conversations, without saying a word. Well, actually, maybe I just have the conversation with Brian. I don't know what he always says back to me, but we do have a proclamation for Brian since the start of proclamations last year. Brian is the first Trustee to get one.

*Whereas Brian Power was elected to the Village Board of Trustees on June 5th of 2015, and  
Whereas, Trustee Power recited the oath of office for a second time on July 2nd of 2018 in his role as trustee, and he served in that capacity until July 3rd, or will serve in that capacity until July 3, 2022, and  
Whereas, Mr. Power, during his more than seven years of service as a Trustee, provided the village with insightful guidance with regards to policy proposals and oversight of several major village initiatives, and  
Whereas, Trustee Power's, honorable service, dedication and loyalty to his community reflect highly upon him, the Board of Trustees and the Village of Ocean Beach,  
Brian Power*

*It is now, therefore, to be proclaimed by the Mayor and this Board, the Village of Ocean Beach. that Trustee Brian Power, would be recognized for his devotion, service, commitment and selfless contributions to the village while serving on the village board from July 5, 2015 to July 3rd of 2022.*

*So proclaimed by Mayor Mallott.*

**Trustee Power:** Thank you. This is very uncomfortable, but thank you very much. You know, I didn't know that this was going to happen, but I did I did ask Jim before this meeting that I could grab a couple of minutes just because I feel like, as many of you know, I spent the last seven years not saying very much, but there's a bunch of people that I wanted to thank that had a lot to do with what's gone on. You know, I was at the fire department dinner last fall, and I'm always very reluctant to grab a microphone. So, I didn't then, but I wanted to take a second to first acknowledge the volunteer Fire department of Ocean Beach and the EMTs. You know, you look around and I think they not only signify the best of what this village has to offer, but just the best that people have to offer, right? I mean, like the selfless nature of what those guys what our what our neighbors do on a daily basis is something that I think doesn't get recognized enough. Right. Like I live next door to Jimmy Wicks, and that bicycle leaves three times a night. You know, I'm too old for that, you know what I'm saying? But you guys are the backbone of the village, and I just wanted to recognize that quickly. And you can't recognize the Fire department without recognizing George and the guys because they're intertwined, because they're all together. Kevin and the public works guys.

All the people in the office, past and present. Bunny, Linda, Bonnie, Alexi, Jackie, Cara, Susie Cafuoco, who was combination like momma and friend to me while she was there. Steve, I want to take a quick mention to him for his dogged determination to get every nickel he could out of anyone that might give it to us. I'm glad I'm not on the other side of the phone when that guy calls. My Bungalow people that have been supportive through this whole thing, the Cafuoco's, the Weltmann's, the Wicks, the Schroeder's, the Smiths, the Virga's, the Sterns, the Scharf's, Peggy and Marla, the Becker's, my consiglieri over there Craig Sherman, who has been, you know, had my back through this whole thing. I felt like and it can be lonely up here sometimes and it's nice to have friends.

And, you know, I, didn't want to recognize those people without recognizing the support that I've had from the folks downtown. Scott and Jamie, Chris, Chris and Laura, Jen and the Morano's, Drew and Jimmy and you know, Brian and A.J., Roberta, the Randazzo's. You know, one of the troubling aspects of this job for me was, I tried to, I really tried to represent like the middle of all this. Right. And this whole idea, this push pull of the downtown and the and the back streets and all of that is something that is troublesome to me, like because I feel like that whole like the downtown, it's just so dehumanizing right. And we have families and people that that are running businesses here, that are every bit as integral to this community as the back streets. Finding that balance is the challenge for this board all the time and it's the challenge for the board going forward. But, you know, if we could pick business owners to run the businesses in this town, I really think that you couldn't do any better than we've done. Those guys have been supportive of me and I've tried to be as fair as I can between everybody and arrive at fair and in the middle. The problem with those two words are people have different definitions of what they are but I've always tried to be there for everybody.

Just briefly, I'd like to thank the Trustees that were here when I got here. Greg Pace, I feel like never really quite got his due for the amount of work that he did and the dedication that he brought to this job. He was really, really helpful to me when I started. Jason Bendicksen was a great friend and ally and presence in this village. Matt, sitting here with me, is I always say, it's annoying when someone's the best looking and the smartest guy in the room. So, that's kind of annoying but we deal with it. It's been an honor to get to know him and Chris. Chris, obviously I campaign for Greg and Chris ended up beating Greg and I feel like we've become great friends over the years. This has been, it's been an honor to serve with you guys. And Dawn, Dawn and I are pals, and it's been it's been fun, you know? That brings us to the Jim Mallott question. I will tell you, if Jim ever asks you to do anything for seven months, I would definitely get the term of the agreement in writing, because that's how this began. He asked me to step in for Doug (Wyckoff) for seven months, and it's been seven years and seven months since then. So, it's been an honor to work with these guys. The ways and means can be different for some of us sometimes. But there's nobody unless you sat in here in the room with us, you couldn't appreciate the amount of dedication and the work that Jim puts into this job. And so that's it for me. I feel like this is probably the last, besides good morning or



good evening any of you are going to hear from me from a long time, so I'd like to thank you for having me. It's been good. So, cheers (Standing ovation) Mayor Mallot; Thank you, Brian. I wrote that speech for him, by the way. Trustee Power and the lifeguards. Sorry, Jill, I forgot and if I forgot anybody, I'm sorry. Mayor Mallott; We're sorely going to miss Brian as I speak for the rest of the board here. Brian really cuts to the cuts to the chase pretty quickly. Brings this all together with one sentence. And, Marco, you got some big shoes to fill, everybody. Okay and we look forward to it. Brian. Trustee Power; And Congratulations, Marco. One other thing I forgot. Now I'm really done. Mayor Mallot: We're going to miss you, buddy.

Judy Gerardi; This is very simple, the school library will be closed. There's construction at the school, and I'm not exactly sure how long. But I don't know is whether the HVAC system or such, they are replacing the whole system. The school, and so the school library, is closed to the public and it will open when construction allows and that hopefully will be in early July or later in July. Not now, but I'll you know when it's back. Diane Montes; On that note, we still have two little free libraries, one on Surf and one on Cottage.

Marilyn Moran; I think we're at a crisis point in this community in regard especially to the hordes of kids coming over to the beach and its early season. And social media, we will see what is happening with Long Branch, New Jersey, when word gets out to come over the better party hardy. You know, the ferry companies turning nobody away. It's all about the bucks. And he's proven that to this community, especially because it's early season. And I was a teacher for many years and I taught in the South Bronx. And these kids are not they're wannabes, they're not the hood, and they're very easy to intimidate. I do it all the time. Seriously, with picking up garbage on the beach? Well, we didn't leave that. So when you're leaving now, you can take it on. But we have got to do something now. We're losing the whole character of this community. I happen to live here, not year round, but I didn't buy my house to turn it into a rental business. We live here. We can't even sit on a front porch. This is even during the week and school is not even officially over yet. The screaming. 20, 30 kids together F#@!\$ You! Blah blah constant. And George, you're not going to want to hear it. We really need early season presence now on the beach, all day, well I mean 12 to 5, but we need to have presence. Walk back and forth, sit down, get an umbrella they need to see you. Yesterday there was a nice bunch of kids. One of the police officers came by, Eric who's fantastic, told the kids to stop playing triangle ball and they were nice kids. They really were. So the kid said, Don't worry, he'll leave soon. Now I have nothing against kids. But the issue is we've got to get control of who's coming. And this little tiny town can't assume all these bodies. And the beach is dirty. The beach is dirty. Yesterday I picked up all. I picked up garbage. We were told a few years ago, that the beach was going to be scraped on a regular basis. I don't see that happening. With some sort of a mule with the thing. We've got to do something or else. Why would you want to stay here? I mean, I'm at the crisis point after 42 years of saying, hey, wait a second am I paying taxes so that I can provide a playground or Suffolk County? And that's what it's beginning to feel like. And I am a beach person and I'm a water person, so I know what's going on. If I get hit in the head by one more football in the ocean, I'm going to lose it. We have got to if we're going to have these rules and we damn well better have someone up there enforcing them and I don't know if we need cops on the beach. So as far as physically being there, you have someone who controls Bayberry. Some on Cottage then going down to Bungalow and Ocean Road, but they've got to be there. You're not going to get rid of these kids. Never going to happen. And you're not going to get the people who come and follow the rules here Terrific. So, the kids are going to make the decision. Kids don't like to be hassled either. Now I'm getting that idea because every time I turn around, I can't do this. I can't do that. But I think we've got to do something. We are really at a breaking point and I don't think I speak just for myself. Okay. Thank you.

Linda Stertz; So this is a broad thing and I know it can't be taken care of fast, but it would be really good to have awareness of each of the organizations in town to try and be more ecologically mindful. Things like, you know, picking up nonbiodegradable sparklers and all these kinds of things from the 4th of July, from all the different celebrations. In January, you know, I'm picking things out of the trees from the 4th of July. I know it's a big ask, but I think that every organization, the OBA, the Community Fund, the lifeguards, the Business Association could just be mindful of the Village. Are there times when we could use paper cups instead of plastic cups? It's a really profound thing and we are a tiny town and we're all here because we love it so much. We have the beach and the ocean. We have a lot of power to be mindful about using nonbiodegradable things. So I'm just asking to be mindful, all the different organizations, and we, individually, we can make a huge difference. It's not that much effort.

Maria Silsdorf; Can you comment on the recent discussion with Fire Island Ferries on the proposed rate increase? I believe you had an opportunity to speak about it and I appreciate that. I know what a hellish ride it was. Just with the contract it seems we are getting whacked again. Mayor; We're getting whacked again. We're getting whacked again. You know, it's very hard to put pressure on anybody as far as the ferry company goes. They're a monopoly. They are very wealthy. They spread their money around. And there's no votes here, so no politicians are apt to carry our flag for us. We're going to go there on Wednesday and make our feelings heard. But I don't know if you read the letter from Eugene Levy that went out from Fair Harbor, which was very, very good and right on point. The whole system is screwed up. The review of part of an increase. It's just swept under the carpet and it's very hard to try and move that needle we're held hostage to Fire Island Ferries. We spent a good hour and a half talking about it this morning. We don't have too many options, but what options we do have, we're going to we're definitely exploring them within the next year and we need a plan, you know, before the next contract comes along.

Trustee Hargraves; We are going out there personally. I'm going and Jim is going on Wednesday. And then I was advised this morning that there actually may be a few legislators from Suffolk County that are interested in possibly it would not be a like a four year increase. Right. It may be up for review after a year to propose some alternatives. So, I'm going to reach out to those legislators that I happen to have a rapport with to see if we can kind of join together before the meeting on Wednesday and push that.

Maria Silsdorf; That's great. So, two things. What is Chris' thoughts posted on the FIA and the FIA had a discussion about this on Wednesday night that the FIA has to pursue two avenues. It's not finalized yet. What is legal counsel regarding what a foreign power influence the parties have with the ferries? And secondly, it would be potentially a forensic accounting review, because one of the things that we do is they move money to various businesses. Yeah, that makes sense. Yeah. So those are two things the FIA is doing that we should certainly or should be should be part of that.

The second thing is, what can we do? I guess Dawn in advance of Wednesday to help further. Trustee Hargraves; I would say contact the local legislature. I'll post something on the bulletin board who it is, names, numbers, just like we did last time with the email addresses and whatnot. Maria; So, if we get do that today or tomorrow, we can please all join in the rest of this for Wednesday, right? Yes.

George Eastman; More questions are there, given that there is not one circumstance with it and there's obviously it's a public conveyance and regulation of offers that are anything at that trust of law office options. Is that applied?

Peter Bee; All I can really say at this point is that we are exploring every option.

Marilyn Moran; I have a question not even sure if it's possible but the ferries out east. Once they get the word. So maybe they'll be able to accommodate us in two years. Yes. Because personally, I live in Westchester, I can drive there. The train goes there. Why do we have to be wedded to Bayshore? If they can accommodate us. If they can't make, they may not want to go to that expense. But. I think we're just hitting our head against a stone with this guy. Trustee Norris; I think we would refer to what Peter just said.

**Peter Bee;** My advice, Mayor, is very helpful to have suggestions from the audience, but I think all we can do at this point is say we are looking into every option. And if somebody out in the audience comes up with a suggestion that is not being discussed privately, we welcome those suggestions, but we can't really respond to you in open public. Thank you. Trustee Norris; All of our attention is geared towards this.

Ann Biederman; I mean, I know I spoke to you yesterday, and I want to thank the police for taking these kids and sending them home. You know, my family is going to kill me because I'm the old lady that always tells them, You can't do this and that, etc.. And then I've been here for over 50 years. I know this has always been a problem, but it really as important, it is expanded to the point of I don't go to the beach ever on a weekend, like it's awful and I don't have an answer and I'm not blaming or yelling at anybody. I'm just expressing that it's gotten worse and worse and worse. And my ten year old little granddaughter told me off the other day because I was telling some kids not to play ball. I don't know if anyone have a solution or should we just throw all these rules and they are totally not obeyed. I see people on the beach in walks with picnic baskets and tables set up. Does anybody have a solution or an answer or anything? I don't want to be a complaining old woman person or I'm okay complaining.

Mayor Mallott; I think that I think that this year coming out of COVID for the last two years and the weather hasn't the weather is not usually this good in June. We all know that. And the fact that we've been discovered by all these kids is those are the factors that are in play here. George and Andy and the rest of the police department are aware of what is going on. We have to. I'm going to have to talk to the refuge collector and see if there's something else that we can do. As far as garbage goes, we're in a kind of a flux here with Mark Stang is selling his business to one of the other vendors here in town. We've spoken several times. I have to try and get him to pick up more on the beach. But, you know, it's hard to do. What do you say to a good 14 year old kids as opposed to bad 14 year old kids? They don't look any different, you know what I mean.

Yes. And there are big hordes of families because of picnics and drinking. And I'm just stay out of the way

Mayor; I'll talk to the I'll talk to George and see. Trustee Norris; George. Do we have visibility on the cameras looking on to the beach? Yes Trustee Norris; Well, maybe we could identify the hordes. Chief; The patrols are out there, and we work in conjunction with Jill. Jill tells us. And as soon as somebody doesn't obey them, they can call it in, you know? You know, if you're not going to listen to the lifeguard, you can listen to us.

Yeah, but Jill, are you are you having the guards intervene in that way?

Chief Weinstein; Yes, actually, what we started doing this year is covering more people every day. So, in addition to our teams that we have at each stand in the ground that we have in the water, we have a schedule for people to actually do patrols on the beach to issue warnings. We just made up pamphlets like that just go over the rules and the more explicit way we call. So, we have an hour scheduled for the rounds that we do going east and West Ocean Beach. And then if any of the groups of kids or whatever groups aren't listening, call George and let them know.

Trustee Blake; Yeah, I know that in the past we had a policy of sorts where a lifeguard would present a warning to anyone playing ball or breaking rules. But if there's alcohol involved, there's actually no warning whatsoever. There's just a straight call to the chief and the police overall. And that's a public safety issue. And plus, all of those beverages in bottles and cans get buried, which is a nightmare for anybody walking barefoot on the sand.

Dr. Simpson: It seems to me this theme of visitors, renter's, day trippers impacting quality of life. It's a major one. And Ocean Beach is a limited resource with public services that support all these people coming over. Is there either a vehicle or a financial mechanism to either limit the numbers of folks coming over and or to have a financial cost to have to contribute to support the resources that we provide to them? Is that even feasible? Mayor: there's a lot of things that we're going to Suffolk County about.

Peter Bee; I was just going to comment that some of that is collected through ferry revenue but it really isn't possible to charge people to enter a village. It would be like setting up a toll to go from Nassau to Suffolk County. You know, you have freedom of travel and if an incorporated village is open to the public, it is not only open to its residents, it is open to non-residents. People come here to visit. People come here to look at homes to buy. You can't really charge an admission to a public municipality, but there are other things that can be done and are again being explored by this board.

Mayor; And you just you know, we've just used \$50 million of federal money, which is taxpayers money.

Andrew Was; A few things. Is there any headway? Mayor; There's one question. Not a few. Andrew Was; People ask four or five questions before. Just hold your horses. All right. Is there any movement on getting the money that we're getting from the ferry contract to offset the price of the tickets for the residents? Is there any movement? Someone said they're going to get rid of the bump up fee to start. Is that going to happen? The ferry, the bump up if village charges 1350 more for a book than you pay from the ferry company. For, Mayor; that's our soft costs. And we're going to give that. No, but we are Come on. We're hiring people on the question. okay. Yes. So, we are thinking of giving back the soft costs to the taxpayer for the book.

Andrew Was; Okay. Second of all, the water the water problem, if you look at the water analysis, the iron is too high in the water. It's not dangerous. I mean, it's about 0.5 milligrams. All right. But it contributes to smell, taste and color. Mayor: I'll talk to Kevin about that when he gets back. David Lipsky; I think the problem is with proper dosing of the agent that they add did not have the taste and especially accidents related to the crowds. If they're not tasting it properly or they don't have automatic dosing, the chemistry gets out of whack. So, I've noticed the bad taste on the weekends in particular, and I think it has to do with the many people that are out here. I would've spoke to Kevin if he was here. Mayor; But Kevin's not around. He'll be here next week for us to talk to him. That's above my pay grade.

Andrew Was; The D&B or is it B&D engineering? Excuse me. What is the engineering firm for the drainage? Is that B&D or D&B, Mayor; D&B, Andrew Was: Could someone take the gag order off of them so you can talk to them. Mayor; Take the gag order off? Andrew Was; I would call them up. Mayor; They're not going to talk to the public, you don't pay him. Andrew Was; They would, if they didn't have a gag order. They said they're prohibited from talking to the public. Who prohibits them from talking. Well, someone said that they did. Next question. Last question. Did the village give the money to the Chamber of Commerce yet? Did they accept that money? No. Okay. Thank you.

Byron Chenault: I just want to say a few things. One is in regards to the ferry contract, ferry situation. There's a piece of property for sale, privately, in Sayville. That business is being sold in pieces. Maybe it's something that the Village should look into. It might not be the cure all but it might help. Thank you Byron; And there's also two resources in the Village that I spoke to two people privately that I think maybe you should have a conversation with having to do with the (inaudible) association over there Mayor; Thank you. I look forward to that conversation.

Byron Chenault; And then the other things I wanted to bring up with regards to our law enforcement and I looked up some information with regards to the Building Inspector here because I know we speak a lot about rental issues, landscaping, and whatnot. Proceedings In 2020, there was apparently no violations issued. However, there was three issued to me. I was curious why there was no records of those being issued. In 2021, there was only one issued. In 2022, there was only one business owner and for this year, the building I inspector failed to submit his year end report, so he's actually in violation of the Village Code. Second of all, I don't know where those documents are, or what exactly he's doing, but I'm curious as to why there was apparently no violations issued. Mayor; We'll look into it.

George Eastman; A few years ago, I brought up the issue on this issue of eating on the beach and the beach, which contributes to the overall problem we discussed and I suggested there were certain reasons that it wasn't viable, perhaps because of perhaps not release planning instead of some kind of security officer at some of the key overpasses. And if somebody is coming to the beach with coolers and tables that they are informed at the time by some security personnel and they have to leave them on the.

Mayor; I'm going to talk to George about that. George Eastman; So and you'd only have to do that for a few weeks and work against social media if all of a sudden they got to, okay, we have to go to a different place. But if you have to leave your cooler and your tables and alcohol sitting on an overpass or word's going to get out pretty quickly, that you're not going to want involved if that's the reason you come to the beach. Thank you

Maria; I like that. I like George's idea very much. So it seems to me it would be very easier to do as they say. We already have a police officer this area, but a sign up recently that speaks to the rules. And perhaps someone was already being afraid to take a more active role, pointing out to the folks who are getting frustrated. Nice to see you

Judy Steinman; But something more recent. One of the things I noticed this spring in looking at operations and tourism is that every window now has a prominent sign that says Cash Only. I might make a suggestion if there be an audit done by somebody who specializes in I won't use the word, but I will fraudulent activity, forensic expert to give some serious forensic accounting on their books. They've taken so much cash how do we compromise. I doubt very much that it's as we would prefer to be. And I really think we ought to take that step. If not FIA, then we as a village. We have a wonderful remarkable auditing firms we approved this morning. Authorize the employment of two auditing firms somewhere among those folks there should be the expertise to do forensic accounting, and boy would I like to see that done with the amount of cash that goes through their work. Thank you, Judy. And again, every suggestion is being taken under consideration. Thank you.

Jonathan Johnson: thank you very much for that. What I want to bring up, it's already been brought up, but I've already. Seaview and Corneille have their security guards the down. You can't walk down certain streets in Seaview. I think next week we should have a security guard post on every post. And every step. I mean, it's very easy to do. I'm sure you can get them in a week, in less than a week service and it should be done immediately. Not something that we think about it should be done. Thank you.

Constantine Karalis; Thank you. I would like to address the tree cutting phenomenon in the village. I Live at 556 Bayberry Walk at the end of Bayberry, which I call the South Pole of Ocean Beach in the North Pole, being this building here. And I have all of that done for many reasons, one of which is that it saved our house from the from Katrina and also probably saved another 50 houses in North Shore Beach. That alone is actually twice as high as the dune that was put together by the Corps of Engineers. And it's as good as it is because it has trees and shrubs on it that have roots and anybody who damages any of that planting up there. Well, you finish that sentence. We have been watching that dune being attacked constantly. You heard some testimony earlier by others. One time I remember waking up and seeing neighbors of ours with the shovel going up and removing small trees, presumably to plant them on their own yard. We came out and addressed that which kind of put a dent in our social relationships with them since then. We constantly try to get people from climbing up on the dune to use it for. You can imagine what purposes that are, unfortunately, and we get abused by them there.

There's a lot of cutting in the village, not only on the dunes, almost everywhere else. And we kind of look into that and come up with the conclusion that there's nothing we can do about it. We're not there when the people were using their chainsaws. There may be some things. I have some recommendations. First of all, considering this particular dune, I have some pictures here which are dated. I'd like to share with the board for whatever use maybe to investigating what happened after. The first proposal I would like to make is to actually raise some money if it has to be or have a village money be spent to ban five new pine trees. Exactly the number of the trees that were hurt. But the people who came up and do this will have to understand that as a landscape architect, that can help us with exactly the location that this should be planted. But I would recommend that that would be done as soon as possible. The second recommendation I had was already mentioned, but notice I believe one camera I'm looking at along the crest of the dune from the Lardner house all the way to Surf View will cover most of the activity of people that are climbing up there and abusing the dune in a number of ways there.

The third proposal is to actually operate the signs that are signs there that you see in weather. We have already seen keep off the dunes. There were signs there years ago that actually also announced that there would be a fine. At that time, it was \$200 for getting on to the dunes. Many people that we talk to, trying to get them back down from the dune, we tell them there's a fine, there isn't a fine, and they don't think that it is a problem going up there to do whatever they want to do. The fourth proposal is that we do need seriously a tree ordinance in town. We do have an ordinance now that has been upgraded to indicate what some have some provisions that are useful, including that every time there is a serious activity, building activity in the village, the planning examiner in the village has to see. Part of the application is a landscape plan which calls for covering 60% of the visible part of the front of the house, especially now that the houses are getting up and we're looking at wood walls all over the place. I don't see that being enforced all that much. We have to do that. However, in addition to that, and a lot of towns do have tree ordinances that do actually go a lot more seriously than we have been able to do so far, which also establish regulations and penalties for not going along. And the last recommendation I have at this moment is to put together a committee to identify specimen trees in town that must not be cut down. We have had have now a regulation that says if you cut anything down, you replace it by something that's equivalent. Well, you know, we had a lot of trees cut down a few months ago that could not be replaced by one year old planting. And many people missed those. So, I believe that we have to put together a number of knowledgeable people to come around and look at all over the village and identify what really has to say, whether it's in private property or not. If it's on private property, that would be issues, of course. But we can actually address them when those locations are identified. I thank you very much. And I also have some pictures which are dated from the dune and like to give them to the board. Thank you. Trustee Blake; I just have a question for you, because you're living right there. Mayor; You're a suspect by the way. Constantine Karalis; I do want to share something. You know, as I walk up and down, I take pictures of some of those. Sometimes you don't see it, especially from the walk itself Ocean view? If you look up, you don't really unless you want to see it. They went up. Mayor; They went around. So you can see there's a door to the right on those pictures as to how they went up. And there's a sign that says, don't go on the dunes. Thank you. Trustee Norris; I've heard one of your recommendations is to replace, right? Yes. Well, no. Is want there's an opportunity and these trees that were cut down seem to be, like, too thin, right? Like there's a section where they were cut lower presumably Mayor; they cut the growth off, right. Trustees; So, there's an opportunity, whether we speak to some of our landscapers. And I think this is why it's heard for you is to replace those cut trees with taller trees in the same location. That's very seriously, if we got some funding to plant taller trees, which are now shorter trees. I'm all for that. Constantine: That's exactly my point. Essentially, that we have to put trees up there that do that. Trustee Norris Seriously, let's do that. I know he was adding more to this Maria; the point is every new house that goes up and is raised they cut down the trees, and then they put it in the little bush. That's my point.

Constantine: The regulation. The regulation is that in maturity, those trees are going to cover 60% of the skirting. And I would like to add to the ordinance that actually, if someone builds a four foot pool fence on top of that, that 60% would apply to that also. And some people have actually gone even higher than and well, you know the story. So, we need to upgrade everything. Right? Okay. Fair enough. Andrew Was; How about taking a tax?

Trustee Blake; I'm just going to ask you, like, when did you first notice that Constantine: You know I just noticed that I was away. And I came back and I heard somebody saying, what about the trees? I had not seen that and then it went up. And of course, I realized that in a picture that I had taken some time ago, I didn't even notice on that same picture that actually there were trees missing and this was just about two months ago. So, it's very easy to miss it because people go up and look around, have a good time and come back down again. And unless you really focus on one of those pictures that it shows about five, trees being cut. Then there's also another one that's actually the whole tree is missing, you know, cut to the ground. So it's really.

Mayor; I'm up on that crosswalk a lot there and I didn't notice somebody had to point it out. There. Yeah, it's very important. When you look west, you can see the new growth. If you look if you look east. You can see the growth. If you look west, you can see what was chopped off. And it's been reported to that the DEC.


Constantine: I think it would be a good idea I think would be a good idea also to interview the landscape or the landscapers in town and the owners that live around it, including myself. That may have benefited from the cutting. Very much. Thank you.

Yes, Judy. Can I ask another question it has occurred to me, this is all the stuff that's in the residential zone. There's only one person in this Village who has any authority over what goes on in the residential zone. To my understanding that's is the Building Inspector. Now, do we need to do something about the building inspector, who apparently is not terribly effective? Do we need to change code? Can we change the code? Can we bring the residential zone under the auspices of somebody who could look at what's going on and make binding suggestions rather than nothing happens? The only time a public board looks at something in the residential zone, I think, I is when somebody asks for variance. Ordinarily, we're pretty free to do what we want to do. I don't think anybody really oversees that. Planning Board oversees the commercial district, but what about the residential district?

Mayor; It's all under the code and under the guidance of the Building Inspector. Judy Steinman: But is that code adequate to protect us from seeing our landscaping, including houses, gone amuck in the residential zone? Andrew Was; It is, but it's not enforced. Peter Bee; I think what one of the things that has come out of this afternoon's discussion is that there's a combination between what law, rule or regulation you write and how you go about enforcing it. And striking that balance is the challenge for the board. But it, generally speaking, falls under the jurisdiction of the Building Inspector. Thank you, Judy.

ADJOURNMENT: Mayor Mallott moved to close the meeting at 12:45 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 Power	Voted Aye
Mayor Mallott	Voted Aye

  
Jonneigh M. Adrion, Deputy Village Clerk

  
Steven W. Brautigam, Clerk/Treasurer