



**INCORPORATED VILLAGE OF OCEAN BEACH**

Minutes of the Meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Incorporated Village of Ocean Beach, Suffolk County, New York held on April 16, 2022 at the Boat House, 625-632 Bayberry Walk, Ocean Beach, New York and is also being conducted via Zoom.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION:** Mayor Mallott moved to go into Executive Session at 9:01 AM from the Village Office, for the purpose of discussing personnel, contracts and pending litigation.

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

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

No motions or resolutions were acted upon in Executive Session. Executive Session was closed at 11:05AM by Mayor Mallott. The motion was seconded by Trustee Hargraves, upon call the following voted:

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

**GENERAL SESSION:** At 11:16 AM, Mayor Mallott moved to open General Session. Trustee Power seconded this motion. Upon call, the following voted:

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

Following the pledge to the Flag and Roll Call at 11:17 AM:

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

**Mayor Mallott opened the meeting. Good morning, would you please remain standing for a moment of silence for John McCollum who passed away recently. Thank you very much**

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING HELD ON MARCH 19, 2022: Resolution No. 2022-031:**

Mayor Mallott moved as follows:

**BE IT RESOLVED** that the Minutes of the Board of Trustees Meeting held on March 19, 2022 are accepted as amended

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	Absent
Mayor Mallott	Voted Aye

APPROVAL OF BILLS AND CLAIM VOUCHERS: Resolution No. 2022-032: 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 \$170,173.34, for Gross Payroll from 03/09/22 through 04/05/22

BE IT RESOLVED that bills and claim vouchers to be paid, are submitted to be approved for payment as follows  
General Fund, in the amount of \$ 575,472.58, starting with check number A26752, and  
Water Fund, in the amount of \$ 18,196.40, starting with check number F3600, and  
Sewer Fund, in the amount of \$ 14,735.33, starting with check number G6605, and  
Bay Front Project, in the amount of \$ 142,841.96, starting with check number 2024, and

Bond payment

Principal:

General Fund, in the amount of \$120,000.00, and  
Sewer Fund, in the amount of \$35,000.00, and  
Total Principal \$155,000.00

Interest:

General Fund, in the amount of \$17,150.00, and  
Sewer Fund, in the amount of \$5,100.00, and  
Total Interest \$22,250

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	Absent
Mayor Mallott	Voted Aye

MAYOR'S REPORT:

1. There's not really too much to report from my end, Kevin I'm sure will fill everybody in. They did finish the North Dock. That's part of this project that was located at the north dock, the top is level and we've delineated where the boats can use the freight and the rest of the area of the seating area is for all and will hopefully be used by the Community Fund for some summer events. We have a budget hearing today. You have a budget which was presented on Wednesday, we'll be happy to listen to the accolades that you are going to give us for this budget. And we will leave the public hearing up until the 30th of April, when we will close a public hearing. We are asking that you do have comments on the budget and you keep your comments down to 3 minutes only, please. This is not a question and answer session. We will listen to your questions and do our best to answer them.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT: Kevin Schelling spoke

Wastewater: Sewer plant is fully operational.  
Emergency Systems and Generator systems operational.  
Chemical & Fuel supplies are full  
Modifications to manhole on Ocean/Bungalow Walks

Water: Wells #2 & #3 are operational, Well #4 the automatic system is being repaired  
All Emergency Systems and Generator system operational  
Chemical & Fuel supplies are full  
Three (3) new Water tap services installed (for fire systems)

Properties: Fertilized and seeded Ballfield & Green  
Playground – Ordered a small Gazebo structure for shade

Buildings: Community House – Door coverings removed & water turned on. Restrooms will be open next weekend for season.  
Wagon Park – painted a path line. If there are wagons blocking the path they will be brought to a new location  
Two new wagon racks installed  
Tennis Court – Modified north fence with new poles

Marina: Residents Marina opened April 15<sup>th</sup> and water is on

Streets: Concrete repairs made on Cottage Walk

Projects: Working with Chesterfield as they finish the dock project.  
Working with PSE&G – street repair cable they installed

Mayor Mallott; We have had some engineering, preliminary engineering work done on the Community House, on the tennis courts, the Wagon Park and the Baseball field. We're looking at prices for all of those things that need to be addressed. I want to get to the budget process first today, 30th, and then when we get to June, we'll start to get to mid-May, we'll start to talk about how we can improve all those things that I mentioned, costs of doing those things and start some preliminary talks on getting those things done. So they are in our mind. But I'd like to get the budget process progress as it does.

OCEAN BEACH VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT REPORT: Chief Levine spoke

Just a couple of quick items. There was a small electrical fire two days ago, two nights ago out in Davis Park. Five departments were activated for it. The call came in from the mainland. Just want to reiterate what I say a lot. There have been a lot of calls this winter, but it's because the Fire Island departments are so understaffed that they activate multiple departments. So, it took five fire departments to get down there and pretty much the fire was out. By the time they got there, the fire was actually called in from the mainland, somebody saw the flames from the marina in East Islip and called it in. With that being said, just want to remind everybody smoke detectors need to be replaced or upgraded. Batteries need to be replaced or upgraded if they are. Before you start any fires in your chimney this Spring. Please check to make sure that there's nothing blocking your chimney. And if you have any electric cords that were out all winter, don't use them. Buy a new one. I want to just recognize Captain Drew Becker. He's also a chef from McGuire's. He is our newest EMT in the Ocean Beach Fire Department.

With that being said, you know, we always say in the fire department that the firemen, the young guys used to take care of the older people in our community. Now our members are becoming the older people. So, if anybody out there is interested in becoming an EMT or a firefighter, our deadline to join is the end of June. So please get in touch with me. I have to thank Kevin and Richie. We had the water problem yesterday and they were right on top of it, getting water back, I think within a half an hour to all the residents and to all the fire hydrants. So, thank you for that. Memorial Day weekend we are having our blood drive. So, if anybody wants to make appointments, they can call or. Out of five Long Island Blood Drive Center and they can get an appointment made May 12th, 13th, 14th and 15th. You might see a lot of police and fire presence on Fire Island, the West End, specifically from Lonelyville to Kismet. They're doing a U.S. task force drill. There will be a lot of manpower. They'll be a lot of helicopters, boats, police cars all over the place. Not really too much in Ocean Beach, but you might see more helicopters than usual. They will be conducting drills in all those communities. So, don't be alarmed. As I get more details, I'll make sure the association sends it out so everybody knows. And the last thing the Town of Islip has given me, 30 or 40 boxes of COVID test kits. The expiration dates are only like another two or three months, but if anybody would like some, please let me know and we'll figure out a way to get it to you. And that's all I got, Mr. Mayor

OCEAN BEACH POLICE REPORT: Chief Hesse spoke.

Good morning everyone. We are at that season, when we see a lot of people starting to come out and open their house. We had, what was found to be a break in on Ocean Breeze. Possibly a squatter, short term, it might have been in the fall. We did catch somebody that was up at the Evans house at and around the same time and did arrest that individual. But if anybody notices anything, that's out of place. Please call me, don't put it on Facebook, call me this way if there's a pattern I can establish something and do an investigation and hopefully catch this guy or persons. We've only have one incident so far and that's that one. And it may have been related to the one we had last year. All right. So other than that, I'm always available for questions, comments or concerns. Thank you.

ADDITIONS AND/OR DELETIONS TO THE AGENDA: Resolution No. 2022-033: Mayor Mallott moved as follows:

1. Add Item #13 – Authorize & Approve Fire Island Ferries Agreement
2. Table Item #11 – Approval to Accept 2022-2026 Fire Protection Agreements with Town of Islip

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	Absent
Mayor Mallott	Voted Aye

STATE ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY REVIEW ACT (SEQRA): Resolution No. 2022-034: 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 Power	Absent
Mayor Mallott	Voted Aye

**ACCEPT PROPOSAL FROM H2M WATER FOR 2021 ANNUAL WATER SUPPLY STATEMENT: Resolution No. 2022-035:** Mayor Mallott moved as follows:

WHEREAS, the Village of Ocean Beach is in receipt of a Proposal to prepare the combined Annual Water Supply Statement/Consumer Confidence Report, required by the US Environmental Protection Agency, the NYS Health Department and Suffolk County Department of Health Services, dated January 25, 2022,

Now, therefore, it is hereby

RESOLVED that the Ocean Beach Board of Trustees hereby accepts the Proposal, a copy of which is on file in the Village Office, in an amount not to exceed \$2,800.00 to be paid from line item F8340.460.

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

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

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

**APPROVAL TO ACCEPT 2022-2026 FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT AGREEMENTS WITH TOWN OF ISLIP: Resolution No. 2022-036:** Mayor Mallott moved to TABLE this item:

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

WHEREAS, Counsel has prepared an Agreement between the Village of Ocean Beach and Town of Islip for the supply of Ambulance & Emergency Medical Service for the following Fire Protection Districts under the Town of Islip: Atlantique, Atlantique Marina, Fire Island and Seaview, for a period of five (5) years, commencing January 1, 2022 and ending December 31, 2026, as follows:

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

Now, therefore, it is hereby

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

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

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

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

**APPROVAL TO ACCEPT 2020-2021 AUDIT PREPARED BY CULLEN & DANOWSKI, LLP: Resolution No. 2022-037:** Mayor Mallott moved as follows:

WHEREAS, the Village of Ocean Beach is in receipt of the Audit 2020-2021 for the Village of Ocean Beach from the Certified Public Accounting firm of Cullen & Danowski, LLP; and

Now, therefore, it is hereby

RESOLVED that the Village accepts and approves the Audit dated 5/31/2021, as submitted and prepared.

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	Absent
Mayor Mallott	Voted Aye

**Mayor Mallott: This will go on the website on Monday.**

**13. AUTHORIZE & APPROVE FIRE ISLAND FERRIES AGREEMENT: Resolution No. 2022-038:**

WHEREAS, the Village of Ocean Beach desires to obtain a cross-bay service and a parking facilities agreement with the Fire Island Ferries; and

WHEREAS, Counsel has prepared a two year Agreement with the Village of Ocean Beach and Fire Island Ferries to supply such services for the Village residents;

Now, therefore, it is hereby

RESOLVED that the Village Board of Trustees hereby approves agreement subject to the Board's final approval of a year round master schedule; and

It is further RESOLVED that the Village Mayor, following review by counsel, is hereby authorized to execute the documents necessary to effectuate the conditions and terms of this resolution.

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

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

**Mayor Mallott; So, there's a couple of things I'm just trying to straighten out with the company, but I think we're in agreement over 99.9%. This has to do with one or two changes in the very schedule and once we get that agreement, I will sign the agreement with Fire Island Ferries. They will release the ferry book tickets that will be hopefully be ready in the next week or ten days so that we can start distributing them.**

**Maria Silsdorf: Might I ask a question? Is this the appropriate time for us to get an overview of what changes we can expect from the new ferry contract? Ken Gray; With respect to the schedule? Maria; No, with respect to the contract. What are the key changes? We know this was a terrible negotiating period. Mayor; It'll be posted on the website today, then you can bring your questions in the next two weeks or next month. So, we really want to concentrate on getting this budget done right now.**

**BUDGET HEARING #1**

**OPEN BY: Mayor/Norris**

**CLOSED BY: Mayor/Blake**

**OPEN TIME: 11:35 am**

**CLOSING TIME: 12:18 pm**

**Public Hearing Notes:**

It's Maria. Can you comment on how the new ferry contract impacts the budget? Mayor Mallott; Minimal. It's a minimal impact on the budget, probably about 1%.

It's George. I was muted, I'm sorry about that. Can you guys hear me? Yes, Mr. Eastman, please go. George Eastman, I have a question. It's the first time I've really had a chance to look at the format of the budget and one thing jumped out at me just overall is the total amount of collectively 56k, a little over \$56,000 for ferry and parking. One specific item the under the Treasurer, it seemed like an extra large amount compared to the others. It was \$10,000 and most of them were \$2,000 and \$3000. Just curious as to what drives that and the differences? Mayor: So, George, you'll have to give us a page and a line item. George Eastman; Okay. There's most of it is on one, two, three, four, five items on page two. I'm looking at page two, the way they're numbered, not the way they appeared in the PDF it's page, page five of the PDF and page two as it's numbered in the columns. The last item in each group like Legislative, Judicial, Executive, Administrative Treasurer on page five, the last item in each section is "ferry and parking". I noted that the Treasurer was multiple times larger than the other sections. And just an overview, I think the ferry part of it is fairly obviously, but is this all ferry and parking costs in the lot? And just a question about the \$56,000 is an aggregate if there's a better way to put that all together? Steve Brautigam: But can you be more specific about the \$56,000 I'm not following it? George Eastman: I'm on the page, so I added up that all the line items from page to page for page five and I think there's one on two on page nine. That was unclear if those were additional items or extra items or summary that refer to the above, but the total of \$56,000. Maria Silsdorf: Let me help you. The specific number that George is asking about, the Treasury, \$10,000 is line 1325.495. Steve Brautigam: I see that. Yes. Maria; So, I'm looking for the number. Yes. Steve Brautigam: So, to explain that one, it's up substantially because of the parking cost and the amount of people that we have. George Eastman; Okay. So, so all, all of the items that refer to parking are just individual, the cost of individual parking. Does this reflect people coming over everyday? Steve Yes, yes, Mayor; yes. The staff we have to we were allocated parking space above we have to pay so they are categorized in where we think that they come under the Treasurer, that's probably for the offset. George Eastman; Okay. I'd like to drill a little more down, Mayor; As you said, it's legislation that's often and fairly for the board and you see judicial. That's the judge and the prosecutor and the deputy prosecutor. We see it in administration. You see it in Kevin's line item there, too. So that's the pocket all the way through the whole thing. George Eastman Okay. Thank you.

David Lipsky; Yes. Thank you. With respect to the village debt service, which is the second to last page of the thing that you sent. I'm looking at the sewer fund, EFC Sewer Collection System and could you explain? It looks like for over the next over the last and up to 2024 fiscal year. The cost that is projected is estimated at 8 million but the grant you have only covers 3 million and it says that EFC is owed \$2 million in next year, in this year and almost \$4 million the following year. So how is that incorporated into the budget and is this at an actual increase? Although in the total budget we're only getting a 2% increase.

Steve Brautigam; Yes, I have. Yeah. The way the EFC sewer collection debt is working is we have \$12.5 million dollar total project. It's a \$3 million is grant plus another \$800,000 of green grant. The balance is a 30 year no interest loan and that gets phased in as the project progresses. What this chart is showing and I'm sorry, it's a little confusing, but I'm allowed to draw down on the on the grant portion first. But this project is taking off so, it's a guesstimate of how fast it goes because it changes even as of yesterday. But for the 2023 budget, I'm estimating that we go into debt maybe around \$1 or \$2 million, and then the rest of it would be grant. It's hard to say on that. But either way, whatever that number is, the village is prepared to pay it. So, but only what's on this chart flows into the budget. So does that help?

David Lipsky; Yes, but I take it from what you said that this is not a totally free effort? Ultimately, the village is going to pay a portion of the cost for the collection system. Steve: Correct, it will. The collection system will be the responsibility of the sewer fund because the sewer collection system will be the responsibility of the sewer fund. The stormwater runoff will be the responsibility of the general fund. And phase one is the stormwater runoff and in the new budget, I'm still working off the grant on there. There are some minor fees, but it's hard to say if the project moves faster than I'll be hitting debt sooner but even at \$1,000,000 divided by, if you go into debt \$1,000,000 divided by 30 years at no interest, which could happen, the general fund could easily pay that. It's as it grows into the multi million dollars where we will be more Mayor; We've been financing this program since it began, although the work hasn't been done yet. We've been taxing the general public to put this money aside. It's not the only project that is going that way. You'll also see that the water tower, which needs painting and scraping and fixing, which is going to be done hopefully within the next few years, we're saving to do it. If we don't have enough money in our savings to do it because we can't finance it because of its maintenance, we will borrow money from the general fund and get the water tower painted and scraped and all done in a timely fashion and pay us back from the general fund. But all these projects, this downtown project, it's 12.5 million dollar project said is we're using that money funds and we're at the same time we're charging the taxpayer for it and we're saving that money. So, when we do go into debt for this program, it will already be fixed into the into the taxes.

David Lipsky; Thank you, Jimmy. That's a very good explanation. Mayor Mallot: Don't worry it keeps me awake at night. David Lipsky; I have one other point. I have one other quick question. On the general fund anticipated revenues looks like A2025.4 daily marina rentals, you're anticipating the same level of rental fees and I know this was brought up at previous meetings about raising those fees to get more revenue. It takes up a lot of space that the village has for transient visitors, and I think it would be a good source of additional fees.

Steve Brautigam; Yeah, I did raise it a little. It's kind of weather related. The plan is to redesign the marina to accommodate the change in the boat sizes and to see if we can squeeze more money out of that. But we do look at the cost per foot versus similar type marinas with we don't have electric. It's just the water. We you know, we have looked at it. It didn't jump out at me this time because I did squeeze a little more money out of it. Because of COVID, a lot of more people are decided to take their boats back and forth and then the rentals went up because they had bigger boats. David Lipsky; And we shouldn't be encouraging larger fuel eating boats while we should be thinking globally and acting locally. Mayor Mallot; So, you know, I think we're maxed out on what we've got there without a tremendous change in the footprint of the marina, which I don't think is feasible at this time. You know, it has to be on the application. Somebody picks up, don't buy anything bigger than a 30 foot boat because you're not going to have anywhere to put it. That's where we're at with boats. So and we did very well in the transit marina. It brings in a lot of a lot of income for us, and we're looking forward to good weather and more income from that source.

Thank you. Mr. Lipsky And anything else? David Lipsky; I have just one question. Can we send in written comments and have those comments in the record? Mayor; Absolutely. Ken Gray; Yeah. I think you can send them to what is it. [Info@villageofoceanbeach.org](mailto:Info@villageofoceanbeach.org) correct. David Lipsky; Thank you. Good job on the budget. Mayor; Thank you.

Maria, I think you're next. **Maria Silsdorf:** Thank you. So, Jimmy, I didn't have a chance to go through the budget fully like I normally do. I apologize. I know that you usually do a very good job of responding to my comments. Many of you know, I had COVID this past week, so I didn't have a chance to go through it, but I will. So, I have just two really big ticket questions here. You may have alluded to them in your answer to David, but under revenues appropriated fund balance, there's a line item of \$582,000 and then there's another line item of \$843,000 that have no history. So that's kind of another, you know, a million for there of anticipated revenue with no history. That certainly covers a lot of expense.

Mayor: I'll leave that to our Clerk/Treasurer try to explain exactly what that is. Steve Brautigam; Yeah, the water and sewer budgets over the last several years have been anticipating major capital improvements. And we have, without raising their rates, been able to do that and save it. And now at this point in time, the Mayor and the Board has taken steps to segregate some of that fund balance. I'll talk about the water fund at first, the even number of \$500,000 is going to be taken out of the fund balance and put into a water tower fund. The water tower needs between two and \$3 million worth of work. You cannot borrow the money. It's maintenance. So, we're taking a stab of \$500,000 right now. There's already some money in there. I don't have the exact number. And future years will continue to produce

revenue to be used for that process. It's a serious situation and that's for the water fund. For the sewer fund. It's similar. We are in the middle of a \$12.5 million dollar project. I think David was thinking on that. That's the EFC fund, but approximately eight and a half million dollars of it has to be paid for by the taxpayers and the sewer fund was going to get hit with the biggest part of that. So, we took \$800,000 and put it into debt to be helped to offset that debt. When which we're not in yet, to offer to help lower that debt right off the bat and then there'll be a revenue flow continued into that fund to offset that. And so, you're not going to see a big bump in sewer rates or water rates to cover these multimillion dollar projects. Mayor; So, it's money we have that we move from column A to column B, it's we get criticized for having too much money, but this money is for future debt and it's just been segregated out and put into those two different funds. So, that in the future that money can be used when we need it.

Maria; Thank you for that explanation. I do have two other quick questions. For the total category of home and community services, which has a little bit of everything in it. The last two years we spent \$353,000 and \$361,000, basically the same, and that's now jumped to \$478,000, which is a very significant increase in total home and community services. Steve Brautigam: which one? Maria; total Home and Community Services F8340 and again, I'm just focused on the big, the big numbers here. It's going up from 362 to 478. Big increase. Steve Brautigam; This is a new waterfront. Could you give me the line item number? Okay, I got it. Maria, I'm sorry. Thank you. Yeah. So, this is the operating budget of the water fund. And there's we added personnel, but there's there were raises in there and there are specifics. The electric bill went up \$8,000. I'm just looking at control panels. Yeah, the control panels, the big one, \$35,000. You know, these are basically normal operating increases. The electric and gas is starting to on all phones, not just this one. Of course, the money in this particular one, the biggest one that stands out is the \$35,000 for control panels. And. I had to cut it back, cut a little. But these are those are one shot expenses. And next year that will probably be replaced with some other capital improvement or maintenance that Kevin needs to run the water company.

Maria; Okay. And my last two are just more comments so that everyone sees what I see. Total police budget had gone down last year, probably due to the openings that we had due to the academy being delayed due to COVID. But so, the police budget has now jumped up to where it was two years ago, which is another \$115,000 over last year. I hope that's being scrutinized.

Steve Brautigam; Yeah. The major increase that in June of 2020, after the previous budget was adopted, there was an increase to, I believe, a part-timers because we George was not able to attract them to get 30 or 40 part timers every year with some kind of experience. It's a full-time job in itself. We try to get them out of the out of the school, from the academy, but they drop out. Then it was slim pickings because they didn't have the academy. We were losing people and we had to step up. Mayor: We have to pay more to attract people. Steve Brautigam; And that's the majority of the increase. And then we got hit with some gas and electric on there. But. And then there's those were the those the drivers. Those were the drivers. And he wanted a truck. I took that out, but we might have to revisit that. But that increase was really destined after we after June. We would have to pay more to get these people. And it was difficult. And it's very difficult. And this year, yeah, I mean, right now he's going through this whole system. He's got to interview dozens and, I don't know, 20, 30, 40 of them and hope that, you know, you get four or five that are going to stay and then you've got to keep the ones here. So that's the driver in that budget.

Maria; Thank you. Thank you. My last thank you for that, Steve. My last question is, I know that there's been a lot of discussion about the teenage recreation program for this summer. And I know that the Youth Group has submitted a proposal to the village into the community fund. Are the dollars for that built into the budget? Mayor; Yes, yeah. The village will participate in the youth program by donating to OBYG. We're going to run the same program. We're going to. We're going to take in \$20,000 a year for the next three, four, five years and think, you know, it'll take that long to get this program moving and working. I think we can do that in some kind of kind of grant. And we look forward to starting that program. Maria; Thank you. Thank you. And just let me add my thanks for delivering a budget that stays within a 2% tax increase with no material increases to sewer and water as well. So thank you. Mayor; Thank you for Maria.

Ken Gray: Is there anyone else out there? I do not see any. Hands up. Can you hear me? Yes. Hi, this is Andrew Was. Ken Gray; I didn't see your hand up, sorry about that, I apologize. Andrew Was; I know you might have talked about this. I came in on a tail end of it, but the appropriations going from \$8 million to \$10 million, which is like a 1.7 million increase with a revenue increase. A similar revenue increase. Again, will someone tell me where that revenue increases coming from and it's not coming from a bill I'm going to receive or an assessment type of bill.

Steve Brautigam; The majority of it Dr. Was of the 1.3 million of that increase that you see is just is water and sewer transferring their fund balance to a specific project. So, it is no increase, but it does get counted in that number. So, it looks, oh my gosh, what did we do here? But one \$1.3 million of it is just moving from one pot to the other. It doesn't affect anything. Andrew Was; Okay. And another thing, is there any way of postponing the drainage system project? It's a really bad time to start doing construction in a time when there are supply constraints and there is high interest rates and labor shortage. We're not getting the bang for our buck. And I know that whole system really shouldn't take place in a first time. First place, we should have the commercial district raise their buildings.

Trustee Norris; Dr. Was, there's no better time for this project than now. Living with the challenges in the construction world day to day with supply chain issues, I'm seeing increases of many percents month over month. So, this vital project needs to go forward and it needs to go forward now. Steve; And there's no interest. Andrew Was: No interest, but rates could be 20, 30% cheaper two years from now. Trustee Norris; It will not. Andrew Was; There's a lot of people who feel like that, especially the Federal Reserve and other learning industries. Mayor; So, listen it's not started yet. Andrew Was, Can we at least have not start at least until the election is over. So maybe

there be different people on the board and so forth, maybe have a different philosophy that's more conducive to helping the residents. Mayor; There you go. I never know. So, again you never know. Andrew Was, Right. So, can we postpone the finalization of this project until after the election? Trustee Norris; That's been going on for two years. You've spent lots of money on engineering. We're at the point where we've got nearly at the point of biddable documents. The RFP will go out after the election. So, there's always that opportunity to kill it.

Andrew Was; Well, that that all that could be frozen for a while. It's not going to go away. Trustee Norris; Everybody on this board is committed to moving forward. Mayor; If you postpone this, you're on the hook for whatever you've spent now. Even though it was a grant and now you've canceled the program. That grant doesn't become a grant anymore. It's money. You own the EFC. Andrew Was; We're not canceling. We're just postponing. It's the difference between canceling a postponing. Mayor; There's a time limit on what the EFC will give you. They're not going to give you. You've got 20 years to get this project done, or even five years if you're not moving forward on this project. They take the money away.

Andrew Was; Can that be considered moving forward if you move forward slowly? The other thing I'm not going to argue this point. The other thing I FOIL the other day two requests; one was for a ferry contract and they said they didn't have one. And the other one was they asked for all the information, letters, documents and so forth between the Ocean Beach Chamber of Commerce and the Village of Ocean Beach that led to the threatened lawsuit and the settlement. And they said there was no documents, nothing written about that.

Ken Gray: Dr. Was this is a budget hearing. Andrew Was, So. You know, you can answer this question, right? Excuse me. You can ask this question. Right. Ken Gray; This is a budget hearing. So, if you have comments about the budget, please. Andrew Was, Well, that's part of the budget. I mean, where is that settlement, that money? Where is it in the budget, that \$100,000 settlement? And where in the budget that you have the ability, which the trustee says they were going to make up the shortfall from the licensing and occupation permits and fees? I don't see any of that in the budget to make up that loss. Steve Brautigam: Dr. Was the settlements were already paid or secured in the budget we're in now. So. They're in claims and vouchers. There were resolutions that the board approved. So that's all done. As far as the lowering of the budget. Maria: It's the loss of revenue going forward. Steve Brautigam; No, there is none. On those two issues there's no loss of revenue. Maria; Yes there is. Andrew Was; Yeah, it went from \$40,000 down to \$9,000. Maria; Yes, there is.

Steve Brautigam: Yes. So that was down. But that has been if you look back, let me get this is the revenue line item under that. I've been lowering it for the last it was 40. Do you have the line item? It's a revenue line item. Andrew Was, Yeah. You lowered it because a covert you gave them a \$20,000 discount one year and a \$10,000 discount the next year. But originally I think it was 50,000. The total amount was in that budget for collection. Steve Brautigam; So, yes, we lowered it in the budget year. I lowered it to \$9,300. So, we're looking at the revenue line item in the general fund called A2545, business and Occupational Licenses. And I lowered it because we have a new agreement in this new budget that will generate the \$9,350 based on the new rates for that group of tax payers.

Andrew Was, Well, a couple meetings ago, the board of trustees were saying they were going to look for different avenues to replace that money by charging to commercial district. And one recommendation that I made was to increase the land property tax of all the commercial districts that can be manipulated. And since this reduction and fees increases the value of the commercial district. There shouldn't be any problem in raising the land taxes for the commercial districts to have to deal with the shortfall and these licensing fees.

Mayor; Thank you, Dr. Was. Trustee Blake; Just I want to just come in on two higher level observations here and give a little bit of context. Could you speak up? So, I wanted to come in here. You hear me now? So, can you hear me? Because I see the lights. Trustee Hargraves: Yes, Matt, I can hear you. Trustee Blake: All right. So, I just wanted to provide a little bit of historical perspective quickly and just touch on two kind of higher level items that I think are important to note. Just we have seen the numbers get very much in the weeds. I think that's fine. But it's also helpful to take a step back and just at the overall. So, two important things that jumped out at me with respect to this budget, get the higher level one is that the market value that the average house which went up by almost \$54,000 this year. That is, I believe, the highest numerical increase that certainly anything that I've seen in my time. Mayor: What was it last year? Steve Brautigam: I think it went up 33, 32,000. And this is done by the state. The village has nothing to do with that number. It's the market value.

Andrew Was: But that market value is about one third of the market value of other communities. So, I don't think it's something to hoot and holler about. Trustee Blake; No, I think the bottom line, Andrew, is the point that I'm making is that that number, that's a significant increase. What that speaks to is a housing stock here in Ocean Beach that is collectively getting more value and that is good for all of us here as homeowners and business owners. So, we have to move in the right direction. We're investing here. That's critical for the future of this place. And I think you're seeing that come out of the numbers. The second piece I wanted to raise was, I love the fact that we go back to 2005, 2006. There was a tendency in the past to be very volatile, to move the tax rate pretty significantly. You can see it demonstrated an 11 to -12%, one year, up almost 15% another year. Huge volatility in those numbers. Any one of us here needs to look out over 12 months, 24 months if you think of a property and with some level of certainty budget. Right. And one of the most challenging things to do when budgeting is to deal with huge fluctuations in one's tax rate. And what's really happened here since and where Jim was in New York City up on stage saying, look, we're going to we're going to raise taxes aggressively up front. But our pledge to you, if everything goes as planned, not on board, will be to slowly ramp down those tax rates to a much more manageable level and to have consistency year over year. And I think what you see here is exactly that. So, I just wanted to for a second take a step back



and say, what is the trajectory of life here for more valuable properties, more consistency in tax rate year over year, and some visibility and stability for people within. I think it's a real. Mayor; I just want to thank you for your comments. So, anybody else questions then? Very well. Come on, John. Let's hear what you got to say.

Jonathan Jossen; Well, I appreciate what you're saying. You know what I do for a living? I'm real estate broker. And you see it? I'm not going to say what Was said behind the curtain as far as. But I felt 20 years ago, that Ocean Beach was undervalued and I still feel that it should be just completely undervalued. And if we don't have another storm, the price will most likely go up, even with interest rates. It's just my opinion. My issue, though, is having to do with rental. The cost to rent your house. These houses are gigantic. I'm not in favor of them, but they're changing what's going on in the village. Everybody's got a swimming pool and everybody is dropping \$12, \$14, \$16,000 a week now. My feeling is the permit fee. I saw what you're allocating for, what you're going to click on permits. Well, that should go up. I mean. But anybody that goes next to a rental house has to endure the objections. The chief of police has been wonderful. You call, he gets there. I know exactly what the rules are or how you're supposed to behave and everything. But the real estate brokers here take no responsibility for who they put in houses, even though it's a \$12 or \$14,000 per house. You still have people out for what? Whatever, when you're sleeping. So, I don't know if everybody agrees with me, but I feel that I might rent my house. I'm willing to pay more for my rental permit. Obviously, you get the right person and to bring more people more money into the village. And then that would be a short meeting. I went on VRBO and went on everybody's website and looked at the prices for different things. I mean, they're not \$6,000 or \$4,000 anymore. Mayor: Again it's a changing market and we're well aware of that change in market. But there's lots of things that come into play here. You know, people who rent a house weekly, people rent their house seasonally. They pay the same rate. The rate has been a bone of contention for as long as I've been here. At one time, it was \$400 a week, you know, and then there were complaints that it was that was too high, that \$100. But again, as you say, as things change, as things get more expensive, as the houses get bigger and the rents are more. There should be a mechanism to charge people. So, we are working on that. Jonathan Jossen; I mean, the person that spends \$600, whatever, \$600 a day or \$6,000 a week should not be the same for \$14,000 house. Ken Gray; can I jump in here for a second. Go ahead. All right. Without giving too much legal advice in an open session, the issue in New York State is that. The When the village is issuing a permit, the fee that they charge needs to be reasonably associated with the expense that the village has for issuing the fee. (Interruptions) Hold on. Let me finish, please. So, if issuing a rental permit, collecting the documents, the administrative time frame that we have to do it, and the expense of office staff issuing it, it doesn't differ from a house that's worth \$1,000,000 or a house that's worth \$3 Million dollars. I understand and I've been told that in Florida, some of the municipalities charge a percentage of the rental fee. So, you get 1% of whatever the rent is. That may be the law in Florida. I don't know. I'm not admitted in Florida, but that's not the law in New York State.

Andrew Was, Ken, what is that law that says the fees are based on the amount of effort that's put forth to generate them for the permits? What law is that? Ken Gray: All right. Well, Andrew, you're not my client, so I'm not going to that answer that question. Andrew Was; Is there a law? I can't find it. Yes. Mayor; All right, gentlemen, let's get back to the Board Meeting. Jonathan Jossen; Okay, let me just finish this. I saw a line item. How much money you're going to collect? Yeah. That's the issue on that line. Yes, it is. Mayor; But we want to hear what Ken Gray is saying. We're not allowed to charge more than it costs us to produce that piece of paper. That's what we charge them. Jonathan Jossen Well, I am in New York State. And I know what I'm doing in New York City, which is this is part of New York State. And the buildings decide what they want to charge for an application. They all have different. So I'm not understanding what I mean. I understand what you're saying, but I'm not believing that that you can only charge according to what it costs you to create that document, because that's not the way it is in New York City and the system might be different. So, I mean, I would love to see that code, not the village code. Trustee Blake; I'm sorry. You're referring to the fee that charge the specific building level. Is that what you're talking about? Yeah, (cross conversations) I just that's. Those are what you're talking about. Jonathan Jossen, Yeah, the fee for me to rent my house. I pay almost nothing for rent my house and here I'm a homeowner and I think that's not right. I think it should be more. We need more money.

Trustee Blake: Again, a famous example. It's critical, we're not in a situation where if you're renting the property for a week for \$10,000 or \$5,000, we are not legally permitted to charge more that difference of fee based on that difference in weekly rental amount. Where we're able to. The way the system is set up now is that if you are a property owner looking joint and you want to rent on a weekly basis, you are as a result getting more of those funds and therefore, you're coming into the village office filling out paperwork and you're getting that fee. You're paying that fee potentially four times a month. Now, if you want to run to one family or one couple or whatever the scenario is for your property, and just once in a month, the only thing that the wants. So, for those folks who are renting more frequently, there is a mechanism to recoup more money for the village. And actually, those are the more expensive properties from our standpoint, because the familiarity with the rules and regulations of Ocean Beach plus it's just easier for us to manage someone. Jossen; I'm just looking at the numbers. The numbers. But it's going to show up because the number is so low. That's the reason I'm bringing this up. Thank you. Trustee Blake; It's not really a right. Andrew Was; but we shouldn't lose sight. The fact that the residents pay ten times more money in rental permit fees than the commercial district does.

Andrew Hemmingway; I was going to stay quiet today but I changed my mind. First off, I'm going to start off by saying you guys are doing an amazing job. You guys are obviously most basic things. You guys are all doing great, but chief is doing great. Firefighters doing great. Operations is doing great. Thank you. Mayor: It's sounds like a but is coming. Andrew Hemmingway; Don't take it like that. Well, I always hear about these rental things. I can tell you as a homeowner that I love spending my six months here, but I also rent. And I can say that I put a lot of care into the folks that I rent to. I handpick each of my rentals. I don't rent anybody below the age of 30, 35. I rent the mainly families. I don't rent partiers. So, I don't know where all these if we have rules on what's right, if you're a of your home more than twice your rental permits privileges are revoked for the season. Correct. Okay. So, let's enforce the rules we have. So

we're not hearing things like what I just heard. Let's just enforce them all we have. But don't penalize the folks that really working hard. To do the right thing. And that's all I have to say. Thank you. And as far as one last thing I heard, the marina, look at the marina the kind of boats we have in the marina this is the market of the Great South Bay. We're not Sag Harbor we're not Nantucket. All right. If there were 50 foot boats, that wanted the marina, they would be filled and filled with that. That's number one. Mayor; Thank you and don't worry, George Hesse keeps an eye on you all the time. Chief Hesse; Yes, I live right across the street from him.

**PUBLIC HEARING – TENTATIVE BUDGET HEARING 2022-2023: Resolution No. 2022-039:** Mayor Mallott moved as follows:

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

WHEREAS, the Board of Trustees requests and encourages the public to submit comments and questions via mail and/or e-mail [info@villageofoceanbeach.org](mailto:info@villageofoceanbeach.org) between now and 4/30/2022;

Now, therefore, it is hereby

RESOLVED that the Village Board of Trustees hereby approves to continue the public hearing on April 30, 2022 for the adoption of the proposed 2022/2023 Village Budget.

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

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

**HEARING OF THE CITIZENS: 12:19PM**

Linda Stertz; I just have a very simple statement. The North dock looks great and thank you I'm looking forward to it. Mayor Mallott; Thank you. Thank you. Yes. Jonathan Jossen; By the way the budget looks great. Thank you guys so much. Yes, very nice. So, on your speech on that, with the OBA on your conversation. And you know where I'm going with this as far as the tennis court. So, you have a plan, I guess. What's the plan once you start to work for the wagon's. All the wagons. Well, then I'm going to go to the tennis court. But I want to start with this. I want to with the wagons. What's going to happen to the wagons? Trustee Norris; So, the plan is aligned with So, the intent is once we are well underway with storm water retention program, which will live where it is right now, Is a refreshed, reinvigorated control and maintain our care sufficiently to the need, but not more than. To utilize two kind of support areas to convert one to a versa court where you can play tennis, pickle ball, pick-up basketball, and then we'll then go. So, there will be one versa court and then the second will be a refreshed tennis court with new fencing, new lighting, really reinvigorated there. So, to answer your question, whether the versa court works or not, there will be two courts, the same square footage as we have now, but they'll be new and improved and we will have a wagon park. Jonathan Jossen; And so that is not the answer to my question. I'll get to that in a second. My first question is, come September, would you start work for October? Where are the wagons going? That's what I'm asking you. You're going to take this apart. So where is my wagon going to? Mayor; Probably go into the tennis court. Jonathan Jossen; That's what I'm asking so we're going to lose both tennis courts/ Trustee Norris: Yes, for a period of time. Jonathan Jossen; So, what is that period of time it's very important? Mayor Mallott; We're not sure yet. Jonathan Jossen; So, that's going to be a minimum of one year. Mayor Mallott; Hopefully not. It all depends on the engineer and how we can work this engineer. Okay. So again, again, this is this is all to do with COVID. It's all to do with supply and demand. The idea is to come in here in September and put three pre-cast cement tanks in the in the wagon park and then four feet of the tennis court that will go underground. Jonathan Jossen; That's a I read the whole article. Mayor Mallott; That's a big undertaking. Again, if that can't happen this year, it will go down to the sewer plant and start a new honey pot down there. We are redoing the whole sewer system downtown. While we're doing this this drainage project here, too. So, we're going to do our best to keep a place for wagons, place for tennis as much as we can within the next within this whole working period. So, it should be three or four years. Jonathan Jossen; I'm really trying to understand. Like you said, you made this comment, which is very apropos. When you have the code, you came and you figured out how we're going to bring taxes to a certain point and everybody can live with those taxes knowing what the escalation instead of 11% on 13% up and down. Right. So, now in my life, what I do is I play tennis, so I'm trying to figure out where I'm going to play tennis in 2023, that's part of my life that I live, Mayor; we're not sure. Jonathan Jossen; So, you're telling me in my life you cannot say. Trustee Norris; we have the engineering, I've seen it, we have the overall plan. Right. But we don't have right now is the RFP in place. Part of the RFP is its plan and it's based on when to do these different sections of work. Jonathan; So, you changed it all because originally we when we looked at it a couple of months ago, eight months ago, we looked at the plans. We knew exactly where they were going to put it, where they were going to run the pipes. Mayor Mallott; We have to have a staging area and that's how it works. We're going to do the best that we can do and I don't have it now. It's not in my pocket, tennis is not my number one thing. Jonathan Jossen; I know that. I know it's not on your list. Mayor; And I know that's what you do, but I can't promise you anything. I can promise you we're trying to get rid of the water downtown. I think that comes before tennis. So, you'll have to play wherever you can. Okay. So until I can give you a new tennis court to play on. Jonathan Jossen; So, why would not that area over there that looks quite beautiful that we brought up in the last four years, why is that not become a beautiful wagon park, like Saltaire. Mayor: Where? (over there) Logistically, it didn't work.

Jonathan Jossen: Okay, so I'm just getting back. So this coming September, you're going to take the tennis courts. Mayor; I'm not sure what we're going to do yet. Trustee Norris; The contract is that written this word will propose specifics as far as logistics, staging areas and what phase. So we can't give you that answer, but you can you plan on impact over here as well. Jonathan Jossen; So, that is one thing so this is all federal money, right? Yes. Okay. And so the tennis courts were built with state money, right? No. Yes, they were. In 1980 or 1986, you were given state money to build the tennis courts and also a wagon park. Mayor; No. it was not specific for tennis courts. For sports. Yeah, recreation it was for recreation, right? Jonathan Jossen; So they have that form that was mislabeled and because recreation was left out when you ask the federal government for money. Okay, so but that's recreation and that money was for the tennis courts. Mayor; Wagon park is considered recreation, wagon park comes under recreation Jonathan it's not like we haven't done it. We know what we're doing, you just have that patience, it's not all about you. Jonathan Jossen; No it's not just me it's about 100 people, not just me, but some other people that are involved. Mayor; you have to have patience. Jonathan Jossen; So let me make my point, how do I make a plan? Mayor; when we figure out you'll be the first to know. Anybody else? Yes.

Louise Esposito; Hi I just want to say thank you very much for everything that you do. Mayor; But. Louise Esposito; This is about the Marina and the assignment of the slips. I'm a very, very long time homeowner. Original family member. This is my brother Charles. My slip had been moved this year I understand sometimes you have to do. I want to know the process and I want to know how you decide who gets what spot? And I see people have had their boat in the same spot for many, many years and I get bounced around. Past practice has always been you had a slip you stayed in the slip because when I was a child we were in the slip for many, many, many years. So that's my first part. What's the process like? I think there should be some transparency. Mayor Mallott; Is there a process? What is the process? Jonneigh Adrion; The process is the dockmasters handle the assignments. Louise Esposito; so that's my next question. The dockmasters are part-time employees that don't start until the end of April? The marina opens April 15th. So every question that I have asked multiple times for the answer to this, I have been told we have to ask the dockmasters. Part two of this whole thing is. Mayor; Can I ask you first of all what the problem is where do you have a problem. Louise Esposito; I do have a problem. I had great slip and now I got moved to a very difficult spot where if I ever wanted to go in without my brother, I would never be able to get in. Mayor; What was the process that got you moved? Louise Esposito; I have no idea my application is in January 1st with all of the documentation. I had to wait until March 31st to say what my knew. I don't even think I was told this then, and I can't. That's what I want to know. What got me moved? I didn't forget to renew. I wasn't late. It's the same boat. It's the same house. There is a I indicated it was a renewal and my old slip number. Okay. Mayor; So as far as you're concerned, you did everything correct order. Yes, absolutely no question. Then you got kicked out of your spot, well re-located. Charles Rumpelt; We spent 50 years of dodging bullets on the west side where there are 23 foot, 22 foot, boats. And on the east side, you have 19 foot boats and 20 foot boats. My suggestion is all boats. Mayor; Listen, I can't reinvent the wheel. Okay? I can look into why your spot was allocated to somebody else.

Louise Esposito; I would appreciate that. Can I make another point? Yeah. The dockmasters, who I think do a great job in the transient marina, are very appropriately and acceptably tipped employees, which is fine. We are throughout the country. Just like a valet parking car. So you really think it's appropriate for somebody that receives tips to be making these assignments in the resident marina where we don't even use dockmasters, where they don't jump on you, you up or anything like that like they do in the transient.

Mayor; I'm not really, you know I rely on those guys to make sure the appropriate boats are in the appropriate spots. Otherwise, you know I leave it to somebody else, there's going to be a boat in the small marina that nobody can get by or someone is bashing in to. Trustee Norris; I'm sorry. It sounds like you've got a plan about what size boats would work best. Again, I don't know what the process is. Shame on me. But if you have a plan, I would love to see it. Mayor; You're going to have a line out the door. Louise Esposito: I just want to know what the process right now. Charles Rumpelt; It's very simple You have an A dock B dock and C docks you have the size of the boats If you have the size 19 foot – 20 feet you go in this section. You have to move boats with all 9 foot, identical widths and not have to finagle things around because someone comes in and you take all of these problems out of the equation. It's not that difficult. You know, but they seem not to. It's just like the residential marina. Mayor; If I have to start changing people like you who've had that spot for 20 years. If I start moving people around according to their boat size, this line is going to be out of the door. You understand people get used to this spot, otherwise you wouldn't be here. Charles Rumpelt; If you don't have the same spot then all the ropes should come off every pole at the end season. But they're all on there. They're all on. They're all on. Mayor; That's not our problem we don't touch the ropes belong to whoever has the boat, we've looked into it. Charles Rumpelt; If you don't own the slip, they say, You can move the boat at any time you want. Mayor; We can't start cutting the ropes because the next thing there's a line at the door saying, listen, you owe me \$200. For what? Louise Esposito; So I just feel like we should have an explanation. Mayor Mallott; We'll look into your. Into your case, but I can only do it like that. I'm not going to try and reinvent the wheel because they'll be yelling at me. Louise; You're right. Mayor; There won't be yelling at the dockmasters. Jonneigh Adrion: I think I can shed some light on this. I understand that you we're in spot number 39 for two years. You haven't been here for 20 years, but you were there for the past two years this year when you applied to use a different name when you applied. However, it's regardless, it did change because your spot was given to someone, when you asked, I actually told you against my better judgment. But your spot was given to somebody with a disability. So that it would be easy for them to get on and off their boat and to maneuver into that spot rather than the spot they were in. Louise Esposito; Yes. Okay. I just want to say one thing. The application doesn't say anything about any mention of disability ffrom finding on the application. So to give a spot that we have to somebody that says that they have a disability when you don't know anything about me or my family is inappropriate. Jonneigh Adrion: I don't do the dock assignments. Ken Gray: Mr. Mayor, may I chime in, please?

Louise Esposito; You know what? Charles Rumpelt; Well, you created a real mess, you created a nasty environment at the dock. Yeah, that's all I'm going to say. With that slip? It really wasn't appropriate. I have a disabled sister. She's almost seventy years old. Why couldn't I have kept that spot? Okay. Ken Gray; Mr. Mayor? If I may, I just want to say. Individuals do not own their spots. They don't own their slips. People apply for slips and they are assigned by Ocean Beach. Nobody has a right, there is no inherent right to a continued use of a particular slip. They're assigned by the village. That's all I want to say.

Louis Esposito; I got it. The only thing I'm going to say is how come certain people have owned their slip? And I'm going to say, owned because they've been in it for many, many years, many, many years, and other people can get moved around. Now I have to question that the people that are making assignments that receive tips, if that's appropriate, that's all I'm going to say for now. I think we should look into our particular situation.

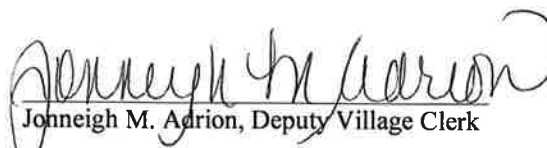
Mr. Mayor, there's one question on the chat from the zoom from a Cathy Luby. She asked, will mobi mats be installed at any other beach entrances besides Bungalow this summer? Cottage advisable as bathrooms are there. Mayor Mallott; I'm being told just that. Just the handicapped ramp just Bungalow. So, Jimmy, it's Maria. The OBA has been talking with the new Chief Lifeguard, Jill Weinstein about possibly providing a second mobi mat on Bayberry. I think. So, we have not yet put that in front of the board, but we will be doing so shortly. Trustee Norris; Well, it worked out the first time, so give us the proposal. Mayor Mallott; Why? Why is there one? Why would there be one on the Bayberry? Maria Silsdorf; Well, because Jill's feeling was that Cottage is too tricky with the jetty and the emergency lane already being a problem. There's too much activity on Cottage. And it's like, as Ian just said, it's like this and there's no overpass on. So, then the next viable street would be Bayberry. And the way they do it in Florida, which I've shared photographs with Jill, is they run perpendicular and then parallel to the dune so that you could get over to Cottage as well as get down to the top line. So, we'll put together the proposal and put it in front of you. To answer Kathy's question about a second mat. Mayor Mallott; I thought it was a handicap individuals. Maria Silsdorf; it's for it's for handicap. But quite frankly, it's people with a cane, quite frankly, are able to move much more effectively with the stability of a mobile that people with a wheelchair or people with a baby stroller either even I mean, there throughout Florida, Mexico, they're there on every beach.

Hi, it's Cathy Luby. I just wanted to respond. Ken Gray; Go ahead, Ms. Luby. Cathy Luby; Hi. Thank you very much for looking into that. That's very much appreciated. And that's the thing walking with a cane is impossible on the sand. And so I feel we really need this. And the only reason I mentioned Cottage is for people to get to the restrooms. If there were a mobi mat there. But thank you for looking into this. Ken Gray; Thank you very much. Mayor Mallott; We've just one more thing on this Mobi mat issue is moving those things around. Who's going to be responsible? Trustee Norris; the guards have been moving them. Maria Silsdorf; the guards do it today. Trustee Norris; Really, we went through this exercise two years ago, years. And the guards have been very on top of it. It's people like Cathy and all of us get to the point where we want to be at the beach. We don't necessarily need to go to the ramp. We can manage the stairs. But it's a cheap, good way to let an extra access to our beach community to get their feet moving. I think it's an easy thing.

Mayor Mallott; All right. Ken Gray; Mr. Mayor. Motion to close. Andrew Was, I'm sorry, I have had my hand up. Ken Gray; I'm sorry Dr. Was had his hand up. Mayor; No more for Dr. Was, I'm done with Dr. Was. Andrew Was; No, you're not. I missed the last meeting and I would like to say. Mayor Mallott; Move to close Kenny. Andrew Was; I'd like to say. Ken Gray; Is there a second. Trustee Norris; second. Andrew Was; A\$%holes Ken Gray; All in favor. Aye. Aye.

ADJOURNMENT: Mayor Mallott moved to close the meeting at 12:38 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	Absent
Mayor Mallott	Voted Aye

  
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