

**Minutes of the Meeting
Of the
Board of Commissioners
Of the
Fishers Island Ferry District**

A meeting of the Board of Commissioners of the Fishers Island Ferry District was held in the Fishers Island Community Center on **Tuesday, December 1, 2009** at 4:30 PM.

Present were Commissioners: Brooks, Burnham, duPont and Edwards.
9 members of the community attended.

Minutes of the previous meeting held on November 16th were distributed to the Board. After a brief discussion and two corrections the new minutes were submitted and approved.

Moved by Commissioner Burnham;
Seconded by Commissioner duPont,
Ayes all.

A listing of the outstanding obligations of the District was distributed to the Board for audit and discussion. At the conclusion of the discussion, a resolution to pay the outstanding obligations of: **\$7,109.39** as represented by vouchers **#483 through #504**, dated December 1, 2009 was;

Moved by Commissioner Edwards,
Seconded by Commissioner Brooks;
Vote of the Board of Commissioners:
Ayes: Commissioners: Brooks, Burnham, duPont and Edwards.
Nays: None

Public Comment Period

1. None

Correspondence

1. A letter of thanks from School Superintendent Meyers was distributed to the Board. The thanks were for allowing the school bus to stay in New London between basketball games.
2. A year round letter was moved and approved for George Loveday.

Old Business

1. The Ad Hoc Committee distributed their budget numbers for the remainder of the year, still projecting a \$90,000 deficit. The Manager, once again, stated that he felt that the traffic revenues were understated and that the payroll expenses were overstated. The committee stood by their figures.
2. Upcoming lease renewals were discussed. A letter needs to be sent out to the lessees explaining the proposed lease extension until May 1st. The Board agreed to send the letter but wants to insure that the lessees know that new rules and regulations, especially in the area of cleanliness, will be forthcoming.
3. New freight rates were reviewed. Commissioner duPont's proposed freight rates will be circulated again amongst the Board. The remaining Commissioners will send in their thoughts in an attempt to finalize the rates in the very near future. The new freight system is awaiting the new rates.
4. Sale of the backhoe to Southold was discussed. Commissioner Brooks has found that the resale price of the machine should be about \$65,000. The Manager asked that since the District may not need the funds, was it prudent to be selling its assets. The Board decided to continue the research with Pete Harris.
5. An up to date year round resident list was distributed to the Board. The list was again reviewed, but not approved. New resident cards will be distributed in January, 2010 and all future cards will cost \$5.00 each, except for Senior Citizens. It was suggested to lower the senior rates, but they all ready have a special rate. The year round application form also needs to be revised. There are a number of questions as to what constitutes a "year round resident", [a suggestion was that a New York license with a Fishers Island address could be used as possible criteria.](#)
6. The FIDCO mitigation hearing was discussed. The Board all thought that the presentation was excellent with a lot of information being discussed. However, the majority of the attendees seemed to be against the proposal. After a short poll of individual views by the Chairman, the Board unanimously agreed not to pursue the proposal any further. A letter will be sent to Bill Ridgway of FIDCO.
7. Commissioner Brooks asked to discuss the replacement of Commissioner Ahman on the Board. Since there was not a unanimous agreement to pursue the issue, the discussion was dropped. [Commissioner Brooks stated that each Commissioner should suggest recommendations for future Commissioners.](#)

New Business

1. A motion to accept the resignation of Commissioner Ahman was moved and approved unanimously by the Board. The motion is a part of these minutes.
2. A motion to increase the hourly wage of Conal O'Keefe from \$14.00 to \$15.00 was moved and approved unanimously by the Board. Conal is now working as a ticket/freight agent and is deserving of the raise. The motion is in these minutes.

3. The meeting dates for 2010 were set by the Board. Most of the official meetings will be held on the first Tuesday of the month at 4:30 PM in the Island Community Center. The April and October meetings will be held in New London at 1:45 PM. The 2010 meeting schedule is a part of these minutes and will be posted on line.
4. Some commercial accounts are asking for year round driver rates. Since it is hard to control and monitor, reservationists and ticket agents have asked to have all commercial drivers be charged a full time rate, regardless of the driver status. The Board unanimously agreed with the request.

Public Comment

1. Bill Bloethe Jr. asked to speak to the Board, however he wanted to talk in private since he felt the issue was of a personal nature. [Due to time constraints, he was told to call the Commissioners individually.](#)
2. It was suggested, that in the future, a Fishers Island stager be present for the Sunday of Thanksgiving Day weekend. There was a lot of traffic and some people were coming late and getting into the reservation lane. Next year there will be a stager.

Next scheduled meeting will be held on Thursday, December 17, 2009 at 1:45 PM at the New London Terminal.

Meeting adjourned at 6:55 PM.

Thomas F. Doherty
Manager/Secretary
Fishers Island Ferry District