

**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, January 26, 2010** at 4:30 PM.

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

Before the meeting began, Edwards made the rest of the Board aware of his concerns that the District is not fulfilling the requirements of the "Open Meeting Law" for this special meeting. He was told that the notices were posted in 3 places, 24 hours before the meeting in compliance with criteria suggested by the Southold Town Attorney. The meeting continued.

Minutes of the meeting held on December 17, 2009 were discussed by the Board. After discussion and amendments the minutes were MOVED by Burnham, SECONDED by duPont, AYES Brooks and Edwards.

Minutes of the meeting held on January 5, 2010 were discussed by the Board. After discussion and amendments the minutes were MOVED by duPont, SECONDED by Edwards, AYES Brooks and Burnham.

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: **\$34,378.31** as represented by vouchers **#565 through #598**, dated January 19, 2010 was;
MOVED by duPont, SECONDED by Edwards; AYES Brooks and Burnham

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: **\$107,464.14** as represented by vouchers **#599 through #630**, dated February 2, 2010 was;
MOVED by Burnham, SECONDED by Brooks; AYES duPont and Edwards.

Correspondence

1. A. year round application for the Kuscera family was approved
2. A year round application for Harris and Elsie Parsons was approved.
3. A request by the Union Chapel to use the New London Terminal meeting room on February 19, 2010 was granted by the Board.

Old Business

1. The Cola raise was tabled until additional payroll information is received. Paul Giles stated that the 2% proposed COLA raise was built into the 2010 budget.
2. An update was given on the new freight system. Edwards stated that the freight tariff needs to be fine tuned. Necessary Quickbooks software updates should begin in 2011 at an annual cost of \$850.00.
3. The Ad Hoc Committee submitted a resolution re-establishing the committee. The terms and objectives of the committee will be submitted at the next meeting. MOVED by Brooks and SECONDED by Edwards. AYES: duPont and Burnham.
4. Edwards gave a report on the Habitat Committee detailing their plans for the future. Committee objectives are a part of these minutes.
5. Rental properties and leases were tabled.
6. Credit card processing proposals will be sent to the current provider to either explain the differences or to meet the proposed rates.
7. The Board approved sending the Manager to the PVA meeting being held in Tampa from 2/13 through 2/16. Total expenses should not exceed \$1,900.00. Edwards asked if the Manager could find a lead at the convention for someone to do a study of our overall operation.
MOVED by Burnham, SECONDED by duPont, AYES; Brooks and Edwards.

New Business

1. 2009 final ticketing and financial numbers were distributed to the Board. The ticketing showed a decrease in passengers and vehicles as compared to 2008. The financial numbers showed a cash surplus of \$162,820.82. Paul Giles stated that the Ad Hoc Committee was completely wrong in its analysis of the 2009 budget.
2. Captain Easter submitted a report concerning the dry docking of the MU. Additional steel plating installation will be necessary as well as some much needed repair to the port strut bearing. At this point, the dry dock work is on budget. The boat should be home by mid February.
3. The price of fuel oil will be monitored. No surcharge is necessary now.
4. Ticket counter credit card software changes were found to be not necessary.
5. Peak Season rates and schedules were discussed and further discussion will be conducted in future meetings before any final decisions are made.
6. Airport landing fees were raised. New rates signs will posted. Edwards asked to get a copy of all of the new rates. MOVED by Brooks, SECONDED by duPont, AYES; Burnham and Edwards
7. Edwards asked why the District is not doing more long range planning and seems to go from year to year. He was told that the budget is set on an annual basis.

Public Comment

1. Paul Giles stated that it was a good meeting.

Next scheduled meeting will be held on Tuesday, February 2, 2010 at 4:30 PM at the Fishers Island Community Center.

The Board entered into Executive Session at 6:45 PM and adjourned at 7:10 PM.

Thomas F. Doherty
Manager/Secretary
Fishers Island Ferry District