

Minutes of the Meeting of the Board of Commissioners
Fishers Island Ferry District
August 16, 2019

Chairman Ahrens, at the Fishers Island Community Center, called a meeting of the Board of Commissioners of the Fishers Island Ferry District (“the Ferry District”) to order on August 16, 2019 at 4:30 PM.

Commissioners William Bloethe and Dianna Shillo were present. Also in attendance were Geb Cook, Gordon Murphy, Diane Hansen and Deanna Ross. Members of the public included Auditor Joseph Kehm from EFPR Group, Tom Cashel and Mere Doyen. Commissioners Heather Burnham and Peter Rugg were absent.

Chairman Ahrens established that a quorum was present. Everyone in attendance pledged allegiance to the flag.

Correspondence/Public Comment – Correspondence was deferred to the next BOC meeting. There was no public comment.

Report from the Auditor - Mr. Joseph Kehm gave the BOC and management a brief report from the annual audit. No deficiencies or compliance issues were identified. The complete audit will be made available on the Fishers Island Ferry website.

The BOC would like to congratulate Ms. Diane Hansen and management for an outstanding job with the annual audit.

Public Comment - There was no public comment regarding the report from the auditor.

2020 Budget Hearing

RESOLVED, that the Board of Commissioners of the Fishers Island Ferry District hereby opens a public hearing on the 2020 draft budget at 4:59 PM.

Moved by: Commissioner W. Bloethe
Seconded by: Commissioner A. Ahrens
Ayes: A. Ahrens, W. Bloethe and D. Shillo
Nays: None

Mr. Cook presented the draft 2020 Operating Budget. All present received a copy of the draft 2020 Operating Budget. Mr. Murphy reported that over the next two months, management will be fine-tuning the draft budget. Management would like to thank Jane Ahrens and John Morgan for the photographs.

RESOLVED, that the Board of Commissioners of the Fishers Island Ferry District hereby closes the public hearing on the 2020 budget and re-enters general session at 5:31 PM.

Moved by: Commissioner A. Ahrens
Seconded by: Commissioner D. Shillo
Ayes: A. Ahrens, W. Bloethe and D. Shillo
Nays: None

Warrant

RESOLUTION 2019 - 128

RESOLVED, that the Board of Commissioners of the Fishers Island Ferry District hereby approves the Warrant dated August 16, 2018, in the amount of \$57,415.47.

Moved by: Commissioner D. Shillo
Seconded by: Commissioner W. Bloethe
Ayes: A. Ahrens, W. Bloethe and D. Shillo
Nays: None

Management Reports

Marine Update - Mr. Cook updated the BOC. The new exhaust silencers are expected to arrive next week. It remains uncertain if installation will be done prior to or during the yard package.

MV Silver Eel Update - Mr. Cook will be sending out the latest traffic numbers to the BOC on Monday, August 19th. Over 1200 passengers were transported in July 2019. The District is on target for similar numbers in August 2019. Charter business continues to increase.

Airport - Chairman Ahrens is awaiting a return call from Mr. Hubert. Mr. Murphy reported that daylight service only will remain in effect through September 2019. Baseline King is expected to start the electrical vault renovation in October 2019.

HR

RESOLUTION 2019 - 129

WHEREAS the Ferry District requires additional Deckhands (FIFD);

THEREFORE, IT IS RESOLVED to appoint with effect May 13, 2019 Evan Spohn from a part-time Deckhand (FIFD) at a wage rate of \$12.50 to full-time summer seasonal status. On September 15, 2019 Mr. Spohn will terminate his summer seasonal position and on September 16, 2019 be re-appointed to a part-time Deckhand (FIFD).

Moved by: Commissioner D. Shillo
Seconded by: Commissioner A. Ahrens
Ayes: A. Ahrens, W. Bloethe and D. Shillo
Nays: None

RESOLUTION 2019 - 130

Whereas the Ferry District requires ticket agents; and

Whereas Mr. Hunter Kucsera has apprenticed as a ticket agent;

Therefore it is RESOLVED that Mr. Kucsera be appointed part-time Cashier (FIFD) with effect September 18, 2019 at the rate of \$12.50 per hour and be released from his current title Laborer at the end of business September 17th, 2019.

Moved by: Commissioner W. Bloethe

Seconded by: Commissioner A. Ahrens

Ayes: A. Ahrens, W. Bloethe and D. Shillo

Nays: None

Airport Hanger - Tabled due to a change in legal entities. TOS is awaiting a letter from Mr. Burnham stating this change. Chairman Ahrens has asked management to clarify the "maintenance" reference within the lease agreement. Mr. Murphy has agreed.

Settlements

RESOLUTION 2019 - 131

WHEREAS, the District was presented with a claim by Susan Crary for the sum of \$945.93 as reimbursement for damage to her car on the M/V Race Point on May 24, 2019; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners of the Fishers Island Ferry District has determined that it is in the best interests of the District to resolve this claim to avoid the expense and uncertainties of litigation;

Therefore be it RESOLVED, that the Board of Commissioners of the Fishers Island Ferry District approves the settlement of this claim, and directs management to make payment of the settlement amount of \$945.93 subject to the approval of District Counsel and the Southold Town Attorney.

Moved by: Commissioner D. Shillo

Seconded by: Commissioner W. Bloethe

Ayes: A. Ahrens, W. Bloethe and D. Shillo

Nays: None

RESOLUTION 2019 - 132

WHEREAS, the District was presented with a claim by the Skyline Custom Carpentry and Remodeling LLC for the sum of \$91.05 as reimbursement for damaged freight on July 16, 2019 while the freight was in the Ferry District's custody; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners of the Fishers Island Ferry District has determined that it is in the best interests of the District to resolve this claim to avoid the expense and uncertainties of litigation;

Therefore be it RESOLVED, that the Board of Commissioners of the Fishers Island Ferry District approves the settlement of this claim, and directs management to make payment of the settlement amount of \$91.05 subject to the approval of District Counsel and the Southold Town Attorney.

Moved by: Commissioner W. Bloethe
Seconded by: Commissioner A. Ahrens
Ayes: A. Ahrens, W. Bloethe and D. Shillo
Nays: None

Other - Mr. Murphy reported that contractors of the freight building apartments project want to do asbestos abatement beginning September 9th through September 14th, 2019, which would require the entire building to be closed. Management is looking into the possibility of moving freight operations to the FI terminal building garage during that time. More information will follow.

Executive Session - The BOC has agreed that no executive session is needed at this time.

Next Scheduled Meeting is on Tuesday, September 3, 2019 @ 4:30 pm at the Fishers Island Community Center.

Adjournment

There being no further business to discuss, and on motion made by Commissioner W. Bloethe, seconded by Commissioner A. Ahrens, the meeting was adjourned at 5:53 pm.