

Minutes of the Meeting of the Board of Commissioners
Fishers Island Ferry District
June 15, 2020

Chairman Ahrens called a teleconference meeting of the Board of Commissioners of the Fishers Island Ferry District (“the Ferry District”) to order on June 8, 2020 at 4:30 PM.

Commissioners Heather Burnham, Jim Reid and Dianna Shillo were present. Also in attendance were Geb Cook, Gordon Murphy, Jon Haney, Diane Hansen and Deanna Ross. There were no members of the public present via teleconference.

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

Correspondence/Public Comment - Mr. Cook reviewed correspondence that was received by Mr. Vinnie Orlando from the Highway Department regarding the financial impact of the surcharge of one of their employees who commutes on the ferry daily. Mr. Cook has responded that he spoke to Mr. Orlando via telephone. Management will prepare some ideas with the BOC. Chairman Ahrens reported that Mr. Chris Dollar has posted on social media that he was close to aborting a take off due to an individual was walking across the runway. In addition there was a photo of an individual riding a bicycle on the runway. Discussion ensued. The BOC agrees that signage must be increased and much more visible. Management has agreed to do this. Discussion ensued regarding the possibility of using the side of the theater building as a drive-in theater. It was noted that Mere Doyen has presented the idea to the Friends of the Fishers Island Theater group.

Minutes

RESOLUTION 2020 – 089

RESOLVED, that the Board of Commissioners of the Fishers Island Ferry District hereby approves the minutes of the following meetings:

April 14, 2020

April 27, 2020

May 11, 2020

Moved by: Commissioner Shillo

Seconded by: Commissioner Burnham

Ayes: Ahrens, Burnham, Reid and Shillo

Nays: None

Marine Update - Mr. Haney updated the BOC. Silver Eel is now at the ferry terminal in New London and ready for charters. Advertising has taken place on social media. Race Point will undergo its COI with the USCG on June 30, 2020. FI School confirmed the use of a charter for graduation Friday June 19, 2020, with a Saturday June 21 rain date. Today is the first Monday for 6:15/7:00 boat. This will now be offered Monday through Friday. At this time, no vehicles have been left behind. Mr. Haney reported that

during the first week of June traffic was down 50% compared to 2019. Mr. Haney reported that adding an 8 pm boat on Thursday and Friday prior to the July 4th holiday would not incur any overtime. Management will continue to monitor the need to add any additional boats to the schedule.

Engine Award

RESOLUTION 2020 – 090

It is RESOLVED to rescind resolution 2020 – 084

Moved by: Commissioner Ahrens

Seconded by: Commissioner Burnham

Ayes: Ahrens, Burnham, Reid and Shillo

Nays: None

RESOLUTION 2020 – 091

WHEREAS a Request for Proposals was issued and advertised in a widely circulated publication; and

WHEREAS two proposals were received and opened on June 12, 2020: and

WHEREAS two vendors submitted proposals for replacement of main engines and generators and all proposals were evaluated by MJ Bradley and Gilbert and Associates Naval Architects who have determined that, of the two proposals the one received from Cummins Northeast offers the most appropriate engines; and

WHEREAS, the proposal of Cummins Northeast conforms to the published specifications, the pricing for two main engines, two generators, two gearboxes and one control system for both main engines for a total of \$301,892.00, which price includes an extended warranty, application engineering assistance, commissioning, testing, sea trials and documentation, is acceptable to management, and management recommends accepting the proposal from Cummins Northeast; and

WHEREAS there may be unforeseen circumstances which require change orders;

now therefore it is RESOLVED that the Board of Commissioners of the Fishers Island Ferry District accepts the bid from Cummins Northeast for \$303,891.00 to supply two new main engines, two new generators, two gearboxes, one control system with a five year /12,000 hour main engine warranty for the MV Race Point, exclusive of installation; and be it further

RESOLVED to authorize management to review and authorize change orders up to \$30,389.; the total cost not to exceed \$334,280; and It is further

RESOLVED to authorize management to execute contract and ancillary documents for this project after review by District counsel.

Moved by: Commissioner Ahrens

Seconded by: Commissioner Shillo

Ayes: Ahrens, Burnham, Reid and Shillo
Nays: None

Airport - Mr. Murphy reported that nobody has been hired at this time to attend the airport. Management is looking into other options.

RESOLUTION 2020 – 092

Whereas the 2019 Airport Capital Improvement Program (“ACIP”) has been approved; and

WHEREAS three (3) AIP Grant Projects are identified on the approved ACIP for FY20; On-Airport Obstruction Removal (Environmental & Prelim Design), Runway 7-25 Rehabilitation (Design) and Airport Entrance Road Improvements (Construction); and

WHEREAS based upon priority needs to address safety at the Airport and highest and best use of available federal funding, the Airport Entrance Road Improvements (Construction) is the preferred capital project to seek federal AIP funding in FY20; and

WHEREAS the preparation of design documents was provided by C&S Engineers, Inc., and costs for said services under a FY18 AIP Grant (90% FAA, 5% NY State, 5% FIFD); and

WHEREAS the Town of Southold received one bid for the project on June 4, 2020 from B&W Paving & Landscaping, LLC in the amount of \$290,601; and

WHEREAS the bid was reviewed for conformity by C&S Engineers, Inc. and found to be acceptable, and a Recommendation of Award was made; and

WHEREAS C&S Engineers, Inc. has submitted a Construction Oversight Services fee proposal in the amount of \$59,340, which was reviewed and found to be reasonable based on past capital airport projects; and

WHEREAS to solicit for federal AIP funding for the construction and associated construction oversight services, a formal FAA grant application in the amount of \$352,441.00 is required; and

WHEREAS as authorized under the national CARES Act of 2020, FY2020 AIP capital grants will be 100% funded by the FAA; and

WHEREAS in the event a formal grant offer is issued from FAA a future resolution will be sought to accept the grant and its associated terms; and

THEREFORE it is RESOLVED to approve submission of the formal FAA grant application for federal funding to complete the Airport Entrance Road Improvements (Construction) project in the amount of \$352,441.00, which will be 100% funded by the FAA and includes \$2,500 in allowable reimbursable administrative costs; and

It is further RESOLVED to recommend that the Town of Southold, as the Airport Sponsor, approve the FY20 grant application, execute the grant application and ancillary documents, subject to review by Town Attorney and submit to the FAA.

Moved by: Commissioner Reid
Seconded by: Commissioner Shillo
Ayes: Ahrens, Burnham, Reid and Shillo
Nays: None

Tax District Rate - Mr. Murphy presented a possibility of developing an in between rate for commuting tax district employees who are not reimbursed by their employer. Discussion ensued. The BOC has agreed to discuss further at the next meeting.

HR

RESOLUTION 2020 - 093

WHEREAS the Ferry District requires additional Deckhands (FIFD);

Therefore, it is RESOLVED to reinstate, with effect June 18, 2020, Vince Haring as a part-time Deckhand (FIFD) at a rate of \$13.27 per hour.

It is further RESOLVED to temporarily appoint with effect June 19, 2020 Mr. Haring from part-time to full-time summer seasonal status Deckhands (FIFD). On September 15, 2020, Mr. Haring will terminate his summer seasonal positions and on September 16, 2020 be re-appointed to part-time Deckhands (FIFD).

Moved by: Commissioner Shillo
Seconded by: Commissioner Burnham
Ayes: Ahrens, Burnham, Reid and Shillo
Nays: None

RESOLUTION 2020 – 094

Whereas the Fishers Island Ferry District Board of Commissioners previously received notification of the retirement of Mr. Ronald J. Burns, Jr. effective on June 10, 2020; and

Whereas the Board of Commissioners wishes to confer on Mr. Burns a merit bonus of \$14,800.00 for long and faithful service.

Now therefore, it is RESOLVED that the Board of Commissioners of the Fishers Island Ferry District accepts the retirement with effect June 10, 2020 of Ronald J. Burns; approves a merit payment of \$14,800.00; and wishes to thank Mr. Burns for all his work at the District; and wishes him smooth sailing on his next adventure.

Moved by: Commissioner Ahrens

Seconded by: Commissioner Burnham
Ayes: Ahrens, Burnham, Reid and Shillo
Nays: None

Other - Mr. Murphy reported that there has been a significant increase in traffic on Sundays and the thought of requiring reservations on both sides on Sundays. Discussion ensued and the BOC will revisit the issue. Mr. Haney's fishing charter went very well and he is looking forward to doing it again. Mr. Cook reported that freight is increasing. Freight operations are continuing to work around the Walsh Park water main project at the freight building. Mr. Cook was put in touch with Mr. Matt Henesy who is a public affairs advisor person from Hartford. Mr. Henesy had suggested that Mr. Cook reach out to Representative Joe Courtney of the 2nd Congressional District of Connecticut to discuss the Ferry's important economic impact in Southeast Connecticut. It was noted that the Ferry District provides daily transportation services to hundreds of employees from Connecticut and 35 students and 6 teachers from the surrounding New London area. Mr. Cook has written a letter to Mr. Courtney and is looking forward to meeting with him to discuss possible government assistance.

Next BOC Meeting is scheduled for Monday, June 22, 2020 at 4:30 PM via Tele/Videoconference.

Adjournment

There being no further business to discuss, and on motion made by Commissioner A. Ahrens, seconded by Commissioner D. Shillo, the meeting was adjourned at 5:27 pm.