

Minutes of the Meeting of the Board of Commissioners
Fishers Island Ferry District
May 24, 2021

Chairman Jim Reid called a meeting of the Board of Commissioners of the Fishers Island Ferry District (the "Ferry District") to order on May 24, 2021, at 4:00 PM at the Island Community Center and via teleconference.

Commissioners Ace Ahrens, Heather Burnham and Dianna Shillo were present. Also in attendance were Geb Cook, Gordon Murphy and Deanna Ross. Commissioner Tom Cashel was absent. Mr. David McCall was present via teleconference.

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

Correspondence/Public Comment - Mr. Murphy reported that he received correspondence from Sara Porter this afternoon regarding fill in clergy for Union Chapel. The BOC have agreed to discuss later. There was no public comment.

Warrant

RESOLUTION 2021 – 074

RESOLVED, that the Board of Commissioners of the Fishers Island Ferry District hereby approves the Warrant dated May 24, 2021, in the amount of \$58,435.03.

Moved by: Commissioner Burnham

Seconded by: Commissioner Ahrens

Ayes: Ayes: A. Ahrens, H. Burnham, J. Reid and D. Shillo

Nays: None

Finance - Mr. Cook reviewed financial statements from January 1 through May 24, 2001. Highlights included car and traffic up \$260,000 from 2020 and up \$100,000 from 2019. Freight is up \$40,000 year over year. Ferry repairs were up due to replacement of the haul plate on Race Point. Total payroll is down \$30,000 year over year. Net income is \$563,709 and the fund balance is healthy.

Management Reports

MU/RP/Silver Eel Updates - Mr. Cook updated the BOC. MV Munnatawket is running back and forth with no new news to report. Painting and interior work continues on the MV Race Point. The USCG Certificate of Inspection and Sea Trial are scheduled for tomorrow. Management is hopeful to have the boat back on Wednesday, May 26, with training of the captains on Wednesday and Thursday and back in service on Friday, May 28th, for the holiday weekend. Management will make decisions tomorrow night regarding adding additional reservation space for the upcoming weekend. The MV Silver Eel engine is expected to arrive sometime this week but awaiting a call back.

Airport Road - Mr. Cook reported that paving is expected to be completed in June 2021, but more information will be available in the coming days.

Hanger - Mr. Cook reported that Jim Ski has started foundation work for the hanger.

Seawall Project - Mr. Cook reported that a letter was sent to FEMA last Friday for approval of the additional mitigation measures. The project remains on track and Mattern Construction is ready to go.

Other - Commissioner Burnham stated that she has heard reports of lack of mask wearing on the ferries, in terminal buildings and at freight. Discussion ensued. Management will remind employees, the community and customers of the FIFD's rules and expectations regarding mask wearing.

Settlement - FIVM

RESOLUTION 2021 - 075

WHEREAS, the District was presented with a claim by Fishers Island Village Market ("Customer") for the sum of \$469.56 as reimbursement for spoiled produce 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 \$469.56 subject to the approval of District Counsel and the Southold Town Attorney.

Moved by: Commissioner Shillo

Seconded by: Commissioner Burnham

Ayes: Ayes: A. Ahrens, H. Burnham, J. Reid and D. Shillo

Nays: None

Other - Discussion ensued regarding lost and missing freight. Management is hopeful that the new video cameras and track pads will help alleviate these issues and they will continue to have discussions and work with freight agents to improve the process.

HR

RESOLUTION 2021 – 076

It is RESOLVED to rescind resolution 2031-071.

RESOLUTION 2021 - 071

WHEREAS the Ferry District requires additional full-time Deckhands (FIFD) during the peak season between May 15, 2021, and September 15, 2021; and

Therefore it is RESOLVED to temporarily appoint with effect May 19, 2021, Kevin Hurley as summer seasonal Deckhand (FIFD); and

It is further RESOLVED that on September 15, 2021, Kevin Hurley will terminate his summer seasonal positions and on September 16, 2021, be re-appointed to part-time Deckhands (FIFD).

Moved by: Commissioner Shillo

Seconded by: Commissioner Reid

Ayes: Ayes: A. Ahrens, H. Burnham, T. Cashel, J. Reid and D. Shillo

Nays: None

Moved by: Commissioner Shillo

Seconded by: Commissioner Ahrens

Ayes: Ayes: A. Ahrens, H. Burnham, J. Reid and D. Shillo

Nays: None

RESOLUTION 2021 - 077

WHEREAS the Ferry District requires additional full-time Deckhands (FIFD) during the peak season between May 15, 2021, and September 15, 2021; and

Therefore it is RESOLVED to temporarily appoint with effect May 19, 2021, Kevin Hurley as summer seasonal Deckhand (FIFD) at a rate of \$14.00 per hour; and

It is further RESOLVED that on September 15, 2021, Kevin Hurley will terminate his summer seasonal positions and on September 16, 2021, be re-appointed to part-time Deckhands (FIFD).

Moved by: Commissioner Shillo

Seconded by: Commissioner Ahrens

Ayes: Ayes: A. Ahrens, H. Burnham, J. Reid and D. Shillo

Nays: None

RESOLUTION 2021 - 078

WHEREAS the Fishers Island Ferry District policy as described in the Employee Handbook and the CSEA Collective Bargaining Agreement grants a 1% longevity increase to wages when an individual has been employed by the Fishers Island Ferry District for twenty (20) years; and,

WHEREAS Michael Fiora has met that requirement. now therefore be it

RESOLVED that Mr. Fiora's wages be increased from \$31.70 to \$32.02 per hour, effective June 21, 2021.

Moved by: Commissioner Shillo

Seconded by: Commissioner Ahrens

Ayes: Ayes: A. Ahrens, H. Burnham, J. Reid and D. Shillo

Nays: None

RESOLUTION 2021 – 078

It is RESOLVED to accept the resignation of Ian Tirabassi with effect May 24, 2021.

Moved by: Commissioner Shillo
Seconded by: Commissioner Burnham
Ayes: Ayes: A. Ahrens, H. Burnham, J. Reid and D. Shillo
Nays: None

Executive Session

At 16:54, the following resolution was proposed: RESOLVED, that the Commission move into Executive Session for the purpose of discussing personnel matters.

Moved by: Commissioner H. Burnham
Seconded by: Commissioner A. Ahrens
Ayes: A. Ahrens, H. Burnham, J. Reid and D. Shillo
Nays: None

At 17:41, the following resolution was proposed:

RESOLVED, That the Commission exit from Executive Session and resume Public Session.

Moved by: Commissioner H. Burnham
Seconded by: Commissioner A. Ahrens
Ayes: A. Ahrens, H. Burnham, J. Reid and D. Shillo
Nays: None

Next BOC Meeting is scheduled for Monday, June 7, 2021, at 4:00 PM at the Island Community Center and via Tele/Videoconference.

Adjournment

There being no further business to discuss, and on motion made by Commissioner D. Shillo, seconded by Commissioner J. Reid, the meeting was adjourned at 5:42 pm.