

**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 New London Terminal on **Tuesday, October 6, 2009** at 1:30 PM.

Present were Commissioners: Ahman, Brooks, Burnham, duPont and Edwards.
7 members of the community attended. Attorney for the District, Brian Egan attended as did Captain Easter and approximately 15 crew members.

Minutes of the previous meeting of September 15th were distributed to the Board. After a brief discussion and a minor correction the new minutes were submitted and approved.
Moved by Commissioner duPont;
Seconded by Commissioner Brooks.
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: **\$18,014.19** as represented by vouchers **#390 through #409**, dated October 6, 2009 was;
Moved by Commissioner Ahman,
Seconded by Commissioner Burnham;
Vote of the Board of Commissioners:
Ayes: Commissioners: Ahman, Brooks, Burnham, duPont and Edwards.
Nays: None

Correspondence

1. A year round card for Christine Rogan was submitted and approved but will not go into effect until November 1, 2009.

Old Business

1. The Ad Hoc Committee distributed their financial projections for the remainder of 2009. The report projects a budgetary deficit of \$291,595.00. The Board will schedule a work session to discuss these projections further.
2. The Tom Ravino property was finally approved. The Southold Fire Marshall has inspected the property, including the fence, and found everything to be in order. A fire extinguisher on one of the trucks needs to be updated.

3. Upcoming lease renewals were discussed. Commissioner Edwards would like to visit the properties with other members of the Board. The visits were scheduled for Sunday, October 11th at 2:00 PM. Lessees will be contacted. District Attorney Brian Egan suggested using RFP's for the new leases, however some Board members were skeptical of the "highest bid" offer. Further discussion will follow.
4. The proposal from the Waste Management District was never answered. After a brief discussion, the Board decided not to agree to the proposal and a letter should be sent to Cynthia Riley. The Ad Hoc asked the Board not to send the letter until after the work session discussing the current finances. The Board agreed.
5. B&W has provided truck totals for their upcoming project, in which they are seeking a ferry discount. The Board was confused by some of the B&W computations. Captain Easter suggested giving B&W some kind of a price break, but base it on traffic in the fall of 2009 and not give the actual credit until the spring of 2010. The Board agreed to that concept. Commissioner Brooks wants to raise the Cross Sound landing fees to \$750.00, up from the \$250.00 fees which were quoted last year. Captain Easter will get a detailed truck schedule from B&W before any discount is provided.

New Business

1. An Actuary needs to be hired to comply with the new government accounting standards for GASB 45. The cost will be \$5,500 for the year of 2008 and \$2,000 for the year ending 2009. A resolution to hire is a part of these minutes.
2. The Board approved removing the 2009 theatre personnel from the active file. The resolution is a part of these minutes.
3. The Board approved removing some of the 2009 part time seasonal personnel from the active file. The resolution is a part of these minutes.
4. The Board approved a Budget Modification dated 10/6/09. The resolution is a part of these minutes.
5. The new Emergency Repair Fund line item for the 2010 budget was discussed. Since this line item is for emergencies only, the Board drafted the following:
Moved by: Commissioner Edwards Seconded by: Commissioner Burnham
Any funds that are to be taken from the Emergency Repair Fund must be pre approved by a majority of the Board of Commissioners.
Ayes: Commissioners Ahman, Brooks, Burnham, duPont and Edwards
6. The Deferred Compensation Plan used by the Ferry District must be advertised for bid every 5 years per the rules and regulations of New York State. The advertised bid will be carried in the New York State Register.
7. The Ferry District has been awarded a \$76,500.00 grant from Homeland Security. A resolution to accept this grant is a part of these minutes.
8. The Procurement Policy has been changed to limit discretionary purchases to \$500.00. The new policy will be corrected and the resolution distributed.

Public Comment

1. Crew member John Morgan asked for better communications between the Board and the crew. It seems they are never given the time to discuss their issues with the Board. The crew understands that times are tough and money is tight, but they also feel that they work in a risk and reward environment, where the risks are outweighing the rewards.
2. Coverage of the new health plan was discussed. Confusion over out of state coverage was cleared up to the better understanding of the crew.
3. Island resident M.Yakaitis stated that she thought the boat crews and the ticket staff do a very good job and that she is very pleased with the way she is treated.
4. Captain Jesse Marshall thinks that the crew should be involved in some of the decision making, especially when it comes to employee benefits. Maybe the crew would have been willing to pay a little bit more for better medical coverage.
5. Deb Shillo handed out a sample Agenda that she would like to see implemented.
6. Nancy Hunt would like the ticket taker at the boat ramp to have a punch so he could punch all of the tickets that are turned in.
7. Article 16 of the Enabling Act was discussed briefly and Attorney Egan stated that he would look into the issue of selling and conveying district property further.
8. It was suggested that any news or updates be sent to the Foghorn for publication.

Next scheduled meeting will be held on Tuesday, October 20, 2009 at 5:00 PM at the Fishers Island Community Center.

Meeting adjourned at 3:30 PM

Thomas F. Doherty
Manager/Secretary
Fishers Island Ferry District