

# **FISHERS ISLAND FERRY DISTRICT**

**April 25, 2016**

## **Minutes of the Meeting of the Board of Commissioners Fishers Island Ferry District**

A meeting of the Board of Commissioners of the Fishers Island Ferry District (the "Ferry District") was called to order on April 25, 2016 at 4:31 PM by Chairman Ahrens at the Fishers Island Community Center.

Commissioners Andrew Ahrens, William Bloethe, and Peter Rugg were present. Gordon Murphy, and Elizabeth Burnham also attended. RJ Burns and Diane Hansen attended by telephone.

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

### **Public Comment**

The Board reviewed its correspondence and discussed a particular request for a resident identification card.

#### **RESOLUTION 2016-69**

RESOLVED, that the Board of Commissioners approves the application of D. McIntyre to the resident identification card program, upon management's recommendation.

Moved by: Chairman A. Ahrens

Seconded by: Commissioner P. Rugg

Ayes: A. Ahrens, W. Bloethe, P. Rugg

Nays: None

### **Warrant**

The Board reviewed and discussed a list of outstanding financial obligations provided by D. Hansen, then passed the following resolution.

#### **RESOLUTION 2016-70**

RESOLVED, that the Board of Commissioners of the Fishers Island Ferry District hereby approves the Warrant dated April 25, 2016, in the amount of \$78,681.68

Moved by: Commissioner P. Rugg

Seconded by: Commissioner W. Bloethe

Ayes: A. Ahrens, W. Bloethe, P. Rugg

Nays: None

### **Salt Barn**

The Board discussed the placement of a road salt storage building, but tabled a vote until all members were present.

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### **Mail Contract**

The Board discussed the contract for delivering mail from the Fishers Island terminal to the Post Office, but because Commissioner Bloethe recused himself due to his relationship with the bidder, the Board did not have a quorum for a vote.

### **Policy on Holding the Last Boat**

There being a recent request to hold the last boat on a particular night for a non-charitable purpose, management suggested that the existing policy be modified to harmonize private requests with commercial requests. After discussion, the Board directed management to prepare a revised policy for the May 9, 2016, meeting.

### **Ferry Annex Proposal by The Lighthouse Works**

The Board recognized Nate Malinowski, Executive Director of The Lighthouse Works. Mr. Malinowski presented a plan to renovate and winterize the Ferry Annex, which would allow The Lighthouse Works to use the building year-round. The Board's Property Committee will work with Mr. Malinowski to develop lease terms that are mutually beneficial, determine the prevailing wage requirements, and find alternative spaces for the other current tenants.

### **Elizabeth Field/FAA**

G. Murphy reported that the Town of Southold was readying a letter to the FAA in accordance with the terms of Elizabeth Field's Airport Capital Improvement Program (ACIP) grants. These funds will also be available to conduct the Environmental Analysis required for runway resurfacing, hangar construction, lighting, and signage. The Board discussed airport revenues, and directed management to recirculate a comparison of Elizabeth Field and its peer airports.

### **Health Insurance**

G. Murphy reported on a meeting with the Gowrie Group to explore Connecticut-based plans. Mr. Murphy will have a side-by-side comparison of the NYSHIP Excelsior plan, our current Aetna coverage, and these plans as well as New York-based plans presented by The Health Consultants Group prepared for the May 9, 2016, meeting.

### **USCG Memorandum of Understanding**

RJ Burns reported that the U.S. Coast Guard was formalizing the roles and responsibilities of the Coast Guard with ferry services nationally, and that he had been in contact with other local ferry services to harmonize these memorandums.

### **RESOLUTION 2016-71**

WHEREAS, the U.S. Coast Guard's Ferry Security Operations division is the law enforcement agency responsible for the safety and security of the Fishers Island Ferry District's terminals and ferries,

RESOLVED, that the Board of Commissioners directs RJ Burns to execute a Memorandum of Understanding between the district and the U.S. Coast Guard outlining each agency's responsibilities in maintaining safe and secure ferry operations.

Moved by: Commissioner P. Rugg

Seconded by: Commissioner W. Bloethe

Ayes: A. Ahrens, W. Bloethe, P. Rugg

Nays: None

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**Executive Session**

At 5:54 pm, the following resolution was proposed:

RESOLUTION 2016-72

RESOLVED, that the Board of Commissioners move into executive session for the purpose of discussing the hiring of particular persons and the compensation of others.

Moved by: Chairman A. Ahrens

Seconded by: Commissioner P. Rugg

Ayes: A. Ahrens, W. Bloethe, P. Rugg

Nays: None

That business being concluded, at 6:26 pm, the following resolution was proposed:

RESOLUTION 2016-73

RESOLVED, that the Board of Commissioners exit executive session and resume public session.

Moved by: Chairman A. Ahrens

Seconded by: Commissioner W. Bloethe

Ayes: A. Ahrens, W. Bloethe, P. Rugg

Nays: None

**Human Resources**

The following resolutions were proposed and accepted:

RESOLUTION 2016-74

WHEREAS Jeffrey Nossek was hired on October 15, 2015, and has completed a six-month probationary period as Purser (FIFD);

THEREFORE, IT IS RESOLVED to increase Mr. Nossek's wages when working as Purser (FIFD) from \$14.93 to \$15.93, with effect April 15th, 2016.

Moved by: Commissioner P. Rugg

Seconded by: Commissioner W. Bloethe

Ayes: A. Ahrens, W. Bloethe, P. Rugg

Nays: None

RESOLUTION 2016-75

WHEREAS the Board of Commissioners appointed John Castodio as Deckhand (FIFD) in Resolution 2016-63, but he did not accept his appointment;

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THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board rescinds that portion of Resolution 2016-63 that appointed Mr. Castodio as Deckhand (FIFD).

Moved by: Commissioner P. Rugg  
Seconded by: Chairman A. Ahrens  
Ayes: A. Ahrens, W. Bloethe, P. Rugg  
Nays: None

*RESOLUTION 2016-63*

*WHEREAS, the Ferry District requires an increased number of deckhands during the peak season, and has advertised for applicants; and,*

*WHEREAS, management recommends the following candidates,*

*RESOLVED, that the Board of Commissioners of the FIFD appoints Chase Lettrich, John Castodio, and Timothy K. Hoch as part-time Deckhands (FIFD), with wages of \$10.99 per hour, effective April 21, 2016.*

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

RESOLUTION 2016-76

WHEREAS John E. Morgan, a Ferry Captain (FIFD), has met the qualifications to be advanced to senior Captain as listed in the Ferry District's advancement ladder, and

WHEREAS his manager has recommended such action,

RESOLVED, that Mr. Morgan's wages be increased from \$25.59 per hour to \$27.59 per hour with effect May 5, 2016.

Moved by: Commissioner P. Rugg  
Seconded by: Commissioner W. Bloethe  
Ayes: A. Ahrens, W. Bloethe, P. Rugg  
Nays: None

RESOLUTION 2016-77

WHEREAS Christopher A. Newell, a Deckhand (FIFD), has met the qualifications to be advanced to senior Deckhand as listed in the Ferry District's advancement ladder, and

WHEREAS his manager has recommended such action,

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RESOLVED, that Mr. Newell's wages be increased from \$15.97 per hour to \$18.00 per hour with effect May 5, 2016.

Moved by: Commissioner P. Rugg  
Seconded by: Commissioner W. Bloethe  
Ayes: A. Ahrens, W. Bloethe, P. Rugg  
Nays: None

RESOLUTION 2016-78

WHEREAS, the Ferry District requires full-time deckhands and a full-time position has become available; and,

WHEREAS, management recommends the following candidate,

RESOLVED, that the Board of Commissioners of the FIFD appoints Rhamir Mason as full-time Deckhand (FIFD), with wages of \$14.93 per hour, effective May 5, 2016.

Moved by: Commissioner W. Bloethe  
Seconded by: Commissioner P. Rugg  
Ayes: A. Ahrens, W. Bloethe, P. Rugg  
Nays: None

RESOLUTION 2016-79

WHEREAS, the Ferry District requires additional laborers during the peak season,

RESOLVED, that the Board of Commissioners of the FIFD appoints Patrick Rose as a summer seasonal Laborer, with wages of \$11.56 per hour, from June 1, 2016 to September 15, 2016.

Moved by: Commissioner P. Rugg  
Seconded by: Chairman A. Ahrens  
Ayes: A. Ahrens, W. Bloethe, P. Rugg  
Nays: None

**Enabling Act**

The Board discussed proposed amendments to the Enabling Act and the necessary timeline to get the amendments before the New York State Legislature's fall session. The Board will coordinate with counsel.

**Adjournment**

There being no other business to discuss, Chairman Ahrens reminded those present that the next meeting would be on Monday, May 9, 2016, at 4:30 pm, at the Community Center, with a working session at 3:30 pm.

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At 6:40 pm, Commissioner P. Rugg moved to adjourn the meeting, Commissioner W. Bloethe seconded, and in a unanimous voice vote, the motion passed.