

Minutes of the Meeting of the Board of Commissioners  
Fishers Island Ferry District  
April 3, 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 April 3, 2019 at 11:00 am.

Commissioners Heather Burnham and Dianna Shillo were present. Also in attendance were Geb Cook, Gordon Murphy, RJ Burns, John Haney, Diane Hansen and Deanna Ross. Commissioners Peter Rugg and William Bloethe were absent. Members of the public included Jessie Marshal, Jay Diaz, Attorney Alyson Mathews and Attorney Bryan Fiengo.

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

**Correspondence/Public Comment** – Mr. Cook reported that no correspondence was received. There was no public comment.

**Budget Modification**

RESOLUTION 2019 - 041

RESOLVED that the Board of Commissioners of the Fishers Island Ferry District hereby amends the **2019** Fishers Island Ferry District budget as follows:

Decrease Appropriations

SM9730.7.000.000	BAN Interest	\$7,242
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		\$7,242

Increase Appropriations

SM9710.6.000.000	Serial BOND Principal	\$7,242
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		\$7,242

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

**Warrant**

RESOLUTION 2019 - 042

RESOLVED, that the Board of Commissioners of the Fishers Island Ferry District hereby approves the Warrant dated April 3, 2019, in the amount of \$101,575.74.

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

### **Executive Session**

At 11:03, the following resolution was proposed: RESOLVED, that the Commission move into Executive Session for the purpose of discussing personnel matters.

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

At 12:04, 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 D. Shillo  
Ayes: A. Ahrens, W. Bloethe, H. Burnham and D. Shillo  
Nays: None

### **Management Reports**

**Marine Update** - Mr. Burns updated the BOC. Mr. Eagan qualified as captain on M/V Race Point. USCG sea trials for the re-powered Munnatawket are expected to take place the week of April 8th - 11th in Rhode Island.

**Property Update** - Commissioner Burnham reported that Walsh Park and the architects continue to work on the water storage solution and more information should be available in the coming weeks. BD plans to start work on May 1, 2019. Mr. Cook reported that Mr. Ford is close to having everything moved out of the freight building and relocated to his new location. Lease adjustments for property taxes are close to completion.

**Passenger Ferry** - Mr. Cook updated the BOC. There has been a delay due to the owners not being in agreement over the District's request for a short-term lease, and over a question of insurance. Mr. Cook has looked into the possibility of a short-term loan from the Town of Southold which would allow for the purchase to proceed if approved by counsel.

**Theater Update** - Mr. Cook reported to the BOC that Mr. Finan has proposed a solution and is calling the surge incident a one-off electrical short. It is expected that the FD will be reimbursed for the charges.

**Dredging Awards** - Two bids were received and opened for dredging of Silver Eel Cove. The first bid opened was received from Blakeslee Arpaia Chapman, Inc. for the amount of \$503,530. The second bid opened was received from Mohawk Northeast, Inc. for the amount of \$448,500. Discussion ensued and the bid amounts were much higher than anticipated which will most likely push dredging to a later time. Management will investigate further. Awarding is tabled for the time with a possibility of a re-bid in the fall. Four bids were received for spoils management and opened. The first bid opened was received from Race Rock for the amount of \$54,430. The second bid opened was received from Mr. Alex Williams for the amount of \$13,800 with parameters. The third bid opened was received from The Toldo Company for the amount of \$81,468.75. The fourth bid opened was received from Evergreen Landscaping for the amount of \$42,000. Award of the spoils management bid was tabled at this time.

### **PVA Meeting**

RESOLUTION 2019 - 043

RESOLVED, that the Board of Commissioners of the Fishers Island Ferry District hereby grants permission to District Manager Geb Cook to attend the PVA Congressional Conference on April 30, 2019 in Washington D.C. All expenses for registration and travel, including meals, not to exceed \$1,500.00, will be a legal charge to the 2019 District budget.

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

**Procurement Review** - Mr. Murphy informed the BOC that each year they are required to review the procurement policy. The Finance Committee will review and make any recommendations to the BOC.

**Hangar Agreement** - Tabled.

### **Settlements**

RESOLUTION 2019 - 044

WHEREAS, the District was presented with a claim by Anne Edwards for the sum of \$99.00 as reimbursement for damage to her coat February 14, 2019 as a passenger on the M/V Race Point; 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 \$ 99.00 subject to the approval of District Counsel and the Southold Town Attorney.

Moved by: Commissioner D. Shillo  
Seconded by: Commissioner H. Burnham

Ayes: A. Ahrens, H. Burnham and D. Shillo  
Nays: None

#### RESOLUTION 2019 - 045

WHEREAS, the District was presented with a claim by the Fishers Island Club, Inc. for the sum of \$138.41 as reimbursement for lost freight on February 15, 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 \$138.41 subject to the approval of District Counsel and the Southold Town Attorney.

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

#### **HR**

#### RESOLUTION 2019 - 046

The Board of Commissioners of the Fishers Island Ferry District accepts the resignation of Anne Worsencroft-Serino with effect March 21, 2019. There are no accrued payments due Ms. Worsencroft-Serino.

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

#### **Standard Hours Resolution**

#### RESOLUTION 2019 - 047

The Board of Commissioners of the Fishers Island Ferry approves that the Standard Work Day for employee retirement calculations for the titles; Account Clerk Typist and Secretary, are eight (8) hours and further resolves to authorize Gordon Murphy to certify this to the New York State and Local Retirement Systems.

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

RESOLUTION 2019 - 048

WHEREAS the following Sarah Freeman and Jasmin McCarthy have exceeded the requirements of their positions;

THEREFORE, IT IS RESOLVED to increase Sarah Freeman's wage rate from \$13.01 to \$13.40 and Jasmin McCarthy's wage rate from \$12.75 to \$13.13 with effect January 2, 2019.

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

RESOLUTION 2019 - 049

WHEREAS the Ferry District requires additional Deckhands (FIFD);  
THEREFORE, IT IS RESOLVED to reinstate Evan Spohn as a part-time Deckhand (FIFD) with a starting wage of \$12.50 effective April 10, 2019.

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

Resolution 2019 - 050

WHEREAS The Fishers Island Ferry District requires additional Deckhands;

Therefore it is RESOLVED to appoint, with effect June 6, 2019, Mac Fusaro as summer seasonal Deckhand (FIFD) at a rate of \$12.50 per hour. On September 15, 2019, Mr. Fusaro will terminate his summer seasonal position.

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

**Other**

**Perishables** - Discussion ensued regarding the handling of perishables after an incident with a perishable package that was intended for a customer during the year-end holidays. Mr. Murphy stated that perishables are stored in the refrigerator when possible. Commissioner Burnham has requested management to look into the process in which freight agents notify customers receiving perishable items.

**Paid Parking 2020** - Mr. Murphy opened a conversation that long-term paid -parking be implemented in 2020. In addition, the FD will most likely be able to delineate several parking spots for seniors only.

**PT's Optional Health Insurance** - Mr. Murphy reported that a part time employee of the FIFD has inquired about the possibility of receiving health insurance benefits. These benefits would be paid entirely by the part time employee. Discussion ensued. Management will investigate further and update the BOC at the next meeting.

**Next Scheduled Meeting – Monday, April 15, 2019 at 4:30 pm at the Island Community Center.**

### **Adjournment**

There being no further business to discuss, and on motion made by Commissioner H. Burnham, seconded by Commissioner D. Shillo, the meeting was adjourned at 12:59 pm.