

Minutes of the Meeting of the Board of Commissioners  
Fishers Island Ferry District  
May 21, 2020

Chairman Ahrens called a teleconference meeting of the Board of Commissioners of the Fishers Island Ferry District (“the Ferry District”) to order on May 21, 2020 at 4:30 PM.

Commissioners William Bloethe, Heather Burnham, Jim Reid and Dianna Shillo were present. Also in attendance were Geb Cook, Gordon Murphy, Kon Haney, Diane Hansen, Deanna Ross, David Cugini and Paul Giles.

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

**Correspondence/Public Comment** - Mr. Cook read Mr. Cugini’s letter (attached). A discussion on fares and surcharges ensued. Mr. Murphy would investigate adding a covid surcharge to the FedEx and UPS packages.

**Management Reports**

Health insurance would also be tabled until the next BOC meeting.

**Legal**

RESOLUTION 2020 – 078

Whereas the Ferry District has an unprecedented operating revenue shortfall because of the Covid-19 pandemic; and

Whereas the Board of Commissioners has reduced operating expenses and is looking for additional sources capital to offset reduced revenue and it is unlikely that new funding will be available in the near-term. Now therefore the Board of Commissioners has decided to impose a surcharge policy in 2020.

Therefore, it is RESOLVED to institute the below non-commercial surcharge and commercial vehicle surcharge effective May 29, 2020 subject to rounding:

- Non-commercial charge for non-residents of thirty percent (30%) per ticket, passenger and vehicle
- Non-commercial for residents of ten percent (10%) per ticket, passenger and vehicle
- Commercial vehicles will be assessed a surcharge of ten percent (10%) per ticket
- Commercial and non-commercial freight will be assessed a surcharge of ten percent (10%).

Moved by: Commissioner Shillo

Seconded by: Commissioner Ahrens

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

Nays: None

## **HR**

### **RESOLUTION 2020 – 079**

It is RESOLVED to rescind resolutuon 2020 – 069.

Moved by: Commissioner Burnham

Seconded by: Commissioner Shillo

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

Nays: None

## **Burns retire**

### **RESOLUTION 2020 – 080**

Whereas Mr. RJ Burns submitted his request to retire with effect the end of business June 10, 2020; and

Therefore, it is RESOLVED that the Board of Commissioners of the Fishers Island Ferry District hereby acknowledges Ronald J. Burns' the intent to retire from the position of Assistant Manager with effect June 10, 2020.

Moved by: Commissioner Shillo

Seconded by: Commissioner Ahrens

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

Nays: None

## **Legal/Residency**

### **RESOLUTION 2020 – 081**

With immediate effect the Resident Discount Program has been suspended for new applications until October 1, 2020.

Moved by: Commissioner Shillo

Seconded by: Commissioner Reid

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

Nays: None

Next BOC Meetings are scheduled for Friday, May 29<sup>th</sup> at 4:30 PM and Monday, June 8, 2020 at 4:30 PM via Tele/Videoconference.

**Adjournment**

There being no further business to discuss, and on motion made by Commissioner H. Burnham, seconded by Commissioner J. Reid, the meeting was adjourned at 6:18 pm.