

Minutes of the Meeting of the Board of Commissioners  
Fishers Island Ferry District  
June 10, 2024

Chair Ahrens called a meeting of the Board of Commissioners of the Fishers Island Ferry District (the "Ferry District") to order on June 10, 2024 at 4:00 PM at the Island Community Center and via Zoom.

Commissioners Ace Ahrens, Heather Burnham, Tom Cashel and Jim Reid. Also in attendance were Geb Cook, Dave McCall and Jon Haney. Commissioner Dianna Shillo and Secretary Deanna Ross were absent. There were no members of the public present.

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

**Correspondence/Public Comment** - Mr. McCall reported that he received correspondence from Nate Chaves regarding the art exhibit at the bunker on June 15, 2024. Insurance documents have been corrected and once reviewed by the District's insurance company will be approved. Correspondence was received regarding the Fireworks Cruise and the Around the Island Cruise. Discussion ensued. Mrs. Staley Sednaoui joined the meeting requesting if the Ferry would be willing to provide a price for both events that would cover the District's cost. Management will determine pricing and get back to Mrs. Sednaoui.

**Marine Update** - Mr. Haney updated the BOC. Mr. Haney reported that the last boat is cancelled on the day of The Fireworks cruise. The last few weeks have been very busy. COIs were completed on both boats and went very well. Summer schedule begins this Thursday. Mr. Cook and Mr. Haney reported that staffing is great and there is a good group of people on board for the summer. Mr. Cook reported that the stability modifications for the COI for Munnatawket will cost \$138,000. One more bill is expected for \$80,000 for the fire suppression.

**Warrant**

**RESOLUTION 2024 –077**

RESOLVED, that the Board of Commissioners of the Fishers Island Ferry District hereby approves the Warrant dated June 10, 2024 in the amount of \$261,317.67.

Moved by: Commissioner Burnham  
Seconded by: Commissioner Reid  
Ayes: Ahrens, Burnham, Cashel and Reid  
Nays: None

**RESOLUTION 2024-078**

**06.08.2024**

RESOLVED that the Board of Commissioners of the Fishers Island Ferry District hereby amends the **2024** Fishers Island Ferry District **budget** as follows:

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**Increase Appropriations:**

SM7155.4.000.000	Repairs: FI Theater	\$ 5,000.00
SM5709.2.000.100	Repairs: Rental Building	\$ 30,000.00
SM1380.4.500.100	Bond Fees	\$ 2,600.00
SM5710.2.000.100	Repairs: Munnatawket	<u>\$ 40,000.00</u>
<b>Total</b>		<b>\$ 77,600.00</b>

**Decrease Appropriations:**

SM5710.2.000.300	Repairs: Silver Eel	\$ 25,000.00
SM5710.4.000.000	Misc. Other Expense	\$ 2,600.00
SM5710.1.000.000	Payroll Expense	<u>\$ 50,000.00</u>
<b>Total</b>		<b>\$ 77,600.00</b>

Moved by: Commissioner Burnham  
Seconded by: Commissioner Cashel  
Ayes: Ahrens, Burnham, Cashel and Reid  
Nays:

**Legal / McCall Medical**

**RESOLUTION 2024 – 079**

WHEREAS, on or about March 12, 2024, employee David B. McCall became eligible for and began receiving Medicare benefits; and

WHEREAS, Mr. McCall has requested that, effective June 1, 2024, he be reimbursed for the full amount of their monthly Medicare supplemental insurance premiums, while he remains actively employed by, and on the payroll of, the Ferry District; and

WHEREAS, Mr. McCall’s spouse and child will continue coverage by the Ferry District – Provided Health Insurance and Health Reimbursement Arrangement (“HRA”); and

WHEREAS, in exchange, Mr. McCall has agreed that, effective July 1, 2024 he will no longer take/be entitled to receive Ferry District-provided health insurance and the Health Reimbursement Arrangement (“HRA”), which will result in significant cost savings to the Ferry District.

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS RESOLVED that, effective July 1, 2024, the Ferry District will reimburse Mr. McCall for the full amount of his monthly Medicare supplemental insurance premiums,

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while he remains actively employed by, and on the payroll of, the Ferry District and, in exchange, Mr. McCall will no longer be entitled to Ferry District-provided health insurance and the HRA.

Moved by: Commissioner Ahrens  
Seconded by: Commissioner Reid  
Ayes: Ahrens, Burnham, Cashel and Reid  
Nays: None

**Legal/Health Insurance**

**RESOLUTION 2024 – 080**

WHEREAS the District desires to put in place new health insurance coverage for its qualified employees commencing July 1, 2024; and

WHEREAS the insurance broker Gowrie Group presented insurance options; and

WHEREAS the Oxford Bronze PPO HRA 6700 health insurance plan (the “Plan”) was selected based on coverage and terms; and

WHEREAS the Oxford Bronze PPO HRA 6700 health insurance plan is a high deductible plan and a Health Reimbursement Account (“HRA”) can be combined with this health insurance plan, requiring the services of a third-party HRA plan administrator, and Progressive Benefit Solutions, LLC was selected to provide these services; and

WHEREAS the District through the HRA will reimburse employees enrolled in the Plan up to \$5,000 per single employee or up to \$10,000 per enrollee greater than a single employee for Plan year out-of-pocket expenses; and

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that commencing July 1, 2024, the District shall make available to its qualified employees the Oxford Bronze PPO HSA 6700 health insurance plan; and

be it further RESOLVED that management is authorized to execute all documents relating to the Plan subject to review by counsel; and

be it further RESOLVED that commencing July 1, 2024 the District authorizes management to execute all documents relating to establishment of and oversight over a HRA with Progressive Benefit Solutions, LLC subject to review by counsel; and

be it further RESOLVED that for the year commencing July 1, 2024 and ending June 30, 2025 only, the District shall fund the HRA sufficiently to reimburse employees enrolled in the Plan up to \$5,000 per single employee or up to \$10,000 per enrollee greater than a single employee for plan year out-of-pocket expenses; and

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be it further RESOLVED that management be authorized and instructed to work with the Gowrie Group to review any other related documents and in general to finalize and put in place these two related health care coverage programs commencing July 1, 2024, subject to review by District counsel.

Moved by: Commissioner Reid  
Seconded by: Commissioner Ahrens  
Ayes: Ahrens, Burnham, Cashel and Reid  
Nays: None

**Vision Plan**

**RESOLUTION 2024 - 081**

WHEREAS Employees of the District who are members of the Civil Service Employees Association, Inc., as well as unaffiliated District employees, desire to put in place vision insurance coverage commencing July 1, 2024 in which participation is voluntary and for which participants will pay 100% of their coverage premium; and

WHEREAS the insurance broker Gowrie Group presented options; and

WHEREAS the Anthem Blue Cross Blue Shield Small Groups Insurance plan was selected based on coverage and terms;

THEREFORE IT IS RESOLVED, that commencing July 1, 2024, the District shall make available to its employees the Anthem Blue Cross Blue Shield Small Groups insurance plan and authorize management to execute all contract and ancillary documents relating to the Plan subject to review by counsel; and

BE IF FURTHER RESOLVED that management be authorized and instructed to work with the Gowrie Group to review any other related documents as the case may be and in general to finalize and put in place this vision care coverage program commencing July 1, 2024

Moved by: Commissioner Reid  
Seconded by: Commissioner Burnham  
Ayes: Ahrens, Burnham, Cashel and Reid  
Nays: None

**Contract Change Order**

**RESOLUTION 2024-082**

Skyline Custom Carpentry Change Order

Whereas, costs from Skyline Custom Carpentry, Inc for renovations to the #357 Whistler Avenue House was previously approved by the Fishers Island Ferry Board of Commissioners (BOC) for \$162,000.00; and

Upon commencing the job, Skyline discovered that further work was required to complete the installation safety and correctly,

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Whereas, Skyline Custom Carpentry, Inc has presented to the BOC a change order for additional work in the basement laundry room totaling \$5,350.00 for a new total of \$167,350.00.

Therefore, that the BOC approves the change order amount of \$5350.00, to be added to the original October 2, 2023 proposal for a new total contract price not to exceed \$167,350.00.

Moved by: Commissioner Reid

Seconded by: Commissioner Ahrens

Ayes: Ahrens, Burnham, Cashel and Reid

Nays: None

**Other** - Commissioner Ahrens stated that he feels that management and the BOC need to be proactive with the property located at 357 Whistler. Mr. Cook will speak to the TOS regarding the Southold Police and the NYS Police. Discussion ensued. Mr. Cook did report that there is asbestos in the pipes in the basement. Mr. Cook will reach out to Charles Abatement for the removal. BOC wants management to move forward with the removal. Currently there are 4 island parties interested in the property.

### **Executive Session**

At 16:46 it was RESOLVED, that the Commission move into Executive Session for the purpose of discussing Human Resources.

Moved by: Commissioner H. Burnham

Seconded by: Commissioner J. Reid

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

Nays: None

At 17:29 it was RESOLVED that the Commission exit from Executive Session and resume Public Session.

Moved by: Commissioner T. Cashel

Seconded by: Commissioner J. Reid

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

Nays: None

**Next BOC Meeting is scheduled for Monday, June 24, 2024 at 4:00 PM, at the Island Community Center and via Zoom.**

### **Adjournment**

There being no further business to discuss, and on motion made by Commissioner H. Burnham, seconded by Commissioner A. Ahrens, the meeting was adjourned at 5:30 PM.