

Minutes of the Meeting of the Board of Commissioners  
Fishers Island Ferry District  
June 24, 2024

Chair Ahrens called a meeting of the Board of Commissioners of the Fishers Island Ferry District (the "Ferry District") to order on June 24, 2024 at 4:00 PM at the Island Community Center and via Zoom.

Commissioners Ace Ahrens, Heather Burnham, Tom Cashel, Jim Reid and Dianna Shillo were present. Also in attendance were Geb Cook and Dave McCall. and Jon Haney. 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** - Mr. McCall received an email from Mrs. Jane Ahrens expressing her thanks to the Ferry for all their help in making the Blood Drive a success on June 24 ,2024. Another Blood Drive will be taking place on August 12, 2024 and Mrs. Ahrens is hopeful that the ferry would be willing to do the same. More details will come the closer we get to August 12th.

**Public Comment** - Mr. Christian Arsenault spoke on behalf of the Fishers Island School. Mr. Arsenault expressed his gratitude to the Ferry District and the partnership that they have. The Ferry has offered discounts to parents and children coming to Fishers for School events. He has a list of all the events scheduled throughout the school year, and was hoping the Ferry would approve the discounts once and standardize them and then he would be able to disseminate the information at the beginning of the school year.

Mr. Arsenault reported that the school just had a renegotiation of the teacher contract. The School District signed a 4-year contract that will now include the District willing to cover ferry transportation to the teachers. Currently only 4 teachers ride the ferry and since they have received the news, 11 teachers have committed to riding the ferry. The School is asking for a \$12 teacher fare for the BOC to consider.

Mr. Arsenault is also requesting that the BOC look at the student pricing which is currently \$8. Discussion ensued. The BOC will consider Mr. Arsenault's request and make a decision and get back to them by the next meeting on July 8, 2024.

**Marine Update** - Mr. Cook updated the BOC. There have been no updates on the Silver Eel. Both boats have been running very well. WiFi is up and running on both boats. Discussion ensued regarding Silver Eel and the lack of interest in the boat. The BOC is considering the possibility of cutting the price or possibly finding a new broker.

## **Warrant**

### **RESOLUTION 2024 –083**

RESOLVED, that the Board of Commissioners of the Fishers Island Ferry District hereby approves the Warrant dated June 24, 2024 in the amount of \$115,242.34

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

**Budget Modification**

**RESOLUTION 2024-084**

**06.24.2024**

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

**Increase Appropriations:**

SM5610.4.000.000	Airport: Contracted Expense	\$ 7,500.00
SM1420.4.000.000	Legal Expense	<u>\$ 15,000.00</u>
<b>Total</b>		<b>\$ 22,500.00</b>

**Decrease Appropriations:**

SM5710.4.000.300	Fuel: Munn & RP	<u>\$ 22,500.00</u>
<b>Total</b>		<b>\$ 22,500.00</b>

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

**HR New Hire**

**RESOLUTION 2024-085**

WHEREAS the Ferry District requires additional Cashiers;

Therefore, it is RESOLVED to appoint, with effect July 9, 2024, Katherine Cassidy as a part-time cashier at a rate of \$17.00 per hour.

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It is further RESOLVED to temporarily appoint, with effect July 9, 2024, Ms. Cassidy from part-time to full-time summer seasonal status. On September 15, 2024, Ms. Cassidy will terminate her summer seasonal position and on September 16, 2024 be re-appointed to part-time Cashier.

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

**HR New Hire**

**RESOLUTION 2024-086**

WHEREAS the Ferry District requires additional Deckhands (FIFD);

Therefore it is RESOLVED to appoint, with effect July 9, 2024, Timothy McIlrath a part-time Deckhand (FIFD) at a rate of \$17.00 per hour.

It is further RESOLVED to temporarily appoint, with effect July 9, 2024, Mr. McIlrath from part-time to full-time summer seasonal status. On September 15, 2024, Mr. McIlrath will terminate his summer seasonal position and on September 16, 2024 be re-appointed to part-time Cashier.

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

**Contract Change Order**

**RESOLUTION 2024-087**

Certified Chimney Change Order

Whereas, Certified Chimney gave us a proposal to install a chimney liner system for a 357 Whistler Avenue for \$15,500.00 and

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

Whereas Certified Chimney encountered an issue with the basement installation, and initiated change Order 1 for \$4,800.00 and a new total of \$20,800.

Therefore, Fishers Island Ferry District approves this change order.

Moved by: Commissioner Reid  
Seconded by: Commissioner Burnham

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Ayes: Ahrens, Burnham, Cashel, Reid and Shillo

Nays: None

**Financials** - Financials and Traffic through May 31, 2024 were reviewed. There were no questions from the BOC.

**Other** - Mr. McCall reported that he received a request from Mr. And Mrs. George Auger requesting resident cards. The BOC approves for this year but will reevaluate for next year.

Mr. Cook reported that he is moving forward with the RFP for vessel design. It went out last week and there are currently 6 bidders. A bidder conference took place. Bids will be coming back in late July. Discussion ensued regarding the creation of a subcommittee to review the bids when they come in.

**Executive Session**

At 16:39 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 D. Shillo

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

Nays: None

At 17:42 it was RESOLVED that the Commission exit from Executive Session and resume Public Session.

Moved by: Commissioner J. Reid

Seconded by: Commissioner T. Cashel

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

Nays: None

**Next BOC Meeting is scheduled for Monday, July 8, 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 D. Shillo, seconded by Commissioner T. Cashel, the meeting was adjourned at 5:42 PM.