

**INC. VILLAGE OF CENTRE ISLAND  
PUBLIC HEARING ON PROPOSED LOCAL LAW A-2016  
and  
REGULAR BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING  
FEBRUARY 17, 2016**

A public hearing on Proposed Local Law A-2016 and a regular meeting of the Board of Trustees' of the Incorporated Village of Centre Island, Nassau County, New York, was held at the Centre Island Village Hall, 303 Centre Island Road on Wednesday, February 17, 2016 at 7:00 p.m.

Present:	Lawrence Schmidlapp	Mayor
	Michael Chalos	Trustee (via video conference)
	Andrew Farren	Trustee
	Peter Furniss	Trustee
Absent:	Victor Ort	Trustee
Also present:	Carol Schmidlapp	Village Clerk-Treasurer
	Stanley Chase	Village Resident
	Barrie Curtis Spies	Village Resident
	Greg Druhak	Village Resident
	Bruce Knecht	Village Resident
	John Ritter, Jr., Esq. of Humes & Wagner, LLP Attorneys for the Village	

The Mayor called the regular Trustees' meeting to order.

**APPOINTMENT OF NEW TRUSTEE**

The Mayor announced that he has appointed Peter Furniss as Trustee to fill the unexpired term of Laura Sweeney, which term will expire on the first Monday in July 2016. After discussion, the Trustees unanimously ratified Mr. Furniss' appointment as Trustee and, accordingly, on motion duly made and seconded, it was

**RESOLVED**, that the appointment by the Mayor of Peter Furniss, as a Trustee of the Incorporated Village of Centre Island to fill the unexpired term of Laura Sweeney, which will expire on the first Monday in July 2016 be, and it hereby is approved and confirmed.

## **HEARING ON PROPOSED LOCAL LAW A-2016, "Override the Property Tax Cap"**

The Mayor called the hearing on proposed Local Law A-2016 to order at 7:10 p.m. The affidavit of publication of the notice of hearing and mailing of the local law and notice were presented and ordered annexed to the minutes of this hearing.

The Board discussed and considered proposed Local Law A-2016 which will allow the Board of Trustees to override the tax levy limit established under General Municipal Law §3-c, as it pertains to the Incorporated Village of Centre Island's budget for the fiscal year commencing June 1, 2016. The Village Attorney noted that proposed Local Law A-2016 will allow the Village to override the State Tax Cap Law, which limits any tax levy increases for the next year to 2% or the rate of inflation, .73%, whichever is lower. He explained that the proposed local law will allow the Village to adopt its budget for the 2016/17 fiscal year in excess of the tax cap, if warranted. The local law is being considered at this time for precautionary measures for the Board of Trustees to be authorized to adopt a budget in excess of the cap, if required.

The Mayor called for comments in favor of, or in opposition to, the proposed local law. There being no questions or comments, the Mayor declared the hearing closed.

The Mayor then called to order the regular meeting of the Board of Trustees.

## **BOARD OF TRUSTEES' MINUTES**

Mayor Schmidlapp called for the approval of the minutes of the Trustees' meeting held on January 13, 2016 which on motion duly made and seconded, were approved.

## **REVIEW FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

Mayor Schmidlapp presented the Financial Statements for the Board to review. After discussion, the statements were reviewed, approved and ordered filed with these minutes.

## **BOT WARRANTS**

The bills listed in the January, 2016 BOT Warrants, check no. 10373 through 10422 totaling \$84,294.43, a copy of which is annexed to these minutes, were, on motion duly made and seconded, unanimously approved for payment.

## **PAYROLL WARRANTS**

The Board reviewed Payroll Warrants for the month of January 2016 a copy of which is annexed to these minutes, approval of which was, on motion duly made and seconded, unanimously approved.

## **FNBLI & HSBC BANK STATEMENTS**

Mayor Schmidlapp asked the Board to review the FNBLI & HSBC bank statements for the month of January 2016. Both were reviewed and approved and ordered filed with these minutes.

## **BUILDING INSPECTOR'S REPORT**

Mayor Schmidlapp asked the Board to review the January 2016 Building Inspector's report. After discussion the Building Inspector's report was approved and presented for filing.

## **POLICE TIME REPORT, CHIEF'S TIME REPORT AND OVERTIME REPORT**

The Board reviewed the Police Time Report, the Chief's Time Report and the Overtime Report for the month of January 2016. After review, the reports were presented for filing.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

### **GRIEVANCE DAY PROCEEDINGS**

Mayor Schmidlapp reported that Grievance Day proceedings were held at the Village Hall. He noted that 57 grievances had been filed against the Village which were, thereafter, reviewed by the Board.

1. *"Complaint on Real Property Assessment for 2016/17"* for F. Scott LLC, c/o Forchelli, Curto, Deegan, Schwartz, Mineo & Terrana, LLP, The Omni, 333 Earle Ovington Blvd., Suite 1010, Uniondale, New York 11553 for Section 28, Block A, Lot(s) 431, from 18,287,684 to 182,877.
2. *"Complaint on Real Property Assessment for 2016/17"* for Judith Ort, c/o Meyer, Suozzi, English & Klein, P.C., 990 Stewart Avenue, Suite 300, Garden City, NY 11530 for Section 28, Block B, Lot(s) 6-7, 108, from 800,800 to 80,080.
3. *"Complaint on Real Property Assessment for 2016/17"* for Robert Gregory, c/o Meyer, Suozzi, English & Klein, P.C., 990 Stewart Avenue, Suite 300, Garden City, NY 11530 for Section 28, Block 5, Lot(s) 87-92, 102, from 1,250,000 to 125,000.
4. *"Complaint on Real Property Assessment for 2016/17"* for Karen Rosen and Thomas Gianni, c/o Meyer, Suozzi, English & Klein, P.C., 990 Stewart Avenue, Suite 300, Garden City, NY 11530 for Section 28, Block A, Lot(s) 439, from 84,316 to 8,431.
5. *"Complaint on Real Property Assessment for 2016/17"* for Karen Rosen and Thomas Gianni, c/o Meyer, Suozzi, English & Klein, P.C., 990 Stewart Avenue, Suite 300, Garden City, NY 11530 for Section 28, Block A, Lot(s) 21, from 1,732,407 to 173,241.

6. *“Complaint on Real Property Assessment for 2016/17”* for Truett and Dorthe Tate, c/o Meyer, Suozzi, English & Klein, P.C., 990 Stewart Avenue, Suite 300, Garden City, NY 11530 for Section 28, Block C, Lot(s) 53, from 5,735,414 to 573,541.
7. *“Complaint on Real Property Assessment for 2016/17”* for Truett and Dorthe Tate, c/o Meyer, Suozzi, English & Klein, P.C., 990 Stewart Avenue, Suite 300, Garden City, NY 11530 for Section 28, Block C, Lot(s) 52, from 1,699,617 to 169,962.
8. *“Complaint on Real Property Assessment for 2016/17”* for Hunter Shkolnik and Suzanne Shkolnik, c/o Law Office of Robert G. Litt, 265 Sunrise Highway, Suite 62, Rockville Centre, NY 11570 for Section 28, Block B, Lot(s) 23, from 2,155,000 to 538,750.
9. *“Complaint on Real Property Assessment for 2016/17”* for Westerman 2004 Trust, c/o Cronin & Cronin Law Firm, PLLC, 200 Old Country Road, Suite 570, Mineola, NY 11501 for Section 28, Block 51, Lot(s) 43, from 1,637,000 to 163,700.
10. *“Complaint on Real Property Assessment for 2016/17”* for VBK Realty Associates, c/o Murphy & Lynch, P.C., 1045 Oyster Bay Road, East Norwich, New York 11732 for Section 28, Block 69, Lot(s) 1, from 86,237 to 25,000.
11. *“Complaint on Real Property Assessment for 2016/17”* for Eric Friedlander, c/o Murphy & Lynch, P.C., 1045 Oyster Bay Road, East Norwich, New York 11732 for Section 28, Block 43, Lot(s) 15-18, from 1,990,820 to 500,000.
12. *“Complaint on Real Property Assessment for 2016/17”* for Hunt Family 2012 Trust, c/o Murphy & Lynch, P.C., 1045 Oyster Bay Road, East Norwich, New York 11732 for Section 28, Block A, Lot(s) 465, from 2,140,136 to 200,000.
13. *“Complaint on Real Property Assessment for 2016/17”* for Estate of F. Clayton Hunt, c/o Murphy & Lynch, P.C., 1045 Oyster Bay Road, East Norwich, New York 11732 for Section 28, Block A, Lot(s) 448, from 1,700,000 to 400,000.
14. *“Complaint on Real Property Assessment for 2016/17”* for Clive and Reeta Holmes, c/o Murphy & Lynch, P.C., 1045 Oyster Bay Road, East Norwich, New York 11732 for Section 28, Block B, Lot(s) 110, 210, from 3,249,294 to 1,250,000.
15. *“Complaint on Real Property Assessment for 2016/17”* for Clive and Reeta Holmes, c/o Murphy & Lynch, P.C., 1045 Oyster Bay Road, East Norwich, New York 11732 for Section 28, Block B, Lot(s) 328, from 108,467 to 20,000.
16. *“Complaint on Real Property Assessment for 2016/17”* for Clive and Reeta Holmes, c/o Murphy & Lynch, P.C., 1045 Oyster Bay Road, East Norwich, New York 11732 for Section 28, Block B, Lot(s) 2056, from 943,597 to 150,000.

17. *“Complaint on Real Property Assessment for 2016/17”* for Clive and Reeta Holmes, c/o Murphy & Lynch, P.C., 1045 Oyster Bay Road, East Norwich, New York 11732 for Section 28, Block B, Lot(s) 2060, from 1,698,501 to 500,000.
18. *“Complaint on Real Property Assessment for 2016/17”* for William and Patricia Marino, c/o Schroder & Strom, LLP, 114 Old Country Road, Suite 218, Mineola, NY 11501 for Section 28, Block A, Lot(s) 34, 420, 468, from 12,332,000 to 3,083,000.
19. *“Complaint on Real Property Assessment for 2016/17”* for William and Patricia Marino, c/o Schroder & Strom, LLP, 114 Old Country Road, Suite 218, Mineola, NY 11501 for Section 28, Block A, Lot(s) 417, from 105,803 to 26,451.
20. *“Complaint on Real Property Assessment for 2016/17”* for Barrie Curtis Spies, c/o Schroder & Strom, LLP, 114 Old Country Road, Suite 218, Mineola, NY 11501 for Section 28, Block F, Lot(s) 305-306, from 4,500,000 to 1,125,000.
21. *“Complaint on Real Property Assessment for 2016/17”* for John W. Del Rosso, c/o Schroder & Strom, LLP, 114 Old Country Road, Suite 218, Mineola, NY 11501 for Section 28, Block A, Lot(s) 413, 414, from 2,700,000 to 675,000.
22. *“Complaint on Real Property Assessment for 2016/17”* for William A. Marino & Patricia A. Marino, Michael A. Marino & M.J. Marino, c/o Schroder & Strom, LLP, 114 Old Country Road, Suite 218, Mineola, NY 11501 for Section 28, Block A, Lot(s) 469, from 2,993,138 to 748,285.
23. *“Complaint on Real Property Assessment for 2016/17”* for Jonathan Horowitz, c/o Schroder & Strom, LLP, 114 Old Country Road, Suite 218, Mineola, NY 11501 for Section 28, Block A, Lot(s) 49, from 1,983,750 to 495,937.
24. *“Complaint on Real Property Assessment for 2016/17”* for Ralph Pascussi, c/o Farrell, Fritz, P.C., 1320 RXR Plaza, Uniondale, NY 11556-1320 for Section 28, Block A, Lot(s) 43, from 6,556,532 to 1,639,133.
25. *“Complaint on Real Property Assessment for 2016/17”* for Elliot Conway, c/o Farrell, Fritz, P.C., 1320 RXR Plaza, Uniondale, NY 11556-1320 for Section 28, Block A, Lot(s) 459, from 1,750,000 to 437,500.
26. *“Complaint on Real Property Assessment for 2016/17”* for Elliot Conway, c/o Farrell, Fritz, P.C., 1320 RXR Plaza, Uniondale, NY 11556-1320 for Section 28, Block A, Lot(s) 460, from 1,745,634 to 436,408.
27. *“Complaint on Real Property Assessment for 2016/17”* for Dan Rotta, c/o Farrell, Fritz, P.C., 1320 RXR Plaza, Uniondale, NY 11556-1320 for Section 28, Block B, Lot(s) 28, from 5,229,906 to 1,307,476.

28. *“Complaint on Real Property Assessment for 2016/17”* for 142 LLC, c/o Farrell, Fritz, P.C., 1320 RXR Plaza, Uniondale, NY 11556-1320 for Section 28, Block B, Lot(s) 2038, from 3,293,710 to 1,000,000.
29. *“Complaint on Real Property Assessment for 2016/17”* for Seawanhaka Corinthian Yacht Club, c/o Farrell, Fritz, P.C., 1320 RXR Plaza, Uniondale, NY 11556-1320 for Section 28, Block E, Lot(s) 1, from 8,200,000 to 2,050,000.
30. *“Complaint on Real Property Assessment for 2016/17”* for CSP Centre Island Holdings LLC, c/o Farrell, Fritz, P.C., 1320 RXR Plaza, Uniondale, NY 11556-1320 for Section 28, Block F, Lot(s) 307, from 2,600,000 to 650,000.
31. *“Complaint on Real Property Assessment for 2016/17”* for CSP , c/o 308, Farrell, Fritz, P.C., 1320 RXR Plaza for Section Property Holdings LLC, Block 28, Lot(s) F, from Sirs to 2,600,000.
32. *“Complaint on Real Property Assessment for 2016/17”* for Anchorage, Inc., c/o Farrell, Fritz, P.C., 1320 RXR Plaza, Uniondale, NY 11556-1320 for Section 28, Block B, Lot(s) 2922, from 147,573 to 36,893.
33. *“Complaint on Real Property Assessment for 2016/17”* for Creekcroft, Inc., c/o Farrell, Fritz, P.C., 1320 RXR Plaza, Uniondale, NY 11556-1320 for Section 28, Block 60, Lot(s) 311-313, from 101,802 to 24,010.
34. *“Complaint on Real Property Assessment for 2016/17”* for Anchorage, Inc., c/o Farrell, Fritz, P.C., 1320 RXR Plaza, Uniondale, NY 11556-1320 for Section 28, Block 60, Lot(s) 314-320, from 146,356 to 34,518.
35. *“Complaint on Real Property Assessment for 2016/17”* for Anchorage, Inc., c/o Farrell, Fritz, P.C., 1320 RXR Plaza, Uniondale, NY 11556-1320 for Section 28, Block 60, Lot(s) 328-331, from 94,087 to 23,522.
36. *“Complaint on Real Property Assessment for 2016/17”* for Westover, Inc., c/o Farrell, Fritz, P.C., 1320 RXR Plaza, Uniondale, NY 11556-1320 for Section 28, Block 60, Lot(s) 347-355, from 38,178 to 9,544.
37. *“Complaint on Real Property Assessment for 2016/17”* for Creekcroft, Inc., c/o Farrell, Fritz, P.C., 1320 RXR Plaza, Uniondale, NY 11556-1320 for Section 28, Block 60, Lot(s) 370-377, 403, from 101,439 to 25,360.
38. *“Complaint on Real Property Assessment for 2016/17”* for Westover, Inc., c/o Farrell, Fritz, P.C., 1320 RXR Plaza, Uniondale, NY 11556-1320 for Section 28, Block 60, Lot(s) 491, from 10,927 to 2,732.

39. *“Complaint on Real Property Assessment for 2016/17”* for Westover, Inc., c/o Farrell, Fritz, P.C., 1320 RXR Plaza, Uniondale, NY 11556-1320 for Section 28, Block 60, Lot(s) 404, from 582,017 to 145,504.
40. *“Complaint on Real Property Assessment for 2016/17”* for Creekcroft, Inc., c/o Farrell, Fritz, P.C., 1320 RXR Plaza, Uniondale, NY 11556-1320 for Section 28, Block 61, Lot(s) 200, from 76,503 to 18,043.
41. *“Complaint on Real Property Assessment for 2016/17”* for Westover, Inc., c/o Farrell, Fritz, P.C., 1320 RXR Plaza, Uniondale, NY 11556-1320 for Section 28, Block 62, Lot(s) 202, from 343,075 to 85,769.
42. *“Complaint on Real Property Assessment for 2016/17”* for Westover, Inc., c/o Farrell, Fritz, P.C., 1320 RXR Plaza, Uniondale, NY 11556-1320 for Section 28, Block 62, Lot(s) 203, from 484,071 to 121,018.
43. *“Complaint on Real Property Assessment for 2016/17”* for Westover, Inc., c/o Farrell, Fritz, P.C., 1320 RXR Plaza, Uniondale, NY 11556-1320 for Section 28, Block 62, Lot(s) 204, from 9,347 to 2,337.
44. *“Complaint on Real Property Assessment for 2016/17”* for Creekcroft, Inc., c/o Farrell, Fritz, P.C., 1320 RXR Plaza, Uniondale, NY 11556-1320 for Section 28 , Block 63, Lot(s) 220, 221, 232, 233, 301, from 72,173 to 18,043.
45. *“Complaint on Real Property Assessment for 2016/17”* for Westover, Inc., c/o Farrell, Fritz, P.C., 1320 RXR Plaza, Uniondale, NY 11556-1320 for Section 28, Block 63, Lot(s) 302, from 32,385 to 8,096.
46. *“Complaint on Real Property Assessment for 2016/17”* for Alex Koundourakis, c/o Farrell, Fritz, P.C., 1320 RXR Plaza, Uniondale, NY 11556-1320 for Section 28, Block 63, Lot(s) 303, 378-393, 219, 222-230, 231, from 2,312,381 to 554,755.
47. *“Complaint on Real Property Assessment for 2016/17”* for Aquavista, Inc., c/o Farrell, Fritz, P.C., 1320 RXR Plaza, Uniondale, NY 11556-1320 for Section 28, Block 65, Lot(s) 171-190 INC, from 77,139 to 19,285.
48. *“Complaint on Real Property Assessment for 2016/17”* for Vesna Oelsner, c/o Farrell, Fritz, P.C., 1320 RXR Plaza, Uniondale, NY 11556-1320 for Section 28, Block 66, Lot(s) 110-116, from 106,000 to 25,000.
49. *“Complaint on Real Property Assessment for 2016/17”* for Aquavista, Inc., c/o Farrell, Fritz, P.C., 1320 RXR Plaza, Uniondale, NY 11556-1320 for Section 28, Block 66, Lot(s) 138, from 72,300 to 18,075.

50. “*Complaint on Real Property Assessment for 2016/17*” for Aquavista, Inc., c/o Farrell, Fritz, P.C., 1320 RXR Plaza, Uniondale, NY 11556-1320 for Section 28, Block 66, Lot(s) 139-141, from 85,609 to 21,492.
51. “*Complaint on Real Property Assessment for 2016/17*” for Creekcroft, Inc., c/o Farrell, Fritz, P.C., 1320 RXR Plaza, Uniondale, NY 11556-1320 for Section 28, Block 66, Lot(s) 159-162, from 81,265 to 20,316.
52. “*Complaint on Real Property Assessment for 2016/17*” for Creekcroft, Inc., c/o Farrell, Fritz, P.C., 1320 RXR Plaza, Uniondale, NY 11556-1320 for Section 28, Block 66, Lot(s) 200, 307, from 86,664 to 21,666.
53. “*Complaint on Real Property Assessment for 2016/17*” for Aquavista, Inc., c/o Farrell, Fritz, P.C., 1320 RXR Plaza, Uniondale, NY 11556-1320 for Section 28, Block 66, Lot(s) 303, from 85,004 to 21,251.
54. “*Complaint on Real Property Assessment for 2016/17*” for Creekcroft, Inc., c/o Farrell, Fritz, P.C., 1320 RXR Plaza, Uniondale, NY 11556-1320 for Section 28, Block 66, Lot(s) 304, 305, from 103,996 to 25,999.
55. “*Complaint on Real Property Assessment for 2016/17*” for Vesna Oelsner, c/o Farrell, Fritz, P.C., 1320 RXR Plaza, Uniondale, NY 11556-1320 for Section 28, Block 67, Lot(s) 47-68, from 1,200,000 to 300,000.
56. “*Complaint on Real Property Assessment for 2016/17*” for Aquavista, Inc., c/o Farrell, Fritz, P.C., 1320 RXR Plaza, Uniondale, NY 11556-1320 for Section 28, Block 67, Lot(s) 201, from 1,779,948 to 444,987.
57. “*Complaint on Real Property Assessment for 2016/17*” for Creekcroft, Inc., c/o Farrell, Fritz, P.C., 1320 RXR Plaza, Uniondale, NY 11556-1320 for Section 28, Block 67, Lot(s) 202, from 1,486,250 to 371,562.

Thereafter, the Board, on motion duly made and seconded, unanimously,

**RESOLVED**, that the aforementioned grievance applications for 2016/2017 of F. Scott LLC, Judith Ort, Robert Gregory, Karen Rosen and Thomas Gianni, Truett and Dorthe Tate, Truett and Dorthe Tate, Hunter Shkolnik and Suzanne Shkolnik, Westerman 2004 Trust, VBK Realty Associates, Eric Friedlander, Hunt Family 2012 Trust, Estate of F. Clayton Hunt, Clive and Reeta Holmes, William and Patricia Marino, Barrie Curtis Spies, John W. Del Rosso, William A. Marino & Patricia A. Marino, Michael A. Marino & M.J. Marino, Jonathan Horowitz, Ralph Pascussi, Elliot Conway, Dan Rotta, 142 LLC, Seawanhaka Corinthian Yacht Club, CSP Centre Island Holdings LLC, CSP, Anchorage, Inc., Creekcroft, Inc., Westover, Inc., Alex Koundourakis, Aquavista, Inc., Vesna Oelsner, be, and the same hereby are,



denied because no proof of value to support the claimed reduction was provided, and further,

**FURTHER RESOLVED**, that as to any proceeding that may be commenced by F. Scott LLC, Judith Ort, Robert Gregory, Karen Rosen and Thomas Gianni, Truett and Dorthe Tate, Truett and Dorthe Tate, Hunter Shkolnik and Suzanne Shkolnik, Westerman 2004 Trust, VBK Realty Associates, Eric Friedlander, Hunt Family 2012 Trust, Estate of F. Clayton Hunt, Clive and Reeta Holmes, William and Patricia Marino, Barrie Curtis Spies, John W. Del Rosso, William A. Marino & Patriacia A. Marino, Michael A. Marino & M.J. Marino, Jonathan Horowitz, Ralph Pascussi, Elliot Conway, Dan Rotta, 142 LLC, Seawanhaka Corinthian Yacht Club, CSP Centre Island Holdings LLC, CSP, Anchorage, Inc., Creekcroft, Inc., Westover, Inc., Alex Koundourakis, Aquavista, Inc., Vesna Oelsner, be, and the Attorneys for the Village are, authorized to negotiate an appropriate settlement with the Petitioner's counsel or agent for allowance of such reduction in assessment as may be recommended by the Mayor, subject to the approval of this Board.

#### **ADOPTION OF LOCAL LAW 1-2015**

The Board considered the adoption of Local Law 1-2016 which will allow the Board of Trustees to override the tax levy limit established in the General Municipal Law §3-c as it pertains to the Incorporated Village of Centre Island's budget for the fiscal year commencing June 1, 2016.

**RESOLVED**, that in accordance with Article 8 of the State Environmental Quality Review Act, the adoption of Local Law 1-2016 which will allow the Board of Trustees to override the tax levy limit established in the General Municipal Law §3-c as it pertains to the Incorporated Village of Centre Island's budget for the fiscal year commencing June 1, 2016 shall not be classified as an "*action*" and will require no environmental review under SEQRA, and further

**RESOLVED** that Local Law 1-2016 which will allow the Board of Trustees to override the tax levy limit established in the General Municipal Law §3-c as it pertains to the Incorporated Village of Centre Island's budget for the fiscal year commencing June 1, 2016 be, and the same hereby is, enacted by the Board of Trustees of the Incorporated Village of Centre Island as follows:

#### **VILLAGE OF CENTRE ISLAND PROPOSED LOCAL LAW A-2016**

A local law to override the tax levy limit established in the General Municipal Law §3-c as it pertains to the Incorporated Village of Centre Island.

**BE IT ENACTED** by the Board of Trustees of the Incorporated Village of Centre Island as follows:

**SECTION 1. Legislative Intent.**

It is the intent of this Local Law to allow the Village of Centre Island, Nassau County, New York to adopt a budget for the fiscal year commencing June 1, 2016 that requires a real property tax levy in excess of the “tax levy limit” as defined by General Municipal Law §3-c.

**SECTION 2. Authority.**

This local law is adopted pursuant to subdivision 5 of the General Municipal Law §3-c, which expressly authorizes a local government’s governing body to override the property tax cap for the coming fiscal year by the adoption of a local law approved by a vote of sixty percent (60%) of said governing body.

**SECTION 3. Tax Levy Limit Override**

The Board of Trustees of the Village of Centre Island, County of Nassau, is hereby authorized to adopt a budget for the fiscal year commencing June 1, 2016 that requires a real property tax levy in excess of the amount otherwise prescribed in General Municipal Law §3-c.

**SECTION 4. Severability**

If a court determines that any clause, sentence, paragraph, subdivision, or part of this local law or the application thereof to any person, firm or corporation, or circumstance is invalid or unconstitutional, the court’s order or judgment shall not affect, impair, or invalidate the remainder of this local law, but shall be confined in its operation to the clause, sentence, paragraph, subdivision, or part of this local law or in its application to the person, individual, firm or corporation or circumstances, directly involved in the controversy in which such judgment or order shall be rendered.

**SECTION 5. Effective date.**

This local law shall take effect immediately.

Votes in favor of adoption:	Lawrence Schmidlapp	Aye
	Michael Chalos	Aye
	Andrew Farren	Aye
	Peter Furniss	Aye

Not voting as not being present:	Victor Ort
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Votes against adoption:	None
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## **VILLAGE JUSTICE AUDIT**

The Board reviewed the Justice Audit management letter from Skinnon & Faber who examined the books and records of the Justice Court of the Incorporated Village of Centre Island from the period September 1, 2014 through August 31, 2015. After discussion and on motion duly made and seconded, the Board unanimously

**RESOLVED**, that the Justice Audit prepared by Skinnon & Faber from the period between September 1, 2014 and August 31, 2015 be, and hereby is, accepted and

**FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Village Clerk be, and she hereby is, authorized to file the audit and publish a notice of completion in the Village's official newspapers as required by law.

## **ASSESSMENT REDUCTIONS/VILLAGE TAX REFUNDS**

The Village Clerk reported that two residents were awarded an assessment reduction in a Small Claims Proceeding against the Village for the 2015/16 tax year. After discussion, and on motion duly made and seconded, it was

**RESOLVED**, that the Village Clerk/Treasurer be, and she is hereby authorized to reduce the assessed values for the premises owned by the following residents, and to refund the appropriate Village tax to the respective owner or representative based on the reduction, provided the Village taxes have been paid in full, as follows:

*Koundourakis* - Sec. 28, Blk. 63, Lot 303, assessed value of \$2,219,020 be reduced to \$2,217,381 for 2015/16 tax year for the a total refund of \$8.21;

*Buffin* - Sec. 28, Blk. D, Lot 205, assessed value of 14,826,000 to be reduced to \$12,000,000 for the 2015/165 Village tax year for a total refund of \$14,156.28.

## **NEW POLICE CAR**

The Mayor asked the Board to approve an additional \$3,281.50 for the Dodge Durango that had been ordered. It was noted that this amount is the difference between the previously approved amount and the actual cost. No new additions or upgrades to the truck were made. After discussion, and upon motion duly made and seconded, the Board unanimously

**RESOLVED**, and approved an additional \$3,281.50 for the purchase of the Dodge Durango.

## **SEAWANHAKA PARKING**

Bruce Knecht, a resident of Centre Island addressed the Board regarding his concerns over the parking situation on Seawanhaka's east lot. The Mayor explained to Mr. Knecht that the Village

has no jurisdiction over the Club and its current use of the parcel in question. Trustee Farren suggested Mr. Knecht try and work out an amicable solution with the Club and offered to act as an intermediary.

### **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Mayor Schmidlapp requested the Board enter into Executive Session to discuss pending litigation matters. On motion duly made and seconded, the Board unanimously resolved to enter into Executive Session. After the conclusion of the Executive Session, the Board re-entered the public session.

There being no further business, the meeting was closed.

The next meeting of the Board of Trustees is scheduled for Wednesday, March 9, 2016.

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Carol Schmidlapp, Clerk-Treasurer