

**INC. VILLAGE OF CENTRE ISLAND
REGULAR BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING
JANUARY 13, 2016**

A regular Trustees' meeting was held by the Board of Trustees of the Incorporated Village of Centre Island, Nassau County, New York, at the Centre Island Village Hall, 303 Centre Island Road in said Village on Wednesday, January 13, 2016 at 7:00 p.m.

Present:	Lawrence Schmidlapp	Mayor
	Michael Chalos	Deputy Mayor
	Andrew Farren	Trustee
Absent:	Victor Ort	Trustee
Also present:	Carol Schmidlapp	Village Clerk-Treasurer
	Barrie Curtis Spies	Resident
	Gregory Druhak	Resident
	John Ritter, Jr., Esq. of Humes & Wagner, LLP	
	Attorneys for the Village	

BOARD OF TRUSTEES' MINUTES

Mayor Schmidlapp called for the approval of the minutes of the Trustees' meeting held on December 18, 2015 which on motion duly made and seconded, were approved.

RESIGNATION OF LAURA SWEENEY

The Mayor reported that Trustee Laura Sweeney has submitted her resignation as Village Trustee, effective January 1, 2016. The Board expressed their appreciation to Ms. Sweeney for her ten years of dedicated service to the Village as a Trustee. In appreciation and recognition, the Board unanimously

RESOLVED, that the resignation of Laura Sweeney effective on January 4, 2016 be, and it hereby is, accepted with regret, and

FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees recognizes and thanks Ms. Sweeney for her dedicated service and wise counsel on behalf of all Village residents.

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 December, 2015 BOT Warrants, check no. 10331 through 10372 totaling \$170,615.26, 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 December 2015, 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 December, 2015. Both were reviewed and approved and ordered filed with these minutes.

BUILDING INSPECTOR'S REPORT

Mayor Schmidlapp asked the Board to review the December, 2015 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 December 2015. After review, the reports were presented for filing.

NEW BUSINESS

2016/2017 VERIFICATION OF TENTATIVE ASSESSMENT ROLL

The Board of Trustees considered the tentative assessment roll of the Village for the fiscal year 2016/2017, and placed their signatures on it to indicate that the tentative assessment roll was completed. On motion duly made and seconded, the Board unanimously

RESOLVED, that the tentative assessment roll of the Village of Centre Island for the fiscal year 2016/2017 be, and the same hereby is completed as filed and notice of completion of the tentative assessment roll and hearings of complaints on assessment is hereby ordered to be published as required by law.

GRIEVANCE DAY

The Mayor informed the Board that grievance day will be held on February 17, 2016. After discussion and on motion duly made and seconded, the Board unanimously

RESOLVED, that grievance day will be held February 17, 2016 at 7:00 PM for four hours or until the last grievance is heard.

PROPOSED LOCAL LAW A-2016, “Override of the 2% Property Tax Cap”

The Village Attorney discussed with the Board the New York State law which imposes a 2% maximum cap increase for the Village’s tax levy for the 2016/2017 fiscal year. He also noted State law provides an opt-out provision for local municipalities available by local law. The Village attorney recommended that in preparing the 2016/2017 Village budget, Proposed Local Law A-2016 be introduced in accordance with the requirements of the Municipal Home Rule Law, in the event it might become necessary for the Villager to consider a budget in excess of the 2% cap. After discussion, and on motion duly made, the Board unanimously

RESOLVED, the Attorney for the Village be, and they hereby are, authorized to take all necessary actions to schedule a public hearing on Proposed Local Law A-2016, which would authorize the Village to exceed the 2% property tax cap, at the February 17, 2016 meeting of the Board of Trustees.

ANNUAL VILLAGE ELECTION

The Board of Trustees unanimously adopted the following resolutions pertaining to the registration of all persons eligible to vote and the offices to be filled at the annual Village Election to be held on June 15, 2016;

RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees of the Incorporated Village of Centre Island hereby declares and determines that personal registration for Village residents in the next general Village Election on June 15, 2016, shall not be required if their names appear on the 2014 Nassau County registration poll records or as otherwise authorized by Section 15-118 of the Election Law, and

FURTHER RESOLVED, that there shall be no Village registration day for Village elections pursuant to Subdivision 3 of Section 15-118 of the Election Law, and

FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Inspectors of Election shall meet on June 11, 2016 at 7:30 p.m. to adopt, use or copy from the registration list, certified and supplied by the Nassau County Board of Elections, the names appearing thereon of all persons, residing in the Village and qualified to vote at such forthcoming general Village election, and

FURTHER RESOLVED, that the next general election for the Incorporated Village of Centre Island, Nassau County, New York, shall be held at the Centre Island Village Hall, 303 Centre Island Road in said Village on June 15, 2016; that the hours of opening and closing the polls thereof shall be 12:00 noon and 9:00 P.M. respectively and that during such period of nine consecutive hours, the polls shall be kept open for the purpose of choosing and electing the following officers:

Trustee for a term of 2 years
Trustee for a term of 2 years
Trustee for a term of 1 year

It was noted that either two or four Inspectors of Election must be appointed before the forthcoming election. Accordingly, on motion duly made and seconded, the Board unanimously

RESOLVED, that the following be, and they are hereby, designated and appointed to act as Inspectors of Election, with Ann Durban presiding as Chairperson thereof:

Ann Durban, Chairperson
Barry Curtis Spies

FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Clerk of the Village be, and she hereby is, directed to prepare a proper notice of said annual election pursuant to Section 15-104 of the Election Law and to cause said notice to be published in the said Locust Valley Leader in its issue of February 2, 2016 and the Oyster Bay Guardian in its issue of February 5, 2016, containing the date of the election and the polling place; the hours during which the polls shall be open; the position and term of such office, an abstract of any proposition to be voted upon, if any, and to cause a printed copy thereof to be posted conspicuously in at least six (6) public places in the Village at least one (1) day before said election and at each polling place.

FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Clerk of the Village be, and she hereby is, directed to prepare a proper notice of said annual election pursuant to Section 15-104 of the Election Law and cause said notice to be published in the said Locust Valley Leader in its issue of June 3, 2016 and the Oyster Bay Guardian in its issue of June 4, 2016, containing the date of the election and the polling place; the hours during which the polls shall be open; the names and addresses of all those who have been duly nominated whose certificate of petition of nomination has been duly filed with said Village Clerk and the term of such office for which they have been so nominated, an abstract of any proposition to be voted upon, if any, and to cause a printed copy thereof to be posted conspicuously in at least six (6) public places in the Village at least one (1) day before said election and at each polling place.

FURTHER RESOLVED, that a ballot box shall be used at this election.

UNPAID TAXES FOR 2015/2016

The Mayor circulated to the Board of Trustees a list of property owners whose 2015/2016 Village taxes are unpaid. After review, on motion duly made and seconded, it was unanimously

RESOLVED, that the Village Attorney be, and he hereby is, authorized to implement the statutory method for collection of the unpaid taxes.

Thereafter, on motion duly made and seconded, the Board of Trustees adopted the following preambles and resolutions:

WHEREAS, the Village Treasurer had delivered to the Board of Trustees and account of unpaid taxes, that the taxes set forth in said account remain unpaid, and

WHEREAS, the Village Treasurer has been unable to collect the same, and

WHEREAS, the Village has adopted Local Law 2-1994 which provides that the Village may continue to enforce the collection of Village property taxes pursuant to Title 3 of Article 14 of the Real Property Tax law as in effect on December 3, 1994;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT

RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees, having compared the account of unpaid taxes in the total amount of \$ 34,362.69 with the original roll hereby certifies the same to be true transcript and directs each Trustee to certify that the account and the amount of taxes unpaid has been compared and found to be correct, and

FURTHER RESOLVED, that within fifteen (15) days after the tax roll and warrant has been returned by the Treasurer, said documents shall be filed in the Office of the Village Clerk and a copy of said roll shall be permanently retained as a public record, and

FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Village Treasurer be, and hereby is, authorized and directed to collect the unpaid Village taxes by appropriate action under the Real Property Tax Law, including a tax sale. Such tax sale, if held, shall be scheduled no later than March 31, 2016, as provided by Article 14, Title 3, Section 1452 of the Real Property Tax of the State of New York.

MOORING PERMIT FEES

The Mayor asked the Board to review the mooring permit fees for 2016. After review, on motion duly made and seconded, it was unanimously

RESOLVED, the Village keep the mooring permit fees as is with no increase,

<u>West Harbor</u>		<u>Seawanhaka and Oyster Bay Harbor</u>	
Residents	\$100	Residents	\$100
Non-Residents	\$200	Non-Residents	\$650

NEW POLICE VEHICLE / DODGE DURANGO

The Mayor updated the Board on the Chief’s progress regarding replacing the Crown Victoria with a Dodge Durango AWD. The Chief would like to use the Westchester bidding system to procure the car. After discussion and on motion duly made and seconded, the Board unanimously

RESOLVED, to authorize the Mayor to purchase a new Durango AWD Police Vehicle at a value not to exceed \$43,000 through the Westchester County bidding system.

SALERNO FLOOD INSURANCE

The Board reviewed the Wright Flood Insurance Policy and discussed the possibility of increasing the coverage for the Police Building and its contents. After further discussion and on motion duly made and seconded it was unanimously

RESOLVED, that the Village maintain the current coverage for the Building and its contents in the amount of \$290,200 with a deductible of \$5,000 and to pay the premium of \$4,497.

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, February 17, 2016.

Carol Schmidlapp, Clerk-Treasurer