

**INC. VILLAGE OF CENTRE ISLAND
REGULAR BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING
WEDNESDAY, MAY 18, 2022**

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 the Village, on Wednesday, May 18, 2022 at 6:30 P.M.

Present:	Lawrence C. Schmidlapp	Mayor
	Michael Chalos	Trustee
	Grace Haggerty	Trustee
	Walter Roll	Trustee
	Victor Ort	Trustee

Also present:	Stanley Chase	Resident
	Frank Faber	Skinnon and Faber
	Carol Schmidlapp	Village Clerk-Treasurer
	Peter P. MacKinnon, Esq.	Humes & Wagner, LLP Attorneys for the Village

The Mayor called the regular Trustees meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

STORMWATER MANAGEMENT REPORT

Mayor Schmidlapp noted that the Storm Water Management Program Annual Report prepared by James Antonelli of West Side Engineering for the period ending March 9, 2022 had been posted on the Village website for review by the public. To date, no comments have been received. He noted that the Annual Report must be filed with the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation no later than June 1, 2022. After discussion, the Board authorized the filing of the Annual Report and all required documents in accordance with the Department of Environmental Conservation regulations. A copy of the report was directed to be annexed to the minutes. Accordingly, on motion duly made and seconded, the Board unanimously

RESOLVED, the Village of Centre Island's Storm Water Management Program Annual Report, as required by the Federal Storm Water Phase II Regulations, be and it hereby is accepted and directed that it be filed with the appropriate agencies; and

FURTHER RESOLVED, the Village Engineer, James Antonelli of West Side Engineering be and it is hereby authorized and directed to file the required nineteenth year 2022 Storm Water Management Program Annual Report on behalf of the Village of Centre Island, in compliance with the Federal Storm Water Phase II Regulations, including any and all other required compliance documents; and

FURTHER RESOLVED, the Mayor be, and he hereby is, authorized to sign any and all documents necessary for compliance with Storm Water Phase II Regulations.

BOARD OF TRUSTEES' MINUTES

Mayor Schmidlapp called for the approval of the minutes of the Trustees' meetings held on April 20, 2022 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, with the Board making a motion to approve budget modifications as follows:

Dept	From	Description	Amount	To	Description	Amount
Auditor	1560.1	Bldg. Insp. Fee	\$2,500	1320.4	Auditor	\$2,500
Legal	1560.1	Bldg. Insp. Fee	\$12,000	1420.4	Legal Fees	\$12,000
Bldgs.	1560.1	Bldg. Insp. Fee	\$2,000	1620.4a	Buildings General	\$2,000
Tax Refund	2590.3	Filming Permit	\$20,000	1931.4	Tax Refund	\$20,000
Police	1990	Contingency Fund	\$50,000	3120.1c	Police Overtime	\$50,000
	3599	State Aid Grants	\$20,000	3120.1c	Police Overtime	\$20,000
	3120.1f	Holiday	\$6,900	3120.1h	Travel Time	\$6,900
	3120.4j	Police Ins.	\$3,000	3120.1i	Mileage	\$3,000
	3120.4j	Police Ins.	\$4,100	3120.1D	Sick/Vacation Payout	\$4,100
	3120.4l	Police Cleaning	\$2,000	3120 4e	Fleet expenses	\$2,000
	9015.8	Police Retirement	\$15,000	9060.8B	Police Health Ins.	\$15,000
Street Maint.	5110.44	Perm Road Rep.	\$3,500	5110.42	St. Maint. Parts/reparis	\$3,500
	5110.1	St. Maint. Payroll	\$9,000	5110.43	St. Maint./PT Help	\$9,000
Refuse	8160.1	Refuse Payroll	\$20,000	8160.48	Refuse P/T Help	\$20,000

BOT WARRANTS

The bills listed in the 2022 BOT Warrants, check no. 3248 through 3287 totaling \$17,812.90, 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 April 2022 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 April 2022. Both were reviewed and approved and ordered filed with these minutes.

BUILDING INSPECTOR'S REPORT

The Board reviewed the March and April 2022 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 April 2022. After discussion and review, the reports were presented for filing.

NEW BUSINESS

2020-2022 FINANCIAL AUDIT OPEB REPORT

The Board of Trustees' at the April 2022 meeting questioned the 'future liabilities' for retiree health care benefits which was \$11,756,710. Since the Village pays those expenses on a 'pay as you go' basis the Board questioned reporting it as a liability on the audit report.

Frank Faber of Skinnon and Faber explained that as per GASB Accounting Regulations, the liability needs to be reported that way. After discussion, it was agreed to that a footnote be added to explain the reasoning for the liability.

Mr. Faber also reported that in addition, a new actuarial report was generated based on the current police population taking into account typical retirement ages, length of service, etc. This revised actuarial report reduced the Village's liability to \$5,654,242.

BAYVILLE LOSAP INCREASE IN MONTHLY BENEFITS

The Mayor reported that the Bayville Fire Department has proposed firefighters increase the payout upon retirement of service to attract and maintain firefighters, the officials propose to increase from \$20 to \$30 the monthly amount an eligible volunteer firefighter can obtain under the LOSAP program. The Mayor stated that the increase should not result in additional costs to the Village of Centre Island and that any such amendment would need to be approved by the voters in the Villages of Bayville, Mill Neck and Centre Island. Even with the monthly increase from \$20 to \$30, it is expected that the total annual cost of the LOSAP program will remain at approximately \$280,000. Centre island's share of the \$280,000 figure would be approximately \$58,000. The Mayor confirmed that it be presented to the residents as a proposition on the upcoming Village election ballot. After discussion, the Board of Trustees, unanimously adopted the following:

"RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE INCORPORATED VILLAGE OF CENTRE ISLAND, IN THE TOWN OF OYSTER BAY, COUNTY OF NASSAU, STATE OF NEW YORK, CALLING FOR A PROPOSITION TO BE PLACED ON THE BALLOT FOR THE 2022 GENERAL VILLAGE ELECTION; DIRECTING PUBLICATION OF NOTICES OF ELECTION AND DETERMINING OTHER MATTERS IN CONNECTION THEREWITH TO AMEND AN EXISTING LENGTH OF SERVICE AWARD PROGRAM."

RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE INCORPORATED VILLAGE OF CENTRE ISLAND, IN THE TOWN OF OYSTER BAY, COUNTY OF NASSAU, STATE OF NEW YORK, BY FAVORABLE VOTE OF NOT LESS THAN THREE-FIFTHS OF THE MEMBERS OF SAID BOARD (SUBJECT TO MANDATORY REFERENDUM), AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION 1. The Incorporated of Village of Centre Island shall conduct a mandatory referendum at the General Village Election to determine whether the Board of Trustees shall amend an existing Length of Service Award Program provided for the volunteer firefighter-participants of the program of the Bayville Volunteer Fire Department/ Bayville Fire Company No. 1, as provided for in Sections 216 and 216-a of the General Municipal Law.

SECTION 2. The type of Length of Service Award Program presently in existence is a defined benefit program as described in Section 219 of the General Municipal Law.

SECTION 3. The Entitlement Age for participants, as that term is defined in Section 215 subparagraph (4) of the General Municipal Law, under the program as presently constituted is 65 years of age based upon the program as originally adopted, subsequently amended and authorized in accordance with law.

SECTION 4. The maximum number of years of firefighting service, as that term is defined in Section 215 subparagraph (11) of the General Municipal Law, under the program as presently constituted is 30 years based upon the program originally adopted, subsequently amended and authorized in accordance with law.

SECTION 5. Under Section 215 subparagraph (4) of the General Municipal Law a Length of Service Award Program, subject to the appropriate authorization, may provide for an Entitlement Age for participants as low as 55 years of age, and under Section 219 (b) of the General Municipal Law a maximum number of years of firefighting service of 50 years.

SECTION 6. The present Length of Service Award Program of the Incorporated of Village of Bayville provides for an Entitlement Age policy with an Entitlement Age of 65 years of age which also permits participants to earn post entitlement age benefits credit for additional years of service credit.

SECTION 7. The present Length of Service Award Program shall be amended in order to increase the monthly benefit earned for each year of service credit earned from twenty (\$20.00) dollars per year of credited service to thirty (\$30.00) dollars per year of credited service as permitted under Section 219 of the General Municipal Law.

SECTION 8. The present Length of Service Award Program shall remain the same in all other respects and shall be amended by this resolution subject, of course, to approval of a mandatory referendum. In the event the referendum is not approved, the present program shall remain in effect as presently constituted and the amendment proposed shall not take effect. In the event the proposition is approved, pursuant to Section 219 subparagraph (c) of the General Municipal Law the prior authorization to make benefits immediately available for payment to participants when vested and earned shall remain in effect. There shall be no 10-year waiting period as described therein, and it is noted that the program will have been in existence for 10 years by the time this amendment, if approved and becomes effective.

SECTION 9. The estimated annual cost of the Length of Service Award Program as amended hereunder shall be \$280,000.00 based upon the current number and composition of participants in the program. The current estimated annual cost of the Length of Service Award Program as it currently exists is \$280,000.00 based upon the current number and composition of participants in the program. The program as amended will change the amortization schedule to a ten (10) year amortization from a five (5) year amortization and the amount amortized over said period from \$152,548.00 to \$126,962.00. The amendments proposed will not increase the annual administration fees for the program which shall remain the same. The foregoing figures are estimated and are subject to variation based upon the number of participants each year who qualify for a year of service credit.

SECTION 10. The defined benefit award to be paid to each eligible volunteer firefighter participant in the program as amended shall be thirty (\$30.00) dollars per month for each qualified year of active firefighting service not to exceed thirty (30) years of service. The amendment if approved by the registered voters of the Village shall apply to each year of service after January 1, 2023.

SECTION 11. The General Village Election of the qualified voters of the Incorporated of Village of Centre Island, in the Town of Oyster Bay, County of Nassau, State of New York, (hereinafter referred to as "Village"), shall be held at the Centre Island Village Hall, 303 Centre Island Road, Centre Island, NY 11771, in said Village on June 21, 2022, commencing at 12:00 p.m. (prevailing time) and the polls shall remain open until 9:00 p.m. (prevailing time) or for as much longer as may be necessary to enable the voters then present to cast their votes.

SECTION 12. The vote upon the Proposition to be submitted to the qualified voters who live within the Bayville Fire Protection District shall be by paper ballots and the Village Clerk is hereby authorized and directed to have the necessary ballots prepared for use in such voting.

SECTION 13. The Village Clerk is hereby authorized and directed to give notice of said General Village Election based upon the form normally used with notice of this proposition to amend the Length of Service Award Program stated within such notice of election. The form of the proposition shall be as follows:

PROPOSITION

Shall the Resolution of the Incorporated of Village of Centre Island in the Town of Oyster Bay, County of Nassau, State of New York, entitled:

RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE INCORPORATED VILLAGE OF CENTRE ISLAND IN THE TOWN OF OYSTER BAY, COUNTY OF NASSAU, STATE OF NEW YORK, ADOPTED MAY 18, 2022; AUTHORIZING THE AMENDMENT OF THE VILLAGE SERVICE AWARD PROGRAM FOR THE VOLUNTEER FIREFIGHTERS OF THE BAYVILLE VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT/ BAYVILLE FIRE COMPANY NO. 1 IN ORDER TO INCREASE THE MONTHLY BENEFIT FOR PARTICIPANTS FOR EACH CREDITED YEAR OF SERVICE FROM TWENTY (\$20.00) DOLLARS TO THIRTY (\$30.00) DOLLARS AS PERMITTED BY GENERAL MUNICIPAL LAW §219 EFFECTIVE ON JANUARY 1, 2023; STATING THAT THE ESTIMATED ANNUAL CONTRIBUTION FOR SAID PROGRAM AS AMENDED BASED UPON THE PRESENT NUMBER OF FIREFIGHTERS WILL REMAIN AT \$280,000.00, AND WILL NOT INCREASE; HOWEVER, THE AMORTIZATION OF UNFUNDED LIABILITY OF THE PLAN SHALL CHANGE FROM \$152,548.00 AMORTIZED OVER FIVE (5) YEARS TO \$126,962.00 AMORTIZED OVER TEN (10) YEARS; THE CURRENT ANNUAL ADMINISTRATION FEE INCLUDED IN THE AFOREMENTIONED FIGURES WILL REMAIN THE SAME BASED UPON THE PRESENT NUMBER OF FIREFIGHTERS; THAT THE PLAN IS FUNDED BY THE VILLAGES OF BAYVILLE, MILL NECK AND CENTRE ISLAND; THAT ALL OTHER PROVISIONS OF THE PLAN WILL REMAIN UNCHANGED AND IN EFFECT; APPROPRIATE SAID AMOUNT THEREFORE, BE APPROVED?

The adoption of the foregoing resolution was duly put to a vote and upon roll call the vote was as follows:

Votes in favor of adoption	Lawrence C. Schmidlapp	Aye
	Michael Chalos	Aye
	Grace Haggerty	Aye
	Walter Roll	Aye
	Victor Ort	Aye

EMPLOYEE SALARY INCREASES

The Board discussed salary increases for the following Village employees effective June 1st. After discussion and on motion duly made and seconded, the Board unanimously

RESOLVED to approve the following salary increases:

Roseanna Prisco from \$24/hour to \$24.72/hour (3% increase);

Segundo Gamboa from \$25/hour to \$25.75/hour (3% increase);

Ed Watson from \$29/hour to \$29.87/hour (3% increase); and

FURTHER RESOLVED, the Board, with Mayor Schmidlapp abstaining from voting, approved Carol Schmidlapp, Clerk-Treasurer, who has not received an increase in two years be increased \$48.61/hour to \$52.35/hour (8% increase).

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Mayor Schmidlapp requested the Board enter into Executive Session to discuss pending personnel matters and 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, June 15, 2022.

Carol Schmidlapp, Clerk-Treasurer