

BOARD OF TRUSTEES
WORK SESSION - SPECIAL MEETING
FEBRUARY 6, 2020

The Board of Trustees held a work session and special meeting on the above date at 11:00 a.m., at the Emergency Services Building, 1 Cedar Street, East Hampton.

<i>Those present were:</i>	Richard T. Lawler	Mayor
	Barbara Borsack	Trustee
	Arthur S. Graham	Trustee
	Rosemary G. Brown	Trustee
	Rebecca Hansen	Village Administrator
	Elizabeth Baldwin	Village Attorney
	David Collins	Superintendent of Public Works
	Michael Tracey	Police Chief
	Tony Long	Police Captain
	Jennifer Dunn	Police Officer
	Robert Hefner	Historic Services
	Billy Hajek	Planner
	Ken Collum	Code Enforcement Officer
	Gerard Turza, Jr.	Chief Engineer, Fire Dept.
	Alex Walters	Visitor
	Susan Ecker	Visitor
	Basil Carter	Visitor
	Gerard Larsen	Visitor
	Members of the Dunn Family	
	Police Department Members	
	Danielle Koyles	LTV
	Jamie Bufalino	East Hampton Star
	Virginia Garrison	East Hampton Press
	John Roca	Newsday Photographer
	June Lester	Secretarial Assistant

Mayor Richard Lawler opened the meeting by leading the Pledge of Allegiance.

Many members of Jennifer Dunn's family and members of the Village Police and Public Safety Dispatchers were present for her promotion to Detective 3rd Grade.

SERIAL BOND REFINANCING

The Board briefly discussed the refinancing of bonds purchased in 2008 and 2013.

The 2008 bonds of \$2,555,000 were for the following; to pay off BANS for: 1) Purchase of the Dayton Property, 2) Purchase of the Lamb/Baker Property and 3) North Main Street Parking Reconstruction.

The 2013 bonds of \$3,278,000 were for the following: pay BANS for: 1) Huntting Lane and Bridge Reconstruction, 2) Emergency Services Building Reconstruction and 3) Fithian Lane Drainage Improvements, and funding for: 1) Issac Osborn House Reconstruction, 2) Fire Truck Purchase and 3) Generator Purchase for Emergency Services Building.

Based on current market conditions and the Village's favorable financial rating and outlook, it is estimated the Village will save \$78,416.00.

The Board agreed to adopt a refunding resolution at the next meeting.

KNOX BOXES (EMERGENCY KEY ACCESS)

Gerard Turza, Chief Engineer of the Fire Department briefly explained the request submitted to the Board to adopt legislation (as similarly adopted by the Town of East Hampton) regarding the use and installation of Emergency Access Systems (Knox Boxes) for residential and commercial properties in the village. Chief Turza considered the Knox Box systems invaluable to the fire service for the purpose of gaining access during times of alarm and emergency. The proposed legislation, if adopted, would require all commercial premises equipped with fire alarms and all new residential construction and any existing residential construction for which a building permit is issued or renewed to comply. Currently, any such Knox Boxes installed in the Village are done so on a

voluntary basis. All Village owned properties currently have them. Residential systems cost approximately \$175, Commercial systems approximately \$300.

Chief Turza noted that some insurance companies give a discount to policy holders who have the systems installed on their properties.

The Board agreed the legislation should be drafted and noticed for a public hearing at the February 21st meeting.

PARKING ENFORCEMENT

Police Captain Tony Long gave a brief review of the options researched to replace the aging parking pass dispenser systems.

Parking Enforcement Presentation to the Board

Background: The Police Department currently enforces timed parking through traditional tire marking and checking of time stamped parking passes in two parking lots. Current parking pass dispensing machines are at end of life and need replacing. Traditional Chalking and checking of parking passes are manpower intensive and time consuming.

Options: Police Department researched methods and technologies to improve enforcement of time parking restrictions including:

Traditional marking of vehicle tires:

Pros: Straight forward little training needed, time tested, no cues/traffic backups

Cons: Labor Intensive, time consuming, possible future legal challenge, subject to erasure.

Parking Pass ticket dispensing machines (New Machines):

Pros: No need to mark tires

Cons: User error (improper placement of pass), requires officers to manually check passes, subject to misuse, high dismissal rate, cue lines/traffic backup, public inconvenience, costly maintenance.

Parking meters (placed on Sidewalks):

Pros: No need to mark tires, if plate is entered, more enforceable less susceptible to misuse, no cues/traffic backups

Cons: Public Inconvenience, costly, large installation costs, large number needed, ADA considerations, unsightly.

Fixed LPR:

Pros: No cues/traffic backups, no public inconvenience.

Cons: Costly 10k a lane 40k for one parking lot, difficult to resolve different time limits, not effective for streets, Unworkable with our current parking laws, unable to mail summons.

Mobile Auto Chalk:

Pros: No public inconvenience, no traffic cues/backups, no parking machines to maintain, easy fall back to manual marking of tires, relatively small investment that can enforce all time restrictions and parking permit (beach) laws, highly efficient entire business district can be marked in under a half hour by one traffic officer, great evidential proof of violation, expected increase in conviction rate.

Cons: reliance on one-unit, potential double-parking when issuing summons.

Mayor Lawler: Noted that the replacement system would not be a prelude to charging for parking.

Trustee Brown: Impressed with the system, user friendly and could use information gathered by the system to analysis parking lot usage. Would like to see a three-hour lot.

Trustee Graham: Would it be possible for the system to interface with a phone app people could use to find a vacant parking space? Could alerts be sent to parkers when they're about to go over the parking limit? Would the system have the capability to interact with the beach permit program?

Trustee Borsack: Many of the current issues involve both the Town and Village, suggested a joint traffic/parking task force be formed. Also suggested a town-wide shuttle?

Village Attorney Elizabeth Baldwin noted signage would need to be changes.

The Board unanimously agreed that the best replacement would be the Mobile Auto Chalk, and will motion to notice to bidders for the equipment at the February 21st meeting

Upon motion made by Trustee Barbara Borsack, seconded by Trustee Arthur Graham and carried as follows, it was RESOLVED to adopt Resolution #6 -2020 hereby appointing Police Officer Jennifer Dunn to the position of Detective 3rd Grade at an annual salary of \$136,577.34, effective February 16, 2020.

Mayor Richard Lawler	*Abstained
Deputy Mayor Barbara Borsack	Yes
Trustee Arthur Graham	Yes
Trustee Rosemary Brown	Yes

** Mayor Lawler is related to Officer Dunn*

Upon motion made by Trustee Barbara Borsack, seconded by Trustee Rosemary Brown and unanimously carried, it was RESOLVED to adopt Resolution #7-2020 hereby appointing Nicholas Kahn to the position of Full-Time Paramedic, at an annual salary of \$59,300.00, effective February 16, 2020.

Upon motion made by Trustee Arthur Graham, seconded by Trustee Rosemary Brown and unanimously carried, it was RESOLVED to adopt Resolution #8-2020, re: a temporary suspension of certain provisions of the village code relating to signs, where applicable to allow commercial properties to decorate for the Village's Centennial celebration.

RESOLUTION #8-2020

WHEREAS, September 26, 2020 marks the 100th anniversary of the Village of East Hampton's incorporation; and

WHEREAS, to celebrate its anniversary, the Village of East Hampton is hosting a Centennial Parade down Main Street followed by a street celebration and culminating with a vintage baseball game in Herrick Park; and

WHEREAS, the East Hampton Village Centennial Committee has requested that the Village Board of Trustees temporarily suspend the Village's sign code to allow Village businesses to join in the festive atmosphere of the Village's Anniversary by decorating their building exteriors or fences with the Centennial colors of red, white and blue; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Trustees agree that temporarily suspending the applicable sections of the Village Code, which would allow businesses within the Village to decorate for the Centennial, is within the best interests of the Village, now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, the applicable Village of East Hampton code sections are hereby suspended from September 1, 2020 through November 30, 2020, to allow commercial properties to decorate for the Village's Centennial celebration, subject to the following restrictions:

1. Permissible exterior decorations are limited to bunting, flags, streamers and banners.
2. Permissible decoration colors are limited to the designated Centennial colors, red, white, and/or blue.
3. No advertisement for any business on the decorations shall be permitted, however, language celebrating the Centennial is allowed. (e.g., "Village of East Hampton Centennial 1920-2020).
4. No illuminated, flashing or moving signs.
5. No decoration shall be installed until September 1, 2020 and all decorations shall be removed by November 30, 2020.

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Board of Trustees reserve the right to require the immediate removal of any decorations that do not meet the requirements set forth in this resolution, as any decoration that are not conformance with this resolution may be a violation of the Village Code or require the property approvals from appropriate Village Boards.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

John & Augusta Folks addressed the Board concerning the re-occurring issue of employee parking in the village. Trustee Brown noted the board is examining ways to make the Long-Term Lot more accessible and encourage use of the under-utilized parking lot at 8 Osborne Lot.

Trustee Brown suggested the Osborne location be offered as paid parking for merchants. Administrator Hansen noted that such restrictions on public parking is not possible.

Trustee Borsack noted the restrictions were originally put into place as a result of concerns raised by merchants over the lack of parking for customers.

Gerard Larsen suggested paid parking over two hours. Mr. Larsen considered the proposed parking enforcement system an excellent replacement for the current system.

Trustee Graham voiced his support of the proposed enforcement system also to provide parking statistics.

Trustee Borsack would like the "Public Comment" portion of meetings moved to the beginning, so public attendees don't have to stay through the entire meeting to speak. Trustee Borsack also suggested Village Hall host a "Coffee with the Mayor" on a Saturday morning each month where the public would be welcome to come to Village Hall. Another Trustee and perhaps various department representation would also be available.

Gerard Larsen asked that public notices be posted on the village website. Mr. Larsen also asked for an update on the PSEG-LI's application to install a riser pole on Cooper Lane.

Mayor Lawler read the following statement:

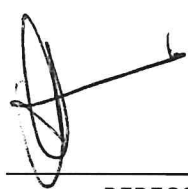
As you all know, the Village Board held a public hearing on January 21, 2020 regarding an application by PSEG for a new riser pole on Cooper Lane. Following the hearing, the Village was served with a summons and complaint by the homeowners at 51 Cooper Lane. As the pending PSEG application is the subject of the litigation, the Trustees are reserving decision on the application for a later date. In the meantime, we would like to make the public aware that the Board will establish an advisory committee to explore all options regarding the PSEG transmission lines and to review the public's concerns.

Mr. Larsen felt the January 21st PSEG public hearing wasn't well noticed and ask that all notices be posted on the website.

Trustees Arthur Graham and Rosemary Brown will serve on the Advisory Committee.

With no other business to discuss motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Trustee Arthur Graham, seconded by Trustee Barbara Borsack and unanimously carried at 12:05 p.m.

(APPROVED BY BOARD OF TRUSTEES JUNE 19, 2020)



REBECCA HANSEN, CLERK OF THE BOARD


RICHARD T. LAWLER, MAYOR


BARBARA S. BORSACK, TRUSTEE


ARTHUR S. GRAHAM, TRUSTEE


ROSEMARY G. BROWN, TRUSTEE