

BOARD OF TRUSTEES  
 WORK SESSION - SPECIAL MEETING – EXECUTIVE SESSION  
 JANUARY 2, 2020

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

*Those present were:*

Richard T. Lawler	Deputy 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
Robert Hefner	Historic Services
Billy Hajek	Planner
Kent Howie	Code Enforcement Officer
Ken Collum	Code Enforcement Officer
Gerard Turza, Jr.	Chief Engineer, Fire Dept.
Joan Osborne	Village Preservation Society
Jim Brooks	Visitor
Basil Carter	Visitor
Gerard Larsen	Visitor
Charles Whitmore	Visitor
Danielle Koyles	LTV
Jamie Bufalino	East Hampton Star
Virginia Garrison	East Hampton Press
John Roca	Newsday Photographer
June Lester	Secretarial Assistant

Deputy Mayor Rick Lawler opened the meeting by leading the Pledge of Allegiance.

Upon motion made by Trustee Rosemary Brown, seconded by Trustee Barbara Borsack and unanimously carried, it was RESOLVED to adopt Resolution #01-2020 to accept & acknowledge the gift of \$83,333.33 from Ronald S. Lauder towards the Dominy Shop Restoration Project.

**DRAFT CAPITAL PLAN FOR 2020-2025**

Village Administrator Rebecca Hansen reviewed the draft of the 2020-2025 Capital Plan.

VILLAGE OF EAST HAMPTON  
 CAPITAL PLAN  
 2020 - 2025  
 ADOPTED JANUARY 17, 2020

Fiscal Year 2020 - 2021	Project Description	Cost	Fund Source
Fire Department	Replace Heavy Rescue Truck	\$ 600,000.00	BAN
	Replace Engine 9-1-5	\$ 550,000.00	BAN
	Replace Chief's Vehicle	\$ 45,000.00	GF
Department of Public Works	Herrick Park Improvements	\$ 100,000.00	GF/RF
	Street Sweeper & Truck Refurbishment	\$ 333,000.00	BAN
	Engineering Studies - Further Lane, Davids Land Bridge & LT Parking Lot	\$ 70,000.00	GF
	Georgica Beach Building Repairs	\$ 350,000.00	BAN
	Generator Replacement-DPW Building	\$ 60,000.00	GF
	Bathroom/Entrance Renovations-DPW Building	\$ 100,000.00	GF/RF
Historic Preservation	Dominy Workshop Restoration-Phase 2	\$ 500,000.00	BAN/GRANT
E.M.S. Building	Relocate Public Entrance to Building	\$ 75,000.00	GF/RF
	New Generator for Ambulance Side	\$ 100,000.00	GF/RF
Police Department	Replace Three (3) Patrol Vehicles	\$ 135,000.00	GF
	Purchase Two (2) License Plate Readers	\$ 50,000.00	GF
	Replace 911 Emergency Communications Command Vehicle	\$ 498,000.00	BAN
		FY 2020-21	\$ 3,566,000.00

Ken Collum explained the proposed relocation of the public entrance to the Emergency Services Building, from the rear of the building to the front facing Cedar Street. The location of the entrance as it currently is confusing to the public and leaves the building less secure than if it were at the front of the building.



**VACANCY OF MAYORAL POSITION**

Deputy Mayor Richard Lawler read an excerpt from the NYCOM (New York State Conference of Mayors and Municipal Officials Handbook):

Pursuant to Village Law § 4-400, when the mayor is absent or unable to fulfill his or her duties as mayor, the deputy village mayor is vested with "all of the powers and may perform all the duties of the mayor." If the mayor's office becomes vacant, the deputy mayor does not automatically become mayor. Rather, the deputy mayor performs the duties and functions of the mayor until the board of trustees fills the vacancy in the office of the mayor. The deputy mayor does not become the "acting" mayor or "temporary" mayor. Although Village Law § 4-400(1)(h) vests the deputy mayor with the powers and duties of the mayor in the event the mayor is unable to serve, there is constant confusion as to the extent of the deputy mayor's power and for how long the deputy mayor can serve in the event that there is a vacancy in the office of mayor. The Office of the Attorney General has opined that, if a vacancy is created in the office of village mayor, the deputy mayor may only exercise the powers of the mayor until the next meeting of the board of trustees.

Deputy Mayor Lawler's preference would be to appoint a Mayor at the January 17, 2020 meeting, to which the Board agreed. Trustee Graham felt that a Deputy Mayor should also be appointed to best serve the Village. Trustee Rosemary Brown questioned whether the Board should fill the Trustee vacancy or wait until the vacancy is filled by the upcoming election.

**PRESENTATION OF NEW VILLAGE LOGO**

Trustee Barbara Borsack unveiled the new logo for the Inc. Village of East Hampton. The logo, created by local artist Scott Bluedorn, was created to honor the approaching Centennial of the incorporation of the village.

Trustee Borsack invited the public to Village Hall's Open House and raising of the new flag this afternoon from 2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.

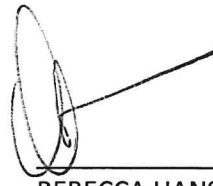
**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Charles Whitmore commended the Board on hiring the Laguardia Design Group for the planning of the redesign and revitalization of Herrick Park. He hoped the caliber of such a reputable landscape architect design group would set a new standard for the design of our public spaces throughout the Town of East Hampton; important because of the limited park space we do have. Mr. Whitmore felt encouraged by the design group's process of presenting a draft to the public and including public feedback in the plans.

Retired Police Chief and mayoral candidate Gerard Larsen addressed the Board to voice his concerns as to how the vacant mayor position will be filled for the interim between now and the June 16, 2020 election. Mr. Larsen considered it offensive if Trustee Barbara Borsack is appointed Mayor or Trustee candidate Ray Harden is appointed as a Trustee it would give them an unfair advantage in the upcoming election. Mr. Larsen felt Deputy Mayor Richard Lawler should be appointed Mayor to keep the playing field fair.

With no other business to discuss motion to adjourn the regular meeting was made by Trustee Barbara Borsack, seconded by Trustee Arthur S. Graham and unanimously carried at 11:35 a.m., and enter into an executive session to discuss litigation.

(APPROVED BY BOARD OF TRUSTEES FEBRUARY 21, 2020)



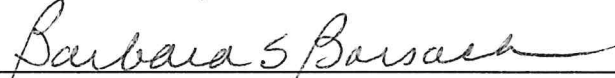
REBECCA HANSEN, CLERK OF THE BOARD

*PFR resigned, effective December 31, 2019*

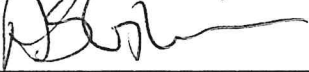
PAUL F. RICKENBACH, MAYOR



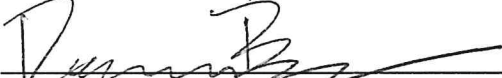
RICHARD T. LAWLER, DEPUTY MAYOR



BARBARA S. BORSACK, TRUSTEE



ARTHUR S. GRAHAM, TRUSTEE



ROSEMARY G. BROWN, TRUSTEE