

**VILLAGE OF EAST HAMPTON BOARD OF TRUSTEES
VIDEO CONFERENCE MEETING HELD ON
JUNE 4, 2020 MEETING, AT 11:00 A.M.**

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Present: Mayor Richard Lawler, Deputy Mayor Barbara Borsack, Trustee Arthur Graham, Trustee Rosemary Brown, Trustee Ray Harden, Administrator Becky Hansen, Village Attorney Elizabeth Baldwin, Department of Public Works Superintendent David Collins, Police Chief Michael Tracey, Planner Billy Hajek, Fire Chief Gerard Turza, and Historic Site Manager & Village Historian Hugh King.

Mayor Richard T. Lawler: Good Morning and welcome to the Village Board Work Session Meeting, June 4, 2020. Let's begin with the Pledge of Allegiance please.

All: I pledge allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, and to the Republic for which it stands, one under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.

R. Lawler: Will all please remain standing for a moment of silence for George Floyd.

R. Lawler: Okay, please be seated. We were all horrified by the events surrounding the death of George Floyd earlier this week. I issued a statement on behalf of the village, so I'd like to just read that statement:

"As Mayor of East Hampton Village and former law enforcement officer, I want to share with my community and the public at large, that I am both saddened and outraged at the murder of George Floyd. There is no reason, justification or excuse that can support such a senseless and abhorrent action. I pray for justice for George Floyd and his family and friends. This is not a time to incite more violence and injustice, but a time to make change. From the darkness of the death of George Floyd, we must all reach inside ourselves to find a light to show us the way to compassion and understanding for all lives. I want us all to support finding meaningful and peaceful ways to elicit change and be part of process that finally produces a world where no man, woman or child fears living"

R. Lawler: And, just a reminder, that there's going to be a Black Lives Matter demonstration this Sunday between 2:00 and 5:00 at the Hook Mill at the north end of the village for anyone who would like to attend. Okay, Hugh King?

H. King: Thank you Mr. Mayor. This is a budget hearing, is that correct?

R. Lawler: Yes.

H. King: Okay, let's talk budget. The first budget that the village had was \$62,000, alright, and that budget was largely fashioned, I'm sure, with the help of the first mayor, Jonathan Baker. You know what happened to him after two years? He was voted out of office. He was considered not progressive enough. He is also the mayor who served the shortest amount of time. However, Mayor Lawler is attempting to break that record. Hey now, the second budget is from 1927 - \$65,000 and you know what the village taxpayers did that year? They purchased Home Sweet Home Museum for \$60,000. Now we come to 1931, when the village budget was \$71,000 and there was a movement in the village to sell all the contents of Home Sweet Home in order to pay for the purchase of the building. Luckily that went nowhere. In the middle of the depression - 1937, the village budget was \$66,000. The village taxpayers voted to purchase Maini Beach for \$20,000. Can you imagine if you did not have control of that place right now? 1939 - while the depression was going on Judd Bannister and the village board put the Hook Windmill back in working operation and hired Charles Puff Dominy to work there. He was living at the Dominy House. It's 1941 - the village budget is \$82,000 and Oscar Brill has bought the Dominy House. He had the store right next to where I think it's a flower shop and something else right now. He offered it to the village for \$6,000 if they make it into a museum. Judd Bannister write a letter to the taxpayers in the village saying if we have \$6,000 we can buy the Dominy House. Nobody pays attention. It's December of 1941, the war starts, everybody forgets about it. In 1946 the Dominy House was torn down, however, Dudley Roberts saved both the clock shop and the furniture shop. When nobody wanted them - either the Historical Society or the Village, he moved them up on his property - so he saved them. Then according to Bob Hefner he saved them again, because in the 1950's when Ethel Marsden bought - sold the Dominy Tool Collection to Winterthur they wanted both the clock shop and the furniture shop and he didn't sell it to them, and look where they are today, Okay. Alright, no this is a budget hearing right? We all have to do our part to keep the budget under control, so I'm willing to accept the position of village historian at no additional compensation. That's all I got.

R. Lawler: Thank you very much Hugh, much appreciated. Okay, we're at the public comment portion of the meeting, so if anybody has comments and would like to phone in we'll give a couple minutes for that.

A. Graham: Mr. Mayor, before we get to any phone calls I just wanted to say one thing. I noticed that The Elms Party on their website put out a very informative comment about the varying phases of re-opening in the village, and I think it would be very appropriate if you put that on the village website and the village Facebook page, because I don't think we need people to go to political website to get good information about the village.

R. Hansen: I posted this morning, Tiger, on the village's Facebook page the link to all the phases.

A. Graham: Okay, thank you.

R. Lawler: Thank you.

R. Hansen: It will go on the website too.

A. Graham: Thanks. That's what I wanted to say. I don't want to make it sound like I'm making a political pitch, because it's not meant to be that. It's meant to get the information out to the people.

R. Lawler: Okay. Thank you for that. Any callers yet?

J. Nower/LTV: Currently no callers on the line.

R. Lawler: Okay, then let's move on to the public hearing, which is for the 2020-2021 budget. Becky, could you elaborate on that please?

PUBLIC HEARING FOR THE 2020-2021 BUDGET

R. Hansen: Sure. I'll just do another overview from the work session where the tentative budget was presented to the Board of Trustees. Nothing has changed in the final budget that is before you today. As I went through during the last work session, given these financial conditions, the economy that we're in and reviewing revenues and how that would affect any expenditures for the budget. As you recall, the village budget is proposed to go over the tax cap by about, just over fifty thousand dollars and we were able to use a roll-over portion, which is a calculation I get from the State based on taxes levied last year of about ten thousand dollars so the property tax overage is about forty thousand dollars right now. Again, you know, certainly as the new fiscal year unfold and if revenue conditions – market conditions improve the board certainly can amend the budget during the fiscal year. I know there are a number of departments looking for capital expenditures on whether equipment or other types of projects and certainly the board can amend the budget, and just to give a quick update on the current fiscal year and we've been watching the revenues there as well. As of yesterday, only uncollected on the revenue side for this budget is under eight hundred thousand dollars, which is a pretty decent pace, and again a majority of that will be due to the village either a contract or through grants or funding that we received from New York State like CHIPS funding. As you know, there will be some funding that won't be received. As of right now the concession is not operating at Main Beach and that will be pro-rated, so that loss of revenue will be about twenty-two thousand when it's pro-rated over the two fiscal years that he operates. In addition, the village as you know, is not selling daily beach passes, so there will be a decrease in revenue there as well. Also parking ticket revenue due to relaxed enforcement during the pandemic. But again, the village is cautiously optimistic at the way the revenues are at the moment as the village goes into the new fiscal year.

R. Lawler: Thank you very much. I just want to remind everybody, that due to your budgeting process over the years, that we have an A1 rating – one of the highest that you can and we were recently able to save the taxpayers over \$160,000 with a bond refinancing, so I appreciate that very much. I'm sure the taxpayers appreciate that. Anybody else with a comment?

B. Borsack: No, just thanks to Becky for her hard work, I know how hard that is putting that budget together and putting a very nice fiscally conservative budget together for this year when there's so many unknowns, so thank you to Becky for that.

A. Graham: And there's only one rating higher – a double A1 that's very hard to get.

R. Lawler: Becky, again, thank you very much and please thank your staff for all the hard work that they do.

R. Brown: Yes, thank you.

R. Lawler: Alright, do I need a motion to close the hearing?

A. Graham: So moved.

R. Harden: Seconded.

R. Lawler: Cast and carried.

NOTICE OF ADOPTION FOR VILLAGE BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 2020-2021

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT the Board of Trustees of the Incorporated Village of East Hampton, New York, on the 4th day of June, 2020 adopted the 2020-2021 Budget, which get has this day been filed in the office of the Village Administrator and as a public record is available for inspection by all interested persons at Village Hall, 86 Main Street, East Hampton, New York 11937. The salary of the Mayor is \$26,000.00, Deputy Mayor is 16,500.00 and each Trustee is \$14,000.00 annually.

ESTIMATED EXPENDITURES

A1010	BOARD OF TRUSTEES	264,500.00
A1210	MAYOR	29,250.00
A1320	AUDITING & ACCOUNTING	57,000.00
A1325	CLERK TREASURER	703,927.00
A1362	TAX ADVERTISING	100.00
A1420	LAW	458,150.00
A1450	ELECTIONS	2,000.00
A1620	VILLAGE HALL	118,233.00
A1621	EMERGENCY SERVICES BUILDING	654,519.00
A1910	UNALLOCATED INSURANCE	410,000.00
A1980	MTA PAYROLL TAX	37,000.00
A1990	CONTINGENT ACCOUNT	100,000.00
A3020	EMERGENCY COMMUNICATIONS	2,025,377.00
A3120	POLICE DEPARTMENT	5,368,671.00
A3150	JAIL	500.00
A3410	FIRE DEPARTMENT	363,850.00
A3420	AIRPORT BUILDING	13,000.00
A351040	DOG CONTROL	5,000.00
A351041	JOINT FUEL FACILITY	10,000.00
A3620	CODE ENFORCEMENT	301,957.00
A3625	JOINT OCEAN SAFETY	3,000.00
A4020	REGISTRAR OF VITAL STATISTICS	1,600.00
A4540	AMBULANCE	465,500.00
A5010	HIGHWAY ADMINISTRATION	305,058.00
A5110	STREET MAINTENANCE	632,843.00
A5120	STORM SEWERS	122,500.00
A5142	SNOW REMOVAL	133,500.00
A5182	STREET LIGHTING	276,379.00
A5240	SHADE TREES	189,017.00
A5410	STREET CLEANING	294,423.00
A5530	CENTRAL GARAGE	340,786.00
A5650	PARKING DIVISION	162,685.00
A5720	FLOOD & EROSION CONTROL	53,000.00
A5840	PARKS	338,071.00
A7140	GEORGICA BEACH	83,000.00
A7141	MAIN BEACH	350,800.00
A7142	TWO MILE HOLLOW BEACH	67,500.00
A7150	SEA SPRAY	139,675.00
A7450	HOME SWEET HOME	101,705.00
A7451	OSBORN JACKSON HOUSE	12,000.00
A7452	HOOK MILL	11,050.00
A7453	PANTIGO MILL	5,000.00
A7455	LAMB HOUSE	16,700.00
A7456	GARDINER MILL COTTAGE	38,000.00
A7457	DOMINY WORKSHOP	21,000.00
A7550	CELEBRATIONS	15,000.00
A8010	ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS	58,550.00
A8015	DESIGN REVIEW BOARD	149,946.00
A8020	PLANNING BOARD	129,755.00
A9010	NYS RETIREMENT	1,792,975.00
A9025	SERVICE AWARD PROGRAM	600,000.00
A9030	SOCIAL SECURITY	655,000.00
A9040	WORKERS COMPENSATION	325,000.00
A9050	UNEMPLOYMENT	8,000.00

A9060	MEDICAL INSURANCE & ADMIN.	3,069,255.00
A906040	MEDICAL PAYMENTS	195,000.00
A9061	MEDICARE REIMBURSEMENT	60,000.00
A9070	COMPENSATED ABSENCES	20,000.00
A971060	SERIAL BONDS	890,000.00
A971070	INTEREST DEBTS	87,925.00
A9730	BOND ANTICIPATION NOTES	0.00
A9950	CAPITAL PROJECTS	385,000.00

TOTAL APPROPRIATIONS 23,411,999.00

ANTICIPATED REVENUES

A1081	PILOT	95,000.00
A1090	INTEREST AND PENALTIES	50,000.00
A1131	PUBLIC UTILITY TAX	140,000.00
A1170	FRANCHISE FEES	115,000.00
A1235	TAX SALE ADVERTISING	100.00
A1520	BURGLAR/FIRE ALARMS & FEES	15,000.00
A1521	BURGLAR/FIRE ALARMS REG./RENEWAL	50,000.00
A1530	POLICE FEES	10,000.00
A1540	ALARM FINES TOWN	10,000.00
A1560	CERTIFICATES OF OCCUPANCY	22,000.00
A1561	CERTIFICATES OF OCCUPANCY SEARCHES	20,000.00
A1603	REGISTRAR FEES	1,600.00
A2025	BEACH FEES	65,000.00
A2030	DAILY PARKING FEES	100,000.00
A2090	MUSEUMS ADMISSIONS	2,500.00
A2110	ZONING BOARD FEES	35,000.00
A2115	PLANNING BOARD FEES	2,000.00
A2120	DESIGN REVIEW FEES	3,500.00
A2260	COMMUNICATIONS SERVICES	800,612.00
A2262	FIRE PROTECTION	1,832,235.00
A2286	AMBULANCE SERVICE	367,797.00
A2401	INTEREST ON INVESTMENTS	13,000.00
A2402	INTEREST ON RESERVES	12,000.00
A2410	RENTS FROM INDIVIDUALS	1,224,230.00
A2415	RENT FROM TOWER	56,000.00
A2445	GARBAGE LICENSES	10,000.00
A2591	BUILDING PERMITS	725,000.00
A2592	MISCELLANEOUS PERMITS	15,000.00
A2593	PARKING PERMITS	1,240,000.00
A2594	STREET OPENING PERMITS	11,500.00
A2595	LONG TERM PARKING PERMITS	25,000.00
A2610	FINES RETURNED BY STATE	700,000.00
A2655	MUSEUM SALES	250.00
A2656	MINOR SALES	1,000.00
A2665	EQUIPMENT SALES	2,000.00
A2680	INSURANCE RECOVERIES	5,000.00
A2683	SELF INSURANCE RECOVERY	0
A2690	COMPENSATION FOR LOSS	0
A2701	REFUND OF PRIOR YEARS EXP.	500
A2705	GIFTS & DONATIONS	3,000.00
A2709	EMPLOYEE CONTRIBUTIONS	60,000.00
A2710	PRESCRIPTION CONTRIBUTIONS	0.00
A2770	UNCLASSIFIED REVENUE	5,000.00
A3001	AIM RELATED PAYMENTS	14,828.00
A3005	MORTGAGE TAX	400,000.00
A3087	COUNTY SALES TAX - PUBLIC SAFETY	100,000.00
A3088	STATE AID CODE ENFORCEMENT	0.00
A3250	COUNTY 911 REVENUE	140,000.00
A3501	CHIPS	201,091.00
A4489	MEDICARE PART D REIMBURSEMENT	0.00
A4889	FEDERAL AID	0.00
A5031	INTERFUND TRANSFER	0.00

REVENUES	\$8,784,243.00
ANTICIPATED CASH IN BANK	600,000.00
AMOUNT TO BE RAISED BY TAX	\$14,063,756.00
TOTAL REVENUE	\$23,411,999.00
TAXABLE VALUATION	\$45,266,320.00
TAX RATE PER \$100.00 OF ASSESSED VALUATION	\$31.07

R. Lawler: Now we're on to discussion, Chief Turza, you have some information for us?

G. Turza: Good Morning Your Honor, members of the Board. So, at this time I'd like to publicly announce that given the ongoing Covid-19 health crisis, the uncertainty of the next few months as to what's going to happen with mass gatherings, in the general interest of public safety the Fire Department's canceling our annual fireworks that were scheduled for August 15th and 16th of this year and we will not be rescheduling that at any point this year. We're kind of hoping to have events. I hope things loosen up, give everybody a chance to get out and stretch their legs – I think everybody needs it, especially this type of event – the kind that galvanized us a little bit, but there's no way we could possibly pull off a mass gathering in good conscience with the health and safety of the public in mind, so we will be canceling events and we will be notifying the press over the next week or so to get that message out there. Okay, well, thank you.

R. Lawler: Well, Okay, that's certainly disappointing, but better to be safe than sorry, so thank you very much for that, and all the work you do throughout the year to keep us safe. Very much appreciated. Anybody else, any comments regarding that?

R. Brown: I agree, it's a great disappointment but it's probably a prudent measure at this point, and yes, thank you Jerry.

A. Graham: And I think there is one particular village resident that will be very happy about this also.

R. Lawler: Okay, let's move on to the village re-opening update from Deputy Mayor Borsack, who has been on that re-opening committee.

B. Borsack: Okay, well, contrary to what some people have been saying, we're actually been working on this or quite some time. We started talking about, in April, what the village could do to assist the businesses in re-opening and we decided to have two committees; one that would deal with the commercial businesses and a separate committee that would deal specifically with the restaurants. So, I'm happy to report on the business one – the one that the Mayor and I sat in on. We met for the first time the first week in May, and have met every week since then to talk about what we can do to assist the businesses, and the Chamber was on that committee, there was some business owners and managers and a landlords who rents to a number of local businesses and has some good fingers into the community so it was very good committee as well as village staff – of course code enforcement and our village administrator and our lawyer. So, we had a lot of discussions, talked about a lot of different things and we just decided that we would be relaxing our codes on some outdoor displays and signs. Businesses will need to go in to get some instructions on this as we go forward, you'll have to go to the Chair of DRB and code enforcement, not sit before the whole review, for a quick okay on whatever they want to do. They're going to have to show us exactly what they have in mind. We're talking about signs for windows which, for windows or doors, which the village has prepared and is going to be distributing in the next couple of days. Each business will have one of these signs on display for people to see before they come in. It will explain that they need to wear masks and how many customers are allowed in the store at one time and also have space for their website and phone numbers on it. So, they were happy about that idea. We also offered to post on our website and Facebook Page, if the Chamber has developed a list of open businesses, we're happy to share that on our social media. We relaxed the parking limitations for the moment, we're going to hold that and wait and see what happens. When parking becomes an issue again then we will of course begin to enforce the restrictions, but, excuse me, at the moment that's relaxed and there are no summons being issued at this point. We're talking about some limited seating in Millstone Park – a couple of very small tables and chairs so people can just sit and relax a little bit, get out in the fresh air where we put the benches back out, so we're happy to have people come and use the benches. We've also created some curbside pull-off areas, which we're working on some signage for and so that people can – there'll be no parking areas where people can pull in and wait for their curbside drop off or run in to the store and pick-up what they already ordered, so it will be a quick in and out area. There are a couple on Main Street, a couple on Newtown Lane being signed today, hopefully they're going to be this weekend and I think that's about everything, unless Mayor, you can think of something else I forgot.

R. Lawler: I just want to remind everybody, maybe Chief you can confirm this, we're not going to enforce timed parking in either one of our lots – Schenck or Reutershan, and we will be enforcing the fifteen-minute parking on Park Place, due to the fact that's an obvious quick pick-up or drop-off for people that are going into the stores for that purpose. Also, that we can keep that area clear for deliveries and those sorts of things. So, we are enforcing other regulations, just not timed parking – by hydrants, the typical things that you find. I just

want to remind people of that. Thank you very much, Barbara, for that.

R. Brown: Mayor, are you talking about the thirty-minute, in...

R. Lawler: I'm sorry, I meant to say thirty-minute, I said fifteen -minute.

R. Brown: The handicapped, we will be enforcing, so people are to get a ticket for the timed parking?

R. Lawler: No, no, they do not have to get a ticket, it's different from getting a ticket.

M. Tracey: The machines are covered.

R. Brown: The machines are covered? How will people know that we enforcing the perimeter for the thirty-minute and so forth?

M. Tracey: Those signs are not covered, they're conspicuous – like hydrants or the loading zone signs – so those are left up and we're asking the merchants to be cognizant of that and not take advantage of the other timed parking provision – leave your car in front of a neighbor's store or so. We're asking people to pay attention to the signs. Everybody would be fine, but the two-hour limit is not being written and the ticket machines are covered to indicate such.

R. Brown: And on Newtown Lane and Main Street, Chief, are we enforcing the one-hour?

M. Tracey: Right now we are not writing timed parking within the central business district or in the two primary lots, and that's a result of feedback we've had. Some of the community members and some of the merchants and some of the committees – they felt that given the current situation and the fact that the lots are primarily empty and the streets have been high turnover – pretty much empty with the exception of people picking up takeout food, so in the interest of what we thought was fairness, we think it's a good policy for now, until things get busier and we need the spots back.

A. Graham: So people will know that parking is being enforced when we uncover the machines.

B. Borsack: Right.

M. Tracey: Then we're going to give them several days, warning summons, reach out to the merchants and to the social media, the village's website to let them know that the timed parking in the central business district in the two primary lots will be in full effect.

B. Borsack: We have had some conversation with the merchants about extending it to a three-hour parking for the season just because we think it's going to take people longer to get done what they need to get done and we want to encourage them to come into the village. We're not sure if we're going to go in that direction, that's still under discussion and the Board can certainly talk about that, maybe at the work session in June, I mean July. That's also on the table as a possibility.

R. Lawler: The other questions?

J. Nower/LTV: Mr. Mayor? This is Jason at LTV, I just wanted to let everybody know our livestream on the site is having a technical problem, but we have a separate You Tube live stream that's happening right now. I just wanted to let everybody know, that's all.

R. Lawler: Thank you, appreciate that. All right. Thank you again, Barbara, for that report. Anybody else have any questions or comments regarding that? Thank you for your input. Okay. Trustee Brown could I ask you to report on the Restaurant Re-Opening Committee please?

R. Brown: Sure. I was recently asked by the Mayor to chair the sub-committee along with Trustee Harden regarding the outdoor dining accommodations for restaurants and take-out food stores within the village footprint, both on public property – village sidewalks and private property. The village realizes fully the significant impact – financial impact that the restaurants have endured and we're really committed to trying to assist them and give them some relief by offering outdoor seating and dining within the village. When the restaurants – we are in Phase I right now we all know, and Phase II starts Wednesday and we just found out last night from the Governor that instead of Phase III, restaurants will be able to open in Phase II, which will begin on Wednesday and they'll be able to re-open with reduced indoor occupancy of fifty-percent so we can offer them a few tables outside. That would help you know.

B. Baldwin: Sorry just to interrupt you, that the Phase II is only outdoor seating.

R. Hansen: No indoors. Restaurants can open for indoor service, still under Phase III.

R. Brown: Yes, sorry. They're able to have restaurant, we just got all the guidance today and it's evolving and changing every minute. So outdoor service and they're only allowed – they're not allowed to exceed their occupancy indoors with the outdoor seating, so it would just be a couple tables. Originally, but it all happens in Phase III. We're happy that they'll be able to do some things in Phase II. They will have to – we have six foot of social distancing with all the tables, the servers will have to wear masks and so forth. This committee is comprised of – sorry I'm getting some feedback on this, an echo, so that's a little, I hope everyone can hear me Okay.

B. Borsack: We don't hear it.

R. Brown: I'm hearing myself in an echo. The committee is comprised of village department heads and eight or nine people from the business district – restaurant owners, representatives of the Chamber, and we really tried to discuss in the last week and a half how we can implement this program for outdoor seating with parameters and guidelines and an approval process and being able to permit it. We're talking now about utilizing the village sidewalks, the red brick area of the sidewalks and not the cement part of the sidewalk. We thought about allowing for tables adjacent to the restaurants on the cement part, but in order for people to be able to walk by and pedestrian foot traffic that would really impede that, so we have to put it on the red brick, which is closer to the curb. We might be taking some parking spots that are in front of the dining, like in front of Sam's and the Golden Pear, and taking of those two parking spots there and hashing them out so social distance can be maintained and they're not too close to a car that might be pulling into those parking spots or opening their door and there's a table there. So, there's a lot of nuts and bolts to this, it's not as easy as just allowing for the outdoor dining. Each restaurant will submit an application to the Building Department. They will review it, make sure everything is in accordance with the requirements from the Governor. Also, the DRB Chair will review it and sign off on it. It will not need a board meeting for the DRB, it's under their purview to be able to approve it without going before the whole board, which is great, and you know, we really tried to delineate what would be necessary that they could put tables and chairs on the sidewalks between 8:00 am and they would have to remove them by 11:00 pm. The businesses would have to be responsible for the maintenance and the cleaning of that area. There would have to be a submittal of appropriate insurance, some requirements to protect the village and so forth. And we have another meeting with them later just to go over things and we're really excited and I think this provision will really give a needed boost to the restaurants and if the restaurants are doing well people are coming into the village. I think the businesses will do well as you know, and the village residents and the people who come to visit the village. It's a great pilot program. We get to see what outdoor dining would be like and we can tweak it along the way as we get more guidance from the Governor of course. I think it's a really great opportunity to test the waters. We might really enjoy dining al fresco and we're helping the restaurants too. We're relying on take-out only right now, so they'll be able to serve outdoors in Phase II and we're excited to be a part of it. We've been working really, really fast – as expeditiously as we can. Everyone is trying to help everyone collaborative and cooperative and I really appreciate everyone's input on this committee, both from the business district and the village. I've been in village government for twenty years, two years on this board, and this is the fastest I've seen us work on a proposal of this magnitude and I know Beth has really been getting this application together for the restaurants within the village and we are also getting an application together for a pre-existing non-conforming uses, which will be a separate application. And today we have another meeting with the restaurants to finalize, hopefully, the application that we have, the draft application, and we'll be ready to go.

R. Lawler: Thank you very much Trustee Brown. Anybody else have comments?

B. Borsack: No, I think that sounds great, good work

R. Lawler: Okay, I just want to stress

R. Harden: (audio inaudible)

B. Borsack: Who is that?

R. Lawler: I think that's Trustee Harden. I think he's not coming in, Ray?

R. Harden: I'm sorry. I just want to say that Beth, Becky and Rose and everybody on the committee has really been doing a lot of work and we're going to pull this off really quick, so I think it's going to be a great thing for everybody.

B. Borsack: Right. I agree. Thanks to both of you.

A. Graham: This is the speed of government we really should have.

R. Lawler: I want to emphasize that, although some would have you believe that we only just started this because of some prompting of other people – that’s not the case. If you recall the statement I made shortly after January when I was appointed Mayor, I made it a point to say that we as a board were discussing these things back then and were starting to work on these things back then and have been pushing forward with it. In fact, the Planning and Zoning Committee, at that point I was Chair of, has already begun to talk about these things and then of course the virus hit and that kind of slowed the process down. But we’ve kind of picked up full steam here and we’ve included village business people as well as residents on these committees and I think it’s worked out very well. I think for the most part everyone understands that we’re doing the best we can, as quickly as we can to make things better for our business community and residents alike, so I just wanted people aware of that.

And the other thing I just want to mention, and we’re not definite – what we might do here, as I’m understanding it from our village attorney and other legal guidance – I can do some of these things by executive order, which I’d like to do in the beginning just to expedite this. I am told perhaps it may be better to do it a little bit more long-term with an actual board vote so we’re looking at both of these things, but I intend to, where I can, issue an executive order to expedite the process and then along the way if it becomes evident that we should do it by resolution then of course then we’ll have public hearing in a board meeting and a board vote. But just to let everybody know, that shouldn’t slow the process down. So, we’re going to do what we can as long as the board is in agreement I’ll do it by executive order to get things started. I just want to make that clear, okay?

A. Graham: I’m in agreement with that.

R. Brown: Absolutely. We are all in agreement that an executive order would be the most, you know, fastest way to address it right now and you would have to renew that executive order every five days, is my understanding, Mayor. If we were to amend it in anyway, you know, you could do that. This is a work in process, we’ve never done outdoor dining – we might think of something we need to add or amend and that would also give us that opportunity to do so every five days.

R. Lawler: Absolutely, and I would like to remind everyone that, even if I did this by executive order, it would be after input from the committees which is representation of the whole community.

R. Brown: Also, if any resident has any input as well they can contact us as well and certainly we want to hear from them too.

B. Borsack: I think we also have to make sure that the residents understand this is not a permanent code change that we’re talking about. This is temporary for this summer. That doesn’t mean we can’t at some point make changes to the code, which is always a possibility, but that would be a longer process to go thru to do that and it would be a lot of public input in the procedure. So, I just want to assure the residents if they’re hearing that an thinking we’re all of a sudden going to allow things that we normally don’t that’s not necessarily true. It’s for this season to assist out businesses and if we want to make changes then they’ll certainly be aware of that when the time comes.

R. Brown: This application is effective when Rick, obviously you know, authorizes the executive order and it goes thru November 1st, and as you said this isn’t a response to COVID and it’s a pilot program and it’s nothing long-term. It’s not going to be written into our code. It would be a sunset clause if we did put it into our code where it would end at a specific time as well.

R. Lawler: Thank you very much. Anyone else. Any comments? Okay. That concludes the discussion part of our meeting, we enter into the resolution part. Trustee Brown, could you please read the first one please?

R. Brown: Sure. I will make a motion to approve the \$33,622.15 purchase of one 2021 Ford Utility Police Interceptor from Van Bortel Ford off Onondaga Co/NYS Contract as per the May 4th memo from Police Chief Michael Tracey.

B. Borsack: Seconded.

R. Lawler: All in favor?

B. Borsack: Aye. **A. Graham:** Aye. **R. Brown:** Aye. **R. Lawler:** Aye. **R. Harden:** Aye

R. Lawler: Opposed? None, so carried.

A. Graham: I make a motion to employ Devon G. Mansir, Jr. and Sarah Morgan as 2020 seasonal Traffic Control Officers at the hourly rate of \$16.00, effective June 5, 2020 as per the May 28th memo from Police Chief Michael Tracey.

B. Borsack: Seconded.

R. Lawler: All in favor?

B. Borsack: Aye. **A. Graham:** Aye. **R. Brown:** Aye. **R. Lawler:** Aye. **R. Harden:** Aye.

R. Lawler: Opposed? None, so carried.

B. Borsack: I'm going to make a motion to accept the \$115,000 bid received from S. Gordon and S. Waksal for the 2020 lease of Sea Spray Cottage #8, as per June 1, 2020 bid specifications.

A. Graham: Seconded.

R. Lawler: All in favor?

B. Borsack: Aye. **A. Graham:** Aye. **R. Brown:** Aye. **R. Lawler:** Aye. **R. Harden:** Aye.

R. Lawler: Opposed? None, so carried.

R. Harden: I make a motion to adopt Resolution #28-2020 to authorize the use of the East Hampton Town Tentative Assessment Roll dated May 1, 2020.

B. Borsack: Seconded.

R. Lawler: All in favor?

B. Borsack: Aye. **A. Graham:** Aye. **R. Brown:** Aye. **R. Lawler:** Aye. **R. Harden:** Aye.

R. Lawler: Opposed? None, so carried.

R. Lawler: I make a motion to approve the \$50,096.50 purchase of one emergency standby generator system to be installed at the Department of Public Works, as per May 31st memo from David Collins, Superintendent of the Department of Public Works.

B. Borsack: Seconded.

R. Lawler: All in favor?

B. Borsack: Aye. **A. Graham:** Aye. **R. Brown:** Aye. **R. Lawler:** Aye. **R. Harden:** Aye.

R. Lawler: Opposed? None, so carried.

R. Lawler: I make a motion to adopt the 2020-2021 Budget.

B. Borsack: Seconded.

R. Lawler: All in favor?

B. Borsack: Aye. **A. Graham:** Aye. **R. Brown:** Aye. **R. Lawler:** Aye. **R. Harden:** Aye.

R. Lawler: Opposed? None, so carried.

R. Lawler: Okay. That completes our resolutions and motions portion of the meeting, again, just one last time, does anybody have public comments, any comments they'd like to make? We'll give just a minute for anybody that may want to call in again.

J. Nower/LTV: There are currently no callers on the line.

R. Lawler: Okay, I'm told there are no callers on the line, so, if nobody else has any other comments, so, do we have a motion to adjourn?

A. Graham: So moved.

R. Harden: Second.

R. Lawler: All in favor.

B. Borsack: Aye. **A. Graham:** Aye. **R. Brown:** Aye. **R. Lawler:** Aye. **R. Harden:** Aye.

R. Lawler: So carried. That concludes our meeting for today. Thank you very much for being here.

Meeting was adjourned at 11:48 a.m.

(APPROVED BY BOARD OF TRUSTEES ON SEPTEMBER 3, 2020)


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